

# Monthly GK Digest: October 2017

## Banking and Financial Awareness

- HDFC Life Insurance Company has launched Neo which is a servicing bot for Twitter.
- The Appointments Committee of the government has named Rajnish Kumar as the new chairman of SBI or the State Bank of India.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced Fourth Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement for the financial year 2017-18. Repo and Reverse repo rates were unchanged.
- The state-owned Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has become the first Indian financial institution to raise 'green masala bonds'.
- Digital payment firm Mobikwik partnered with IRCTC Rail connect app.
- RBI has opened a new branch in Dehradun the capital city of Uttarakhand state.
- HPCL- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation tied up with Vijaya Bank for Digital payments.
- India signed a contract with EIB- European Investment Bank for financing Bangalore Metro Rail project.
- Market regulator SEBI has announced to impose penalty if a company violates the minimum public shareholding (MPS) norms.
- PNB MetLife India Insurance has appointed Ashish Srivastava as its new MD and CEO.
- The Reserve Bank of India is to launch a Financial Literacy Drive to educate people on financial awareness like e-transactions, in 9 states.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes has signed two more advance pricing agreements (APAs) with taxpayers, related to automobile and healthcare consulting sectors.
- Tata AIA Life launched Eazy Connect chatbot, a servicing tool for social media.
- The Government of Odisha and the State Bank of India have signed an MOU for integration of SBI e-Pay with the cyber treasury of the state.
- SBI has launched a new product called SME Assist ,to provide a short-term working capital loan to its MSME clients.
- Mastercard has announced the launch of its global research and development arm Mastercard Labs in Pune, India.
- State Bank of India is prepared to set Up Country's Largest Innovation Centre at Mumbai.
- In its latest World Economic Outlook, the IMF lowered India's growth forecast for 2017 to 6.7% from its earlier estimate of 7.2 percent.
- Income Tax department activated 'Online Chat' service to redress the grievances of the tax payers.
- SEBI has reconstituted its committee on market infrastructure institutions under the chairmanship of R Gandhi.
- RBI has guided banks to issue loans to rural women SHGs at 7 % under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission in 2017-2018.
- Private sector Bank , Yes Bank is to fund Rs.156 Crores for the STP- Sewage Treatment Plant at Varanasi under Namami Gange project.

- NITI Aayog forecasted that the GDP might grow to 6.9 to 7 % in the fiscal of 2017-2018 and to 7.5% in 2018-2019.
- Union Bank of India launched an app called Union Sahyog, which offers both English and Hindi.
- Yes Bank has partnered with an Abu Dhabi International Financial Center, for collaboration in financial technology systems in India and Saudi Arabia.
- Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX) launched India's first commodity options in gold.
- The Ministry of Finance has permitted all public sector banks and the top 3 private banks to accept deposits for Small savings schemes.
- SBI has waived charges for fund transfer of up to Rs. 1000, made through the IMPS (Immediate Payment Service).
- RBI to make LEI must for companies with over Rs 5 crore exposure, in a move to help preventing multiple loans to firms under same collateral.
- The Reserve Bank of India has formed a 10-member 'High Level Task Force" on developing a transparent Public Credit Registry (PCR)" for India.
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) became the first Indian company to cross Rs. 6 trillion market capitalization.
- In the Forbes magazine's list of richest persons, Founder of Magazine, Jeff Bezos surpassed Bill Gates.
- IndusInd Bank, in association with MobiKwik had announced the launch of wallet 'IndusInd MobiKwik' that allows its customers to pay at the MobiKwik merchant network using their accounts.
- The Indian government has announced an allocation of Rs 2.11 lakh crore over 2 years for the recapitalization of public sector banks.
- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) has announced the appointment of Jayant Rikhye as the Chief Executive Officer for India.
- The Reserve Bank of India has clarified that linking of Aadhaar to bank account is mandatory under the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Second Amendment Rules, 2017.

## New Appointments

- Mridul Kumar has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Malaysia.
- Soumya Swaminathan has been appointed as one of the Deputy Directorr Generals of WHO.
- FICCI appointed Param Shah as the new director for the United Kingdom operations.
- Nisha Desai Biswal has been appointed the president of the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC).
- Anupam Kher has been appointed as the new chief of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
- MobiKwik announced the appointment of Rukaiya Rangwala as the Business Head of 'MobiKwik Payment Gateway'.

- Gautam Bambawale , IFS Officer is appointed as India's new Ambassador to China.
- Ranjit Kumar, Solicitor General of India resigned from the post, the tenure of which was extended on last June.
- Sunny Verghese was appointed as the new chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has appointed Suresh Sethi as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- The government has promoted senior IPS officers Rakesh Asthana as a special director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Shri Alok Kumar Pateria is appointed as the Additional Director General of CISF, Central Industrial Security Force.
- NS Venkatesh has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- Sibi George has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland

## Obituaries

- Veteran Film director Kundan Shah passed away.
- Monojit Datta, famous Indian musician passed away.
- Hanumant Moreshwar Marathe, Indian journalist and writer passed away.
- Former Union Minister Purushottam Lal koushik passed away.
- Veteran Indian historian Satish Chandra passed away on October 13, 2017.
- Eminent Indian filmmaker Kundan Shah passed away
- M. V. S. Haranatha Rao, Indian playwright and actor, passed away on October 9, 2017.
- Thuravoor Viswambharan, Indian Vedic scholar and writer passed away on October 20, 2017.
- Roy Dotrice ,Veteran British actor passed away.
- Shamsher Khan, India's first olympic swimmer passed away.
- Former CPI-M Lok Sabha member Amal Datta passed away.
- Sana Iqbal, Indian cross-country cyclist and anti-suicide activist died of traffic collision
- Eminent classical singer and Padma Vibhushan awardee Girija Devi has passed away at the age of 88.
- Famous Malayalam writer and Sahitya Akademi winner, Punathil Kunjabdulla passed away at the age of 77.
- Veteran Malayalam director I V Sasi, best known for his many famous films died at 69.
- John Mollo, British costume designer (Star Wars, Alien, Gandhi) and Oscar winner passed away

## Honour and Awards

- Journalist Gauri Lankesh has been honoured posthumously with the Anna Politkovskaya Award.

- PC Narayan, faculty from the Finance and Accounting at IIM Bangalore has been selected for the 'Teaching Innovator Award-2016' by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- Renowned vocalist Manik Bhide has been chosen for the prestigious Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi award for the year 2017-18 for her contribution in the field of music.
- Indian lawyer Colin Gonsalves Wins Swedish Right Livelihood Award.
- IPS Officer of Uttar Pradesh Cadre, Aparna Kumar became the first Indian woman to scale Mount Manaslu.
- English writer Kazuo Ishiguro has been awarded the Nobel Literature Prize for 2017
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) has been awarded with the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize
- Scientists Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson won the 2017 Nobel Prize for Chemistry.
- Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries about the body's daily rhythms.
- The 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to Rainer Weiss, Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne for their detection of gravitational waves
- M K Sanu, famous Malayalam writer has been chosen for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016.
- Actor and Film-maker Prakash Raj received the Kota Shivaram Karanth Huttura Prashasti award.
- Famous Novelist T D Radhakrishnan has been selected for Vayalar award 2017.
- US author George Saunders has won Man Booker Prize 2017 for his novel "Lincoln in the Bardo".
- Prominent poet, lyricist and journalist Prabha Varma has been chosen for the Padma Prabha Puraskaram this year.
- Famous Konkani Folk artist Gopal Gowda has been selected Kalakar Puraskar 2017.
- Vocalist T.M. Krishna will receive the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015-16.
- Environmental scientist Schellnhuber receives Blue Planet Prize, world's most prestigious award for environmental science.
- Fifty Indian peacekeepers stationed in South Sudan have been awarded the UN Medal for their professionalism and service
- Veteran theatre actor-director **Ram Gopal Bajaj** will be felicitated with Kalidas Samman.
- Indian-origin South African couple, **Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim** has bagged the prestigious award by the Institute of Human Virology (IHV).
- 11-year-old Indian-American schoolgirl **Gitanjali Rao** has been named as "America's top young scientist".
- **L & T Tech Services Ltd** is conferred with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Industrial Innovation award 2017

## Important Days

- International Day of older persons was celebrated on 1 October 2017.

- China celebrated 68th national day on October 1, 2017.
- 2 October 2017 was observed as the 148th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- International Day of Non violence is also observed on October 2
- International Teachers Day was celebrated on 5 October 2017.
- World Post Day is celebrated across the globe on 9 October annually.
- World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October annually.
- International Day of Girl Child is celebrated across the world on 11 October annually.
- International Day for Disaster Reduction was observed across the world on 13 October
- October 15th is celebrated as "International day for rural women" to recognize the contribution made by rural women.
- World Food Day is celebrated on October 16 every year by FAO- Food and Agricultural Organisation.
- "The United Nations' (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty" is observed on October 17 annually.
- The second Ayurveda day was celebrated on 17 October 2017 by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- 20th October is observed as 'World Statistics Day', once in every 5 years from 2010.
- 21st October is observed as Police Commemoration Day throughout India ,to mark the memory of all Police personnel who have laid down their lives on duty.
- United Nations Day is annually observed on 24th October.
- World Development Information Day is celebrated on 24 October
- National Ayurveda Day is observed on 28 October annually.

## Index and Ranking

- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC) has been ranked tenth in the latest edition of Global Financial Centres Index 22 (GFCI)-London.
- The Economist has released the Safe City Index 2017 in which 60 cities were assessed. India's Delhi is at 43rd rank while Mumbai secured 45th rank in the index.
- India is ranked 100th among 119 developing countries on the Global Hunger Index 2017.
- In the latest list of Valuable Nation Brand List India has slipped to 8th place from the 7th place last year.
- The Jaipur and Srinagar Airports were ranked first and second respectively in ACI (Airports Council International)-ASQ (Airport Service Quality) Survey in the category of 2-5 million passengers.

## MoUs and Partnerships:

- Nepal and India have decided to conduct a joint headcount of tigers in the national parks, forests and sanctuaries.
- 14th India- EU summit was held at New Delhi. PM Narendra Modi represented India.
- Bangladesh signed a \$5 billion dollar LoC agreement with India for its infrastructure and social development.
- IIT-Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samsung India for Digital Academy in the campus of IIT-K.
- Ministry of Railways and Germany have signed a Joint Declaration of Intent to carry out feasibility study on existing Chennai-Kazipet corridor of Indian Railways.
- The Union Cabinet Modi has given its approval for signing "Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)" between India and Japan on the "Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)".
- India, Brazil and South Africa have signed the IBSA Trust Fund Agreement that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries.
- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund of India (NIIF) has signed an investment agreement for \$1 billion with a unit of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- India and the United States have signed an agreement to implement the programme for Helicopter Operations from Ships Other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC).
- Indian Government signed a 65.5 Million USD agreement with ADB ( The Asian Development Bank ) to support coastal protection in Karnataka.
- Ministry of Power and Ministry of Textiles have partnered to launch SAATHI initiative to help small textile industries.

## Books and Authors

- The biography of veteran actress Hema Malini titled "Beyond the dream girl" was launched.
- Former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee released the third series of his autobiography titled "The Coalition years 1996-2012"

## Important News- World

- India is going to be a part of the upcoming Annual Gathering of World's Summit of Governments. This summit is scheduled for February 11 to 13, 2018.
- Russia has launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker ship called Sibir.
- The eighth edition of Conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians (ASSP) began in Colombo.
- The United Arab Emirates has begun collecting new "sin" taxes on tobacco products, energy drinks and soft drinks.

- The government of Saudi Arabia has announced that Eman Al-Ghamdi ,the first woman to be appointed as assistant mayor of Al Khubar governorate.
- India has opened two immigration check posts along the borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- The International Police Organization or Interpol has accepted Palestine as its new member.
- Austria's laws banning face veils has come into effect from this month.
- HPCL is the first Indian Oil Marketing company to start marketing lubricants in Myanmar.
- The fifth series of Mitra Shakti, the joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka commenced in Pune yesterday conducted at the Aundh Military Camp.
- The Central Government of India has imposed anti-dumping duty on imports of certain steel wire rods from China for five years.
- India-Australia Joint Steering Committee's first Meeting was held in New Delhi.
- The Union Minister for Finance Arun Jaitley participated in the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting in Washington D.C.
- Russia is to conduct INDRA-2017, the first-ever Tri-Services Joint Exercise between Indian and Russian Armed Forces from October 19 to October 29.
- The first nation to accept bitcoin in exchange for citizenship is the island country- Vanuatu.
- Indian actor Varun Dhawan is the youngest actor to get a wax statue done at Madame Tussauds, Hong Kong.
- Jacinda Ardern is to become the next prime minister of New Zealand and the third prime minister to lead the country.
- A direct bus service commenced between New Delhi and Rolpa district in Nepal once in a week.
- The Democratic Republic of Congo has been elected to the UN Human Rights Council.
- Burundi has become the first country to leave the International Criminal Court.
- The Parliament of Catalonia has declared independence from Spain.
- French Minister for the Armed Forces, Florence Parly is on a two-day visit to India. This visit will strengthen France's fast developing defence cooperation with India.
- According to the 'Global Passport Power Rank 2017' by global financial advisory firm Arton Capital, Singapore has the world's "most powerful" passport.
- Saudi Arabia has become the first country to grant citizenship to a robot.
- Jacinda Ardern sworn in as New Zealand's 40th and the youngest prime minister in 150 years.
- The Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Suraksha which was provided by the Indian Coast Guard to the Sri Lanka Navy last month has been commissioned as Sri Lanka Coast Guard Ships at the Colombo Harbor.
- Qatar announced that the country will introduce the minimum wage for workers of the country.
- Central American country Nicaragua has signed the Paris Agreement on climate change, leaving the United States and Syria which have not signed the pact yet.

## Important News- India

- Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in collaboration with Ministry of Culture and is organising the first ever ASEAN-India Music Festival from October 6th-8th 2017 at Purana Quila in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in collaboration with other Central Ministries and State Governments is organizing a "Paryatan Parv" across the country from the 5th to 25th October 2017.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed a five-member Commission-G Rohini committee- to examine sub categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) under Article 340 of the Constitution
- The government of India has unveiled 3rd National Wildlife Action Plan (NWAP) 2017-2031.
- "Secure Himalaya", a six year program, was launched by Government of India on the inaugural day of the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) conference.
- The Centre has notified a new set of rules under the head Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 replacing the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development will be hosting the 3rd annual 'Women of India Organic Festival' from October 1st to 15th, 2017, in New Delhi.
- Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya signed an MoU under Ek Bhart ; Sreshta Bharath program to boost cultural ties.
- The Department of Post launched Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana and expanded the coverage of Postal Life Insurance to professionals.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved two new World Bank supported schemes: Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) and Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE).
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Week from 09th to 14th October 2017.
- The government has changed the status of global marine body IALA to inter-government organisation from non-governmental organisation.
- The 5th edition of India Water Week-2017 was inaugurated in New Delhi by President Ram Nath Kovind on October 10, 2017
- The government of India has launched the next series of sovereign gold bond (SGB) scheme, the second in 2017-18.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched an Immunisation Drive from Gujarat's Vadnagar called Intensified Mission Indradhanush.
- Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture and National Geographic jointly organise the 4th Dialogue of Civilizations from 8th to 15th October 2017.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development has started an online campaign #IamThatWoman, to end Gender bias.
- Mahindra & Mahindra launched a programme, Purna with an objective to empower women working in the agriculture sector.
- India's first ever All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was inaugurated on Ayurveda Day on 17th October, 2017.



- The Provisions of "Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) Act 2017" have come into force from October 16, 2017.
- (FDDI was declared an 'Institute of National Importance').
- The Govardhan Eco Village, set up by the ISKCON in Palghar district, Maharashtra has won the Green Platinum Award, instituted by Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has planned a programme for promotion of North eastern products in Bangladesh and Myanmar.
- Government of India has set up a committee for suggestions on Artificial Intelligence policy.
- India has overtaken the United States to become the second-largest smartphone market in the world, after China in the first place.
- The Supreme Court has directed the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to ban the use of pet coke and furnace oil in the industries from November 1.
- Central Vigilance Commission has decided to develop an Integrity Index for broader strategy and emphasis on preventive vigilance.
- Ministry of Tourism has shortlisted seven companies and signed a Letter of Intent with them for fourteen monuments under "Adopt a Village Scheme".
- Ministry of Culture announced that The 'Paika Bidroha' (Paika rebellion) of 1817 will be renamed in the history books as 'the First War of Independence'.
- The government of India has decided to restart halted political dialogue in Jammu Kashmir and Former Intelligence Bureau chief Dineshwar Sharma will be the Centre's interlocutor.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the international conference on Consumer Protection in New Delhi.
- Bharatmala, one of the largest highway construction project, was given the nod by the Union Cabinet. The total length of its first phase comes to around 34,800 km.

## Important News- States

- Development of a Turtle sanctuary in Allahabad along with a River Biodiversity Park at Sangam has been approved under Namami Gange programme.
- Government has set up a high-level committee to evolve a strategy for management of the north east region's water resources.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated a toilet for the third gender in the Mangalwara area for their exclusive use.
- The State government of Karnataka has launched Mathru Poorna Scheme. This scheme aims to meet the nutritional needs of pregnant and lactating women in rural areas.
- 'No helmet, no petrol' rule for two-wheeler riders has come into force in Andhra Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched 'Single Click Pension Delivery' scheme, where the money will go directly into the account of the beneficiaries.
- Niti Aayog will host the eighth annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad on November 28-30.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the Pratham—Shyok bridge in Leh.

- Gujarat is to become the second state after Goa to use the Electronic voting machines with voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) system for assembly elections.
- Madurai's Meenakshi Temple of Tamilnadu named the best Swachh Iconic place in India.
- CM of Andhra Pradesh ChandraBabu Naidu launched " Swachh Andhra Mission ". Shuttler PV Sindu is chosen as Brand Ambassador.
- Madhya Pradesh launched Mukhya Mantri Kaushal Samvardhan and Kaushalya Yojana.
- Kolkata is to host the six day International Puppet Festival from 26 October 2017.
- Haryana's Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced ration cards for nomadic tribes.
- The Chhattisgarh government has banned the use of chlorinated plastic and short-life Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) used in carry bags.
- Jivamritam filtration system project of Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Kerala which aims to provide clean water to rural India was launched by the President of India.
- Gujarat Government has announced the Garments and Apparel Policy-2017, with the aim of creating more opportunities in the garment sector of Gujarat.
- Himachal Pradesh government implemented the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) to provide easy access to curative health care services by way of additional cover.
- Visa has joined hands with the Andhra Pradesh government for Digital Dhan Sankalp project, an initiative to transform Visakhapatnam into India's first 'less cash' city.
- Uttarakhand State Government and a charitable funding agency launched 'Solar Briefcase' in Kedarnath Dham, to provide electricity to far-flung areas in the hill areas.
- Rajasthan became first state in the country to incorporate skill development programme in higher education, in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), a digital literacy programme at Gandhinagar in Gujarat.
- Madhya Pradesh has launched a new scheme called "Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana" to provide the compensation for agriculture products.
- Odisha's first PNG supply was started in Bhubaneswar, which is an integral part of 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga' pipeline project.
- Rajasthan has become first in India to call attention and adjournment motions and proposals online from legislators to send them to the state government.
- The Government has given Green clearance to the Greenfield Airport Project at Hirasar, Gujarat.
- Rajasthan Government has introduced The Code of Criminal Procedure (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2017 to prohibit probes against judges and officers without sanction.
- Assam State Government rolled out 'Tourism Policy of Assam 2017' to increase tourist inflow in the state by two to three times within next five years.
- The Maharashtra Govt. has released the sum of 4,000 crore rupees under the first phase of the farm loan waiver scheme.
- Arunachal Pradesh Assembly approved creation of Kamle as 23rd district.
- The AYUSH Festival of Stamps 2017 has been inaugurated the two days exhibition event at Panaji.

- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Vasundhara Raje has opened up the expansion of Annapurna Rasoi Yojna in all the 191 urban areas of the state.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu received the Golden Peacock Award in London, under the category of Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the fifth edition of four-day Tawang festival.
- Odisha is declared as the 'Focus State' in the World Food India (WFI) event-2017, which will be held at New Delhi from November 3 to 5.
- India's first Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) for Skilling in smart cities was inaugurated in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'roll-on-roll-off' (ro-ro) ferry service between Ghogha in Saurashtra and Dahej in south Gujarat.
- Haryana Government announced that 50-100 acres would be earmarked in major towns to set up 'PG hostels for cattle' thus providing a "central place" for milch cattle.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palanswami, laid the foundation stone for Rs.198 Crore estimated aerospace park at Kanchipuram district.

