

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017:

### 1. England beat Spain 5-2 to Win First-ever U-17 Title

- i. England scripted a dramatic turnaround in Kolkata to win the 2017 FIFA U17 World Cup for the very first time after a 5-2 win over European U17 champions Spain.
- ii. Spain appeared to throw in the towel after letting slip a commanding lead, and their woe was compounded by further strikes from Marc Guehi and Foden to round off a comprehensive 5-2 victory.

### 2. Patna Pirates Clinched Third Pro Kabaddi Successive Title

- i. Pardeep Narwal scored incredible 24 points to steer Patna Pirates to third consecutive Pro Kabaddi title. Pardeep, who had scored 76 points in three playoffs, helped Patna come from behind and thump Gujarat Fortunegiants 55-38 in the summit clash of Pro Kabaddi season 5.
- ii. Gujarat's Sachin Tawar was the only player who had managed to break through Patna defence and scored 11 points. The 20-year old raider finishes the 2017 edition as the highest raider with 369 raid points and 19 Super 10s.

### 3. ISSF World Cup Final: Sangram Wins Silver in Double Trap

- i. Sangram Dahiya won a silver in the ISSF World Cup Final, in New Delhi. Double trap exponent Sangram clinched his first-ever senior medal in International Shooting Sports Federation tournament.
- ii. He was taking part in the prestigious event for the first time.

#### Pro Tip:

Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu have won the gold in 10m mixed air pistol on the opening day. Amanpreet Singh clinched a bronze medal in the final of men's 50m pistol.

### 4. Virat Kohli Becomes Fastest Batsman to Score 9000 ODI Runs

- i. Virat Kohli became the sixth Indian to complete 9000 ODI runs during the third game against New Zealand. He went on to score his 32nd ODI century off 96 balls.
- ii. Mahendra Singh Dhoni had reached the milestone in 2016 while other Indians who have done so are Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and Mohammad Azharuddin. Overall, Kohli, who played his 202nd match and 194th innings has become the 19th batsman to breach the 9000-run mark, making him the fastest to get there.

#### Pro Tip:

Kohli had recently surpassed Australian great Ricky Ponting in the list of most ODI hundreds with his 31st ton.

Kohli has broken de Villiers' record of the the fastest cricketer to reach the milestone, with the South African batsman taking 205 innings.

## 5. Cabinet Approves Rs 7,000 crore for Construction of Six IIT Campuses

- i. The Union Cabinet has approved over Rs 7,000 crore for construction of permanent campuses of six new Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) across the country.
- ii. Each of the permanent campuses to be established at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwad (Karnataka), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) and Goa will have a facility for housing 1,200 students from the academic year 2020-2021.

### Pro Tip:

Human Resource Development Minister is Prakash Javadekar.  
Currently, these institutions are functioning from temporary campuses with a total strength of 1,530 students.  
IIT Kharapur was the first in India to be established in 1951.

## 6. India and France Agree to Strengthen Bilateral Defence Cooperation

- i. India and France have agreed to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation as a key Pillar of strategic partnership between the two countries. Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman and French Minister for the Armed Forces, Ms. Florence Parly discussed a range of measures to expand military to military ties.
- ii. The joint Naval exercise named the VARUNA is scheduled in early 2018 between the two countries.

### Pro Tip:

Paris is the capital of France.  
Emmanuel Macron is the President of France.

## 7. UP Declares Vrindavan, Barsana as Sacred Sites

- i. The Uttar Pradesh government issued an order notifying Vrindavan and Barsana towns in Mathura district as “pavitra teerth sthals (sacred pilgrimage sites)”. No meat and liquor shops will be allowed in these towns anymore.
- ii. Principal Secretary (Religious Affairs) Avinish Kumar Awasthi instructed to prohibit meat and liquor shops in these notified areas. Vrindavan and Barsana are the first two places to be notified as teerth sthal in government records.

### Pro Tip:

Yogi Adityanath is the CM of UP.  
Ram Naik is the Governor of UP.

## 8. Karnataka Govt Signs MoU with Microsoft

- i. The Karnataka Government announced the signing of an MoU with Microsoft Corporation India Private Limited with an intention to empower smallholder farmers with technology-oriented solutions that will help them increase income.
- ii. The MoU will experiment with Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission and Department of Agriculture to help improve price forecasting practices to benefit farmers.

**Pro Tip:**

Siddaramaiah is the CM of Karnataka.  
Vajubhai Vala is the Governor of Karnataka.  
Satya Nadella is the CEO of Microsoft.

### 9. World's First Hydrogen Tram Begins Operation in China

- i. The world's first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells has started running in China, marking a big step in the application of green energy in public transport.
- ii. The tram was put into commercial operation for the first time in Tangshan, north China's Hebei Province. With water being its only emission, the tram emits no pollutants. No nitrogen oxides will be produced as the temperature of the reaction inside hydrogen fuel cells is controlled under 100 degrees Celsius.

### 10. Sharmila Tagore Honoured With Lifetime Achievement Award

- i. Veteran actor Sharmila Tagore has received the Lifetime Achievement Award. The 72-year-old actor was bestowed with the recognition by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi for her contribution in the field of cinema.
- ii. Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh and Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari presented the award to Tagore.
- iii. The celebrated actor debuted in movies with legendary director Satyajit Ray's Bengali film Apur Sansar in 1959. Her breakout role in Hindi cinema was Shakti Samanta's 1964 film Kashmir Ki Kali.

**Pro Tip:**

She received the National Award for Best Actress for the film.  
The actor also received National Award for Best Supporting Actress for 2003 Bengali film, Abar Aranye.

### 11. N.J.Gangte Appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia

- i. N.J.Gangte has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia.  
He is presently the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ii. He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

Pro Tip:

Lusaka is the Capital of the Republic of Zambia.  
Edgar Lungu is the president of the Republic of Zambia.

