

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017:

### IMPORTANT DAY

#### World Humanitarian Day: 19th August

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is held every year on 19 August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. The campaign was launched on WHD with the theme- #NotATarget. The Day is organized by the United Nations.

*Pro Tip:*

UN – United Nation  
Headquarters – New York, United States  
Secretary general – António Guterres

### STATE

#### India's first World Peace University inaugurated in MIT, Pune

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has inaugurated Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University (MITWPU). MIT World Peace University is an entirely new concept and a model for moulding global citizens. The inauguration ceremony was held at the Swami Vivekananda Mandap at the MIT World Peace University's Kothrud Campus.

*Pro Tip:*

State – Maharashtra  
Capital – Mumbai  
CM – Devendra Fadnavis  
Governor – Vidyasagar Rao

### INTERNATIONAL

#### US and Japan have agreed to advance defence cooperation with countries like India, South Korea and Australia

The US and Japan have agreed to advance their multilateral security and defence cooperation with countries like India, South Korea and Australia, amidst China's growing assertiveness in the Asia Pacific region. During the meeting the ministers underscored the importance of cooperating to promote a rules-based international order, taking note of the United States continued commitment to maintain a strong presence in the region and Japan's initiatives demonstrated by its "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy".

*Pro Tip:*

Country – United states of America, Capital – Washington D.C, Currency – US Dollar  
Country – Japan, Capital – Tokyo, Currency – Japanese Yen

Country – South Korea, Capital – , Currency – South Korean Won  
Country – Australia, Capital – Canberra, Currency – Australian Dollar

### Saudi Arabia to open Salwa border point to Qatari pilgrims for Haj

Saudi Arabia is going to open up its border and airports for those attending the annual Haj pilgrimage. Saudi Press Agency (SPA) announced that the Salwa border point would be open for Qataris performing the Haj, which this year runs from late August to early September.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Saudi Arabia  
Capital – Riyadh  
Currency – Saudi Riyal

### Qatar has launched a new direct route to Pakistan

Qatar has launched a new direct route between the country's Hamad Port and Pakistan's port of Karachi. It will boost trade between the two countries. It will also offer "fast and secure" corridor for importers and exporters, with transit time of six days from Qatar to Karachi and eight days back.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Qatar  
Capital – Doha  
Currency – Riyal  
Hamad Port – Qatar

BANK NAUKRI

### Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai to study at Oxford

Pakistani Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzai will study at Oxford University. The 20-year-old will study philosophy, politics and economics. In April, she became the youngest-ever UN Messenger of Peace. Notable Oxford alumni include Pakistan former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and Myanmar's pro-democracy campaigner Aung San Suu Kyi as well as former British Prime Minister David Cameron and his one-time Labour opponent Ed Miliband.

*Pro Tip:*

Oxford University – England  
Chancellor – Chris Patten

## APPOINTMENT:

### Russian President appointed career diplomat Nikolay Kudashev as Russia's new ambassador to India

Russian President Vladimir Putin appointed career diplomat Nikolay Kudashev as Russia's new ambassador to India. The appointment of Kudashev comes nearly seven months after the death of Russia's previous ambassador to India Alexander Kadakin.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Russia

Capital – Moscow

Currency – Russian Ruble

New Russia's Ambassador to India – Nikolay Kudashev

Preceded by – Alexander Kadakin

### Sri Lanka Appoints First Tamil Navy Chief After Four Decades

Rear Admiral Travis Sinniah was appointed as the chief of Sri Lanka's naval forces, making him the first from the minority Tamil community to head the Navy since the brutal civil war erupted in the country 45 years ago. He was appointed as the Navy chief by President Maithripala Sirisena. Sinniah succeeds Vice Admiral Ravi Wijegunaratne who has retired.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Sri Lanka

Capital – Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative capital), Colombo (commercial capital)

Currency – Sri Lankan Rupee

President – Maithripala Sirisena

Prime Minister – Ranil Wickremesinghe

New Navy Chief – Travis Sinniah

Preceded by – Vice Admiral Ravi Wijegunaratne

Travis Sinniah is the second Tamil to head the Lankan Navy after Rajan Kadirgamar, who was the commander in the late 1960s.

### World's Most expensive player Neymar became the Goodwill Ambassador for Handicap International

World's Most expensive player Neymar became the Goodwill Ambassador for Handicap International, pledging to work for millions who are "less visible" but deserve equality. The charity was founded in 1982 to assist 6,000 Cambodian refugees who had lost limbs and later co-founded the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) in 1992 which won the Nobel Peace Prize.

*Pro Tip:*

Neymar – Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior, commonly known as Neymar or Neymar Jr., is a Brazilian professional footballer

Country – Brazil

Capital – Brasília

Currency – Brazilian real

## DEFENCE

### Army to Get 6 Apache AH64E Attack Helicopters in Deal worth Rs 4,168 Crore

India's Defence acquisition council (DAC) gave the green light to a proposal to buy six Apache AH64E attack helicopters for the army from the United States. The approval was given at a meeting of Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Arun Jaitley. The six Apache AH64E attack helicopters along with weapons systems from American giant Boeing at a cost of Rs 4,168 crore will be Indian Army's first fleet of attack choppers.

#### *Pro Tip:*

Union Defence Minister – Arun Jaitley

Constituency – Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

Boeing HQ – Chicago, Illinois, United States

