

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017:

### IMPORTANT DAY

#### July 28th – World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day (WHD) takes place every year on 28 July and brings the world together under a single theme to raise awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis and to influence real change. The Theme for World Hepatitis Day 2017 is ‘Eliminate Hepatitis’. Viral hepatitis is one of the leading causes of death globally, accounting for 1.34 million deaths per year – that’s as many as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis or malaria. Together, hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C cause 80% of liver cancer cases in the world.

### NATIONAL

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India’s first bullet train project, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail, will be inaugurated this September by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe . A Loan agreement of over 76,900 crore rupee is expected to be signed between the two nations during Abe’s India visit. Japan’s Shinkansen technology will be used in construction of the line.

*Pro Tip:*

India’s First Bullet Train between Mumbai – Ahmedabad

Country – Japan

Capital – Tokyo

Currency – Japanese yen

PM – Shinzō Abe

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Amazon’s Jeff Bezos briefly overtakes Gates to become world’s richest

A rally in e-retail behemoth Amazon’s share price propelled founder Jeff Bezos to the top of a list of the world’s richest individuals—for less than a day. Mr Bezos, who is also chairman and chief executive of the Seattle-based company, was worth almost \$91bn (£70bn) after Amazon’s share price rose more than 1 per cent in morning trading in New York. That put his fortune ahead of Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates’. The latter has a net worth of around \$90.7bn and has been at the top of Bloomberg’s rich list since 2013. But Mr Bezos slipped back into second place later in the day.

*Pro Tip:*

Amazon HQ – Seattle, Washington, United States

Fonder – Jeff Bezos

## AGREEMENT

### Tax authorities of the five BRICS countries have signed a landmark document to facilitate taxation cooperation

Tax authorities of the five BRICS countries have signed a landmark document to establish a mechanism for taxation cooperation. The BRICS Taxation Cooperation Memorandum, signed at the fifth meeting of BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities, is the bloc's first document that elevates taxation cooperation to the institutional level. The authorities also agreed to cooperate on taxation information exchange, improve consultation procedures efficiency, boost taxation capacities and plan paths for coordination of taxation policies and tax collection. The meeting comes ahead of the 2017 BRICS Summit to be held in Fujian province's Xiamen city from September 3 to 5.

#### *Pro Tip:*

BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa

BRICS was established in 2006

NDB – The New Development Bank, formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states.

HQ – Shanghai, China

President – K. V. Kamath

## APPOINTMENT

### Axis Bank has re-appointed Shikha Sharma as MD & CEO

Axis Bank has re-appointed Shikha Sharma as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for the three-year term from June 2018. Her current term was to end in June 2018. Axis Bank informed Bombay Stock Exchange that board of directors has approved the re-appointment. Sharma began her career with the erstwhile infra lender ICICI Ltd in 1980 and played a key role in setting up the group's investment banking business.

#### *Pro Tip:*

AXIS Bank HQ – Mumbai

Tagline – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

MD and CEO – Shikha Sharma

## SPORT

### Ajay Singh has won the bronze medal in Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships at Kathmandu

India's Ajay Singh has won the bronze medal in Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships at Kathmandu, taking India's tally to three. Ajay got third place in 77 kgs men's junior category lifting 143 kgs in snatch and 172 kgs in clean and jerk. S. Nirpupama

Devi had won bronze in 69 kgs women youth category. Kongsam Ormila Devi had won gold in 44kg weight category on an opening day.

*Pro Tip:*

Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2017 – Kathmandu

Country – Nepal

Capital – Kathmandu

Currency – Nepalese Rupee

Prime minister of Nepal – Sher Bahadur Deuba

President of Nepal – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

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*Pro Tip:*

P T Usha – Pilavullakandi Thekkeparambil Usha, popularly known as P. T. Usha, is a retired Indian track and field athlete.

Virender Sehwag – Former Indian Cricket Player

In early 2004, he became the only Indian to score a triple century in Test cricket, with 309 against Pakistan in the First Test in Multan, beating V. V. S. Laxman's previous Indian record (281 against Australia)

"Sultan of Multan" is one of the nick name of Virender Sehwag

## DEFENCE

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China and Russia held their First Joint Naval Drill in the Baltic Sea. This exercise involves anti-aircraft and anti-ship defence measures coordinated from the Baltiysk base in Russia's Kaliningrad enclave.

*Pro Tip:*

Country – Russia

Capital – Moscow

Currency – Ruble

Baltic sea – The Baltic Sea is a sea of the Atlantic Ocean, enclosed by Scandinavia, Finland, the Baltic countries, and the North European Plain.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Facebook TV is set to launch online in mid-August

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*Pro Tip:*

Facebook HQ – Menlo Park, California, United States

CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

