

National Current Affairs

Kolkata to get India's first underwater Metro

- The **tunnel** has been constructed **30 meters below riverbed**.
- It will be **connecting two main terminals: Howrah and Sealdah** – each of which has a footfall of about 10-12 lakh passengers per day.
- It is just a few meters away from the famous Howrah Bridge, built in the last century to connect Howrah and Kolkata.

22nd edition of European Union Film Festival begins

- **22nd European Union Film Festival (EUFF)** has opened at Siri Fort auditorium with the screening of Estonian film Cherry Tobacco.
- The five-day event is being organised by the Delegation of the EU and Embassies of EU Members.'
- Movies from comedy to family drama, romance and adventure are part of EUFF.

Insurance up for crop loan in Rajasthan

- **Rajasthan government** has **raised the insurance cover by 1 lakh to 6 lakh for farmers** who avail crop loan from cooperative banks in the State.
- It aims to **bring around 25 lakh peasants under the scheme**.

Hill Area Development Program in Manipur

- The program aims to **bridge the gap between the hill and valley districts in terms of infrastructure, quality of roads, health and education.**'
- Areas which form part of a State (which are termed as Designated Hill Areas) covered under the HADP, are the areas identified in 1965 by a Committee of the National Development Council (NDC) and those recommended by the High-Level Committee for Western Ghats in 1972

International Current Affairs

India Pavilion at Expo 2017 in Astana

- The world class exhibition displays renewable and green technologies.
- Theme of Expo 2017 is **"Future Energy"**
- According to preliminary estimates, the three-month exhibition (from 10th June 2017 to 10th September 2017) is expected to receive **more than five million visitors from 100 countries and 10 international organisations**.

EU, France grant 3.5 mn euros to curb emissions in India

- **EU and France** will give a grant of **3.5 million euros** to three Indian cities- **Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad**. It is a part of the EU's commitment under the Paris Climate agreement.
- It aims to **curb emissions and promote sustainability in these cities**.
- India has become the first country to get benefits from the MYC initiative.
- The initiative is aimed at helping 100 cities across the world to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions.
- The grants have been provided to help **India's smart city program** under the '**Mobilise Your City**' (MYC) initiative.
- The MYC initiative is supported by the French and German government and also has financial support of the European Union (EU).
- It will promote **sustainable urban transport and sustainability in urban spaces**.

Business and Economy

IOB launches retail mart in Thiruvananthapuram

- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**, the Lead Bank for Thiruvananthapuram district, has launched the **Retail Mart**, a retail lending concept, in **Kerala's capital city**.
- The Retail Mart has been designed with an aim to complete all the pre-release formalities at the customer's doorstep.
- It will also sanction quality retail loans at a competitive rate of interest with a minimum turnaround time.

India drags US to World Trade Organisation for not complying verdict on steel duty

- **India** has approached **World Trade Organisation (WTO)** against **US** for its non-compliance of a verdict on high import duty on certain Indian steel imports.
- As of now, India has requested **WTO dispute consultations with the US** to address US compliance with WTO ruling.
- If this issue remains unresolved post consultations, India will approach **WTO's compliance panel**.
- In order to resolve this issue, US needs to amend its domestic regulations pertaining to carbon steel products.

Awards

Soumitra Chatterjee to get France's Legion of Honour

- Veteran **Bengali film actor Soumitra Chatterjee** has been conferred with the highest **French civilian honour, the Legion d'Honneur**.

- 30 years ago, **Bengali filmmaker Satyajit Ray** was awarded the Legion of Honor by then French President Francois Mitterrand in 1987.

Science & Technology

China launches record-breaking drone swarm

- **China** has **launched** a record-breaking **swarm of 119 fixed-wing unmanned aerial vehicles**
- The China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (**CETC**) has said that the feat broke the previous **record of a swarm of 67 drones**.
- According to the CETC, “swarm intelligence” is regarded as the core of artificial intelligence of unmanned systems and the future of intelligent unmanned systems.
- Chinese military is also testing to launch mass armed drones as a new technique in battle conditions.

Sports Current Affairs

2017 French Open – Overview

- **116th edition of the French Open** tennis tournament took place at **Stade Roland Garros, Paris, France** from 28th May 2017 to 11th June 2017.

2017 French Open – Winners:

Category	Winner	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland)
Women's Singles	Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Simona Halep (Romania)
Men's Doubles	Ryan Harrison (US) & Michael Venus (New Zealand)	Donald Young (US) & Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico)
Women's Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (US) & Lucie Safarova (Czech Republic)	Ashleigh Barty (Australia) & Casey Dellacqua (Australia)
Mixed Doubles	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Rohan Bopanna (India)	Anna-Lena Grönefeld (Germany) & Robert Farah (Colombia)

Kutwal wins gold at world chess championship for differently-abled

- **Shashikant Kutwal** has won the **gold medal** at the 17th World Individual Chess Championship for differently-abled.
- Shashikant Kutwal is a railway employee with Pune Division.

- **Dhanya-Sanmay win U-14 Asian junior tennis title**
- **Dhanya Shah** and **Sanmay Gandhi** have won the **Under-14 doubles title** of the Asian Junior Tennis Championships on 11th of June.
- Asian Junior Tennis Championships **held** at the **Balewadi Stadium in Pune**.

Federation Cup National Senior Athletics Championships held in Punjab

- The event was organised by Athletics Federation of India (AFI) with support from Punjab Athletics Association and Sports Authority of India.
- The championship provided an opportunity to Indian track and field athletes to qualify for the **Asian Athletics Championships** which is scheduled to be held in **Bhubaneswar from 6th-9th July 2017**
- More than 700 Indian athletes including top athletes such as Neeraj Chopra (Javelin Throw), Ankit Sharma (Long Jump), Tintu Luka (800m), Sudha Singh (3000m SC) and Irfan K T (20km Race Walk) participated in this event.