Current Affairs Brief

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Statement/Question	Answer
Asia's biggest digital library was recently inaugurated at	NIT Silchar
The library was dedicated to	Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index for 2016-17 India's rank	39/138
Economic Freedom of the World: 2016 Annual Report India's rank	112/159
First foreign government to issue masala bonds	Canada's British Columbia
World's first child with genes from three people was recently born in	Mexico (to a Jordanian couple)
Country recently certified by WHO on having eliminated malaria	Sri Lanka
1st state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs under UJALA scheme	Gujarat
First state in the country to have implemented Public Fund Management System (PFMS)	Jharkhand
State that will host a three-day bird festival in November	Goa
Which state is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year by developing Horticulture Villages	Haryana Government
First state to adopt Centre's Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) in all its urban local bodies (ULB)	Rajasthan
Cleanest State in India	Sikkim
Cleanest districts in India	Mandi in Himachal Pradesh & Sindhudurg in Maharashtra
Fist state in the country to achieve 100 per cent electrification of households	Andhra Pradesh (1st: Gujarat)
New district in Haryana	Charkhi Dadri

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Delhi's Race Course Road has now been renamed as	Lok Kalyan Marg
Indian appointed 'Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur' (Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour)	Kiram Mazumdar Shaw
New President of Brazil	Michel Temer
New National President of the Indian Medical Association	K.K. Aggarwal
Brand ambassador for anti- liquor & antidrug campaign in Kerala	Sachin Tendulkar
New Governor of RBI	Urjit Patel
Brand ambassador for state tourism of Andhra Pradesh	John Abraham
26th governor of Madhya Pradesh	Om Prakash Kohli
New part-time chairperson of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	J Satyanarayana
New Prime minister of Kazakhstan	Bakytzhan Sagintaev
New governor of Arunachal Pradesh	V Shanmuganathan
Brand ambassador of UP govt's flagship programme 'Samajwadi Kisan Beema Yojana'	Nawazuddin Siddiqui
UN's new Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking	Nadia Murad
World Bank's New Country Director for India	Junaid Ahmad
New Chief Justice of Kerala High Court	Justice Mohan M Shantanagoudar
New Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court	Justice Girish Chandra Gupta
India's new Ambassador to the US	Navtej Sarna
New Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	Sanjiv Singh
New president of the Boxing Federation of India	Ajay Singh
New Director General of CISF	OP Singh
Best state in attracting industrial investments in 2015-16	Andhra Pradesh
India's most valuable brand according to BrandZ Top 50 list	HDFC Bank

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India's first digital account opening process	Kotak Now (by Kotak Mahindra Bank)
Toll-free number launched by the government to register postal complaints	1924
Patanjali Mega Food & Herbal Park constructed at	Mihan, Nagpur
First e-commerce company in India to cross 100-million users	Flipkart
Forbes' '100 Richest Indians' list topped by	Mukesh Ambani
The first BRICS film festival was held in	New Delhi
"BRICS Convention on Tourism" held at	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh
G20 Summit held in	Hangzhou, China
Theme of 2016 G20 Summit	Toward an Innovative, Invigorated, Interconnected & Inclusive World Economy
14th ASEAN Summit held in	Vientiane, Laos
Indo-US Economic Summit held in	New Delhi, India
17th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to be held at	Margarita Island in Venezuela
Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group to be held at	India (in May 2017)
First President of Uzbekistan who died recently	Islam Karimov
Australia's oldest surviving Test cricketer who died recently	Len Maddocks
World's oldest cricketer who died recently	Lindsay Tuckett
India's 100-year-old athlete who won Gold medal at the American Masters Games in the 100-meter dash	Man Kaur
India inducted as an Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)	Zaheer Khan
Record of most number of Grand Slam matches wins by a woman in the Open era was recently set by	Serena Williams
U.S. Open 2016:	

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Men's Title Women's Title	Stan Wawrinka Angelique Kerber
First Indian to clinch two gold medals at the Paralympics	Devendra Jhajharia
The 2020 Summer Paralympics will be held in	Tokyo, Japan
Country that topped 2016 Paralympics medal tally	China
2026 Asian Games to be held at	Nagoya, Japan
First Indian to win the Asian Karting Championship	Shahan Ali Mohsin
'Six Machine' is the autobiography of	Chris Gayle
128th edition of Durand Cup football title won by	Army Green
New President of Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)	Aleksander Ceferin
Indian who won bronze medal at the First World Deaf Shooting Championships	Priyesha Deshmukh
India, Kazakhstan joint bilateral military exercise called	PRABAL DOSTYK-16
Indo-Russia joint military exercise called	Indra 2016
Indo-Russia joint military exercise 2016 held at	Vladivostok in Russia
Indo-US joint military training exercise called	Yudh Abhyas 2016
Indo-US joint military training exercise held at	Chaubattia, Uttarakhand
Indian Navy has launched an advanced indigenously built guided-missile destroyer called	Mormugao
ISRO recently launched the advanced weather satellite called	INSAT-3DR
World's largest radio telescope is nicknamed	Tianyan (Heavenly Eye)
Roman Magsaysay Award 2016	
Oscars Lifetime Achievement Award to	Jackie Chan
Unesco Confucius Prize for Literacy awarded to	Jan Sikshan Sansthan (JSS), Malappuram
First Asian to be awarded the prestigious 'Heritage Heroes Award' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Bibhuti Lahkar

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Best film award at the BRICS Film Festival	Thithi (Indian film)
Pangkor Dialogue Award 2016 awarded to	Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang
Best Film Award at the 73rd Venice Film Festival	Ang Babaeng Humayo (The Woman Who Left)
2015 National Humanities Medal given to	Indian-American physician-author Abraham Verghese
2016 Humanitarian of the Year by students and faculty at the Harvard Foundation	Aung San Suu Kyi
India's official entry to Best Foreign Language Film category at the 89th Academy Awards	Visaranai (Tamil Documentary)
First-ever Jesse Owens Olympic Spirit Award-2016 will be given to	Olympic champion Muhammad Ali (post-humously)
Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar given to	One Thousand Hockey Legs, an NGO which seeks to introduce the game of hockey to school kids in India
'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' mascot	105-year-old Kunwar Bai, who was felicitated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for building toilet by selling off her goats
'Urja Mitra Helpline' number	14401 (customers can get information on power outages from distribution companies by dialing this number)
Student registration module launched by Govt of Indi for maintaining the records & data base of Indian students studying abroad	MADAD portal (madad.gov.in)
Ministry of Railways initiative for differently-abled persons	Yatri Mitra Seva
Fortune's 51 Most Powerful Women list topped by	Mary Barra, CEO & Chairman of General Motors