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Important Current Affairs August 2016.

ECONOMY & BANKING NEWS UPDATES:

Current RBI Policy Rates:

- Repo Rate - **6.25%**
- Reverse Repo Rate (RRR) - **5.75%**
- Bank Rate (BR) - **6.75%**
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) - **6.75%**
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) - **4%**
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) - **20.75%**

Inflation Target will be **5%** in 2017.

Consumer Price Inflation(CPI) Target - **4%**.

The new mobile app recently launched by HDFC to transfer money from your phonebook- **Chiller App**.

Axis Bank tied up with **Freecharge** (Mobile Recharging Platform) along with Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

IRDA imposed Rs. 35 lakhs fine on **Bharathi Asia General Insurance** for violating its laws.

IRDA Chairman - T.S. Vijayan, IRDA Head quarters: Telangana..

Kotak Mahindra Bank has been tied up with e-commerce platform Flipkart.

Kotak Mahindra Bank has introduced Bharat mobile app, that can be used to transfer up to Rs. 2500 per transaction in a day in both online and offline

SBI(State Bank of India) merges its associate banks with itself and it should be effective from April 2017.

SBI launches 'D-change' programme that supports education and learning, woman empowerment and rural development in India with the collaboration of ORACLE India.

Doha Bank (Qatar-based) Opens its first branch in **Kerala**.

Indian govt. sanctioned **1 million US dollars** grant to **Zimbabwe** to recover from El Nino drought disaster.

South Indian Bank partnered with SBI for their Co-Branded credit card to its customers.

(South /Indian Bank's CEO - V. G. Mathew, Headquarters - Thrissur, Kerala, Tagline : Experience Next Generation Banking).

National Payments Corporation of India inked with UBI (Union Bank of India) to launch *99# mobile app for its customers.

UBI CEO: Arun Tiwari, Headquarters: Mumbai, Tagline: Good people to bank with.
NABARD sanctions Rs.26.06 crores to the Punjab Government.

AWARDS & HONOURS - Persons in NEWS

Mohan Bagan Ratna Award 2016 - Syed Nayeemuddin.

New Secretary to the Indian Prime Minister - Bhasker Bulbhe.

Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award 2016 - Subha Mudgal.

Who won 'Lifetime Achievement Award 2016' at Goa State Film Festival - N Chandra.

Indian Artist Anita Gopalan won PEN /Heim Translation Fund Grants.

Indian Ambassador to Zimbabwe - R. Masakui.

New brand ambassador of Incredible India -PM Mr. Narendra Modi.

IBJA (Indian Bullion and Jewellers Association) has granted 500 gms sovereign gold bonds and silver to the Indian medal winners in Rio-Olympics 2016.

Nita Ambani (wife of Mukesh Ambani) is the first Indian Women to join in the International **Olympic Committee(IOC)**.

International Olympic Committee(IOC)

President- Thomas Bach,

Head Quarters: Lausanne , Switzerland.

IOC formed in - 1894 (23rd June).

Indian Olympic Association (IOA):

President - N. Rama Chandran.

Founder - Vijay Malhotra.

H.Q. - New Delhi,

Secretary General - Rajeev Mehta.

ADB (Asian Development Bank)

Started in: 19th Dec. 1966.

H.Q. - Manila Philippines.

Member Countries: 67.

The motto of ADB - To fight against poverty in Asia and the Pacific region.

APPOINTMENTS: (in August 2016)

24th Chief Justice of Bombay High Court - Manjula Chellar.

President of Zambia - Edgar Lungu.

New Governor of Manipur - Meira Kumar.

New Governor of RBI (Reserve Bank of India) - Mr. Urjit Patil.

CM of Arunachal Pradesh - Pema Khandu.

Chairman of NDDB (National Dairy Development Board) - Dilip Rath.

CARE Ratings MD & CEO - Rajesh Mokashi.

New Chief Minister of Gujarat - Vijay Rupani (from August 2016).

Prime Minister of Tunisia - Youssef Chahed (Capital: Tunis, Currency: Tunisian Dinar).

CBDT Chairman: Rani Nair.

New President of Microsoft India - Anant Maheshwari.

New Chairperson of International Olympic Committee (IOC) - Angela Ruggiero (Ice hockey).

Prime Minister of Nepal - Pushpa Kamal Dahal.

Lt. Governor of Andaman Nicobar and Islands - Jagdish Mukhi.

Latest Important BOOKS & AUTHORS:

'Until the Lions: Echoes from the Mahabharata' - Karthika Nair.

'India Rising: Fresh Hope, New Fears' - Ravi Velloor.

'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' - JK Rowling.

SCHEMES:

MAA (Mothers Absolute Affection) - The Union Health Ministry & Family Welfare, JP Nadda launched MAA to create awareness on breastfeeding.

RBI launched **SACHET** (sachet.rbi.org.in) to curb illegal money pooling by firms.

SBI has launched scheme for Defense Personnel: **Shaurya Home Loan**.

Himachal Pradesh launches citizen governance mobile app "**HM TCP**" (TCP means Town country Planning).

