
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS NOVEMBER: WEEK V

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS

- Axis Bank has launched instant international payment services using the block chain technology solution from Ripple.
- Payments Bank 'Paytm Payments Bank' was formally launched by the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) warned some co-operative societies against the use of word "Bank" in their names.
- Bank of Baroda launches digital Supply Chain Finance solution.

APPOINTMENTS

- Snehlata Shrivastava has become the first woman secretary general of the Lok Sabha.
- IAS officer Pradeep Singh Kharola has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India.
- Former Planning Commission Member NK Singh has been appointed as chairman of 15th Finance Commission.
- Shaktikanta Das, former secretary of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), has been appointed as India's G20 Sherpa.
- Dia Mirza has been appointed UN Environment's Goodwill Ambassador for India.

OBITUARIES

- Former Kerala minister E Chandrasekharan Nair passes away.
- Jazz singer Jon Hendricks passes away.
- Egyptian actress and singer Shadia passed away.

HONOUR AND AWARDS

- Harmandir Sahib or Golden Temple of Amritsar has been awarded as the most visited place of the world.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- World AIDS Day is celebrated on 1 December every year since 1988.
- The first one-rupee note was printed in India on November 30, 1917, with the photo of King George V.

MOUS AND PARTNERSHIPS:

- India and Italy have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhanced cooperation in health sector.
- India, Greece sign MoU for Air Services Agreement.
- India to Help Mauritius on Digital Locker.

RANKS AND INDICES:

- India has been ranked at 68th spot on the Global Entrepreneurship Index of 2018.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters from South Africa has won the title of Miss Universe 2017.
- 'Ayodhya Mahotsav' will be staged in Seoul and Gimhe cities of South Korea next year.
- Karen Pierce has become the UK's first ever female ambassador to the UN.
- FIFA have unveiled the official poster for the 2018 World Cup in Russia.
- Khaled el-Balshy an Egyptian rights campaigner has won the Nelson Mandela award for individual activism for 2017.
- Australian state, Victoria, became the first in the country to legalise assisted dying, or euthanasia, with lawmakers voting to allow terminally ill patients the right to request a lethal drug to end their lives from June 2019.
- Preet Dibbal has become the first Sikh woman Mayor in the United States.
- 7th World Military Games to be Held at Wuhan in China.
- Valtteri Bottas won the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- Gopi Thonakal became the first Indian man to win 16th edition of Asian Marathon Championship.

- Indian table tennis player G. Sathiyam grabbed the gold medal after defeating Japan's Kazuhiro Yoshimura in the men's singles final of the 2017 ITTF Challenge Spanish Open in Almeria.
- 48th International Film Festival of India 2017 concluded in Goa.
- The Supreme Court will place a portrait of a woman lawyer in one of its libraries for the first time in the 67-year history of India's top court.
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise named 'Clean Sea-2017' at sea off Port Blair, Andaman.
- Two-day Korea Tourism Festival 2017 opens in Gurugram, Haryana.
- Delhi to host International Geological Congress (IGC) in 2020.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The first ever artificial intelligence politician called SAM has been developed by the scientists.
- India Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is ready to launch its first mission on sun with the Aditya-L1 mission.
- Mitra, a made-in-India robot, greeted Ivanka Trump, US President Donald Trump's daughter and advisor, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit held in Hyderabad.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- The state government of Punjab has notified the 'Punjab Goods Carriages (Regulation and Prevention of Cartelization Rules), 2017', barring goods carriage operators from forming cartels in the state.
- Assam government would celebrate Lachit Divas at various state capitals in the country from next year to promote the ideals of Lachit Borphukan -- the legendary general of Assam history.
- Maharashtra is the "most corrupt state" for the third year in a row according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Fish Pond Yojana' to increase fish production in Bhubaneswar.

SPORTS NEWS

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- Indian Sports Honours 2017 was organised in Mumbai.
- Official logo and mascot of Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 was unveiled by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at Kalinga Stadium.
- India's Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won gold medal at World Weightlifting Championships held in Anaheim, United States.

