

## GK Digest - Third Week of Nov '17 (13th -19th)

### **NATIONAL**

#### **Assam launches its First Air Ambulance for Public**

- The government of Assam inaugurated its first air ambulance of the state. It will **operate from Guwahati Airport**.
- The Air Ambulance is equipped with all emergency medical equipment and medical team to take care of patients onboard. Unveiling the service, Minister Patowary hoped that the air ambulance service would usher in a new era of healthcare for the patients of Assam and Northeast.

#### **India earns Rs. 14,354 crore by foreign tourist arrivals in October 2017**

- Tourism sector of India continues to flourish immensely. Notably, **Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs)** during the month of October 2017 was **Rs. 14,354 crore** as compared to Rs.12,100 crore in October 2016 and Rs.10,549 crore in October 2015.

#### **India's First Mega Coastal Economic Zone to come up in Maharashtra**

- The Union Government has given the go-ahead for setting up India's **First Mega Coastal Economic Zone (CEZ)** at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Maharashtra as part of a plan to develop 14 such industrial clusters to spur manufacturing and generate jobs.

#### **India's First Cartoon Network Theme Park to come up in Gujarat**

- **Turner International India**, which owns the Cartoon Network brand, has entered into a brand partnership with Gujarat based real estate, entertainment, and hospitality group Rajgreen for the launch of a **61,000 square meter** property **Amaazia, Surat**.
- Amaazia will be Cartoon Network's first brand association for an amusement park in India

### India Sixth Most Vulnerable Country Facing Extreme Weather Events

- India is the **Sixth most Vulnerable Country** in the world in terms of facing extreme weather events, according to the report released by the **Germanwatch**.
- The top 5 countries on the list are **Haiti, Zimbabwe, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Vietnam**.

### Dantewada hosts India 1st Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit

- To inspire, nurture, and promote the spirit of entrepreneurship in tribal youth, the **NITI Aayog** in partnership with the **US government** organized India's first **Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit at Dantewada**.
- The summit is inaugurated by **Y.S. Chowdary**, Minister of State - Science and Technology, held at Dantewada in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh.

### Kenneth Juster sworn in as new US Ambassador to India

- **Kenneth Juster** was sworn in as the **US Ambassador to India**. Vice President **Mike Pence** administered the oath of office to **Juster, Washington**.
- His work related to India played an important role in the transformation of the US-India relationship and helped provide the foundation for the historic civil nuclear agreement between the two countries.

### Anand Kumar of Super 30 is Awarded Rashtriya Bal Kalyan Award For 2017

- **Anand Kumar** founder of **Super 30** was awarded with **Rashtriya Bal Kalyan Award** for this year for his contributions in the field of teaching and education.
- He was honoured by **President Ram Nath Kovind**. Super 30 is a coaching institute providing free education, accommodation and food to students coming from unprivileged section of the society to clear IIT entrance examinations.

### Abu Dhabi Award for APMDC

- The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) bagged an international award from Abu Dhabi.
- APMDC was awarded as winner in second position under the category “**social contribution in country value**” by Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference Excellence in Energy Awards 2017.

### Famous Child Care activist Gopinath R selected for Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar Youth Award 2017

- The **Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad** (ABVP) which is the largest student organization has selected **Gopinath R** for **Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar Yuva Puraskar 2017**.
- He is a well-known childcare activist from Bengaluru and has been taking care of at least 400 deprived children.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### China launches World's First fully Electric Cargo Ship

- China launched the world's **first All-Electric Ship**, which can travel up to **80 km** with **2000-tonnes** cargo after a two-hour charge.
- The ship is **70.5-metre-long** and **weighs** about **600 tonnes**.

#### Indonesian beauty queen crowned Miss International 2017

- Indonesia's **Kevin Lilliana** was crowned **Miss International 2017** at an event held at the Tokyo Dome City Hall.
- Contestants from more than **70 countries and regions** competed on November 14, 2017.

#### USA approves First Pill with Digital Tracking Device

- The US Food and Drug Administration approved the first drug, **Abilify MyCite**, in the United States with a digital ingestion tracking system.
- The drug was developed by **Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd**, was first approved by the FDA in 2002 to treat **Schizophrenia** (a chronic and severe mental disorder that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves).

### Nicaragua's Sergio Ramirez won Spain's Cervantes Prize

- **Nicaraguan** author and former politician, **Sergio Ramirez Mercado** won the **2017 Cervantes Prize**, the Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor.
- He has written **more than 20 novels**, including "Margarita, esta Linda la mar" (Margarita, How Beautiful the Sea), which won Spain's prestigious Alfaguara award in 1998.

### Britain appoints the First Female Black Rod in 650 years

- Britain's Queen Elizabeth approved the appointment of **Sarah Clarke** as the country's first female Black Rod, in over 650-year history of the office.
- She will be known as **Lady Usher of the Black Rod** – the **first female to hold this title** – **after David Leakey** steps down at the end of the year.

### SPORTS

#### Shagun Chowdhary crowned National Women's Trap champion at 61st National Shooting Championship

- **Shagun Chowdhary** bagged a national champion crown when she won the Women's Trap Event at the 61st National Shooting Championship, New Delhi.
- She is the first Indian Woman Trap Shooter to win an Olympic berth.

#### Aditi first Indian to Qualify for LPGA Tour Championships

- **Aditi Ashok** qualified for the season-ending **CME Group Tour Championship** on the LPGA becoming the first from the country to play in the prestigious meet.
- The CME Group Tour Championship is a women's professional golf tournament, the season-ending event of the LPGA Tour. It succeeded the LPGA Tour Championship. It is the **second-longest running golf tournament** in the history of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

### Leander Paes and Purav Raja won Knoxville Challenger Men's Doubles title

- India's tennis star **Leander Paes** and his Indian partner **Purav Raja** clinched the **Knoxville Challenger Men's Doubles** title at **Tennessee** in the **United States**.
- The Indian duos defeated the pair of American-Australian James Cerretani and John Patrick Smith.

### France Named as Host of 2023 Rugby World Cup

- France will **host** the **2023 Rugby World Cup** to stage one of the world's best attended and lucrative sporting events.
- The country bet strong bids by South Africa and Ireland, but the award represents a repudiation of the sport's leadership which have transformed the quadrennial tournament into a multi-million-pound enterprise.

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