

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 30th October 2017:

1. Kidambi Srikanth Wins French Open to Clinch 4th Super Series Title of 2017

- i. India's Kidambi Srikanth created history as he became the first Indian player to win four Superseries titles in a year after he won the men's singles title at the French Open.
- ii. He defeated Japan's Kenta Nishimoto 21-14, 21-13 in the final to achieve this feat. This win was another addition to the Indian's list of firsts as he also became the only Indian to win the French Open since it became a Superseries event in 2007.

Pro Tip:

Other three sports Championship won this year (2017) by Kidambi Srikanth are as follows-

1. Denmark Open Superseries Trophy
2. Australia Open Super Series
3. Indonesia Open Super Series

2. PM Modi Inaugurated Bidar-Kalaburagi New Railway Line in Karnataka

- i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bidar - Kalaburagi New Railway Line to the Nation by unveiling a plaque at Bidar Railway Station, in Karnataka.
- ii. PM also flagged off the DEMU Service between Bidar and Kalaburagi.

Pro Tip:

DEMU stand for Diesel Electric Multiple Unit.

3. Italy PM Paolo Gentiloni on Two-Day Visit to India

- i. Prime Minister of Italy Paolo Gentiloni arrived in New Delhi on a two-day visit to India. The visit is aimed at strengthening the bilateral political and economic relations between the two countries.
- ii. The last visit of the Italian Prime Minister to India was in February 2007.

Pro Tip:

Rome is the capital of Italy.

Euro is the currency of Italy.

4. Govt Makes Use of Public Finance Management System Mandatory for Central Schemes

- i. The Centre has made the use of Public Finance Management System (PFMS) mandatory for all central schemes. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley stated that making use of the PFMS mandatorily will ensure benefits of government schemes to reach the last mile.
- ii. The move would help in tracking and monitoring the flow of funds to the implementing agencies. A total of 613 schemes of the central government will be covered under PFMS.

5. SIDBI Revamps Portal for Easy Credit Access

- i. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has revamped its portal www.udyamimitra.in with enhanced features to provide easy access to credit and hand-holding services for micro small medium enterprises (MSME).
- ii. The portal is mobile-enabled and provides a self-assessment module (auto assisting in categorization). It sends various information on registered MSMEs from time to time. It also allows loan applications to be perused and picked up by multiple lenders.

Pro Tip:

Mohammad Mustafa is the present Chairman of SIDBI.
Headquarters of SIDBI is in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

6. AU Small Bank, SIDBI Launch Rs 200 crore Fund for MSMEs

- i. AU Small Finance Bank tied up with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to launch a Rs200 crore fund for providing loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ii. The program will fund term loans in the Rs25 lakh to Rs2 crore ticket size. Under the advice of Sidbi, AU Bank will play the anchor in this program as all the processes including disbursement, monitoring and recovery will be handled by them.

Pro Tip:

Mannil Venugopalan is the Chairman of Board of AU Small Finance Bank.
Mohammad Mustafa is the present Chairman of SIDBI.
Headquarters of SIDBI is in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

7. India to Host UN Wildlife Summit in 2020

- i. India will host the next United Nations (UN) global wildlife conference in 2020. India will host the next CMS Conference of the Parties CMSCOP13. It was officially announced at the closing CMSCOP12 plenary, in Manila, Philippines.
- ii. The six-day 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS COP12) is the only international treaty devoted exclusively to migratory animal species. The theme of the Conference was 'Their Future is Our Future - Sustainable Development for Wildlife and People'.

Pro Tip:

CMS COP is a triennial summit that brings together States through which migratory animals pass through.
The CMS COP is held once in three years.

8. Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar Assumes Charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff

- i. Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P, AVSM, VSM has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) from Vice Admiral Karambir Singh AVSM at a formal ceremony held in New Delhi.
- ii. Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P, AVSM, VSM is an alumni of the National Defence Academy. The Flag Officer was commissioned in the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 81 and is a specialist in Missiles & Gunnery.

Pro Tip:

Sunil Lanba is the present Chief of Naval Staff of Indian Navy.

9. Cleartrip Named 'Best Mobile App for Travel' at Mobexx Awards

- i. Online travel solutions provider Cleartrip was named the 'Best Mobile App for Travel and Leisure' at the Mobexx Awards 2017.
- ii. The award was conferred for the success that it has had on the mobile platform, seen by many as the future of advertising and brand marketing. IIT-Roorkee won Schneider's 'Go Green in the City' contest held in Paris.

10. Book on Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's Inspirational Words Released

- i. An illustrative book containing inspiring words of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was released online by Indian women cricket team captain Mithali Raj on the 86th birth anniversary of the former President.
- ii. Titled "Dreamnation: Uniting a Country with Handwritten Dreams", the book includes a collection of 200-plus handcrafted and handwritten postcards from across India. The book is Co-authored by Saji Mathew and Jubie John and published by Bloomsbury.

Pro Tip:

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. Other important books of Dr. Kalam includes My Journey(Book of Poems) and Wings of Fire.

11. Johor Cup Hockey: Indian Junior Team Win Bronze Medal

- i. Indian Junior Men's Hockey team beat hosts Malaysia 4-0 in the Bronze medal match of the 7th Sultan of Johor Cup 2017 at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, in Malaysia
- ii. Goals from Vishal Antil (15', 25'), Vivek Prasad (11') and Shilanand Lakra (21') were enough for India to finish their tournament with the Bronze medal.

Pro Tip:

Najib Razak is the PM of Malaysia.
Kuala Lumpur is the Capital of Malaysia.

12. Federer Wins 8th Basel Title, 95th Overall

i. The Swiss superstar won his eighth Basel title, after defeating Juan Martin del Potro, 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-3 to clinch his ATP World Tour-leading seventh title of the year.

ii. It was Federer's first success against the Argentine in a Basel final, after the South American beat him in both 2012 and 2013. Federer moved ahead of Ivan Lendl into standalone second place on the Open Era titles list, only trailing Jimmy Connors, who owns 109 trophies.

13. Mithali Raj and Virat Kohli Tops ICC Ranking

i. India captain Mithali Raj moved up one place to occupy the number one spot in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batswomen. Ellyse Perry of Australia and Amy Satterthwaite of New Zealand also jumped one place each to be at second and third spots. Mithali has 753 points.

ii. Also, Indian captain, Virat Kohli returned to the top of the ICC ODI rankings for batsmen after logging career-high rating points, going past the iconic Sachin Tendulkar in the process. The 28-year-old Delhi batsman has reached 889 points, which is the best ever by an India batsman.

Pro Tip:

The previous highest points tally of 887 was managed by Sachin Tendulkar in 1998. The list for bowlers continues to be led by Pakistan pace bowler Hasan Ali while India fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has reached a career-best third.