

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 30th July 2017:

IMPORTANT DAY

World Day against Trafficking in Persons

The United Nations World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2017 is observed across the world on 30 July. This year, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) selected 'Act to Protect and Assist Trafficked Persons' as the focus of the Day. The theme emphasizes one of the most pressing issues of the large mixed migration movements of refugees and migrants. The day aims at raising awareness of the plight of human trafficking victims, and promoting and protecting their rights.

Pro Tip:

UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Headquarters of UNODC – Vienna
Executive Director – Yuri Fedotov

INTERNATIONAL

2017 BRICS National Security Advisors (NSAs) meeting held in China

2017 BRICS National Security Advisors (NSAs) meeting was held in Beijing, China. National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval represented India at this meeting. This meeting is a major platform for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) countries to discuss and conduct cooperation in politics and security fields. Discussions were held on topics including global governance, anti-terrorism, internet security and energy security, as well as major international and regional hotspot issues. iv. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval held talks with his Chinese counterpart and state councillor Yang Jiechi on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs meeting. Chinese and Indian troops have been locked in a face-off in Doklam area for more than a month, since Indian troops stopped the Chinese army from building a road in the area.

Pro Tip:

Country – China
Capital – Beijing
Currency – Renminbi – Yuan
President – Xi Jinping

BANKING & ECONOMY

Indian Overseas Bank has offered Bharat Bill Payment System, introduced by NPCI

Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has offered Bharat Bill Payment System, introduced by the National Payments Corporation of India, for its customers. BBPS is an integrated bill payment system that offers inter-operable online bill payments to customers. The services include online payments of electricity, telecommunication, DTH, water and gas bills, the

Chennai headquartered bank said in a statement. Indian Overseas Bank is one of the three public sector banks (apart from Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India) to get the approval from RBI for providing the service.

Pro Tip:

IOB – Indian Overseas Bank
Headquarters of IOB – Chennai
Tagline – Good people to grow with
MD & CEO of IOB – R Subramaniakumar
NPCI – National Payments Corporation of India
MD & CEO of NPCI – A. P. Hota

AGREEMENT

Sri Lanka, China sign \$1.5 billion Hambantota port deal

Sri Lanka's government signed an agreement to sell a 70% stake in a \$1.5 billion Hambantota port to China in a bid to recover from the heavy burden of repaying a Chinese loan obtained to build the facility. The deal document was signed between the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and China Merchants Port Holding Co. in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Pro Tip:

Country – Sri Lanka
Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
Currency: Sri Lankan rupee
President: Maithripala Sirisena

APPOINTMENT

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has been selected as interim Prime Minister of Pakistan

The ruling Pakistan Muslim League has selected Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi to be the interim prime minister of Pakistan. Nawaz Sharif had recently resigned as Pakistan Prime Minister after the Supreme Court disqualified him from holding public office. The court disqualified Sharif under Article 62 and 63 of the Constitution.

Pro Tip:

Ex-Prime Minister – Nawaz Sharif
New Interim Prime Minister – Shahid Khaqan Abbasi
Country – Pakistan
Capital – Islamabad
Currency – Pakistani Rupee

Sunil Subramaniam has been appointed as the Administrative Manager of the Indian Cricket Team

The Board of Control For Cricket In India (BCCI) appointed former Tamil Nadu Ranji team captain Sunil Subramaniam as the Administrative Manager of the Indian Cricket Team.

Pro Tip:

BCCI – Board Of Control For Cricket In India
Headquarters of BCCI – Mumbai

DEFENCE

DRDO has developed India's first unmanned tank "Muntra" (Mission UNmanned TRAcked)

Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed India's first unmanned tank, which has three variants – surveillance, mine detection and reconnaissance in areas with nuclear and bio threats. It is called Muntra (Mission UNmanned TRAcked) and has been rolled out of the Chennai lab. The tanks will facilitate Indian Armed forces in conducting unmanned surveillance missions. Muntra-S has been developed for unmanned surveillance missions, whereas Muntra-M is built for detecting mines. Muntra-N will be deployed in areas where nuclear radiation or bio weapon risk is high. The Muntra tanks have surveillance radar and can be used to spy on ground target about 15 kilometres away.

Pro Tip:

DRDO – Defense Research and Development Organisation
Headquarters of DRDO – New Delhi
Chairman – Dr.S.Christopher