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Important Current Affairs 31st October 2017

- Vikram Appointed as Sec. to President
 - Railway officer Vikram Singh was appointed Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind.
 - Singh is a 1997 batch officer of the Indian Railway Traffic Service.
 - In another order, IAS officer P C Meena was appointed Private Secretary to Minister of State for Commerce and Industry C R Chaudhary. Meena is a 2004 batch IAS officer of the Haryana cadre.
- Federer won 8th Basel Title
 - Federer won his eighth Basel title, after defeating Juan Martin del Potro, 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-3 to clinch his ATP World Tour-leading seventh title of the year.





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- It was Federer's first success against the Argentine in a Basel final, after the South American beat him in both 2012 and 2013.
- Federer moved ahead of Ivan Lendl into standalone second place on the Open Era titles list.
- Indian Junior Team won Bronze in Hockey
 - Indian Junior Men's Hockey team beats host Malaysia 4-0 in the Bronze medal match of the 7th Sultan of Johor Cup 2017.
 - Match was held at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, in Malaysia.
 - Goals from Vishal Antil (15', 25'), Vivek Prasad (11') and Shilanand Lakra (21') were enough for India to finish their tournament with the Bronze medal.
- New railway line from Bidar-Kalaburagi
 - Modi dedicated the Bidar - Kalaburagi New Railway Line to the Nation by unveiling a plaque at Bidar Railway Station, in Karnataka.
 - The 110 km Bidar-Kalaburagi railway track in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region that will reduce the distance between Bengaluru and New Delhi by 380km and travel time by six to eight hours.
 - Prime Minister also flagged off the DEMU Service between Bidar and Kalaburagi.
- Mithali Raj & Virat Tops ICC Ranking
 - India captain Mithali Raj moved up one place to occupy the number one spot in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batswomen. Mithali has 753 points.
 - Virat Kohli returned to the top of the ICC ODI rankings for batsmen after logging career-high rating points, going past the iconic Sachin Tendulkar in the process.
 - Virat has reached 889 points, which is the best ever by an India batsman.
- India and World Bank signed agreement
 - The Government of India and the World Bank signed a \$200 million Loan Agreement for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project.
 - Project will support Assam to facilitate agri-business investments, increase agricultural productivity and market access.
 - Project will be implemented in over 16 Districts of Assam. Over 500,000 farming households will directly benefit from the Project.
- List of MoUs signed during Paolo's visit





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- During the visit of Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni various MoUs were signed. They are as follows.
- A Joint Declaration of Intent of Cooperation for Safety in the Railway sector was signed.
- MoU on 70 years of diplomatic relations between ICCR and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy.
- MoU for promoting mutual investments between Italian Trade Agency and Invest India
- Co-founder of SAB TV dies
 - On 27th October 2017, Gautam Adhikari, Chairman and whole time Director of the SAB group, passed away after suffering a heart attack.
 - Gautam Adhikari was 67 years old.
 - He was the Chairman and whole time Director of the SAB group. The SAB group started as a small venture between Gautam and his brother Markand Adhikari in 1985.
- Former BCCI GM M.V. Sridhar passes away
 - On October 30 2017 ,Dr. M.V. Sridhar, 51 a Former Hyderabad Ranji Trophy star and ex-secretary of the Hyderabad Cricket Association passed away.
 - He was also serving as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) General Manager from 2013.
 - He has the distinction of the third-highest individual score in the history of the Ranji Trophy against Andhra in January 1994.
- Dr Digamber Singh passes away in Jaipur
 - On 27th October 2017, former BJP minister Dr Digamber Singh passed away due to multiple organ failure, in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
 - He was 66 years old. He was the vice-chairman of the Twenty Point Programme implementation committee.
 - He was considered as an influential Jat leader from eastern Rajasthan. He was the Health and Industry minister from 2003 to 2008.
- Max Verstappen wins Mexican GP





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- Max Verstappen won the Mexican Grand Prix title and Lewis Hamilton won the 2017 Formula One championship title.
- Max Verstappen of Red Bull team won the Mexican Grand Prix, at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez race track, in Mexico. This is his third victory in Formula 1.
- Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes finished in the 9th place in the Mexican Grand Prix.
- **Chinese crowned 'Champion of Champions'**
 - Italy topped the medal count and Chinese were crowned 'Champion of Champions', in the ISSF World Cup, in New Delhi.
 - India, which hosted the event, finished in the 7th position overall. It won 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.
 - India's Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu pair won gold in mixed team 10m air pistol. Sangram Dahiya won silver in men's double trap. Amanpreet won bronze in men's 50m pistol.
- **Saudi to allow women into sports stadium**
 - Women in Saudi Arabia have been allowed to attend matches at sports stadiums from 2018.
 - As per the current rules, women are not allowed in sports stadiums.
 - This decision is a part of economic and social reforms implemented by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.
 - Earlier, Saudi Arabian Royal declaration permitted women to drive, starting from June 2018.
- **Asian vulture species in protection list**
 - Four Asian vultures, were awarded the highest protection by the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, held in Manila.
 - The Asian vultures that were included on highest protection list are the red-headed vulture, white-rumped vulture, Indian vulture and slender-billed vulture.
 - The whale shark, which inhabits the Indian Ocean, also got global protection.
- **Raina to be brand ambassador of GMC**
 - Cricketer Suresh Raina was appointed as the brand ambassador of the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) at a programme at Ghaziabad.
 - Suresh Raina is a cricketer and a resident of Ghaziabad.





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- Ghaziabad is the only city among 16 municipal corporations in UP which has been declared open defecation free. This programme will help the municipal corporation in spreading awareness about sanitation
- Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar becomes VCNS
 - On 30th October 2017, Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar took charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) from Vice Admiral Karambir Singh at a formal ceremony held at South Block, New Delhi.
 - Vice Admiral Karambir Singh would take charge as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command in Vishakapatnam.
 - He has done the Naval Higher Command Course.
- Government relaxes Arms Rules
 - On 30th October 2017, it was announced that, to boost the 'Make in India' initiative, the Union home ministry has relaxed the Arms Rules, 1959.
 - The Arms Rules has been relaxed to encourage investment in the manufacturing of arms, ammunition and weapon systems in the country.
 - This will increase employment opportunities in turn. The new rules came to effect on 27th October 2017.
- Anupam Kher receives Award
 - On October 29, 2017, veteran Bollywood actor Anupam Kher received Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award in Pune.
 - Saira Banu, who moved Supreme Court seeking a ban on instantaneous 'Triple Talaq' among Muslims is the second recipient of Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award.
 - The award was instituted by Pune-based organisation 'Muktachhand' in memory of Late Pramod Mahajan, who was the leader from BJP.
- Transcorp launches pre-paid card
 - Foreign Exchange and inward remittance service provider company Transcorp International has launched a platinum pre-paid card in association with Yes Bank.
 - This card can be used for transactions in stores and ATMs across the country.
 - Transcorp-Yes Bank pre-paid card has been launched in association with RUPAY, powered by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).





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- India, Japan begins anti-submarine drill
 - Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force began a three-day anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Indian Ocean region.
 - On October 29, 2017, Japan's two P-3C Orion jets, which are anti-submarine warfare aircraft, landed at naval air station Hansa in Goa to take part in the drill.
 - During this three-day exercise, personnel from both navies will have extensive interaction.

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