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**— Current Affairs Issues Listing #1 – (Science and Tech) —**

**Defence**
1. Indigenous Anti tank Nag Missile test fired
2. India successfully test fired Akash missile at Chandipur
3. Indigenously developed Air-to-Air missile, Astra successfully test fired
4. Light Combat Aircraft
5. Nuclear-capable K-4 ballistic missile successfully tested from INS Arihant
6. Prithvi II tested
7. ASHWIN
8. Project 75 Submarine Development

**IT/Telecom**
1. Google Loon project
2. 3D printing
3. Net neutrality
4. Li-fi technology and its application
5. Tech Mahindra Launches NFC-Based Digital Wallet MoboMoney
6. Big Data
7. Bharat net project
8. Wi-Fi
9. Fastest supercomputer with a peak computing power of 15 Teraflops ‘PARAM Kanchenjunga’
10. India Favours Multi-Stakeholder Model for Internet Governance Mechanisms
11. Sakaar : an augmented reality application launched by union government
12. Internet of things
13. Smart city and Grids
14. e-Kranti: NeGP 2.0
15. Meghraj
16. e-sign
17. National Supercomputing Mission

**Space**
1. Long March-5 carrier of China
2. ASTROSAT
3. Lunar rover Yutu
4. NHAI to use spatial technology for monitoring and managing National Highways
5. IRNSS: India’s Navigation system
6. LIGO observatory- gravitational waves
7. ExoMars (Europe and Russia Joint mission)
8. NASA’s Cassini spacecraft, to orbit Saturn finds methane
9. Aditya mission
10. ARIES telescope
11. India, NASA join hands for Astrobiology mission
12. Neutrino observatory
13. Space vision 2025
14. GAGAN
15. GIRI radar system

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16. Graphene based all-weather solar cell
17. Multi-Application Solar Telescope
18. Reusable launch vehicle
19. BEAM
20. Air Breathing Propulsion System

Nanotechnology/robotics
1. Carbon nanofibres
2. Robotic medicine
3. Nanomedicines
4. Biopolymer for water purification

Biotechnology
1. K. grants ‘gene editing’ licence
2. Compulsory licensing
3. New norms related to patents for CRIs
4. Debate about FDCs, bissimilar drugs and generic drugs
5. Policy on Promotion of City Compost
6. GM Mustard Hybrid issue
7. GM Mosquito
8. Test Tube baby using Next Generation DNA sequencing
10. BIRAC

Bills and Policies
1. Human DNA Profiling Bill, 2015
2. Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill
3. Technology Vision Document 2035
4. IMPRINT India initiative
6. ICT development Index
8. Internet readiness index
9. Global Connectivity Index
10. Technology Acquisition and Development Fund
11. Intellectual Property Index

Health/Sanitation
1. Hybrid Vacuum Toilets
2. IPV injection
3. Zika virus has been declared as international public health emergency
4. Health geo-mapping project
5. Project Sunrise for AIDS And national deworming initiative
6. National Framework for Elimination of Malaria
7. World’s first mass dengue vaccination- Dengvaxia
8. Union Health Ministry launches India’s first indigenous rotavirus vaccine Rotavac9. Swine flu under
9. Epidemic Disease Act

Miscellaneous
1. Discovery and assignment of elements with atomic numbers 113, 115, 117 and 118
2. Hydrogen bomb
3. Solar Rooftop System
4. Indian nuclear insurance pool
5. Pentaquarks discovered
6. Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) gives Geographical Indication (GI) tag for basmati rice from Indo-gangetic plains
7. Jaitapur reactors
8. Kakrapar leak
9. Magnetic Levitation in transport
10. BSE launches algorithm trading test
11. Silica aerogel
12. Nobel prize
13. QORA

