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### **Current Affairs Quiz - 8th September 2017**

- **Anderson reaches 500 Test match wickets**
  - James Anderson became the sixth bowler and first Englishman to take 500 Test wickets.
  - He achieved this feat when he dismissed West Indies opener Kraigg Brathwaite on the second day of the third Test at Lord's.
  - Anderson took 129 matches to break 500 and those wickets came at just over 27 runs apiece.
  - He also has 269 wickets in 194 ODIs to his name.
- **Sandhu wins his fifth consecutive title**
  - Former Indian men's national squash champion Harinder Pal Sandhu won his fifth professional title in a row when he emerged victorious at the 10th leg of the Malaysian Tour.
  - The World No. 66, who was the top seed at this tournament, edged the 2nd seeded Mohd Syafiq Kamal of Malaysia, 11-8, 10-12, 11-3, 9-11, 11-6 in final to win the title.
  - This is Sandhu's 10th international triumph overall.





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- **SANKALP SE SIDDHI exhibition**

- Union Minister of Petroleum & Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the SANKALP SE SIDDHI exhibition and conducted pledge meeting in Bhubaneswar.
- On this occasion, he recalled various incidences of freedom struggle of India and Quit India Movement call given by Gandhiji.
- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Coal and DAVP of Ministry of I&B have jointly organized the program.

- **Two Indian Naval Ships depart**

- In pursuant of India's Act East Policy, 2 Indian Naval Ships proceeded on deployment to East & South-East Asia
- INS Satpura & INS Kadmat, departed from Visakhapatnam for a deployment of more than 3 months, to visit 12 ports
- During this deployment, ships will participate in International Fleet Review hosted by ASEAN countries at Thailand
- Ships will also participate in the HADR at Malaysia

- **Johnson & Johnson's paternity leave**

- Johnson & Johnson India has rolled out a new global parental leave for its Indian workforce.
- As part of this new initiative, new and adoptive fathers will now be entitled to 8 weeks of paid leave during the first year to bond with the newborn or newly adopted child.
- The company has been offering up to 26 weeks of maternity leave for the last six years.

- **Nadella pens book on Microsoft journey**

- Satya Nadella, one of the most celebrated Indians in the global technology sector, has penned the inside story of his journey of becoming the CEO of software giant Microsoft.





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- The book, titled 'Hit Refresh' is co-authored by Greg Shaw and Jill Tracie Nichols.
- The title draws inspiration from the digital world where the screen is refreshed by hitting the function 'F5' key.
- **Water ATM in Hyderabad**
  - Safe Water Network, an international NGO has partnered with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation to launch water ATMs, providing affordable, 24x7 safe water access in Hyderabad.
  - A total of 200 ATMs will be set up to reach a targetted 150,000 people.
  - Consumers can collect water that is affordably priced at ₹1 per glass, ₹2 per litre, ₹5 per 10 litres, and ₹10 per 20 litres.
- **North East Calling festival in New Delhi**
  - Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the "North East Calling" festival in New Delhi.
  - The two-day event is being organized by Ministry of DoNER under its Destination North East series for this year.
  - The purpose of the event is to promote the art, culture, heritage, cuisine, handicrafts, business & tourism of North East India.
- **Bharat Petroleum to get Maharatna status**
  - Bharat Petroleum Corporation is all set to become a Maharatna company. The company is at present a Navratna firm. Decision to elevate BPCL to Maharatna status was taken by a panel headed by Cabinet secretary.
  - After becoming a Maharatna firm, board of BPCL will get enhanced powers which will help in expansion of operations, both in India & abroad.
  - At present, there are 7 Maharatna companies.
- **Karnataka tops in manufacturing**





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- According to a study by industry chambers Assocham, Karnataka stands at top among the states in terms of manufacturing excellence.
- Karnataka has the best manufacturing process ratio of 2.63, with a maximum value of goods being converted into finished goods valuing over Rs 2,000 cr.
- Karnataka ranks 3rd in attracting investments in the manufacturing sector, leaving states like Gujarat behind.
- **Army to induct women in military police**
  - The government has decided to recruit women jawans into the Army's Corps of Military Police for investigating gender specific crimes.
  - The plan is to induct approximately 800 women in military police with a yearly intake of 52 personnel per year.
  - Currently, women are allowed in select areas such as medical, educational, legal, signals and engineering wings of Indian Army
- **India slaps countervailing duty**
  - India has slapped countervailing duty for a period of 5 years on certain Chinese flat steel products to guard domestic players from imports that are subsidized by the exporting nation
  - Decision to impose CVD was taken by the finance ministry after the DGAD's recommendation
  - It will strengthen the efforts of Indian industry to move towards 100% quality regime for better safety & health of users
- **Pandey appointed interim GSTN chairman**
  - The Unique Identification Authority of India's CEO A.B. Pandey has been appointed as the interim chairman of the goods and services tax network.
  - Pandey was given additional charge days after GSTN's first chairman Navin Kumar completed his term on 29 August.
  - GSTN is the firm providing information technology backbone and portal for registration and tax returns under the GST regime.





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- **BCCI releases its players handbook**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India has released its first ever players handbook in New Delhi.
- The book titled '100 things every professional cricketer must know', was released by the Committee of Administrators & is in line with the recommendations of the Lodha panel.
- The document will be the official handbook for all the cricketers registered with the BCCI.

- **WB approves changing state's name**

- Cabinet ministers in West Bengal have cleared a proposal to name the state Bangla. State will be renamed Bangla, & will be called so in all languages
- CM Mamata Banerjee had earlier proposed that WB be named Bangla in Bengali, Bangal in Hindi & Bengal in English, but centre rejected the proposal
- State wants to change its name because WB is always last in list of states in alphabetical order

- **Tighter ratings agency rules**

- Capital markets regulator SEBI has proposed additional changes to credit rating agencies, including a restriction on cross-holdings & spinning off non-ratings businesses
- The new proposals include requiring rating agency to hive off any other business it does
- Sebi also proposed that rating agency should not hold more than 10% shares or voting rights & representation on board of a rival

- **Govt approves Army's cadre review policy**

- The government has approved a long-awaited cadre review policy for Junior Commissioned Officers and other rank-holders in the Army.





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- It will offer higher career progression to nearly 1.45 lakh personnel of the force.
- The upgradation would take place over a span of five years.
- The decision was conveyed to former Army chiefs by incumbent General Bipin Rawat at the biennial Chiefs' Conclave.
- **India keeps off 'Bali Declaration'**
  - In a show of solidarity with Myanmar, India refused to be a part of a declaration adopted at an International conference in Indonesia
  - India refused to be a part of the declaration as it carried "inappropriate" reference to violence in Rakhine State
  - India reiterated its stance that the purpose of convening the Parliamentary forum was to arrive at a mutual consensus for implementation of SDGs
- **Govt introduces rules for No Fly List**
  - Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju has released India's first 3-tier rules for a national no-fly list.
  - In the new rules, unruly behaviour has been categorised into three levels - verbal, physical and life threatening.
  - The degree of offence will be decided by an independent committee led by a retired District Judge within a period of 30 days of the incident.
- **PNB, BSNL join hands for mobile wallet**
  - Punjab National Bank & BSNL have teamed up to roll out open mobile wallet Speedpay across 10 states in the country.
  - PNB's Speedway wallet will operate like any other mobile wallet for paying bills, recharging phone besides its users will be able to deposit and withdraw money from authorised retail outlets.
  - Speedway users will be able to operate Internet banking services from the application.

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