NATIONAL NEWS:

India's first **tiger cell** was set up in **Dehradun**.

Goa Tourism department organized '**Freedom Ride**' in August 2016.

Tarun Rama Dorai Committee - To study on household finance.

The world's tallest **Grider Rail bridge** is set up in **Manipur**.

Keibul Lamjao National Park located in Manipur.

Indian Railways tied up with **Mobiwik** for e-cash payments for delivery of food in train coaches.

Aadi Perukku festival celebrated in Tamilnadu.

Hareli festival celebrated in Chattisgarh.

The district '**Narmada**' in Gujarat has been declared as **Open defecation free**.

Madras high court renamed as **Tamilnadu high court**.

Yahoo has built up the **online abuse detector** to curb online abuses.

Oracle Joins with SBI for Corporate Citizenship Collaboration.

Kerala govt. setup the first **Touch and Feel garden** for the visually impaired people in the country.

BSNL and **Microsoft** Signed MoU for enterprise business to provide telecom and IT solutions for big business.

The central govt. has increased maternity leave from **2** weeks to **26** weeks by **maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill 2016**.

India imposed anti-dumping duty on certain hot-rolled steel products from **China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Brazil and Indonesia**.

GOA will be hosting BRICS summit in mid october 2016.

The committee **DISHA** overlooks the timely implementation of central govt. schemes.

The Chief Minister of **Assam**, **Sarbanand Sonowal** has set up **Embankment Protection Committee (EPC)** to help to avert breaches in Embankment.

The Chief Minister of **Punjab**, **Prakash Singh Badal** has launched the mobile app '**Kisan Suvidha**' for farmers.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

World's longest and highest **glass bridge** to be setup in **China**.

SAARC Home Ministers Conference 2016 held in Islamabad.

China launches the world's first quantum communication satellite with hack proof ultra-high-security features to prevent wiretapping and interrupts.

Myanmar has extended its support to china's '**One Belt and One Road Project**'.

As per Bloomberg Misery Index 2016, **Thailand** is at 1st rank in the category of ***happiest place in the world***.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Name the first Indian Mission to study the sun by ISRO - **Aditya-L1**.

World's first leprosy vaccine is developed by India.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tropical Typhoon '**Nida**' hit by **China**.

The theme of **Swachh Bharat** Special Campaign - **Freedom from open defecation**.

Alibaba group launches a million books donation drive.

OBITUARIES:

Ahmed Zewail died recently was the Nobel laureate in chemistry.

Mahim Bora - The Popular author in Assam.

IMPORTANT DAYS in October:

1st October - International Day of Older persons, International Coffee Day, World Vegetarian Day.

2nd October - Gandhi Jayanthi, International Day of Non-Violence.

3rd October - German Unity Day, World Habitat Day.

4th October - World Animal Day.

7th August - National Handloom Day.

8th August - Quit India Movement (74th anniversary).

9th August - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

10th August - World Bio-Fuel Day

11th August - National Daughters day.

12th August - International Youth Day.

13th August - Organ Donation Day.

15th August - Independence day.

19th August - World Photography Day, World Humanitarian Day.

20th August - Sadbahavana Divas or Harmony Day, World Mosquito day.

29th August - National Sports Day.

SPORTS & GAMES:

Pakistan debarred from Kabaddi world cup 2016 due to hostilities.

The Kabaddi Worldcup 2016 is hosted by India that will be conducting in October 2016 - 12 international teams are participating in KWC.

(slogan: The World is Ready to Raid, IKF - International Kabaddi Federation).

Five new sports/games included in coming [Olympics 20-20 Tokyo](#) : **Baseball, Surfing, Skate Boarding, Sports Climbing, Karate.**

Haryana Govt. awarded 2.5 crores to Wrestler Sakshi Malik.

Uttar Pradesh Govt. awarded 'Rani Laxmi Bai' award to Sakshi Malik.

Formula One German Grand Prix 2016 winner 'Lewis Hamilton.

Luke Aikins, US is the first person who can jump and land without the parachute in the world.

The cricketer Sunnute Viljoen won the silver medal in the javelin throw in Rio-Olympics.

Fourth STAR Sports - ProKabaddi League 2016

Winners - Patna Pirates.

Hosted in - Gachibowli Stadium.

Limbo Skater 'Om Swaroop Gowda' has made Guinness world record for longest distance limbo skating under the cars.

Australian Open Squash Title 2016 - Dipika Pallikal.

The golfer Jim Furyk belongs to which country- America.

Cincinnati Masters Badminton Title 2016 - Winners List

Men's singles - Marin Cilic (Croatia)

Woman Singles - Carolina Pliskova (Czech Republic).

Woman's Doubles - Saia Mirza (India), Barbora Sotnikova (Czech Republic).

The cricket team coach of Australia 'Darren Lehmann' will continue as head coach till October 2019.

ABBREVIATIONS:

UPI - Unified Payments Interface

NDDDB - National Dairy Development Board

MAA - Mothers Absolute Affection.

IKF - International Kabaddi Federation.

IOC - International Olympic Committee

IBJA - Indian Bullion and Jewellers Association

NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India.

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