

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 6th July 2017:

STATE:

Jammu and Kashmir Assembly adopted a resolution to implement the goods and services tax (GST)

Jammu and Kashmir Assembly adopted a resolution to implement the goods and services tax (GST), bringing the state's indirect taxation into the new unified tax regime that the rest of the country adopted on 1 July at a landmark ceremony in Parliament. With this Jammu and Kashmir has become the last state to pass the GST bill in the state.

Pro Tip:

State – Jammu & Kashmir

Capital – Srinagar (summer), Jammu (winter)

CM - Mehbooba Mufti Sayeed

Governor - Narinder Nath Vohra

NATIONAL

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The 10TH India-Jordan Trade and Economic Joint Committee (TEJC) Meeting was held in New Delhi under the co-chairs of Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce and Industry, (India) and Mr. Yarub Qudah, Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan). The two leaders also inked the revised Economic and Trade Cooperation Agreement between India and Jordan, aiming at boosting and diversifying bilateral trade relations, in addition to promote economic, trade and investment cooperation based on the principle of equity, non-discrimination.

Pro Tip:

Country – Jordan

Capital – Amman

Currency - Jordanian dinar

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce and Industry - Nirmala Sitharaman

Constituency – Rajya Shaba Karnataka

INTERNATIONAL

5th Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Education was held in Beijing, China

Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Education was held in Beijing, China. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, India. The delegation of all the five BRICS countries participated in the two-day deliberations. Javadekar highlighted some of the initiatives of the Govt. of India in education. He specifically spoke about the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), SWAYAM

platform which has already hosted over 480 courses online, research initiative IMPRINT and Smart India Hackathon.

Pro Tip:

BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
Minister of Human Resource Development – Prakash Javadekar
Constituency – Madhya Pradesh (Rajya Shaba)

BANKING & ECONOMY

EPFO signed an agreement with four private banks for collection of provident fund

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) signed an agreement with four private banks and Bank of Baroda for collection of provident fund dues from employers and payments to its subscribers. This is the first time that the EPFO has tied up with private banks – namely, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank. Earlier, only State Bank of India was authorised to collect contributions from employers and make payment to employees. The move will help the EPFO save about 300 crore rupees annually as the five banks have agreed to zero transaction charges.

Pro Tip:

EPFO – Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
HQ – New Delhi
Four Private Banks – ICICI, Axis, HDFC, Kotak Mahindra Bank.
PSU – Bank of Baroda

AGREEMENT

Seven agreements signed between India and Israel

A total of seven agreements were signed between India and Israel in sectors ranging from agriculture to water conservation and space as they sought to deepen ties beyond high-priced defence deals. The PM of India Mr. Narendra Modi and his counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu presented a series of agreements for cooperation on satellite technology, water and agriculture, as well as the creation of a \$40 million innovation fund.

Pro Tip:

Country – Israel
Capital – Jerusalem
Currency – Israeli new shekel

AIIB approves USD 329 mn loan to build roads in Gujarat

China based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) announced its approval to a \$329 million loan to build access roads across 4,000 villages in Gujarat. The funds have been approved to construct road linkages for last-mile connectivity to schools and tribal areas in 33 districts of the state.

Pro Tip:

AIIB - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
HQ – Beijing
President – Jin Liqun

DEFENCE:

The Malabar naval exercise involving Indian, American and Japanese navies will start on July 10

The Malabar naval exercise involving Indian, American and Japanese navies will kick start on July 10 in the Bay of Bengal. A sizeable number of aircraft, naval ships and nuclear submarines of the navies of the three countries will be part of the annual exercise, considered a major war game in the region. The aim of the Malabar exercise is to achieve deeper military ties and greater interoperability among the three navies in the strategically-important Indo-Pacific region. India and the US have regularly conducted the annual exercise since 1992.

Pro Tip:

Defence Minister of India – Arun Jaitley
Chief Naval Officer of Indian Navy – Sunil Lamba

APPOINTMENT

Somesh Goyal has appointed as Himachal Pradesh DGP

Somesh Goyal, a 1984-batch IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the State's Director General of Police (DGP). He replaces Sanjay Kumar who has been appointed as director general of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

Pro Tip:

State – Himachal Pradesh
Capital – Shimla
CM - Virbhadra Singh
Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

Pradeep Kumar Rawat appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Indonesia

Pradeep Kumar Rawat has presently a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Indonesia. Rawat, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1990 batch, is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

Pro Tip:

Country – Indonesia
Capital – Jakarta

Currency - Indonesian rupiah

SPORTS:

India won the Asian snooker team championship at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

India's leading cueist Pankaj Advani teamed up with Laxman Rawat to demolish Pakistan in the final of the Asian Team Snooker championship.

Pro Tip:

Country – Kyrgyzstan

Capital – Bishkek

Currency - Som

