

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 23rd August 2017:

NATIONAL:

17th meeting of FSDC Held in New Delhi

- i. The seventeenth Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance, Shri Arun Jaitley.
- ii. The Council discussed the Central KYC Registry (CKYCR) system. The Council also deliberated on strengthening the regulation of the Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs).

Pro Tip:

Present Finance Minister of India is Mr. Arun Jaitley.
R. K. Shanmukham Chetty was the First Finance Minister of Independent India.

NITI Aayog Launched 'Mentor India' Campaign

- i. NITI Aayog launched the 'Mentor India Campaign'. It is a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can guide and mentor students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs, established across the country as a part of the Atal Innovation Mission.
- ii. CEO NITI Aayog, Shri Amitabh Kant unveiled the online nationwide initiative in New Delhi. Mentor India is aimed at maximizing the impact of Atal Tinkering Labs, possibly the biggest disruption in formal education globally.

Pro Tip:

PM Narendra Modi is present Chairperson of NITI Aayog.
Economist Rajiv Kumar to be new Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
Full form of NITI Aayog is National Institution for Transforming India.

AGREEMENT:

ICMR, Ministry of Health Sign Pact with S Korea's IVI

- i. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Union Ministry of Health inked a pact with the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), South Korea to collaborate on vaccine research and development.
- ii. The ICMR is the apex body in the country for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research. The IVI has 35 signatory countries. With this partnership, India is committing an annual contribution of USD 5,00,000 to IVI and joins Sweden and South Korea as financially contributing signatories to IVI.

Pro Tip:

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan is the Director General of ICMR.
Dr. Jerome H Kim is the Director General of IVI, South Korea.

8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress in New Delhi

- i. Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, Renewable Energy and Mines, Shri Piyush Goyal, addressed the 3-day 8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress in New Delhi.
- ii. The annual conference is visualized and planned in the backdrop of India's vision of achieving "Energy Independence and Power for all by 2022". The theme of the conference was "Renewable Energy: What Works".

Pro Tip:

7th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress & Expo-2016 was held in August 2016.

RBI to issue Rs200 notes

- i. The government gave its go-ahead to the Reserve Bank of India to issue Rs 200 notes that will ease pressure on lower-denomination currency bills.
- ii. The new Rs 200 notes are likely to be in circulation shortly. The exercise of printing Rs 200 denomination notes is being undertaken to further improve the currency situation in the country.

Pro Tip:

RBI Headquarters in Mumbai.

The 24th Governor of RBI is Dr. Urjit Patel.

In November 2016, the RBI had introduced new banknotes of Rs 500 and Rs 2,000 denominations with base colours of stone grey and magenta, respectively.