

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017:

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### July 15th - World youth skills day

Theme: skills for all

### NATIONAL

#### India ranks 116 out of 157 nations on SDG index

India is ranked 116 out of 157 nations on a global index that assesses the performance of countries towards achieving the ambitious sustainable development goals (SDGs). The SDG Index and Dashboards Report produced by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Bertelsmann Stiftung shows that world leaders need to strengthen their joint efforts to realise the 17 global goals.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Russia Launches 73 satellites in one go, second most ever

Russian space agency Roscosmos successfully launched 'Kanopus-V-IK' Earth-imaging satellite and 72 microsattellites into orbit on a single rocket. This comes after ISRO launched a world record 104 satellites at once earlier this year, breaking Russia's previous record of 37 satellites. The microsattellites include 62 CubeSats developed by US and others made by Japan, Germany, and Canada

#### US House passes bill on defence co-operation with India

The United States House of Representatives on Friday passed a defence policy Bill worth \$621.5 billion (around Rs 41,31,000 crore), which proposes boosting cooperation with India in the sector. The National Defense Authorisation Act, 2018, was passed with 344 to 81 vote.

### BANKING

#### Yes Bank gets \$150 mn from OPIC to fund SME lending

Yes Bank has received \$ 150 million funding from the US government and Wells Fargo to increase lending to support women entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises in India.

OPIC will provide \$ 75 million in financing and up to \$ 75 million in syndicated financing jointly arranged by Wells Fargo Bank to Yes Bank.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### EU, India set up fund for investments

European Union (EU) and India on Friday announced the establishment of an Investment Facilitation Mechanism (IFM) for EU investments in India.

"The mechanism will allow for a close coordination between the European Union and the Government of India with an aim to promote and facilitate EU investment in India,"

## APPOINTMENT

### 'Super woman' Lilly Singh appointed UNICEF's Global Good will Ambassador

UNICEF appointed Indian-origin Canadian YouTube star Lilly Singh as its newest Global Goodwill Ambassador.

Lilly was in the capital to support UNICEF's Youth4Change initiative, a programme for youth that brings them together to support their peers and communities in taking action on issues such as health, hygiene, child labour and gender equality

## AWARDS AND HONOUR

### Shah Rukh Khan receives Honorary Membership from Jodhpur Guide Association

The Jodhpur Tourist Guide Association of Rajasthan has approached Bollywood Superstar Shah Rukh Khan with an Honorary Membership.

Rajasthan is renowned to serve as a Tourist attraction in India with 'Tourist Guide' proving to be a full time profession in the state. Jodhpur Guide Association Rajasthan is a 148 member body, consisting of Tourist Guides from the city.

## SPORTS

### Sundar Singh wins gold at World Para Athletics Championships

India's Sundar Singh Gurjar claimed gold medal in men's javelin throw event at the World Para Athletic Championships taking place in London. He attempted his personal best, an effort of 60.36m in the men's javelin throw F46, which was enough for him to take the top spot and open India's medal tally.