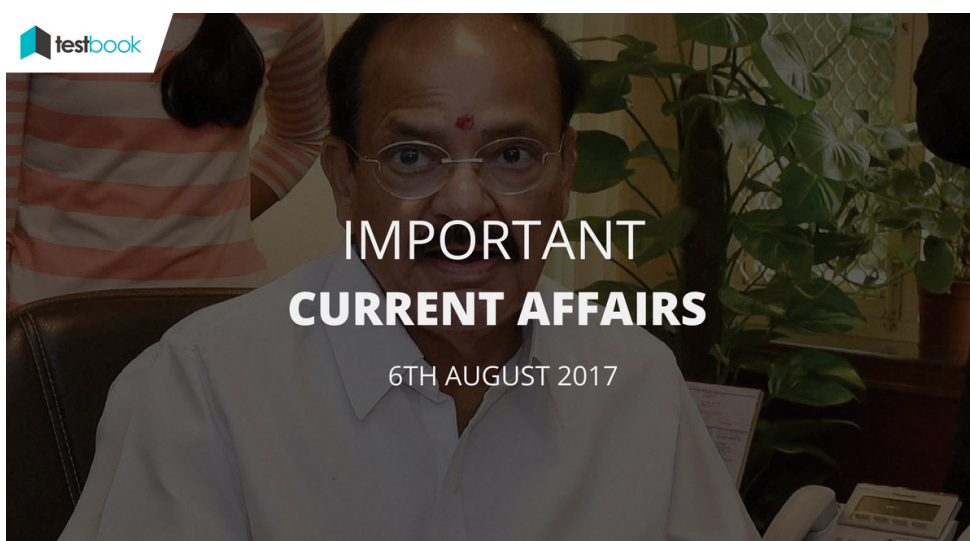




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- **Tenth successive global title**
 - British athletics Mo Farah won his 10th successive global title claiming the 10,000m world

crown at London.

- Farah, who registered a timing of 26 minutes & 49.51 seconds, has now registered his third consecutive world championship gold medal.
- He has won European Athlete of the Year award & British Athletics Writers Association British Athlete of the Year award, 3 times & 6 times respectively.

- **Naidu elected as Vice President**

- Senior BJP leader & former Union minister M Venkaiah Naidu was elected as the 13th Vice-President of India.
- He defeated Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Gopalkrishna Gandhi by 272 votes. Naidu, the NDA candidate won by largest margin in 30 years in a vice presidential election that had the highest polling ever.
- He will replace Hamid Ansari, who is completing his 2nd term in office on August 10.

- **New NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman**

- Noted economist Rajiv Kumar has been named as the next Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, think-tank that replaced Planning Commission.
- He will succeed Arvind Panagariya, who had recently quit as Vice Chairman of Niti Aayog.
- Earlier, he was Secretary General of FICCI and has also served as Director and Chief Executive of ICRIER.
- He was a member of National Security Advisory Board b/w 2006 & 2008.

- **Youngest to figure in TOP scheme**

- Budding India shooter Shapath Bhardwaj, aged 15, has become India's youngest athlete to figure in government's Target Olympic Podium scheme.
- He is among 45 elite athletes, including Olympic medalists PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Saina Nehwal, to be selected for the ambitious scheme.
- Sports Ministry has launched the TOP scheme with the specific aim of supporting medal prospects for Olympics.

- **Usain Bolt beaten in last solo race**

- Fastest man on the earth, Usain Bolt has been stunned as he finished 3rd in 100m Final of World Athletics Championship.

- In his farewell 100m, Bolt clocked a time of 9.95 seconds but was left behind by Justin Gatlin who clocked 9.92 seconds to claim Gold.
- Since 2008, when Bolt set his 1st world record, he had not lost a championship race & collected 19 gold medals in 100, 200 & 4×100 meters.

- **Vijender beats Zulpikar**

- Indian professional boxer Vijender Singh outslugged his Chinese opponent Zulpikar Maimaitiali to win his 2nd WBO boxing title.
- He retained his WBO Asia Pacific super middleweight title & claimed opponent's WBO Oriental Super Middleweight belt.
- This is his 9th professional victory, he has been unbeaten since he turned pro in 2015.
- He has been training in Manchester with his trainer Lee Beard

- **UK to scrap 'outdated' landing cards**

- Britain has announced plans to scrap landing cards for Indians and other non-EU citizens as part of the ongoing digital transformation of border & to ease passenger experience.
- Scrapping the cards is expected to free immigration personnel for other duties while saving nearly £3.6 million every year.
- Passengers arriving at Heathrow and other ports have filled out these cards since 1971.

