

GENERAL AWARENESS UPDATES : - (4th September, 2017 to 9th September, 2017)

- The 9th BRICS Summit started in Xiamen, China. The theme of the 9th BRICS Summit is "Stronger Partnership for a better future". The 8th BRICS Summit was held on 16th October 2016 at Goa, India.
- The National Nutrition Week was observed throughout the country from 1st to 7th September. The theme of the National Nutrition Week for 2017 is "Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health".
- Fincare Small Finance Bank (previously known as Disha Microfin Limited) kick-started its banking operations with about 25 operational branches across Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The bank was given final small finance bank (SFB) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2017. Rajeev Yadav is the CEO of Fincare Small Finance Bank.
- Karnataka government will merge the existing seven health schemes to launch a unified health scheme- 'Arogya Bhagya'. It will cover all 1.4 crore households of the state. The main theme of the 'Arogya Bhagya' scheme is "Treatment First and Payment Next".
- Karnataka Bank has bagged the 'best bank' award among small banks for the use of technology for financial inclusion at the 13th IDRBT Banking Technology Excellence Awards 2016-17. Mr.Mahabaleshwara M.S is the MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank.
- Hyderabad International Airport Ltd has bagged the National Award for 'Excellence' in Energy Management at a conference hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- Star India edged out Sony Pictures to secure the Indian Premier League's media rights. The winning bid will allow Star India to air content on their properties for a period of five years (2018-2022).
- Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the first wicketkeeper in world cricket to effect 100 stumpings in One Day Internationals (ODIs). Dhoni achieved the feat in his 301st ODI in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Former Sri Lankan Skipper Kumar Sangakkara is on the second position with 99 Stumpings on his name.
- India has whitewashed host Sri Lanka 5-nil in One Day International cricket series. By winning all the 5 games, India became the first visiting country to inflict a 5-0 defeat on Sri Lanka.
- Indian Captain Virat Kohli made 30th ODI hundred in his only 194th game and is now jointly second highest in list of century makers alongside Ricky Ponting with only Sachin Tendulkar (49 hundreds) ahead of him.
- Teacher's Day was celebrated in India on 5th September in honor of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan was the first Vice-President of India. He was India's second president and a great scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna recipient.
- Astronaut Peggy Whitson returned to Earth, finishing a 288-day mission that put her over the top as the American who has spent the most cumulative amount of time in space. Peggy Whitson, 57, is also the oldest female astronaut in the history of space exploration, and holds the record for number of spacewalks by a woman.

- President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of the second phase of link IV pipeline canal of Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana in Rajkot, Gujarat.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched two new contraceptives- an injectable contraceptive MPA under the 'Antara' program and a contraceptive pill 'Chhaya' in the public health system to expand the basket of contraceptive choices for couples. Jagat Prakash Nadda is the Present Cabinet Minister of Health and Family Welfare.
- RBI included HDFC Bank in the list of 'too big to fail' lenders, referred to as D-SIB or domestic systemically important bank. India's largest lender SBI and private sector major ICICI Bank were classified as D-SIBs in 2015. With the inclusion of HDFC Bank in the list, there will now be three 'too big to fail' financial entities in the country. Aditya Puri is the CEO of HDFC Bank.
- R A Sankara Narayanan has taken charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Vijaya Bank.
- Olympic silver-medallist Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore **was** appointed as the new Youth Affairs and Sports Minister. Rathore has won multiple medals at the Commonwealth and Asian Games. He won a silver medal at the 2004 Olympic Games. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2005.
- Captain of Indian basketball team Amritpal Singh created history by becoming the first Indian player to be signed by an Australian Basketball team (Sydney Kings).
- DBS Bank India, part of Singapore-based financial services group DBS Group Holdings, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to convert its existing India franchise to a locally incorporated wholly-owned subsidiary (WOS) in India.
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and UP CM Yogi Adityanath jointly flagged off Lucknow Metro. Chennai, Delhi, Bangalore, Gurgaon, Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi and Jaipur already had Metro Services in India. With the inclusion of Lucknow Metro, now India has total 9 Cities that have Metro Service. Kolkata was the first city to have Metro Rail Service in India.
- The 12th edition of India-Nepal joint military exercise- Surya Kiran XII was held at Nepal Army Battle School (NABS) in Saljhandi, Nepal. Bidhya Devi Bhandari is the present President of Nepal.
- A joint military training, Exercise Yudh Abhyas-2017 will be conducted at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, USA from 14 to 27 September 2017 between India and the USA.
- Indian Navy and Sri Lankan Navy began the 2017 Sri Lanka-India Exercise (SLINEX) at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- India and Japan have agreed to collaborate closely in defense production, including on dual-use technologies. Shinzo Abe is the present Prime Minister of Japan.
- State-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) entered into an agreement with US-based networking solutions provider Coriant to chart the path to 5G and Internet of Things (IoT) in India. Chairman & Managing Director of BSNL is Shri Anupam Shrivastava.

- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under Ministry of Power, Government of India has launched UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable Lighting for All) Scheme in the State of Melaka, Malaysia. PM Modi on January 5, 2015, had launched the world's largest, and most extensive LED distribution program, UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable Lighting for All).
- The Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with the US-based Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT) to build India's first Hyperloop system.
- India's first operational Smart City and IFSC, Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City), has won the prestigious Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Services Excellence Award.
- Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra has been appointed as the first Indian woman ambassador in 'Friends of Australia' (FOA) advocacy panel by Tourism Australia.
- The book of Former Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran named "How India Sees the World: Kautilya to the 21st Century"- was launched.
- India will host the 2019 edition of the Commonwealth (Youth, Junior and Senior) Weightlifting Championships.
- The 51st International Literacy Day was celebrated on 8th September at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme announced by UNESCO is `Literacy in a digital world.
- The new FSSAI CEO Pawan Kumar Agarwal inaugurated the Nestle Food Safety Institute in Manesar, Gurugram. It will provide guidance and training on food safety.
- The First water ATM has been inaugurated in Hyderabad.
- The Unique Identification Authority of India's (UIDAI) chief executive officer (CEO) A.B. Pandey was appointed the interim chairman of the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN). This firm provides information technology (IT) backbone and portal for registration and tax returns under the GST regime.
- US banking regulators ordered Pakistan's Habib Bank to shut down its New York office after nearly 40 years, for repeatedly failing to heed concerns over possible terrorist financing and money laundering.
- Indian Wrestler Sonam Malik won a gold medal by defeating Japanese Wrestler Sena Nagamoto by 3-1 points on the fourth-day of Cadet World Wrestling Championship in Athens.