

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017:

### 1. India and World Bank signed a \$200 million loan agreement for Assam

- i. The government and World Bank signed a \$ 200 million loan agreement for the Assam Agricultural Trade and Rural Transformation Project. This project will support Assam to increase investment in agricultural business, increase agricultural productivity and market access.
- ii. This project will be implemented in 16 districts of Assam. This project will benefit families of 5,00,000 small farmers.

#### Pro Tip:

Jim Yong Kim is the president of the World Bank.  
World Bank is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.  
Jagdish Mukhi is the current governor of Assam.

### 2. List of MoUs signed during Prime Minister of Italy's visit to India

- i. Italy's Prime Minister Paolo Jantiloni is on a 2-day visit to India. This is the first visit of Italian Prime Minister to the first time in 10 years. Romano Prodi, who visited India in February 2007, was the last Italian prime minister.
- ii. The complete list of MoUs / agreements signed between India and Italy during the visit of the Italian Prime Minister to India is given here:

1. Joint Declaration of Intent to Support for Security in Railway Sector
- Memorandum of Understanding on diplomatic relations of 70 years between the Indian Council of Cultural Relations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Italy.
3. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Energy .
4. Executive Protocol on Cultural Support .
5. Memorandum of Understanding between the Foreign Affairs and Training Unit of the Ministry of International Cooperation.
6. Memorandum of Understanding for the promotion of mutual investment between Italian Business Agency and Invest India

#### Pro Tip:

Rome is the capital of Italy.  
Euro is the currency of Italy.

### 3. India shipped shipments of Iran through Chabar Port of Iran

- i. India sailed the first ship of wheat for Afghanistan through the Chabahar port of Iran . It is being seen as a historic step for the operation of the new strategic transit route.
- ii. This supply is in the order of India's decision to send 1.1 million tonnes of wheat as aid to Afghanistan. During the 2016 trip to Iran, a trilateral settlement of the International

Transportation and Transit Corridor for supply from Chabahar Port to Afghanistan came into existence. Similar consignments of wheat will be sent to Afghanistan in the next few months.

**Pro Tip:**

Tehran is the capital of Iran.

Mohammad Ashraf Ghani is the current Prime Minister of Afghanistan

#### 4. Women will go to the stadium in Saudi Arabia from 2018

- i. Turkish-Al-Ashech , chairman of Saudi Arabia's General Sports Authority, has announced that Saudi women are now allowed to attend stadiums in sports events starting from 2018 .
- ii. The purpose of this step is to provide empowerment and engagement of women in society as an integral part of the development process. All these changes support Saudi Arabia's "Vision 2030" plan for economic and social reforms.

Examples from the above news for IBPS PO main exam are useful facts -

Riyadh is the capital of Saudi Arabia

Mohammad bin Salman is Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia.

#### 5. Indo-Japan's three-day joint submarine anti-submarine begins

- i. India and Japan 's navies begin three-day anti-submarine anti-military exercises in the Indian Ocean region to further enhance their operational coordination in strategically important sea routes around the two countries.
- ii. An Indian Navy official said that two P-8 I long-range marine reconnaissance submarine warships and two P-3C Oriyan jets of Navy will participate in this exercise. Short-term practice is being done between the concerns of India and Japan regarding the growing presence of China in the Indo-Japan region.

**Pro Tip:**

Tokyo is the capital of Japan.

The current Chief of Naval Staff is Admiral Sunil Lamba.

#### 6. In reference to FIFA Under-17 World Cup 2017

The 17th edition of the FIFA U-17 World Cup was held in India for the first time. This federation is the biennial international football tournament of men's under-17 national teams organized by the Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) .

**Pro Tip:**

The official mascot of the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 was unveiled. Whose name is ' Ghiyoo' .

The official ball for ' Under-17 Football World Cup' is called 'Karsava ' .

The last match of the event was held at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.

### First Under-17 World Cup 2017-

This was the first time that India hosted the Under-17 FIFA World Cup.

Switzerland's Esther Stobley became the first female football referee to get the official qualification for the match.

Jackson Singh made history of India's first goal in the FIFA World Cup.

In India, FIFA Under-17WC has become the first participant to participate in the history.

America-based nominee Deshpande become the first NRI to play for India Under-17 World Cup team

### Winners and Awards-

England have won the FIFA U-17 World Cup by defeating Spain 5-2.

England's Phil Fawn has been selected as the best player of the tournament and he has been honored with 'Golden Ball '.

England's Rohan Brewer has scored the most goals (8 goals) in the tournament and he has been awarded ' Golden Boot '.

Brazilian national football team goalkeeper Gabriel Brazzo won 'Golden Glove'

Brazil won the Fair Play award.

## 7. Yonex French Open Badminton 2017: Complete List of Winners

i. Yonex French Open 2017 Badminton Tournament was held in Paris. The French Open Badminton Tournament is held annually in France from 1909.

### Pro Tip:

Indian badminton player Kidambi Srikant became the first Indian player to win the men's singles title at the French Open badminton tournament.

Srikanth defeated Kento Nishimoto of Japan 21-14, 21-13.

Chinese Taipei's Tai Xu Ying won the women's singles title in the UNEF French Open Badminton 2017.

He defeated Japan's Ekane Yamaguchi.

## 8. ISSF World Cup 2017 - Important point

Host India remained seventh with a gold, a silver and a bronze, while Italy surpassed China in the calculation of medals in ISSF World Cup final in New Delhi.

### Pro Tip:

1. India won by Jitu Rai / Heena Sidhu (mixed team 10 meter air pistol gold)

2. Sangram Dahiya (Men in Men's Double Trap), and Amanpreet Singh (Men's 50m Pistol Bronze).

iii . This was the best result of India's annual ISSF shooting centerpiece. China's Rio 2016's 10 meter air pistol women's champion, Mengzhuang Zhang and Gengcheng Sui were awarded a champion of champions medals in pistol and rifle respectively.

iv. Some closing points of the competition-

India remained seventh in medal for overall medal with a gold medal, a silver and a bronze medal.

20 of the 45 participating countries have won medals in the annual ISFF season-ender.  
Spain's Alberto Fernandez won men's trap  
Alexis Renal of France won the third position in men's 50m rifle.  
Keith Sanderson of America won men's Rapid Fire Pistol Gold.

#### 9. In the ICC T-20 rankings, in the top spot

- i. Indian pacer Jaspreet Bumrah has reached the top spot in the ICC T20 rankings while the Indian team will move from fifth to second on losing in the three-match series starting tomorrow.
- ii. Bumra, who reached career-best third position in the ODI Rankings, secured first place after slipping a rung to Pakistani spinner Edmammad Wasim.

#### Pro Tip:

India captain Virat Kohli, AB de Villiers has lost his top position in the batting rankings in the ODI rankings.  
New Zealand is at the highest point in the lowest format with 125 points.

#### 10. Heena Sidhu won gold medal in air pistol in Commonwealth shooting championship

- i. The country's top shooter, Heena Sidhu, gave India a spectacular start by winning the gold medal in the 10 meter air pistol of the Commonwealth Shooting Championship .  
In the final, Hina defeated Australia's Elina Galibovic with 240.8 points. Third position was also Australia's Christie Gilman. India's Deepak Kumar won a bronze medal in the 10 meter air rifle London Olympics bronze medalist Gagan Narang finished fourth and Ravikumar were in fifth position. Narang made the Commonwealth Record by scoring 626.2 in the qualification.

#### Pro Tip:

Heena and Jitu Rai recently won the first gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final in the 10 meter air pistol mixed team event.