

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



**CAC -14<sup>th</sup> July 2017:**

**STATE:**

**India is set to get its first high-speed rail training center at Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

The country is set to get its first high-speed rail training center at Gandhinagar. The center will provide for advanced training modules on cutting edge technologies. While India's first bullet train is proposed to hit the track in 2023, the training center is supposed to start operating by 2020

*Pro Tip:*

Managing director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation - Achal Khare  
State – Gujarat  
Capital – Gandhinagar  
CM – Vijay Rupani  
Governor – Om Prakash Kohli

**Maharashtra has become the first state to make social boycott**

Maharashtra has become the first state to make social boycott a crime after President Pranab Mukherjee cleared the legislation. The Maharashtra Prohibition of People from Social Boycott (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Act prescribes a maximum punishment of three years in jail and a fine of Rs1lakh. It aims to prevent atrocities carried out by extra-judicial courts and caste panchayats. The Act also provides for compensation to victims. The fines imposed on violators will be used to compensate them.

*Pro Tip:*

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

**NATIONAL**

**Railways Ministry launches RailCloud Project, NIVARAN-Grievance Portal and CTSE Scheme**

Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu launched the following Initiatives:-

1. Rail Cloud Project.
2. NIVARAN-Grievance Portal (First IT Application on Rail Cloud).
3. Cashless treatment Scheme in Emergency (CTSE) Scheme.

About the Schemes in Brief-

1. RailCloud

RailCloud is another step towards Digitization of Railways. Rail Cloud works on popular Cloud Computing system. It aims to improve customer satisfaction, improve revenue and effective, efficient and safe operations.

2. NIVARAN

'NIVARAN-Grievance Portal' is the first IT application to be launched on the RailCloud. It is the platform for resolution of service related grievances of serving and former railway employees.

### 3. Cashless treatment Scheme in Emergency (CTSE)

With an aim to provide immediate care to its retired employees in Golden Hour, the Railway Board has rolled out a Cashless treatment Scheme in Emergency (CTSE) in empanelled hospitals for retired employees and their dependent family members.

*Pro Tip:*

Union Railway Minister – Suresh Prabhu  
Constituency – Andhra Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

### J P Nadda launched the National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination (2017-22)

Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination (2017-22). The Strategic Plan gives year wise elimination targets in various parts of the country depending upon the endemicity of malaria in the next 5 years. This plan focuses on the states such as Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The strategies involve strengthening malaria surveillance, establishing a mechanism for early detection and prevention of outbreaks of malaria, effective indoor residual spray and augmenting the manpower and capacities for effective implementation for the next five years.

*Pro Tip:*

Union Health & Family Minister – J P Nadda  
Constituency – Himachal Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

## INTERNATIONAL

### 22nd World Petroleum Congress (WPC) International Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey

The 22nd World Petroleum Congress (WPC) International Conference was held recently in Istanbul, Turkey. Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan visited Istanbul to represent India at the Conference. The theme for 22nd World Petroleum Congress was 'Bridges To Our Energy Future'. WPC was first organized in year 1993. Currently, it is being held at the interval of three years.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Turkey  
Capital – Ankara  
Currency – Turkish Lira

### Malta became the 24th country to legalise same-sex marriage

The Roman Catholic Mediterranean island Malta today became the 24th country in the world to legalise same-sex marriage.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Malta

Capital – Valletta

Currency - Euro

## DEFENCE

### Chinese troops are headed to Djibouti to set up China's first overseas military base

Ships carrying Chinese troops are headed to Djibouti to set up China's first overseas military base in an effort to enhance its global reach. The base will be used for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid in Africa and West Asia, China said. However, India believes the base would become another of China's "string of pearls" of military alliances and assets.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Djibouti

Capital – Djibouti city

Currency – Djiboutian franc

