

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 5th July 2017:

NATIONAL:

Narendra Modi becomes first Indian PM to visit Israel:

Narendra Modi on Tuesday became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel in 70 years. Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu received Modi at the airport, in a departure from the normal practice. Modi's three-day visit aims at commemorating 25 years of diplomatic ties between the two countries and strengthening cooperation in the areas of defence, agriculture and science and technology.

Pro Tip:

Country: Israel

Capital: Jerusalem

Currency: Israeli new shekel

Prime Minister: Benjamin Netanyahu

President: Reuven Rivlin

INTERNATIONAL:

China sets up research base to counter illegal drones:

China has set up its first research base in the country's Sichuan province to counter illegal flying drones. The base will encourage the development of anti-drone technology and enhance aviation safety. Notably, the number of cases of drones disrupting the normal operations of civil airports in the country has risen from four in 2015 to 23 last year.

Pro Tip:

Country: China

Capital: Beijing

Currency: Renminbi

President: Xi Jinping

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY NEWS:

Samsung plans to launch smart speaker powered by Bixby

South Korean electronics maker Samsung plans to launch a standalone smart speaker powered by its own voice assistant technology 'Bixby', according to a report by The Wall Street Journal. The speaker, codenamed Vega, has been in the works for over a year. If launched, the speaker will compete with Amazon Echo, Apple HomePod, and Google Home.

Pro Tip:

Company: Samsung

Head quarters: Seoul, South Korea

Microsoft to equip 55000 Indian schools with digital classes:

Microsoft India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Independent Schools Alliance (NISA) to equip 55,000 schools across 23 Indian states with digital classrooms. This partnership aims to create an enabling ecosystem for schools to improve accessibility, affordability, and quality of education. NISA currently caters to over 90 lakh students across the country

Pro Tip:

Company: Microsoft India

Head quarters: Gurugram

Telcos lost market share in 2016 due to Jio: TRAI report:

With Jio claiming 6.4% market share in 2016, telecom majors Airtel, Vodafone and Idea saw their market shares drop, data by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) suggests. Country's largest operator Airtel's market share dropped 0.49% reaching 23.58% even as its subscriber base increased 9.3%. Similarly Vodafone's market share dropped 1% despite adding 1.1 crore new users.

Pro Tip:

Organisation: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairman: R. S. Sharma

APPOINTMENTS:

Achal Kumar Joti appointed next Chief Election Commissioner:

Ex-Gujarat Chief Secretary Achal Kumar Joti has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and will take charge after Nasim Zaidi retires on July 6. Joti, a retired 1975-batch IAS officer had been appointed as an Election Commissioner (EC) in May 2015. He is expected to serve as the CEC until he turns 65 in January next year.

SPORTS NEWS:

India expresses interest in hosting FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019:

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has submitted an expression of interest to host the Under-20 FIFA World Cup in 2019. Preparing to organise October's FIFA Under-17 World Cup, AIFF president Praful Patel has said that hosting the FIFA Under-20 World Cup would be the next "logical step for the development of football in India".

Sarfraz Ahmed named Pakistan Test team's captain

Pakistan's limited-overs captain Sarfraz Ahmed has been named the side's Test captain by the Pakistan Cricket Board on Tuesday. Sarfraz recently led the Pakistani cricket team to its maiden Champions Trophy title. The 30-year-old wicketkeeper will take over from Misbah-ul-Haq, who stepped down as the Test side's skipper after Pakistan's series.