

**Important Weekly Current Affairs Revision Tit-Bits (8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017)**

- **India's leading FMCG Britannia to set up largest plant in – Maharashtra**

**Key Points:**

India's leading FMCG Britannia Industries would set up its largest plant in Maharashtra in a food park at Ranjangaon.

Britannia HQ – Bengaluru

CEO - Varun Berry

- **The person who has been appointed as Executive Director of World Bank - S Aparna**

**Key Points:**

World Bank HQ – Washington D.C

President - Jim Yong Kim

- **Iran's official news agency says two Iranian companies have signed the country's biggest-ever car deal with – Renault**

**Key Points:**

Iran's deal with French multinational automobile manufacturer Group Renault to produce 150,000 cars, beginning in 2018.

Country – Iran

Capital – Tehran

Currency – Iranian Rial

Renault HQ - Boulogne-Billancourt, France

- **An Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) honoured by UAE government - Firoz Merchant**

**Key Points:**

Firoz Merchant, has spent over USD 4 million to help free prisoners languishing in jails due to non-payment of debts.

Country – United Arab Emirates

Capital – Abu Dhabi

Currency – UAE Dirham

- **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has beaten this team to win MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup - Bengaluru Hockey Association**

**Key Points:**

91<sup>st</sup> All India MCC-Murugappa Gold cup Hockey Tournament

Winner – ONGC

Runner – Bengaluru Hockey Association

Best forward: Jenjen Singh (Bengaluru HA)

Best mid-fielder: Machaiah (ONGC)

Best goalkeeper-defender: Diwakar Ram

Most promising player: Sanjay Xalxo (Odisha)

Man of the final: Rajkumar Pal (BHA).

- **Kerala High Court ordered Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to lift the life ban imposed on Cricketer – Sreesanth**

**Key Points:**

He was banned from cricket in connection with the 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal.

- **8th meeting of Regional Technical Group on Trade, Commerce and Investment CBM of the Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process held in - New Delhi**

**Key Points:**

Country – Turkey

Capital – Istanbul

Currency – Turkish Lira

- **Flipkart has launched an exclusive programme aimed at Flipkart employees - 'Budding Star Programme'**

**Key Points:**

Flipkart HQ – Bengaluru

CEO - Kalyan Krishnamurthy

- **India's first micro forest being built in – Chhattisgarh**

**Key Points:**

The land of 19 acres of land which housed around 70 government office buildings in Chattisgarh's Raipur is being converted into India's first micro forest to create an oxy-zone.

State – Chattisgarh

Capital – Raipur

CM – Raman Singh

Governor - Balram das Tandon

- **NITI Aayog announces partnership with 6 states to transform - Health & Education sectors**

**Key Points:**

Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka under its 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital', SATH initiative to handhold them and transform their health sector.

Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha under its SATH initiative to transform their education sector.

NITI Aayog Chairman – PM Modi

Vice Chairman – Rajiv kumar

CEO - Amitabh Kant

- **Bajaj Auto has announced a global partnership recently - Triumph Motorcycles UK**

**Key Points:**

Bajaj Auto HQ – Pune

CEO of Bajaj Auto - Rajiv Bajaj

Triumph Motorcycles HQ – Hinckley, United Kingdom

Owner – John Bloor

- **Hritik Roshan has been signed as a brand ambassador by a health and wellness startup - Cure.fit**

**Key Points:**

A deal worth Rs 100 crore.

He will be associated with the brand for five years.

- **The next Chief Justice of India has been appointed by Union Government - Justice Dipak Misra**

**Key Points:**

**Justice Dipak Misra** will be replacing incumbent **Justice J S Khehar**, who is set to **retire on August 27, 2017**.

Present & 44<sup>th</sup> CJI - Justice J S Khehar

1<sup>st</sup> CJI – H J Kania

Next & 45<sup>th</sup> CJI - Justice Dipak Misra

- **Indian American who has been appointed as Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs in New York's Nassau county - Dilip Chauhan**

**Key Points:**

Country – Bahamas

Capital – Nassau

Currency – Bahamian Dollar

- **Indian-origin actor to be honored with Asia Society Game Changers Award - Dev Patel**

**Key Points:**

London-born Dev Patel, who became popular with his debut film Slumdog Millionaire.