- **PNB customers to pay higher charges**

- PNB customers will have to pay charges for depositing cash above Rs 5000 in non-base branch even if it is located in same city.
- Customer will have to pay Re 1 per Rs 1000 for above Rs 5000 cash deposit or part thereof with a min. of Rs 25 per transaction.
- Bank has also revised cheque returning charges for payment of above Rs 1 cr to Rs 2000 for first cheque & Rs 2500 for subsequent bounces.

- **Goa to host Defence Expo next year**

- Goa govt is all ready to hold Defexpo 2018, a land, naval & internal security exhibition at Naqueri-Quitol in South Goa.
- The biennial event organised by Defence Ministry was held at Naqueri-Quitol village in South Goa last year.
- Defence Expo is an exhibition of various defence-related products. It provides a platform

to the exhibitors to display their latest technologies and products.

- **Sri Lankan Navy commissions AOPV**

- Sri Lankan Navy has commissioned an India-built state-of-the-art Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel.
- Built at Goa Shipyard, SLNS Sayurala is 1st ever platform purchased from a foreign ship builder to boost search & rescue capabilities.
- It is the largest vessel built by an Indian ship builder for a foreign navy.
- It is expected to conduct patrols, policing & surveillance in its maritime zones

- **Govt merges NCRB with BPRD**

- National Crime Records Bureau has been merged with another central police organisation the BPRD by the govt.
- Merger aims to improve efficiency of development works related to policing. It will also boost crime data collection & research efforts of the two organisations.
- BPRD Director General will head the merged new entity, NCRB Director, an Additional DG rank post will report to the former.

- **Aparna appointed as Executive Director**

- S. Aparna, an IAS officer from Gujarat cadre has been appointed as Executive Director, World Bank to represent constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan & Sri Lanka for 3 years.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared her name for the position.
- She will replace Subhash Garg, who was appointed Economic Affairs Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

- **Pak gets 1st full-time Foreign Minister**

- Khawaja Asif has been appointed as the Pakistan's new Foreign Minister, the first full-time leader to hold the post since the party came to power in 2013.
- Nawaz Sharif retained the foreign affairs portfolio, the job was handled by Sartaj Aziz, who was adviser on foreign affairs.
- Khawaja Asif a former banker, earlier held the defence and power ministries.

- **Paul Kagame wins third term**

- Paul Kagame, controversial president of Rwanda has won a landslide victory securing 99% votes & 3rd term in office, extending his 17 years in power.
- Result gives him another 7 years leading the nation praised for its economic performance but criticised for its silencing of opponents.
- He won international praise for stability & economic development he brought in Rwanda since the 1994 genocide

- **Ankur Mittal wins gold**

- Indian shooter Ankur Mittal clinched the individual as well as the team gold medal in men's double trap at the 7th Asian Shotgun Championship.
- He shot 71 in the six-man final to finish at the top of the podium.
- He had won a gold medal at International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Mexico earlier this year.
- He had also bagged a silver in season's inaugural World Cup in New Delhi.

- **Hiroshima marks 72nd anniversary**

- Hiroshima marked 72nd anniversary of US atomic bombing at its annual memorial ceremony.
- This year's ceremony follows the adoption by 122 UN members of the world's first treaty to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons.
- Japan suffered 2 nuclear attacks at the end of WW II by US when a uranium-core atomic bomb dubbed "Little Boy" exploded in Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, killing 140,000 people.

- **UNSC imposes sanctions on North Korea**

- United Nations Security Council has passed a resolution imposing sanctions on North Korea for its continued ICBM testing & violations of UN resolutions.
- Sanction includes ban on coal & other exports worth over \$1 billion.
- It would be the 7th set of UN sanctions imposed on North Korea since its 1st nuclear test in 2006.
- It prevents North Korea from increasing no. of workers it sends abroad.

- **Ambassador for UP's cleanliness mission**

- Actor Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the brand ambassador of 'Clean UP mission' by chief minister Yogi Adityanath.
- He promised to proactively work towards making UP the open defecation free state, a cause in line with the theme of his upcoming movie Toilet Ek Prem Katha.
- The state government aims to make Uttar Pradesh open defecation free by October 2, 2018.

- **Disclose bank defaults within one day**

- SEBI has made it mandatory for companies to disclose any instance of default on payment of interest or repayment of principal to banks within a day of default.
- Companies have been directed to provide information pertaining to defaults to concerned credit rating agencies in a timely manner.
- The move comes against the backdrop of Rs10 trillion of stressed assets piling up in the banking system

- **Green Airports in Andhra Pradesh**

- As part of the Green airports initiative taken by Ministry of Civil Aviation, 2 airports in Andhra Pradesh are soon going to turn into Green Airports.
- Installation of 1 Mega Watt solar power plant at Tirupati and Vijayawada airports has commenced.
- Earlier, the Cochin International Airport Limited became the first airport in the world, to be completely powered by solar energy.



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