

GENERAL AWARENESS UPDATES : - (25th June, 2017 to 1st July, 2017)

- International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit was observed on 26th June. The theme for 2017 is- "Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe."
- Manushi Chhillar from Haryana won the title of Miss India 2017.
- Bhumika Sharma, another Indian has become Miss World in bodybuilding championship.
- India became the first team to score the most 300-plus totals in One Day International (ODI) Cricket. India did so when they scored a total of 310 for the loss of five wickets in the second ODI against West Indies. It was the 96th time that India crossed the 300-run mark, surpassing Australia's 95.
- In Badminton, ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth has lifted the Australian Open Superseries trophy in Sydney. In the summit clash, 11th world ranked Srikanth stunned former world number one and Rio Olympics Gold medalist Chen Long of China. The trophy is Srikanth's second this season and fourth overall. He had won the Indonesian Open last week.
- The Aamir Khan starrer Dangal has become the first Indian movie to earn Rs.2,000 crore worldwide. Recently, Dangal also created the record of being the fifth highest-grossing non-English film ever.
- The USA designated Pakistan-based Hizb-ul-Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin as a global terrorist.
- The World Bank has cleared a USD 250-million loan for making Indian youth more employable through reskilling, in a move that is seen to aid the Skill India Mission.
- The Government has cleared the proposal for setting up a new airport in Jewar in Greater Noida.
- Ex-ISRO Chief and Padma Vibhushan awardee Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan has been appointed the Chairman of the committee to prepare the final draft of the National Education Policy.
- Srinivas Gokulnath from Maharashtra created history by becoming the first Indian to complete the 4,941-km Race Across America (RAAM) in the solo category. Considered to be the toughest cycle race in the world, he cycled for 11 days, 18 hours and 45 minutes. The race was won by Christoph Strasser.
- Google has been fined 2.42 billion euros (\$2.7 Billion) by the European Commission after it ruled the company had abused its power by promoting its own shopping comparison service at the top of search results.
- Uttar Pradesh Government has signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a loan of 1950 crore rupees for strengthening of roads in different district.
- Actress Priyanka Chopra has been appointed as the ambassador for government's flagship Skill India campaign, with the National Skill Development Corporation.
- Sharjah, a city in the United Arab Emirates was named 'World Book Capital for the year' 2019 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova.

- An agreement for IBRD Credit of USD 35 Million from World Bank for “Assam State Public Financial Institutional Reforms Project” was signed in New Delhi. The program size is USD 44 million, of which USD 35 million will be financed by the Bank, and the remaining amount will be funded out of State Budget.
- Odisha is all set to become the first state in the country to have a blood bank for the cattle.
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has joined hands with Facebook to launch nationwide voter registration reminder aimed at reminding eligible Indian voters to register themselves on the electoral rolls.
- The National Statistics Day was celebrated on June 29 to mark the birth anniversary of renowned statistician Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis.
- Actress Vidya Balan has named an ambassador of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM).
- British Prime Minister Theresa May won the confidence vote in the parliament, winning her first major test as the Prime Minister of a minority government in the United Kingdom (UK).
- The Minister of State for Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a new training program 'Comprehensive Online Modified Modules on Induction Training' (COMMIT) for State Government officials. The objective of this training program is to improve the public service delivery mechanism and provide citizen-centric administration through capacity building of officials who interact with the citizens on day-to-day basis.