— CA Issues #2 (Geographical Issue/Places in News) —

1. Panama
2. Tropical Cyclones
   1. Typhoon Kujira
   2. Cyclonic storm Ashobaa
   3. Cyclone Komen
   4. Typhoon Linfa
   5. Tropical Cyclone Chapala
   6. Typhoon koppu
3. Conakry NAMED as World Book Capital for 2017 by UNESCO
4. Kunduz- captured by Taliban
5. Mount Mckinley renamed as Denali
6. Amravati : AP’s new capital
7. Rahuri municipal council linked to digilocker
8. Asia’s first Rice Technology Park at Gangavati
9. Kachhabali village
10. UNESCO’s Creative Cities Network
11. Second route for Kailash Mansarovar

— CA Issues Listing #3 – (Polity & Governance) —

Bills:
2. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Second Ordinance, 2016
4. SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill
5. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2015
7. Aadhar bill, 2016
8. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 comes into force
11. The Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts and Commercial Bill, 2015
12. Amendments to Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2014
13. Disability Bill
14. Arbitration and Conciliation Act
15. Centre drafts Bill to decriminalise begging
16. Road transport and safety Bill 2014
17. Draft Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill 2016

Polity:
1. Niti Aayog Governing Council formed
2. NJAC declared unconstitutional
3. National People’s Party (NPP) derecognized by election commission of India.
4. Aadhaar enrolments allowed for NRIs, PIOs, OICs
5. Cabinet approves formation of 21st Law Commission of India (LCI).
6. 7th Pay Commission Report
7. President Rule in Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh
8. National Court of Appeal
9. SC revisits Anti Defection Law
10. Amendment proposed to Presidential joint address
11. PM for simultaneous LS, Assembly elections
12. Merger of OCI (Overseas Citizenship of India) and PIO (Person of Indian Origin) card
13. Lok adalats solved 1.25 crore cases in a day
15. Foreign firms can now fund parties
16. Political parties and RTI

**Polity Terminology:**
1. What is sedition
2. Leader of Opposition
3. Parliamentary Disruptions
4. Money bill
5. Ordinance
6. Parliamentary Privileges
7. Capital punishment
8. Contempt of court provision
9. PIL
10. Criminal defamation
11. Uniform civil code

**Projects Launched:**
1. Single window portal for medical tourism
2. Neeranchal National Watershed Project
3. Smart Cities mission
4. Digital India
5. Ganga Gram Yojana launched
6. ‘SAMANVAY’ portal for Gram Panchayat
7. MGNREGA: An Overview
8. Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan launched
9. Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI)
10. ‘Anubhav’ — showcasing outstanding work done during service (department of pension)
11. Swachh Sarvekshan Survey
12. Gram Uday Se Bharat UdayAbhiyan
13. E-enabled PMIS app for proper monitoring of projects
14. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana
15. Merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) with the Khelo India Programme for development of
16. ISBN portal launched
17. One Rank One Pension Scheme
18. Proposed Open Book Test scheme
19. Nai manzil scheme
20. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban mission for rural development
21. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin
22. Innovative Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme of MANAS
23. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
24. Deen Dayal Upadhaya Gram Jyoti Yojana
25. Seema Darshan Programme

**Welfare Issues:**
1. NSSO’s 71st Round of survey on Social Consumption: Education
2. National Institutional Ranking framework
3. India declared Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Free by WHO
4. Sehat
5. National Health Profile 2015 released
6. National Family Health Survey-4
7. Operation Smile-II
8. Accessible India campaign for disabled
9. Khoya paya web portal launched
10. Scheme for Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups revised
11. Socio-economic caste census
12. Indian government launches longitudinal ageing study
13. NITI Aayog launches Women Transforming India initiative
15. India, WHO signed agreement for Global promotion of Traditional Systems of Medicine
16. Mahila e-Haat
17. IT-based initiatives for citizen-centric health services
18. Kerala becomes first state to achieve 100% primary education
19. Government’s decision on maternity leave for women

