

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017:

### 1. International Yoga Festival Starts in Kashmir

- i. Jammu and Kashmir governor N N Vohra inaugurated the second International Yoga Festival and International Yoga Sports Championship 2017.
- ii. The festival is being organized by the Yoga Society of Kashmir at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre. About 300 participants from various parts of India, Vietnam, Taiwan, Canada, Bulgaria, USA, and Nepal are participating in the festival.

#### Pro Tip:

The first International Yoga Festival was held in Uttarakhand.

### 2. Rajnath Singh Launches Intelligence Wing of SSB and WARB App

- i. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has launched first Intelligence Wing of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Welfare & Rehabilitation Board (WARB) App in New Delhi authorized to Protect the shared borders of India with Nepal and Bhutan.
- ii. The intelligence wing will gather actionable information in a bid to enhance operational efficiency. WARB app comprises features to facilitate retired CAPFs and Assam Rifles personnel to get their grievances redressed, seek skill development and other relevant and important information.

#### Pro Tip:

Rajni Kant Misra is the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

### 3. 13th Inter-Governmental Commission Meeting in Kazakhstan

- i. Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan is in Astana, Kazakhstan to co-chair the 13th Meeting of Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) with Kazakhstan.
- ii. Mr. Kanat Bozumbayev, Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan will co-chair the meeting from Kazakhstan side. The IGC meeting aims to follow up on the agenda set between India and Kazakhstan during the two visits of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Kazakhstan.

#### Pro Tip:

Astana is the Capital of Kazakhstan.

Nursultan Nazarbayev is the President of Kazakhstan.

### 4. First ever National Conference on 'Mission Mode to address Under-Nutrition' held in New Delhi

- i. The Ministry of Women and Child Development holds the first ever National Conference in New Delhi on Mission Mode to address Under-Nutrition in the country. This conference is being organized keeping in mind the goal of “Malnutrition Free India-2022”.

ii. The National Conference, first of its kind, aims at bringing convergence at District/Block levels of the three key Departments (Health & Family Welfare, ICDS/Social Welfare and Drinking Water and Sanitation).

**Pro Tip:**

Maneka Gandhi is the Minister of Women and Child Development.

### 5. Tripura, First State to Set Up Family Welfare Committees

i. Tripura has become the first state in the country to set up family welfare district committees to examine the complaints of women against their husbands and in-laws and find an amicable solution.

ii. Tripura High Court is the first high court among 24 high courts of the country that has constituted the family welfare district committees. The new system would be valid for the next six months and after that National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) would submit a report of its performance to the apex court, on the basis of which a new course of action would be decided.

**Pro Tip:**

Manik Sarkar is the Present CM of Tripura.

Tathagata Roy is the Governor of Tripura.

### 6. S S Rajamouli Receives ANR award

i. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu felicitated film-maker S S Rajamouli with the prestigious ANR National Award for his contribution to the Telugu film industry.

ii. S S Rajamouli has Directed the blockbuster fantasy drama movie Bahubali that has shattered all the records on Box Office.

### 7. SEBI Allows Realty, Infra Trusts to Issue Bonds

i. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) to raise capital by issuing debt securities.

ii. The move will help attract investors to the capital-starved property sector. In addition to allowing bond issuances, SEBI also introduced the concept of strategic investor for REITs, similar to InvITs.

**Pro Tip:**

InvITs and REITs are vehicles that allow investors to take exposure to an income-generating infrastructure project or real estate property.

### 8. Ola Ties Up With Karnataka Tourism Dept

i. In line with United Nations' theme for this year's World Tourism Day, cab aggregator Ola kicked off a tourism campaign in the state.

ii. The campaign is being carried out in association with Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation to promote and raise awareness about responsible tourism named “GhoomoResponsibly”.

**Pro Tip:**

Headquarter of Ola is in Bangalore, Karnataka.  
CEO of Ola is Bhavish Aggarwal.

### 9. IDF and US Army Inaugurated First Permanent American Base in Israel

- i. The US Army and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) inaugurated a permanent base In Israel. This is the first time that a permanent American base has been opened in the Middle Eastern country.
- ii. The base represents the long-standing partnership, the strategic commitment between the armies and the militaries of the United States of America and Israel.

**Pro Tip:**

Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.  
Reuven Rivlin is the Present President of Israel.

### 10. M&M enters into strategic alliance with Ford

- i. Mahindra & Mahindra has entered into a strategic alliance with US car major Ford Motor Company to explore cooperation in the sphere of products, technologies, and distribution.
- ii. The joint statement issued by the company stated that teams from both companies will collaborate and work together for a period of up to three years.

**Pro Tip:**

Pawan Goenka is the Managing Director of Mahindra and Mahindra.

### 11. Cyclist Mark Beaumont Breaks the World Record

- i. Mark Beaumont has broken the world record for cycling around the world - by 44 days. The 34-year-old, from Perthshire, arrived in Paris one day ahead of schedule having cycled the 18,000-mile route in 79 days.
- ii. He set a new world record of 194 days in 2008. Since then it has been broken by other riders, with the previous record set at 123 days. He was on his bike for more than 16 hours a day and only slept for five hours each night.

**Pro Tip:**

During the trip, Mark was also awarded the Guinness World Records title for the most miles cycled in a month, from Paris to Perth in Australia, verified at 7,031 miles (11,315km).

### 12. Asian Indoor Games: Purnima Wins Gold in Pentathlon

- i. India won its first athletics gold, through Purnima Hembram in women's pentathlon, in the fifth Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.
- ii. India also got two silvers, through Sanjivani Jadhav in women's 3000m and Tejinder Singh Toor in men's shot put, and a bronze through Kerala's V. Neena in women's long jump.

**Pro Tip:**

The fourth Asian Indoor Games were held in Incheon, South Korea.  
Ashgabat is the capital of Turkmenistan.

### 13. Lewis Hamilton Wins Singapore Grand Prix

- i. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix, in Singapore. Hamilton's rival Sebastian Vettel withdrew in the middle of the race due to his damaged Ferrari car.
- ii. He was followed by Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo in the 2nd position and Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas in the 3rd.

