

GENERAL AWARENESS UPDATES : - (31st January, 2017 to 5th February, 2017)

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the Union budget 2017-2018 in Lok Sabha on 01 February 2017.
- Sanjeev Sanyal, former global strategist and Managing Director of Deutsche Bank, has been appointed as Principal Economic Adviser.
- India's Lakshya Sen has become the World No 1 Junior Badminton player. The fifteen-year-old is the first shuttler from Uttarakhand to attain the numero uno spot at the international level.
- Tech giant Apple has reached an agreement with the Karnataka government to set up a manufacturing plant in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Apple is reportedly expected to start production for the Indian market in April.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) kicked off its operations by rolling out pilot services in Raipur and Ranchi.
- American President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to temporarily ban visas for refugees belonging to seven countries namely Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.
- Dushyant Chautala has been appointed as the president of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). Chautala is the youngest president of the apex body.
- Reliance Defence and Engineering Ltd (RDEL), a wholly owned arm of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd (RInfra), has signed a contract worth Rs. 916 crore with the Ministry of Defence to design and construct 14 Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard.
- Indian actress Priyanka Chopra has made it to the list of Harper's Bazaar's 150 most fashionable women.
- Film producer and Wimbledon tennis player, Ashok Amritraj has been appointed the United Nations in India Goodwill Ambassador for the Sustainable Development Goals. Amritraj is the first Ambassador for the UN in India.
- IPS officer from Union Territories cadre, Amulya Patnaik has been appointed as Chief of Delhi police. He succeeded Alok Verma, who has been moved as the director of CBI.
- Income Tax Department (ITD) led by Sushil Chandra has launched Operation Clean Money to verify the cash deposited in the banks during November 9th to December 30th 2016.
- Former Delhi Police Commissioner Alok Verma took charge as the new CBI Director.
- World Cancer Day was observed on 4 February, 2017, with the tagline 'We can. I can.'
- Leading stock exchange National Stock Exchange (NSE) has selected IDFC chief Vikram Limaye as its new CEO and Managing Director, two months after the sudden exit of Chitra Ramkrishna from the top post.
- As the Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhavan has reopened on 05th February 2017, visitors will for the first time see roses named after the Indian President and his wife, growing next to 'Abraham Lincoln', 'Christian Dior' and 'Queen Elizabeth'. 'President

Pranab', a crossbred variety of rose which was planted last month along with another variety of rose named 'Suvra Mukherjee', will blossom in spring.

- Champion cueist Pankaj Advani has won the Indian National Snooker Championship. With this, he became the only Indian men's cueist to be the holder of all national billiards and snooker titles at the same time – Billiards, 6-red Snooker and 15-red Snooker.
- England Test captain Alastair Cook has been honoured with Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE). Cook is the only England player to have scored over 10,000 runs in Tests and has also led England in the most number of Tests.