Miscellaneous:
1. Krishna River Dispute
2. EPFO wins National Award on e-Governance for UAN
3. Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Issue
4. Union Cabinet gives nod to adoption of UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
5. Ceasefire between the Centre and the NSCN-IM (National Socialist Council of Nagaland- Isak Muivah)
6. B B Tandon Committee to monitor Government Advertisements
8. Haryana’s Jind, Karnal districts and Uttar Pradesh’s Muzaffarnagar districts added in National Capital Region (NCR).
9. Madhukar Gupta Committee on Indo-Pak border
10. New Domicile Policy of Jharkhand
11. Lodha Committee Recommendations
12. National Disaster Management Plan to make India disaster resilient
13. Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs merged with MEA
14. Reforms in MCI (medical council of India)
15. Shyam Benegal committee submits recommendations on film certification
17. Haryana Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2016
18. Gujarat became the 1st state to impose compulsory voting In local body elections for a brief period
19. Right to Service Act in Maharashtra
21. Public Affairs Index (PAI) For State Governance Rankings
22. Draft Amendments to FCRA
23. First Mahila Squad commissioned into Indo Tibetan Border Police Force(ITBP)
24. Government has announced 33 per cent reservation for women in paramilitary forces
25. Godavari-Krishna River Interlinking Project
26. Hydrocarbon vision 2030 for North-east
7. The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2015  
8. Indian Trusts (Amendment), Bill 2015  
10. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015  
12. The Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015  
13. Real Estate Regulatory Authority bill passed  
15. Rail Development Authority  
16. Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana  
17. Cabinet approves amendments in Power Tariff Policy  
18. Draft Amendments to FCRA  
19. IMF reforms: quota increased for India, Brazil and China  
20. Small finance and payments banks  
21. Fertiliser subsidy  
22. Vijay Kelkar committee on PPP reforms  
23. India slips to 89th rank on global talent competitiveness  
24. Cabinet approves Stand Up India Scheme  
25. Cabinet approves creation of a Credit Guarantee Fund for MUDRA loans  
26. India-Australia Social Security Agreement Comes Into Operation  
27. Defence procurement procedure (DPP)  
28. SETU and AIM  
29. Easwar panel suggests friendlier direct tax laws  
30. 5/25 scheme  
31. New power tariff policy  
32. Davos meet (4th Industrial Revolution)  
33. National Industrial Corridor Authority  
34. Centre clears new financing model for highway projects (HAM model)  
35. Centre provides list of 20 smart cities for first phase of plan  
36. Bank Board Bureau comes into action  
37. Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for North-East  
38. Ministry moots National Social Security Authority  
39. Cabinet approval for trade facilitation pact ratification  
40. Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)  
41. India -US solar dispute case  
42. Government may ask central bank to consider roads as a priority sector + PSL certificates  
43. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana  
44. National Sample Survey Office has released the details of a survey conducted to assess the unemployment rate – less in urban areas, Christians more unemployed  
45. Government may ask central bank to consider roads as a priority sector + PSL certificates  
46. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana  
47. Innovative Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme of MANAS launched  
48. IFC launches masala bonds  
49. Central bank issues draft norms for NBFC-AA (account aggregator)  
50. Gold bond scheme, gold monetisation scheme, India gold coin and bullion scheme  
51. Krishi kalyan cess  
52. SMILE  
53. Prime Minister Launches Setu Bharatam Programme  
54. Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)  
55. e-NAM  
56. Ministry asks RBI to examine Workers’ Bank proposal  
57. Current Good Manufacturing Practise (CGMP) compliant facility within the Central Government for manufacture of DPT and TT vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh.  
58. NPS and EPFO reforms- rolling back the new norms
59. Nauru has become the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank
60. Sagarmala port project
61. Amendment to the Factories act, 1948
62. Model Act for farmland lease by NITI Aayog
63. Centre has launched two new energy efficiency schemes: National Energy Efficient Agriculture Pumps
65. RBI’s monetary policy changes
66. Centre’s new norms for state fiscal deficit caps
67. Technology Acquisition and Development Fund under national manufacturing policy
68. Yuan in IMF for reserve currency
69. 5% cess on services to support Swachh Bharat
70. India climbs 16 places in WEF’s Global Competitiveness Index
71. Centre launches Green Highways policy
72. Forward Markets Commission to merge with SEBI
73. Pradhan Mantri Khanji Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)
74. Approval of National Offshore Wind Energy Policy
75. FDI in e-commerce
76. Shift from base rate to MCLR
77. Cabotage norm
78. India, China led investments in renewable energy in 2015: UN
79. Rate cut in small savings schemes
80. Rural Housing under ‘Housing for All’
81. CBDT committee report on taxation of e-commerce
82. 2015 human development index
83. IDFC and Bandhan granted banking licence
84. Deepak Mohanty panel on financial inclusion
85. Mission indradhanush
86. NRIs allowed to subscribe to national pension system
87. Financial inclusion fund
88. AP Shah committee : it recommends MAT relief to FIIs
89. CBDT signs First APAs with ‘Rollback’ provision.
90. Double taxation avoidance treaties signed with various countries
91. Pradhan Mantri Khanji Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)
92. Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF) launched
93. Cabinet approves trade facilitation agreement of WTO
94. 100% FDI allowed under automatic routes for white label ATMs
95. Composite foreign investment cap introduced
96. UNCTAD’s World Investment Report 2015
97. India joins the MCAA on Automatic Exchange of Information
98. Currency swap agreement signed between RBI and Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
99. India and US sign agreement to implement FATCA
100. Devaluation of yuan by China
101. Trans-pacific partnership agreement
102. 150 days employment approved by cabinet under MGNREGA in the drought hit areas.
103. Bibek Debroy committee on restructuring of Indian railways
104. Deadline for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) reduced from 2022 to 2019.
105. Vikalp scheme
106. Draft aviation policy 2015
108. Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS),
109. Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme (SGBS)
110. Intra-state Transmission System (ISTS) approved
111. Revised Priority sector lender norms for RRB’s
112. Vijay Kelkar Committee on PPP reforms
113. Deepak Mohanty Committee on medium term path on Financial Inclusion
114. Mudra bank - credit guarantee fund
115. National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) 202
116. Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)
117. Green highways policy 2015
118. Bank Board Bureau
119. NITI Aayog
120. FMC merger with SEBI
121. IRDA Reform
122. Tax Heavens
123. Anil Kausal Committee (Spectrum)
124. Kirit Parikh Panel (Fuel Pricing) – 2013
125. B. Shah committee – for inspection of illegal mining activities – January 2014

