

CURRENT AFFAIRS



CAC – 23rd September 2017:

STATE

Dharmendra Pradhan to host first LPG Panchayat in Gandhinagar

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate one of the ambitious programmes of the Centre — LPG Panchayat, aimed at encouraging rural communities to turn to clean fuel. The Centre plans to organise one lakh LPG Panchayats across the country, where discussions will take place between officials of fuel companies and villagers on awareness and uses of the LPG. The First LPG Panchayat will be held in Gandhinagar, where Pradhan will preside over the interaction between women using LPG under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) and the companies. According to data shared by the oil marketing companies, so far three crore connections have been allotted under the PMUY against the target of five crore by 2019.

Pro Tip:

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas – Dharmendra Pradhan

Constituency – Rajya Sabha, Bihar

State – Gujarat

Capital – Gandhinagar

CM – Vijay Rupani

Governor – Om Prakash Kohli

Government aims to provide Housing to all by 2022: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government has decided to give a house to each and every homeless family by 2022. He was addressing a public meeting at Shahanshahpur in Varanasi district. Mr Modi distributed allotment letters to the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana both for rural and urban areas. About 10 thousand beneficiaries were given allotment letters during the function.

Pro Tip:

State – Uttar Pradesh

Capital – Lucknow

CM – Yogi Adityanath

Governor – Ram Naik

NATIONAL

Samsung's Bixby Voice now works in India

Bixby takes some initial setting up, requiring users to input their voice, reading commands and sentences and trying out a few tasks. Bixby is meant to do additional and on-phone tasks which Samsung hopes will make getting things done faster and easier. Bixby Voice can be triggered by saying "Hi Bixby" to a sleeping device also.

Pro Tip:

Samsung HQ – Seoul, South Korea

Dr. Harshvardhan Launches Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vigyan Gram Sankul Pariyojana

Dr. Harshvardhan launched "Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vigyan Gram Sankul Pariyojana" which will experiment and endeavour to formulate and implement appropriate S&T Interventions for Sustainable Development through cluster approach in Uttarakhand. Department of Science and Technology is implementing several initiatives for upliftment and economic development of rural areas in the country.

Pro Tip:

Union Minister for Science & Technology – Dr Harshvardhan

Constituency – Chandni Chowk (Delhi)

Govt Launches Campaign to Sensitise Women About Cancer

Minister of State Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel launched a nationwide health campaign to sensitise women about the early screening and the preventive care for cancer. Themed 'Nurturing the Nurturer', the campaign was launched by FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) in partnership with the Apollo Hospitals group.

Pro Tip:

Minister of State Health and Family Welfare – Anupriya Patel

Constituency – Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh

INTERNATIONAL

Uber Stripped of its Licence to Operate in London

London's transport regulator stripped Uber of its licence to operate, affecting over 40,000 drivers in a huge blow to the taxi app. The final day of Uber's licence will be on September

30. In London, Uber has faced criticism from unions, lawmakers and traditional black cab drivers over working conditions.

Pro Tip:

Country – United Kingdom

Capital – London

Currency – Pound Sterling

CEO of UBER – Dara Khosrowshahi

BANKING & ECONOMY

SBI launches Indian bond index series in London

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched the FTSE SBI Bond Index series in partnership with global index provider FTSE 100, which will give tools to investors from India, the UK and globally to analyse India's government bond market, and drive growth in this market. This index, launched in collaboration with the London Stock Exchange, will ensure that international investors have an international benchmark that is transparent, that is well governed and that is something they can easily rely on.

Pro Tip:

SBI – State Bank of India

Headquarters – Mumbai

Chairperson – Arundhati Bhattacharya

APPOINTMENT

Balraj Joshi Appointed as New NHPC Chairman

Balraj Joshi was appointed the chairman-cum-managing director (CMD) of NHPC Ltd, the country's premier hydro power utility. Joshi is at present director (technical) in the organisation. According to another order, P. Alli Rani has been appointed the CMD of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) Ltd. She is at present director (finance) in Container Corporation of India Limited. Rani has been appointed to the post for a period of five years.

Pro Tip:

NHPC Headquarters – Faridabad, India

SPORT

First Indian team for FIFA U-17 World Cup announced

The first ever Indian squad to participate in the a FIFA World Cup, U-17 World Cup Squad has been announced. The 21 players who will participate in the World Cup Squad include Dheeraj Singh, Prabhsukhan Gill, Sunny Dhaliwal Boris Singh, Jitendra Singh, Anwar Ali, Sanjeev Stalin and Hendry Antony. FIFA U-17 World Cup is scheduled to start in Panaji from 6 October. India will take on USA on 6 October, followed by Colombia and Ghana on 9 and 12 October respectively at New Delhi.

