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### **Current Affairs Quiz - 3rd September 2017**

- **CBDT gets govt-honour**
  - The Central Board of Direct Taxes was honoured by Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh for successfully resolving public grievances.
  - The awards given to the CBDT was based on the theme of appreciation to the Ministries or Departments.
  - The CBDT is the apex policy making body for the Income Tax department.
- **Konsam Ormila Devi bags Gold**
  - India's Konsam Ormila Devi bagged a gold medal in 44kg weight category of the Commonwealth Youth (boys & girls) weightlifting championships, held at Gold Coast, Australia.
  - Ormila lifted 57kg in snatch and 76kg in clean and jerk for an overall effort of 133kg, to finish on the top of the podium.
  - With this effort, Ormila has registered her best lift so far.
- **Central scheme for senior citizens**



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- Union minister Thawarchand Gehlot launched a scheme that provides for physical aids and assisted-living devices for senior citizens belonging to the BPL category in Gujarat.
- The centrally-sponsored scheme, 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana', was unveiled on April 1 this year.
- Under the scheme, aids and assisted-living devices like walking sticks, elbow crutches etc are provided free of cost.
- **Ryzen Pro processors**
  - AMD presented a new line of microprocessor chips called 'Ryzen Pro' for commercial desktop workstations to be available in India and other countries by end of 2017.
  - The Ryzen Pro desktop processor is an 8 core and 16 thread CPU and much faster than the rival Intel's 'Core i7'.
  - The new Ryzen Pro processors are for commercial usage.
- **Trump to end Dreamers Program**
  - Donald Trump has decided to scrap a program giving work permits to people who came to the United States illegally as children.
  - The program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, was established in 2012.
  - DACA, as it is usually referred to, protected young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children without legal status.
- **Forecasting Dengue**
  - Scientists have developed a system that can predict the spread of dengue in different parts of India.
  - Study focuses on changes in a factor called extrinsic incubation period of the dengue virus, by taking into account daily and monthly mean temperatures different climatic zones.
  - EIP is the time taken for incubation of the virus in the mosquito.
- **Augmentation Prog In Buxa Tiger Reserve**





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- Tigers will roar again at Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal.
- Located in Alipurduar district, the reserve, parts of which border Bhutan, has been identified for the tiger augmentation programme by the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- Notified as a tiger reserve in 1983, Buxa consists of moist, deciduous and evergreen forests.
- **New CEO Of Novartis**
  - Vasant Narasimhan will be elevated as chief executive of Novartis in February 2018.
  - He joined Novartis in 2005 and has held numerous leadership positions in development and commercial functions.
  - Mr Narasimhan had also served as a consultant at McKinsey & Company.
- **Iran tests its homegrown air defence**
  - Iran has tested its home grown air defence system, designed to match the Russian S-300, the head of the Revolutionary Guards' air defence has said.
  - Bavar (which means "belief") is Tehran's first long-range missile defence system, and is set to be operational by March 2018.
  - In 2010, Iran began manufacturing Bavar-373 after the purchase of the S-300 from Russia was suspended.
- **Alphons Kannanthanam- Min for Tourism**
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new man to handle tourism, an area where the NDA government has launched a number of projects over the last two years, is Alphons Kannanthanam.
  - He replaces Mahesh Sharma, who retains his post as MoS Culture.
  - Known for his strong anti-corruption stance, the 64-year- old also featured in Time magazine's list of 100 Young Global Leaders in 1994.
- **Sports Minister appointed**
  - Rajyavardhan Rathore replaced Vijay Goel as the new Sports Minister in the latest cabinet reshuffle of the Narendra Modi govt.





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- Rathore was named as MoS (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Rathore had won the silver medal at the 2004 Olympics.
- **Tejasvi Duduka wins US Open**
  - Tejasvi Duduka from Hyderabad won the women's singles of U.S. Open Grand Slam Carrom tournament.
  - Earlier, she had won the Telangana State Women's singles title in Nizamabad.
  - In the men's singles, Vemuri Anil Kumar of India finished runner up for the second year in the U.S Open. It was won by former National Champion Radhakrishnan.
- **Def Ministry to procure weapons from HAL**
  - The Ministry of Defence will buy 41 more ALH advanced light helicopters from public sector Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
  - The Rs. 6,100-crore order signed recently includes 40 of the indigenously developed ALHs for the Army and one for the Navy.
  - In March, HAL had signed a contract for supply of 32 ALHs to boost the maritime security capabilities of the Navy and the Coast Guard.
- **1st wicket keeper to have 100 stumpings**
  - Former India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the first wicketkeeper in the history of One-day Internationals to effect 100 stumpings.
  - He surpassed the record of Kumar Sangakkara who has the record of 99 stumpings.
  - Dhoni, recently, became the sixth Indian player to play 300 matches in the 50-over format.
- **Shirish Pai passes away**





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- Noted poet Shirish Pai, credited with introducing 'Haiku' to the Marathi speaking world, passed away in Mumbai.
- Born in 1929, Pai was the daughter of noted writer-journalist 'Acharya' Pralhad Keshav Atre.
- She started writing 'Haiku' in 1975. She studied Japanese 'Haiku', its origin and nature and published five Marathi 'Haiku' books.
- **Australia and Timor-Leste strike deal**
  - Australia and Timor-Leste have reached a historic agreement, concluding a long-running and bitter maritime boundary dispute over the Timor Sea through conciliation.
  - The deal clarifies the legal status of the Greater Sunrise gas fields, and establishes a regime to develop and share revenue from the resource.
  - Timor sea holds 9tn cubic feet of gas.
- **World's most powerful X-ray laser**
  - The world's largest and powerful X-ray laser- European X-ray Free Electron Laser presented in Hamburg, Germany.
  - The XEFL is series of 3.4-kilometer tunnels up to 38 meters underground near the city of Hamburg.
  - It took 8 years to build 1.5-billion-euro facility.
  - XFEL is the world's third major X-ray laser facility
- **2017 Italian Grand Prix**
  - Lewis Hamilton heaped praise on Mercedes after he and Valtteri Bottas outclassed Ferrari on their 70th anniversary at the Italian Grand Prix.
  - Lewis Hamilton was first, while Valtteri Bottas and Sebastian Vettel came second and third respectively.
  - The 2017 Italian Grand Prix was the Formula One motor race held on 3 September 2017 at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza in Monza, Italy.
- **India's first woman defence minister**





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- Thirty-five years since India's defence ministry last saw a woman at its helm, there is another: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Until now, the only woman to head India's defence ministry was Indira Gandhi: first in 1975 and again in 1980-82.
- She joined the BJP in 2008.
- Before her elevation she was the Union Commerce Minister.
- **TRAPPIST-1 planets likely to have water**
  - The Earth-sized planets orbiting the TRAPPIST-1 dwarf star may have substantial amounts of water and could be habitable.
  - They had used Hubble Space Telescope, a joint project of European Space Agency & NASA.
  - The seven Earth-sized planets (named TRAPPIST-1b, c, d, e, f, g and h) were discovered in 2017.

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