— CA Issues Listing #5 – (Environment) —

News Related to Climate Change

Green Climate fund
1. International symposium on Antarctic Earth sciences
2. USA unveils clean power plan
3. Climate change – effect on Antarctic ice – sheet
5. International solar alliance (ISA)
6. El – Nino and warm winter
7. Climate engineering solutions (geo-engineering or climate intervention)
8. India INDC
9. World Bank launches ambitious Climate Change Action Plan
10. CO2 levels hit record high – WMO
11. Earth Hour
12. Blue Carbon
13. Indian model to aid future IPCC reports
14. About Like – Minded Developing Countries (LMDC)
15. Climate special science express
16. Carbon tax
17. Green bond market
18. Meaning of green finance

News Related to Biodiversity
1. IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) – Red list
2. ESZ around okhla bird sanctuary notified
3. Thane creek declared as flamingo sanctuary by Maharashtra government
4. Kikiki Huna (A genus of fairyfly, know from Hawaii, Costa Rica, and Trinidad world smallest insect)
5. Sikkim declared as Organic state: about organic farming
6. Depletion of Kudremukh National Park
7. Kasturiranjan report on western Ghats
8. National mission for a green India
10. Agasthyamala biosphere reserve among 20 UNESCO world biosphere reserve
11. Vulnerability of tea industry with reference to the climate change
12. NGT asks centre & states to protect wetlands
13. Loss of polar bear habitat
14. Artificial breeding of Great Indian Bustard
15. First ever leopard census in India
16. Yellow – throated bulbul under Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species
17. Doyand lake – Nagaland attract amur falcon
18. Biodiversity database for Urban-India
19. South Indian states to constitute Inter-State Coordination Council to resolve forest-related issue
20. Diclofenac and Vulture extinction
21. India’s forest & tree cover increased by 5, 081 Sq km: ISFR 2015
22. Wildlife Rescue Centre
23. MoEFCC declares Wild pig as vermin for year in Uttarakhand
24. Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation
25. South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network
26. Global Tiger population increased for the first time in 100 years by 22%; WWF & GT
27. World’s first White Tiger Safari opens in Madhya Pradesh
28. India’s first Dolphin Community Reserve will be established in West Bengal
29. NWAF (National Wildlife Action Plan) Draft unveiled
30. Coconut Tree removed from Goa Preservation of Trees Act
31. Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training
32. School Nursery Yojana
33. Increasing no. of migrating birds in coringa sanctuary
34. Constitution on biodiversity finance initiative begins