- **Indian shooter who won a bronze in men's trap event at the 7th Asian Championship Shotgun at Astana, Kazakhstan - Kynan Chenai**

**Key Points:**

7<sup>th</sup> Asian Shotgun Championship - Astana, Kazakhstan

Country – Kazakhstan

Capital – Astana

Currency - Kazakhstani Tenge

- **According to the survey, almost all rural households in these states had access to a toilet - Kerala and Haryana**

**Key Points:**

The survey is released by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and was carried out by the **Quality Council of India (QCI)**.

**Bihar and Uttar Pradesh** has least access to toilets compared to other states.

Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation – Narendra Singh Tomar

Constituency – Gwalior, MP

- **The company which has announced the launch of virtual customer service (VCS) model in 4 Indian cities – Amazon**

**Key Points:**

VCS has currently been launched in **Hyderabad, Pune, Coimbatore, and Noida**.

Amazon HQ – Seattle, Washington, United States

CEO - Jeff Bezos

- **The National Green Tribunal bans use of non-biodegradable plastic bags in – Delhi**

**Key Points:**

Interim ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns in the entire national capital

NGT – National Green Tribunal

Union Territory – New Delhi

CM – Arvind Kejriwal

Governor – Anil Bajjal

- **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Attends 15<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Meeting in – Nepal**

**Key Points:**

15<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Meeting – Kathmandu, Nepal

BIMSTEC - Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

Union minister for external affairs – Sushma Swaraj

Constituency – Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh

Country – Nepal

Capital – Kathmandu

Currency – Nepalese Rupee

- **India has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol**

**Key Points:**

**India became the 80th country** to accept the amendment relating to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, the international emissions reduction treaty.

The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in February 2005.

Kyoto a city in Japan

Country – Japan

Capital – Tokyo

Currency – Japanese Yen

- **India's rank in 2017 Global Retirement Index (GRI) - 43rd position**

**Key Points:**

It is published by French asset management company **Natixis Global**.

1<sup>st</sup> Country in GRI – Norway

2<sup>nd</sup> Country in GRI – Switzerland

3<sup>rd</sup> Country in GRI – Iceland

- **Private sector lender IDFC Bank has partnered with digital payments company – Zeta**

**Key Points:**

IDFC Bank HQ – Mumbai

MD & CEO of IDFC Bank – Sunil Kakar

- **Vijaya Bank opens self-employment training institute in – Indore**

**Key Points:**

Vijaya Bank Self Employment Training Institute (VIBSETI) in Bhenslay Village, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Vijaya Bank HQ – Bengaluru

MD & CEO – Kishore Sansi

Tagline – A friend you can bank up on

- **An Indo-Canadian entrepreneur, has been appointed Canada's consul general in San Francisco - Rana Sarkar**

**Key Points:**

Country – Canada

Capital – Ottawa

Currency – Canadian Dollar

- **Uttar Pradesh Government has launched a new awareness drive called - Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra**

**Key Points:**

The drive will be focusing on cleanliness along the banks of Ganga river and maintain hygiene.

The drive will be covering a total area of **around 1,025 kms**.

State – Uttar Pradesh

Capital – Lucknow

CM – Yogi Adityanath

Governor - Ram Naik

- **Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launches mobile therapy van for – elderly people, widows and other section**

**Key Points:**

The CM flagged off mobile therapy vans to launch “Buniyadi Sanjivani Sewa”.

State – Bihar

Capital – Patna

CM – Nitish Kumar

Deputy CM – Sushil Kumar Modi

Governor – Kesari Nath Tripathi

- **Oxford University Press (OUP) has launched online dictionaries in - Tamil and Gujarati**

**Key Points:**

Oxford University Press HQ – Oxford, United Kingdom

- **Who has launched the NCERT’s Web portal for supply of textbooks to schools and individuals in New Delhi - Upendra Kushwaha**

**Key Points:**

Minister of state for Human Resource Development – Upendra Kushwaha

Constituency – Karakat, Bihar

NCERT – National Council of Educational Research and Training

- **India and the United States will co-host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit at –Hyderabad**

**Key Points:**

President **Donald Trump’s daughter Ivanka** will lead the American delegation.

