

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 8th August 2017:

STATE

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The Union home ministry also declared Meghalaya’s border areas adjoining Assam, and three districts in Arunachal Pradesh as “disturbed” under the AFSPA for two more months with effect from August 03rd, 2017.

Pro Tip:

State – Assam

Capital – Dispur

CM – Sarbananda Sonowal

Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

Union Home Minister – Rajnath Singh

Constituency – Lucknow, UP

NATIONAL

Union Home Ministry passed an order to merge NCRB with BPRD

Union Home Ministry passed an order to merge the three-decade old National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD). Government has taken this decision with an aim to improve administrative efficiency and optimal utilization of resources. The BPRD Director General (DG) will be the head of the merged new entity, where the NCRB Director, an Additional DG rank post will report to the former.

India-ASEAN Youth Summit from Aug 14 to be held in Bhopal

Over 100 delegates from 10 ASEAN countries – Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam – will participate in the India-ASEAN Youth Summit to be held in Bhopal from August 14-19. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be among the key speakers at the event.

Pro Tip:

State – Madhya Pradesh

Capital – Bhopal

CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Governor – Om Prakash Kohli
Union External Affairs Minister – Sushma Swaraj
ASEAN Countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

BANKING & ECONOMY

PNB customers have to pay charges for depositing cash above Rs. 5,000 in a non-base branch

PNB customers will have to pay charges for depositing cash above Rs. 5,000 in a non-base branch even if it is located in the same city. Currently, the customers of Punjab National Bank have levied charges only for depositing cash over Rs. 25,000 at a non-base branch within the same city. It has been decided to revise the non-credit related charges (exclusive of GST) with effect from September 1st, 2017 for cash deposit above Rs. 5,000 at other than base branch within the same city.

Pro Tip

PNB – Punjab National Bank
HQ – New Delhi
MD & CEO – Sunil Mehta

GST Council, has decided to raise cess on Luxury cars & SUV from 15% now to up to 25%

Sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and luxury cars, which became cheaper after the rollout of the goods and services tax (GST), may now cost more as the GST Council, has decided to raise cess on them from 15% now to up to 25%. The proposal to raise the ceiling of cess covers large motor vehicles with capacity for 10-13 persons, mid segment and large cars, sports utility vehicles, mid segment hybrid cars and other hybrid vehicles, all of which at present attract 15% cess.

Pro Tip:

GST Council Chairman – Arun Jaitley

APPOINTMENT

Senior bureaucrat S Aparna appointed as Executive Director of World Bank

Senior bureaucrat S Aparna, presently Principal Secretary to Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, has been appointed as an Executive Director in the World Bank in the US. As the Executive Director at World Bank, Ms. Aparna will represent the constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. Aparna has been appointed in place of S C Garg, who has recently taken over as Secretary, Department.

Pro Tip:

World Bank HQ – Washington D.C
President – Jim Yong Kim

AWARDS

Firoz Merchant, an Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) honoured by UAE government

Firoz Merchant, an Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), who has spent over USD 4 million to help free prisoners languishing in jails due to non-payment of debts, has been honoured with UAE's prestigious Community Service Medal.

Pro Tip:

Country – United Arab Emirates
Capital – Abu Dhabi
Currency – UAE Dirham

SPORTS

ONGC beats Bengaluru Hockey 4-2, wins MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has beaten Bengaluru Hockey Association (BHA) by 4-2 in the final in 91st All-India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup hockey tournament held at Mayor Radhakrishnan stadium, Egmore Chennai.

Pro Tip:

91st All India MCC-Murugappa Gold cup Hockey Tournament
Winner – ONGC
Runner – Bengaluru Hockey Association
Best forward: Jenjen Singh (Bengaluru HA)
Best mid-fielder: Machaiah (ONGC)
Best goalkeeper-defender: Diwakar Ram
Most promising player: Sanjay Xalxo (Odisha)
Man of the final: Rajkumar Pal (BHA).

BCCI ordered to lift lifetime ban on cricketer Sreesanth by Kerala HC

Kerala High Court ordered Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to lift the life ban imposed on Cricketer Sreesanth in the wake of the 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal.