

GENERAL AWARENESS UPDATES:- (19th November – 25th November, 2017)

- India's Manushi Chhillar has won the coveted Miss World 2017 crown at a grand event in China. Chhillar is the sixth Indian to win the coveted crown. Reita Faria was the first Indian to be crowned Miss World in 1966.
- The 'Qaumi Ekta Week' was observed across the country from 19th November to foster and reinforce the spirit of communal harmony and national Integration. As part of the week-long programmes, 19th November 2017 was observed as National Integration Day.
- 19 November was observed as World Toilet Day. The theme for 2017 is 'Wastewater'.
- Nation paid homage to former PM Indira Gandhi on her 100th Birth Anniversary on 19th November. Indira Gandhi was the only female Prime Minister of the country. She served as Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977 and from 1980 until her assassination in 1984.
- India's tennis star Yuki Bhambri clinched his first title of the 2017 season on the ATP Challenger Tour following a win in the final of the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger in Pune.
- Ethiopians Birhanu Legese and Almaz Ayana won the Delhi Half Marathon, 2017. In the Men's section, Legese clocked 59 minutes 46 seconds to claim the first spot. In the Women's section, world record holder Almaz Ayana finished at the top of the podium.
- The 42nd World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) organised by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) began in New Delhi. The theme of this 42nd World Congress is "Military Medicine in Transition: Looking Ahead."
- Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar takes charge as SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) Executive Director. Other executive directors are P K Nagpal, S Ravindran, S V Murali Dhar Rao, S K Mohanty and Ananta Barua. Ajay Tyagi is the Chairman of SEBI.
- Private sector RBL Bank has set up an all women branch in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Based on the per capita income of its people, Qatar has been named the world's richest country as per the recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) report. The per capita GDP (gross domestic product) of Qatar is over Rs. 81 lakh.
- Grigor Dimitrov has won the ATP Finals Title in London, UK.
- Women's Youth World Boxing Championship began in Guwahati, Assam.
Mascot:- one-horned rhino 'Guppy'
Official Anthem:- 'Make Some Noise'
- Afghanistan stunned favourites Pakistan by a massive 185 runs to clinch their maiden Under-19 Asia Cup title, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- India's nominee to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Dalveer Bhandari was re-elected to the fifth and the last seat of the world court after Britain withdrew its candidate from the election. International Court of Justice Headquarters:- The Hague, Netherlands.

- The United Nations Universal Children's Day is celebrated every year on November 20 to promote international togetherness and improve children's welfare around the world. The theme of UCD 2017 is 'Kids Take Over'.
- India signs loan agreement with World Bank for USD 100 Million- for “Shared Infrastructure for Solar Parks Project”.
- Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare inaugurated World Fisheries Day (21 November) Celebrations 2017 under theme “2022 Ka Hai Sapna ... Kisan Ki Aay Ho Dugna - Sankalp Se Siddhi”.
- Sahitya Akademi awardee Bengali writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen has been declared winner of the Big Little Book Award for year 2017 in the "Author in Bengali Language" category for her contribution to the children's literature.
- The world's biggest toilet pot model was unveiled at Marora, popularly known as the "Trump village", in Haryana on the World Toilet Day (19 November) in a bid to create awareness towards sanitation and use of toilets. A mega toilet pot measuring 20x10 feet was unveiled to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis.
- American singer Beyonce has been named the highest-paid woman in music in 2017 by the Forbes.
- India and Russia have agreed to implement the general declaration for visa free entry of the crew of chartered and scheduled flights between the two countries.
- Tencent has become the first Chinese company to be valued at more than \$500 billion in Asia.
- Brahmos, the world’s fastest supersonic cruise missile created history after it was successfully flight-tested first time from the Indian Air Force’s (IAF) frontline fighter aircraft Sukhoi-30MKI against a sea-based target in the Bay of Bengal.
- Combining the production of all types of fisheries (capture and culture), India has become the second largest fish producing country in the world. The scheme 'Blue Revolution' has been launched with the outlay of Rs. 300 crore for the integrated development and Management of the Fisheries sector in the country. China is the largest fish producer country in the world.
- Andhra Bank has launched a new scheme for self-help groups (SHGs) to encourage entrepreneurship. Under the scheme, Pattabhi Sitaramayya — Self Business Group (PS-SBG), SHGs having five years of association with Andhra Bank and having successfully completed three credit rotations with good repayment record and an aptitude for entrepreneurship, will be eligible for a loan.
- Telugu would be implemented as a compulsory subject from first standard to Intermediate, including in the CBSE and ICSE schools, from the next academic year in Telangana.
- Robert Mugabe has resigned as president of Zimbabwe after 37 years in power. Zimbabwe's former Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa will be sworn in as the President of the country.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Umang mobile application, an integrated platform for government to citizen services. Umang- an acronym for "unified mobile app for new age" e-governance - currently hosts around 162 services from 33 government

departments of central and state governments. The app has been developed by the ministry of electronics and information technology (MEITY).

- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved India's Membership for European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD). President:- Suma Chakrabarti. Headquarters:- London, United Kingdom.
- India has improved its ranking by three notches to 51 globally in terms of ability to attract, develop and retain talent while Switzerland topped the list compiled by leading global business school IMD.
- The government has constituted a task force for redrafting the 50-year old income tax law in sync with the economic needs of the country. The six-member task force will have Arbind Modi, CBDT Member (Legislation) as the Convener and other members, including Girish Ahuja (chartered accountant), Rajiv Memani (Chairman and Regional Managing Partner of EY) and Mansi Kedia (Consultant, ICRIER).
- The Centre has approved setting up of 'Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendras' across 115 most backward districts of the country through a new scheme for reaching out to rural women and facilitating skill development, employment, digital literacy, health and nutrition.
- 26th November was celebrated as Constitution Day.
- State Bank of India, the country's largest public sector bank, has launched a unified integrated app called YONO (You Need Only One) that would offer all kinds of financial and lifestyle products.
- In a first, a woman has been inducted as a pilot in the Indian Navy. Shubhangi Swaroop, who hails from Uttar Pradesh, will soon be flying Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft. Three other women cadets, Astha Segal, Roopa A and Sakthi Maya, also created history by becoming the country's first women officers at the Naval Armament Inspectorate (NAI) branch of the Navy.
- Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX) was conducted under the aegis of Andaman & Nicobar Command.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has cleared an ordinance amending the Indian Forest Act, 1927. The ordinance omits bamboo grown in non-forest areas from the definition of trees, thereby exempting it from requiring permits for felling or transportation. Bamboo grown in forest areas shall continue to be governed by the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
- Lionel Messi drew level with Cristiano Ronaldo's tally of four European Golden Shoes after receiving the award at a ceremony in Barcelona, Spain. The FC Barcelona superstar claimed the prize – handed to Europe's top goalscorer – for his 37 LaLiga strikes in 2016-17. It is the fourth time Messi has taken the honours, after his successes in 2010, 2012 and 2013.
- Ritu Phogat has clinched the silver medal in Under-23 Senior World Wrestling Championship at Poland.
- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development this year for his leadership of the country between 2004 and 2014 and for enhancing India's stature globally. The award was instituted by the Indira Gandhi Memorial trust in 1986.

