

GENERAL AWARENESS UPDATES:- (1st October, 2017 to 7th October, 2017)

- The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden has decided to award the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to the American trio of Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm. All three winners are from the US.
- The 2017 Nobel Physics Prize has been awarded “for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves” to Rainer Weiss, Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory.
- Kazuo Ishiguro has been awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017 to Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson "for developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution".
- The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).
- The International Day of Non-Violence was observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The nation paid homage to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary on 02nd October 2017. Lal Bahadur Shastri was born on 02nd October 1901 at Mughalsarai. Lal Bahadur Shastri led the country during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965 and gave the slogan - "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan. Vijay Ghat is the memorial of Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- The International Day of Older Persons was observed on 1st October. The theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2017 is “Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society.”
- Jagmeet Singh, a Sikh lawyer was elected the leader of Canada’s New Democratic Party, becoming the first non-white politician to head a major political party in the country.
- Austria’s law banning face veils such as burkhas or niqabs has come into effect.
- China marked the 68th National Day on 01st October 2017.
- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)'s International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) has bagged the 10th spot in the latest edition of Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI), London.
- The Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple has been adjudged best ‘Swachh Iconic Place’ in India.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched Swachh Andhra Mission on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Ace shuttler PV Sindhu has been chosen as the brand ambassador of Swachh Andhra.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed a five-member Committee. The Committee will be headed by Delhi High Court's former Chief Justice G Rohini to examine sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) under Article 340 of the Constitution.

- For the first time, Nepal and India will undertake a joint tiger census in their national parks, forests and protected areas adjoining the two countries using a globally-recognised method. Tiger is an endangered animal listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).
- TVS Racing's mascot Jagan Kumar notched his sixth straight title in the premier Super Sport Indian class to bring down the curtain on the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Jagan Kumar is the first Indian to win Asia Road Racing.
- Fourth Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement has been released by RBI. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to keep the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 6.0 percent. Consequently, the Reverse Repo Rate (RRR) under the LAF remains at 5.75 percent, and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.25 percent. The projection of real Gross Value Added (GVA) growth for 2017-18 has been revised down to 6.7 percent.
- First US Crude Oil Shipment, [bought by Indian Oil Corporation from the US](#), arrived in Paradip. Indian Oil has become the first Indian public sector refiner to source US crude.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) appointed Soumya Swaminathan one of two Deputy Directors General. The position is the highest post held by an Indian in the WHO. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the WHO's Director General. WHO Headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The Karnataka government launched the Rs.302-crore 'Mathru Poorna' scheme, aimed at providing free mid-day meals to pregnant and lactating women in rural areas.
- Foundation stone for the first ever Industrial Training Institute for the Divyangans exclusively was laid at Dibrugarh ITI Complex at Borboruah, Dibrugarh by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. Prof. Jagdish Mukhi is the new Governor of Assam.
- Bangladesh signed a \$4.5 billion third line of credit (LoC) agreement with India for its infrastructure and social sector development. Sheikh Hasina is the PM of Bangladesh. Abdul Hamid is the President of Bangladesh.
- Bharti Airtel has received Ghana's National Communications Authority's approval for the merger between Bharti Ghana (Airtel) and Millicom Ghana (Tigo), subject to certain conditions.
- The Queen's Baton for the 2018 Commonwealth Games arrived in New Delhi, India. The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be held in Australia. The Baton reached India from Pakistan. From India, the Baton will be taken to Bangladesh on October 9. The 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games was the sixth edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games held in South Africa.
- World Teachers' Day is held annually on 5 October. The theme of 2017 World Teachers' Day is "Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers".
- Centre has set up a high-level committee for proper management of water resources in the North-Eastern region. The Committee will be headed by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar.

- The World Government Summit announced that India is a guest country in its upcoming gathering. The Annual Gathering is scheduled from February 11 to 13, 2018. World Government Summit Headquarters are in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- The World Space Week is organized across the World from 4 to 10 October every year. World Space Week theme for 2017 is 'Exploring New Worlds In Space'.
- The Mongolian Parliament confirmed Ukhnaa Khurelsukh as the country's new Prime Minister.
- The Reserve Bank of India opened a branch in the Dehradun city to make transactions of the Uttarakhand State government more convenient.
- HDFC Life Insurance Company has launched 'Neo', a servicing bot for Twitter that uses artificial intelligence for customer service. This is the second bot put in operation by HDFC Life, after the launch of SPOK, which was an email bot to answer customer queries. Aditya Puri is the CEO of HDFC Bank.
- Pooja Kadian became the first ever Indian sportsperson to win a gold medal at the Wushu World Championship in Kazan, Russia, in the women's 75kg Sanda category.
- Donald Trump is now the world's most followed leader on Twitter, while Narendra Modi is the third. India's Foreign Minister, Sushma Swaraj, is the most followed female world leader in the world with a 9.6 million following on Twitter.
- Journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead by unknown assailants recently, has been posthumously accorded with the prestigious Anna Politkovskaya Award, instituted by Reach All Women (RAW) in War. She became the first Indian Journalist to win Anna Politkovskaya Award.
- Banwarilal Purohit was sworn-in as Governor of Tamil Nadu by Madras High Court Chief Justice Indira Banerjee at the Raj Bhavan in Chennai.
- The much-awaited FIFA U-17 World Cup started with four opening day matches to be played in Delhi and Mumbai. The Official Mascot of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 is a clouded leopard called Kheleo. This is the first FIFA tournament hosted by India. The final will be held at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on 28 October 2017.
- Magicbricks announced the launch of India's first online bidding platform for residential and commercial properties and tied-up with developer M3M for the inaugural 'My Bid, My Home' under which consumers can bid for ready-to-move-in residential properties in Gurugram.
- Rajnish Kumar took over as the chairman of the largest public sector bank, the State Bank of India (SBI). He has replaced Arundhati Bhattacharya.
- The GST Council has reduced tax rates on 27 items and allowed the filing of returns on the quarterly basis. GST was launched on 01st July 2017 and is pegged as the country's biggest tax reform in its 70-year history.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will set up a research centre in Guwahati, Assam for startups, academicians, environmentalists and entrepreneurs.
- Veteran director Kundan Shah, best known for the dark comedy 'Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro', passed away at his home. He made his directorial debut on television in 1986 with the popular series Nukkad.

