

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF APRIL 2017

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

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| Which new scheme under the "Regional Connectivity Scheme' was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to boost air travel between smaller cities by making flights far more affordable for "tier 2" cities and smaller towns? Under this scheme air fares on routes between towns and cities currently poorly connected will be capped at 2,500 rupees for every 500 km of travel. PM Modi fags off first such flight on Shimla - Delhi route. | UDAN |
| Name the Bengali poet and literary critic who has been awarded the 52nd Jnanpith Award by the President Shri Pranab Mukherjee to honour his immense contribution to Bengali literature? | Sankha Ghosh |
| Name the Bollywood actor who has been awarded the 75th Dinanath Mangeshkar Award for his film Dangal? | Aamir Khan |
| The renowned filmmaker and film actor who has been chosen to be awarded the Dada Saheb Phalke Award for the year 2016? The award is conferred by the Government of India for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema. The award consists of a Swarn Kamal (Golden Lotus), a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh and a shawl. | Kasinathuni Viswanath |
| Name the Bollywood actor, who was known for his role in Mere Apne, Mera Gaon Mera Desh, Amar Akbar Anthony, Rajput, Qurbani, and others, who died recently at the age of 70? | Vinod Khanna |
| Name the Senior IPS officer who was appointed as the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)? His appointment comes two days after the CRPF lost 25 jawans in the deadly Sukma attack by Maoist. | Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar |
| Which state government has cancelled almost 15 public holidays that marked the birth and death anniversaries of eminent personalities? | Uttar Pradesh |
| Name the girl from Noida who became the first Indian to be crowned Miss Teen Universe 2017 in Nicaragua in Central America? | Srishti Kaur |
| Which political party emerged as the clear winner in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections with 184 seats in its kitty and retained the three municipal corporations in the national capital for the third term in a row? The AAP was at a distant second and the Congress was in third place. | Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) |
| The Governmen of India took decision to ban the use of red beacon lights on VVIP vehicles across India barring emergency service vehicles. Tha ban | 1st May |

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| will come into effect from _____. | |
| The Supreme Court of India set a benchmark of ___ per cent of net salary to be paid to as maintenance by a husband to his estranged wife while stating that it might constitute a "just and proper" amount as alimony. | 25 per cent |
| Name the Hydrographic Survey ship of Eastern Naval Command based at Visakhapatnam which is conducting joint hydrographic survey of Sri Lankan bay? | INS Darshak |
| Which state has been selected for the prestigious Krishi Karman Award, fifth time in succession, for highest production of wheat (184 metric tonnes) during the year 2015-16? The award carries a trophy, citation and cash prize of Rs 2 crore. | Madhya Pradesh |
| When Civil Services Day was observed? It is organised as an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitment to public service and excellence in work. | 21st April |
| Name the Bangalore-based athlete who has become the first visually impaired Indian runner to complete the historic Boston Marathon, the world's oldest, most competitive and the hardest marathon to qualify for? | Sagar Baheti |
| Which public sector bank on 18th April 2017 surpassed Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to become the country's most valued state-owned company in terms of market valuation? At the end of trade on 18th April, the market cap of SBI stood at Rs. 2,35,307.51 crore. That was about Rs. 2,961.79 crore more than that of ONGC's Rs. 2,32,345.72 crore. | State Bank of India (SBI) |
| Which company made India's first Made-in-India robot which has also received "CE" certification for commercial sale in the European market? It was showcased at the 'Make in India Week' last year and is a cost-effective solution meant to automate micro, small and medium enterprises. | TAL Manufacturing Solutions (A Tata group company) |
| Name the 16-time world champion who beat Sourav Kothari 6-3 in the final of Asian Billiards Championship to win his 7th title? | Pankaj Advani |
| Railway minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the new Vistadome coach which has glass roof, LED lights, GPS-based info system and rotating seats among other features. The train will run along the 128-km rail route from Visakhapatnam to _____. | Araku |
| Name the Bharat Ratna awardee whose 126th Birth Anniversary was celebrated across India? | B R Ambedkar |
| Which Sports Federation was granted affiliation by Indian Olympic Association ending a long-standing impasse between the two bodies? | Boxing Federation of India (BFI) |
| In which city Children's Film Society, India (CFSI) is hosting 3-day National Children's Film Festival (NCFE) for 40,000 students from Andhra Pradesh? | Visakhapatnam |
| Which actor won the 64th National Film Awards for Best Actor award for the film Rustom? | Akshay Kumar |
| Name the male badminton player from Denmark who won the India Open Super Series badminton tournament 2017 men's single title defeating Chou Tien-chen of Chinese Taipei in the finals? | Viktor Axelsen |
| Name the female Indian badminton player who won the India Open Super Series badminton tournament 2017 women's singles title defeating Carolina Marin of Spain in the finals? | PV Sindhu |

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| Which Indian female badminton player attained her best ever world ranking by rising to world No 2 on the latest Badminton World Federation rankings list? | PV Sindhu |
| Name the Indian Naval Ship which is on a two month long deployment in the South Indian Ocean with an aim to provide surveillance support in the region? | INS Shardul |
| The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the signing of the first Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and | Georgia |
| Name the former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India who headed a three-member committee to examine the decisions taken by the Aam Admi Party (AAP) government and the committee has alleged in its report "gross misuse of power" by the state government in various appointments? | V K Shunglu |
| Name the Chairman and Managing Director of Quattro who has been appointed chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) for 2017-18? | Raman Roy |
| The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved closure of the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana (MGPSY) which was set up in 2012 to address the social security-related issues of the Emigration Check Required (ECR)-category workers going abroad for employment to ECR countries. Why it was closed? | Due to low subscription |
| Which Indian cricketer was named Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World for 2016? | Virat Kohli |
| The government today approved procurement of a fresh batch of Barak surface-to-air missiles for Naval warships to enhance India's maritime capability in view of the changing security dynamics in the Indian Ocean region. India will buy Barak missile from which country? | Israel |
| Named the Renowned Hindustani classical vocalist who passed away after a brief illness. She was 84. She was awarded Padma Vibhusan in 2002 and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1985. | Kishori Amonkar |
| India's longest road tunnel and Asia's longest bi-directional highway tunnel, the Chenani-Nashri tunnel was inaugurated on 2nd April 2017 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In which state this tunnel was constructed? | Jammu and Kashmir |