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#### **Important Current Affairs 18th November 2017**

- **International Students Day – November 17**
  - On 17th November 2017, International Students Day was celebrated all over the world.
  - This day was first marked in 1941 in London by the International Students' Council.
  - This day marks the anniversary of the 1939 Nazi storming of the University of Prague.
  - Today, it is treated as an international observance of student activism, differing from the earlier meaning of the day.
- **Vice President launches book**





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- VP M Venkaiah Naidu received the first copy of the book 'Journey of Women Law Reforms and The Law Commission of India – Some Insights'.
- It is written by former Joint Secretary, Dr. Pavan Sharma.
- M Venkaiah Naidu said on the occasion that, we need to focus on women's issues in India. He hoped that the book would inspire many more experts to focus on women's issues in the next few years.
- **Shagun became National Champion**
  - Shagun Chowdhary bagged a national champion crown when she won the women's trap event at the 61st National Shooting Championship, in New Delhi.
  - She represented ONGC and is the first Indian woman trap shooter to win an Olympic berth.
  - She overcame the challenge from Punjab's Rajeshwari Kumari.
  - N Nivetha of Tamil Nadu won the Junior Women's title in the same event shooting 37.
- **Free Wi-Fi on Agra-Lucknow expressway**
  - Free Wi-Fi will soon be available on the entire 302-kilometer stretch of India's longest expressway from Agra to Lucknow.
  - The Uttar Pradesh government has offered to lease out space for laying an Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the six-lane Agra to Lucknow expressway.
  - The plan is to earn revenue to maintain the expressway.
- **Chakravarthi became ambassador of WPO**
  - Chakravarthi AVPS, Managing Director, Ecobliss India, has been appointed as global ambassador of the World Packaging Organisation (WPO).
  - Chakravarthi AVPS is the first Asian to be appointed as ambassador of WPO.
  - Chakravarthi has over three decades of experience in the paper, printing and packaging industry.



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- He has won Worldstar award for packaging excellence for five consecutive years.
- **Uber inaugurates facility in Hyderabad**
  - Uber inaugurated its engineering facility in Hyderabad, the second such unit in India.
  - A team has been hired to build business intelligence platforms and real-time streaming at the engineering unit for Uber globally.
  - In February 2016, Uber's first Center of Excellence in Asia was launched in Hyderabad to provide specialised support for critical incidents that require immediate attention.
- **Karnataka partners with Nasscom**
  - On 16th November 2017, Karnataka government announced the launch of a Centre of Excellence for data science and artificial intelligence with Nasscom as its programme and implementation partner.
  - The Centre of Excellence is based on a public-private partnership model.
  - It will accelerate the ecosystem in Karnataka by the development of data science and artificial intelligence.
- **Paytm, ICICI tie-up for digital credit**
  - Paytm has entered into a tie-up with ICICI Bank to jointly launch 'Paytm-ICICI Bank Postpaid', that offers short-term credit to their common customers.
  - 'Paytm-ICICI Bank Postpaid' offers instant digital credit for various transactions.
  - It includes payment for movie tickets, bill payments, flights, as well as physical goods without any documentation or transaction fees.
- **India's first mega CEZ in Maharashtra**
  - Central Government has given approval for setting up India's first mega coastal economic zone at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Maharashtra.



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- CEZ is an economic region comprising several districts that are well connected to the ports in the region and have a strong industrial infrastructure.
- These zones have business-friendly environment that offers enhanced ease of doing business,
- **Ban on Plastic Bottle at Offices, Hotels**
  - On 17th November 2017, Maharashtra government announced ban on plastic bottles, with effect from 18 March 2018.
  - It will cover government offices, functions and state educational institutes before it is extended to private institutes.
  - This was announced by Maharashtra Environment Minister Ramdas Kadam.
- **Committee to curb custodial deaths**
  - Maharashtra set up a seven-member committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary Sudhir Shrivastava to recommend ways to stop the custodial deaths.
  - Minister of State for Home Deepak Kesarkar informed that the committee will recommend measures so that people get proper treatment at police stations.
  - He said that, the number of custodial deaths in Maharashtra has now come down from 36 to 15-16.
- **MP launches Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat**
  - Madhya Pradesh is the partner state of Manipur and Nagaland under 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' Yojana.
  - An 8-member team from Madhya Pradesh has already toured Manipur and Nagaland in this regard.
  - This yojana was announced by Modi on October 31, 2015 (celebrated as Ekta Diwas) on the occasion of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.



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- **Karnataka passes anti-superstition bill**
  - Karnataka Legislative Assembly unanimously passed ‘Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Bill, 2017’.
  - This anti-superstition bill is aimed at preventing and eradicating inhuman evil practices propagated and performed in the name of black magic by a conman to exploit the common people.
  - The bill has two categories of practices – ‘savings’ and ‘schedule’
- **Hindi Poet Kunwar Narain passes away**
  - Eminent Hindi poet and Jnanpith awardee Kunwar Narayan passed away at his home in New Delhi.
  - Kunwar Narayan was in coma since July 4 after suffering from brain haemorrhage.
  - He was born on 9 September 1927 in UP’s Faizabad. Kunwar Narayan was known for his poetry, stories, and critiques.
  - His first poetry collection was “Chakravayuh”. It is considered as a landmark in Hindi literature.
- **Former SC Judge V Khalid Passes Away**
  - Retired Supreme Court judge V. Khalid died in Kannur. Justice Khalid was 95 years old.
  - He had served as the judge in the Kerala High Court and as Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.
  - He began his career as a lawyer at the Kannur munsiff court in 1948 and moved to the Thalassery bar in 1949.
- **BS VI policy to come in 2018**
  - Petroleum Ministry announced that Bharat Stage VI fuel will be introduced in Delhi from April 1, 2018, much ahead of the earlier deadline of 2020.



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- BS-VI is the cleanest fuel. Thus, advancing its introduction will help to curb air pollution in Delhi that has reached alarming levels.
- BS-VI grade fuel contains 10 parts per million (ppm) of sulphur as against 50 ppm in BS-IV fuels.
- **Stone sculptures of Mamallapuram get GI**
  - The hand-crafted stone sculptures of Mamallapuram have been granted the Geographical Indications tag by the GI registry, in recognition of the art's uniqueness to the region.
  - GI protection affords better legal protection against infringement .
  - Now that the state-owned corporation has been recognised as the GI tag-holder, it has become the authorised user of Mahabalipuram Stone Sculpture name
- **Int Conference & Exposition of SPG**
  - The 12th Biennial International Conference & Exposition of Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG) India was inaugurated by Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship at Jaipur.
  - The three days International Conference & Exposition of SPG India will remain open until 19th November 2017.
  - The theme of the conference is “Energy through Synergy”.
- **Moody's upgrade India's rating to Baa2**
  - Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has upgraded the Government of India's local and foreign currency issuer ratings to Baa2 from Baa3 and changed the outlook on the rating to stable from positive.
  - India's rating has been upgraded after a period of 13 years.
  - India's sovereign credit rating was last upgraded in January 2004 to Baa3 (from Ba1).
- **Seminar on 'Cyber Security' in New Delhi**



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- A seminar on 'Cyber Security in the Context of Indian Navy' was held on 17 November 2017 at Dr. DS Kothari Auditorium, DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.
- It was conducted by Directorate of Information Warfare, Integrated Headquarters Ministry of Defence (Navy).
- The seminar was conducted to address the thoughts on cybersecurity and the challenges faced by the Indian Navy in the domain.

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