## Sports News

- Pooja Kadian has bagged India's maiden gold medal at the World Wushu Championships.
- The 20th edition of Asia Masters Athletics Championship was held in Rugao, China. Indian athletic team bagged 146 medals in total.
- Jagan Kumar wins sixth title at National Motorcycle racing.
- FIFA Under 17 Football World Cup 2017 commenced in India.
- Former boxing coach Gurbax Singh Sandhu was conferred with the National awards to senior citizens, Vayoshreshtha Samman.
- Iceland has become the smallest country ever to qualify for the World Cup after beating Kosovo
- Chandigarh golfer Ajeetesh Sandhu won his maiden title on the Asian Tour at Taipei.
- The country's first portal dedicated to para-sports, "thenationspride.com", was launched in Mumbai.
- Tennis star Rafael Nadal has won his 75th singles title in the China Open Tournament.
- Switzerland's Esther Staubli has become the first female referee to officiate a match at the FIFA U-17 World Cup
- Indian football team has qualified for the 2019 AFC Asian Cup ,to be held at the UAE after a win over Macau
- FIFA has decided to suspend the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) on account of undue third-party interference.
- Jemson Ningthoujam and Ankita Bhakat clinched the gold medal in the World Archery Youth Championship in Rosario, Argentina.

- Kavita Devi has become the first Indian woman to sign for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).
- The 17-year-old Selena Selvakumar won singles and doubles gold medal and the team championship gold at Egypt Junior Table Tennis Championship.
- Tennis star Maria Sharapova won Tianjin Open Title, the first series after the 15 month doping ban imposed on her.
- Cricketer Shakib Al hasan is the first Bangladesh player to be inducted in the MCC world Cricket committee.
- Swiss Tennis Legend Roger Federer clinched Shangai Masters Title, after defeating Rafael Nadal.
- In the latest list released by Forbes, Indian Cricket team captain Virat Kohli has been placed at the seventh spot with a brand value of \$14.5 million.
- Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona's Lieke Martens were awarded the UEFA Players of the Year 2017.
- Gaganjeet Bhullar has won his eighth Asian Tour title at the Macao Open 2017.
- Indian hockey team has clinched Asia Cup 2017 title by defeating Malaysia.
- Indian Badminton Star, Kidambi Srikanth clinched his Denmark Open Super Series Premier title.
- The Cricket Association of Puducherry was chosen as an Associate Member of BCCI.
- Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu pair of India bagged first gold medal of the International Shooting Sports Federation(ISSF) World Cup Final in New Delhi.

## Science and Technology:

- The home ministry is examining the recommendations of TK Viswanathan committee formed to propose new laws or amendments to deal with hate speech on the internet
- The third edition of India International Science Festival will be held from October 13-16 at IIT-Chennai.
- Defence Security Corps personnel have got a new software called 'ARPAN' version 3.0.
- Yatra online inc has partnered with OYO to expand the hotel inventory.
- National Highways Authority of India, NHAI launched new website and a PMIS, Project Monitoring Information System -mobile app.
- Flipkart launched MarQ, an in-house brand to sell large appliances.
- Japan has launched fourth Michibiki satellite for a new high-precision global positioning system (GPS).
- SpaceX launched Falcon 9 rocket which carried 10 satellites to bolster the global data communications network for Virginia-based company Iridium.
- World's Largest Combustion Research Centre was inaugurated at IIT Madras, to research in 'Alternative Energy and Environmental Protection'.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) launched an innovative health mobile App named 'MedWatch' on the occasion of its 85th anniversary

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft have partnered to launch an open-source and deep learning interface 'Gluon' .
- INS Kiltan, an indigenously built anti-submarine, was commissioned into Indian Navy.
- The world's first plant under the CarbFix Project to turn atmospheric carbon dioxide into stone has begun operations in Hellisheidi, Iceland.
- A new species of gecko at Chhattisgarh's Kanger Ghati National Park in Eastern Ghats was discovered. Its common name is the Kanger valley rock gecko and biological name is Hemidactylus kangerensis.
- The International Conference of Heads of Metrology Institutes decided to drop the traditional system to measure the unit of kilogram. The new artifacts are to be derived from the constants of nature, that are interdependent.
- Techno Giant SAP launches Asia Pacific Japan region's first Leonardo Centre in Bengaluru.
- Reliance Communication had received the final approval on its merger with Sistema Shyam Teleservicex Ltd from the Department of Telecommunication.
- Larsen and Toubro (L&T) handed over offshore patrol vessel (OPV) named "Vikram" to the Indian Coast Guard.
- The first phase of national optic fibre network christened as Bharat Net project will be completed by December 2017

