

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 12th July 2017:

IMPORTANT DAY

July 12th – Malala Day

Pro Tip:

Malala Yousafzai (born 12 July 1997) is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate. She is known for human rights advocacy, especially education of women in her native Swat Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwest Pakistan, where the local Taliban had at times banned girls from attending school. Her advocacy has since grown into an international movement.

Maharashtra, first state in the country to launch free injectable contraceptive for women

Maharashtra has become the first state in the country to provide women an injectable contraceptive for free. The state's public health department launched a program called Antara to offer women an injection of Medroxy progesterone acetate (MPA), a birth-control hormone. The announcements were made on the occasion of World Population Day (11th July). According to state health officials, the injection, a safe means of birth control, is effective for three months. The injection will be given intramuscularly to women in the age bracket of 18-45 years.

Pro Tip:

State – Maharashtra

Capital – Mumbai

CM - Devendra Fadnavis

Governor - Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

Tamil Nadu has reported its first case of Zika virus

Tamil Nadu has reported its first case of Zika virus, bringing the tally of the mosquito-transmitted infection in India to four. The previous three cases were confirmed in May, all coming from Ahmedabad.

Pro Tip:

State – Tamil Nadu

Capital – Chennai

CM – Edappadi K Palaniswami

Governor - Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

Karnataka Government constituted a 9-member committee to study the possibility of designing a separate state flag

Karnataka Government constituted a 9-member committee to study the possibility of designing a separate state flag and providing it a statutory standing. This committee was constituted following representation of social activists from the state urged the government

to design a separate flag for Kannada 'naadu' and accord statutory standing for it. This committee will be headed by Principal Secretary, Department of Kannada and Culture.

Pro Tip:

State – Karnataka

Capital – Bengaluru

CM – Siddaramaiah

Governor - Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala

NATIONAL

The new name for urban development & housing ministry is Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

The government has merged the urban development and housing and urban poverty alleviation ministries. Now this will be known as Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). This is third time the ministries have been merged.

Useful Info

Minister of urban development, housing and urban poverty alleviation - Venkaiah Naidu
Constituency – Rajasthan (Rajya Sabha)

National Green Tribunal banned the use of 'Chinese' kite strings, made of nylon

The National Green Tribunal banned the use of 'Chinese' kite strings, made of nylon or any synthetic material on the grounds that it poses threat to life and environment. The Tribunal directed all state governments to prohibit the "manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use" of synthetic manja or nylon threads and all other synthetic strings used for flying kites with immediate effect. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar ordered the authorities to ban import of any synthetic manja. The judgement came on a plea filed by animal rights body People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and others, contending that 'manja' poses a grave threat to humans and animals as every year a number of deaths are caused by it.

Pro Tip:

Present Chairperson of NGT - Justice Swatanter Kumar

AICTE has made it mandatory for engineering students to participate in one of five extracurricular activities

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has made it mandatory for engineering students to participate in one of five extracurricular activities, otherwise they won't be awarded a degree. The activities include yoga, National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and sports.

Pro Tip:

AICTE - All India Council for Technical Education

HQ – New Delhi

Chairperson - Anil Sahasrabudhe

BANKING & ECONOMY

Axis Bank has entered into collaboration with Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) to facilitate trade with Latin America and the Caribbean.

Axis Bank has entered into collaboration with Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) to facilitate trade with Latin America and the Caribbean. Axis Bank becomes the first Indian bank to participate in the Trade Finance Facilitation Programme as a confirming bank. IIC, a member of the Inter-American Development Bank Group, is a multilateral development bank committed to supporting the private sector in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pro Tip:

Axis Bank HQ – Mumbai

MD & CEO – Shikha Sharma

Tagline of Axis Bank – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

IIC – Inter-American Investment Corporation

HQ – Washington D.C

President - Luis Alberto Moreno

AGREEMENT

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an MoU for the financial year 2017-18 with the Ministry of Defence

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an MoU for the financial year 2017-18 with the Ministry of Defence. The annual MoU was signed between Ashok Kumar Gupta, Secretary, Department of Defence Production and T Suvarna Raju, CMD-HAL. The MoU has outlined targets on various performance parameters of the company during the year 2017-18. The revenue from operations has been targeted at Rs. 17,900 crore, the highest ever. HAL has also laid specific emphasis on capacity building, modernization, solar power plants, aiming to achieve capital expenditure of Rs. 1,300 crore.

Pro Tip:

Minister of Defence – Arun Jaitley

Constituency – Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)

HAL - Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Chairman and Managing Director of HAL - T. Suvarna Raju

HAL Headquarter - Bengaluru

APPOINTMENT

U.S. treasury veteran Randal Quarles has been nominated by Donald Trump to oversee banking system

Randal Quarles, who served in top Treasury Department positions, has been nominated by Donald Trump to take a key position on the Federal Reserve board in charge of overseeing the banking system. He will work to loosen the banking regulations imposed by the Dodd-Frank legislation.

Pro Tip:

Country – United States of America

Capital – Washington D.C

Currency – US Dollar

President – Donald Trump (45th President)

Vice President – Mike Pence

Leslie Thng is the new CEO of Vistara

The board of TATA SIA Airlines Ltd, which owns and operates the full-service airline Vistara, has appointed former Silk Air head Leslie Thng as Vistara's new chief executive officer (CEO), effective from October 2017. Singapore-based regional air carrier SilkAir is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Singapore Airlines (SIA), which owns a 49 percent stake in TATA SIA Airlines Ltd.

Pro Tip:

Incumbent CEO of vistara - Phee Teik Yeoh

New CEO of vistara - Leslie Thng

Vistara, a joint venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines

SPORTS

Ravi Shastri has been appointed as the new head coach of Indian cricket team

Ravi Shastri has overcome Virender Sehwag to become Indian cricket team's new head coach. The appointment was confirmed by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Shastri will take charge from India's upcoming three-Test series against Sri Lanka, starting July 26. Shastri, was chosen by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) that included former captains Sourav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar and veteran batting star VVS Laxman. Zaheer Khan has been appointed as the bowling coach of Indian Cricket Team.

Pro Tip:

Anil Kumble recently resigned from the post of Head Coach

New Head Coach – Ravi Shastri

Bowling Coach – Zaheer Khan

Batting Coach – Rahul Dravid

BCCI Chairman – Vinod Rai