

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 4th July 2017:

STATE:

Madhya Pradesh conduct a massive plantation campaign to save the environment and conservation of the Narmada River

In Madhya Pradesh, a massive plantation campaign was undertaken to save the environment and conservation of the Narmada river. According to official sources over six crores, saplings were planted in 24 districts of Narmada basin in just 12 hours. Arrangements were made to record the whole event for the Guinness World Record. Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the plantation drive at Amarkantak of Anoopur district. Later he also took part in plantation drives in Jabalpur and Omkareshwar.

Pro Tip:

State – Madhya Pradesh

Capital – Bhopal

CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor - Om Prakash Kohli

BANKING & ECONOMY

FINO Payments Bank has commenced operations as a payments bank

FINO Payments Bank has commenced operations as a payments bank with effect from 30th June 2017 according to the Reserve Bank of India. FINO PayTech Ltd, Mumbai, was one of the 11 applicants which were issued in-principle approval for setting up a payments bank. Besides FINO, the other applicants which have launched payment bank operations are Airtel M Commerce Services, Department of Posts and Paytm Payments Bank.

Pro Tip

FINO Payment Banks HQ – Mumbai

FINO PayTech CEO – Rishi Gupta

GST to boost India's GDP, positive rating by Moody's

Moody's Investors Service has said, Implementation of the GST will be positive for India's rating as it will lead to higher GDP growth and increased tax revenues. In a statement, Moody's Vice-President, Sovereign Risk Group, William Foster said, over the medium term, GST is likely to contribute to productivity gains and higher GDP growth by improving the ease of doing business, unifying the national market and enhancing India's attractiveness as a foreign investment destination.

Pro Tip

Moody's – Credit rating agency

HQ – New York City, USA

CEO - Raymond W. McDaniel Jr.

APPOINTMENT

Serbian parliament voted in Ana Brnabic, an openly gay woman, as the country's prime minister

Serbian parliament voted in Ana Brnabic, an openly gay woman, as the country's prime minister in a landmark move for the patriarchal conservative country and the entire Balkans region. The 41-year old Brnabic and her cabinet were backed by 157 MPs in the 250-seat parliament after being proposed by President Aleksandar Vucic. Brnabic becomes Serbia's first female prime minister and the first openly gay premier in the Balkans, where homophobia remains widespread. Serbia is home to about seven million people, most of them Orthodox Christians.

Pro Tip:

Country – Serbia

Capital – Belgrade

Currency - Serbian Dinar

Ana Brnabic - first female prime minister of Serbia

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China's new heavy-lift carrier rocket launch fails

China's ambitious space programme suffered a rare setback on Sunday as its new heavy-lift carrier rocket, the Long March-5 Y2 failed to put the country's largest satellite into orbit. An anomaly occurred during the flight of the rocket, which blasted off from the Wenchang Space Launch Centre in Hainan.

Pro Tip:

Country – China

Capital – Beijing

Currency – Renminbi – Yuan

President – Xi Jinping

AWARDS

CISF security at IGI airport rated the best

The CISF security cover at the Delhi airport has been rated as the best service in this domain by World Quality Congress, a global quality rating agency. CISF chief O.P Singh said the award is "recognition of the hard work" by his men and women at the airport.

Pro Tip:

CISF - Central Industrial Security Force

HQ – New Delhi

CISF Chief – O.P Singh

SPORTS

R. Karan Rajan became the champion of the Guatemala badminton future series

R. Karan Rajan of Chennai beat Hamblers Heynard of Guatemala 21-19, 21-12 in the final to emerge the champion of the Guatemala badminton future series. Karan earlier upset the top-seed Ruben Castellanos in the semifinals. He has now become the first player from Tamil Nadu to win an International singles event.

Pro Tip:

Country – Guatemala

Capital – Guatemala city

Currency – Guatemalan quetzal

Germany has won their maiden Confederation Cup Football title

Germany have lifted their maiden Confederation Cup Football title. In the final played at St Petersburg, the four-time World Cup winners defeated Chile by a solitary goal. Lars Stindl put Germany ahead in the first half against the run of play, and Germany then held on to the lead.

Pro Tip

Country – Germany

Capital – Berlin

Currency – Euro

Chancellor – Angela Merkel