Environmental Pollution/Degradation
1. Bharat stage VI norms by 2020
2. Policy on promotion of city compost
3. IMD SAMAR
4. Air pollution in Indian cities
5. Flex fuel policy of Government to curb pollution worry automakers
8. Solid waste management rules
9. Red alert on pollution declared in Beijing
10. National Air Quality Indices
11. Four Colour Classification Scheme for industries based on Pollution Index
12. Union Government notifies stricter standards for Coal Based Thermal Power Plants
13. Paper waste turned into non-toxic green Aerogel
14. Impact of use of firewood for cooking in rural areas
15. About Particulate Matter
16. Environmental impacts of fly-ash
17. Polluters pay model
18. E-vehicles to curb pollution

Indian Govt. Initiatives for Environment Conservation
2. National off-shore wind energy policy
3. NGT and its different orders for conservation of Environment
4. India and Sendai agreement for disaster reduction
5. Environmental crime in India
6. Indian long term ecological observatories (I-LTEO)
7. National renewable energy bill 2015
8. “Project Green Ports launched” by Ministry of Shipping
9. TSR Subramanian report
10. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library
12. Initiatives under Namami Gange programme

Miscellaneous News
1. Antarctica influencing weather in tropics
2. Deep sea planktons as effective carbon sinks
3. Ballast water bringing invasive species to Indian coasts: Scientists
4. Indian ocean warming and its consequences
5. Revised standards for CETPs to minimize water pollution
6. IPBES Report On Pollinator

--- CA Issues Listing #6 – (Culture) ---

1. Kondane cave art depicts myth and daily life
2. Stone age culture evidences in Kerala
3. Buddhist inscription found in Gadag district
4. Ancient temples in Mandya district unearthed
5. UNESCO ‘Award of Excellence’ 2015 for the remarkable conservation efforts of the majestic Sree Vadakkunnathan Temple in Kerala.
6. HRIDAY
7. PRASAD
8. Jalikattu
9. Bodhgaya to be developed as spiritual capital
10. International yoga day
11. National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) was observed on 31 October 2015 to commemorate the Sardar Vallabhai Patel’s birth anniversary.
12. Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia-Pacific region to be setup in Dehradun
13. IS damages ancient Temple of Bel in Syria’s Palmyra
14. Haryana government to constitute board to preserve Saraswati Heritage Area
15. Santhara
16. Chettinad Cotton Saree gets Indian Handloom tag
17. Sahapedia

Festivals in News:
1. Millennium’s first Nabakalebar Rath Yatra in Puri
2. Sinhastha Kumbh Mela
3. Hundred Drums Wangala Festival at Asanang in West Garo Hills
4. ‘Festival of Flowers’ (Bathukamma) in Telangana
5. Odisha celebrated the agrarian festival of Nuakhai
6. Tendong Lho Rum Faat Festival of ethnic Lepcha tribe of Sikkim celebrated
7. Losar festival beings in Ladakh region of J&K
8. Traditional Chapchar Kut festival celebrated across Mizoram
9. Sajibu Cheiraoba festival celebrated in Manipur with religious fervor
10. Celebration of weeklong Ladakh Festival begins at Leh
11. Medaram Sammakka Sarakka
12. Myoko festival
13. Chinakkathoor Pooram

Awards in News:
1. Noted artist Sayed Haider Raza conferred with France’s de la Lgiond Honneur
2. Kerala Tourism gets PATA Award
3. Ramachandra Guha chosen for Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize 2015
4. Kerala Tourism’s Muziris Heritage Project wins 2015 PATA Award

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