Country – United States of America

Capital – Washington D.C

Currency – US Dollar

President – Donald Trump

Ivanka – Daughter of Donald Trump

- **The International Youth Day was observed across the world on – 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Key Points:**

The theme for International Youth Day 2017 '**Youth Building Peace**'

- **Government of India has decided to launch “AGEY” - “Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)”**

**Key Points:**

A new sub-scheme named “Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)” as part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

DAY-NRLM - Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission

AGEY - Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana

Union Minister of Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar

Constituency – Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

- **Turkey has started to construct a wall along the 500-km-long border with – Iran**

**Key Points:**

Country – Turkey

Capital – Ankara

Currency – Turkish Lira

- **The new Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a period of three years - lyricist Prasoon Joshi**

**Key Points:**

There are **12 members in the new board**, which include Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, Narendra Kohli, Naresh Chandra Lal, Vivek Agnihotri and Ms Vidya Balan.

CBFC - Central Board of Film Certification

New Chairman - Prasoon Joshi

Preceded by - Pahlaj Nihalani

- **This person has been appointed WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Physical Activity in South-East Asia Region - Legendary Indian athlete Milkha Singh**

**Key Points:**

WHO – World Health Organization

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Director-General of WHO - Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Nick Name of Milkha Singh – The Flying Sikh

- **Government of Telangana Launched ‘Smart Streets Lab’ in – Hyderabad**

**Key Points:**

It is an effort to apply and figure out technology-based **solutions for women and road safety in Hyderabad.**

State – Telangana

Capital – Hyderabad

CM – Chandrashekar Rao

Governor – E. S. L. Narasimhan

- **Union Minister of State for HRD has launched an Indian National Anthem video in sign language - Mahendra Nath Pandey**

**Key Points:**

Directed by filmmaker **Govind Nihalani**, the three-minute video features Bollywood actor **Amitabh Bachchan** along with **physically challenged children** performing the anthem in sign language with the Red Fort in the background.

The national anthem of India is "**Jana Gana Mana**" which was written by the Nobel laureate **Rabindranath Tagore**.

Union Minister of State for HRD - Mahendra Nath Pandey

Constituency – Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh

- **The person who has been accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino - Reenat Sandhu**

**Key Points:**

Country – San Marino

Capital – San Marino city

Currency – Euro

- **The new chief executive officer of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) - Dilip Asbe**

**Key Points:**

NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India

Chairman – Shri Balachandran M

Headquarters – Mumbai

- **Winner of the 2017 UEFA super cup football tournament - Real Madrid**

**Key Points:**

Winner – Real Madrid

Runner – Manchester United

UEFA – Union of European Football Associations

HQ of UEFA - : Nyon, Switzerland

FIFA – **Fédération Internationale de Football Association** (FIFA "International Federation of Association Football")

FIFA HQ - Zürich, Switzerland

President - Gianni Infantino

- **A three-day annual cultural festival named ‘Fete de Puducherry’ begins in – Puducherry**

**Key Points:**

The festival is held in association with the South Zone Cultural Centre (Tamil Nadu) every year to bring to focus the multi-faceted cultural features of various states.

Union Territory – Puducherry

CM – V. Narayanasamy

Governor – Kiran Bedi



- **Three Indian firms, which are among Forbes' list of the world's 100 most innovative companies - Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel**

**Key Points:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Salesforce.com (HQ - San Francisco, California, United States)

7<sup>th</sup> - Hindustan Unilever (India)

8<sup>th</sup> – Asian Paints (India)

78<sup>th</sup> - Bharti Airtel (India)

- **World Health Organisation (WHO) declared this country as free of polio – Somalia**

**Key Points:**

Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan are the remaining countries where polio is still being recorded.

WHO – World Health Organisation

Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

Director-General – Tedros Adhanom

Country – Somalia

Capital – Mogadishu

Currency – Somali Shilling

- **The person who has been appointed as the chief of Rajya Sabha TV - Shashi Shekhar Vempati**

**Key Points:**

New Chief of Rajya Sabha TV - Shashi Shekhar Vempati

Preceded by - Gurdeep Singh Sappal

Prasar Bharati HQ – New Delhi

Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting – Smriti Irani

Constituency – Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

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