

**October 22, 2017**

### **21st October – National Police Commemoration Day**



The National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on 21st October remembering the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. Rich tributes are paid to the martyrs on this day. On October 21st 1959, twenty Indian soldiers were attacked by the Chinese troops in Ladakh. This altercation between the troops led to the death of ten policemen. Seven of the others who were also imprisoned, managed to escape from the Chinese troops.

### **Varanasi to get 2 STPs as part of cleaning Ganga**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi will soon get two sewage treatment plants as part of the government's bid to curb Ganga water pollution. The sewage treatment plants, having a total 260 million litres daily capacity, will be commissioned at Varanasi's Dinapur and Goitha before March next year. The government had recently awarded the contract for constructing 50 MLD (million litres daily) capacity STP at Ramana in Varanasi. Varanasi is one of the ancient cities along the banks of Ganges is one of the sacred Hindu cities in India. Banaras Hindu University (BHU) is situated in Varanasi and serves as an attractive study destination for students. Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport is a public airport located in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

## Hirasar Airport in Gujarat gets Government clearance



The Centre has given green clearance for a green field airport project at Hirasar, about 28 km from Rajkot in Gujarat, at a cost of over Rs. 1,400 crores. The state government has proposed a new airport in Rajkot district as the existing one is small and the earlier plan to extend the current runway could not materialise because of high land cost. The Environment Ministry has given the environment clearance to the Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Ltd (GSAICL) for development of a green field airport at Rajkot.

## The last car factory in Australia is closed down



On the 20th October 2017, the last car factory in Australia was shut down, as GM Holden Ltd, a subsidiary of the American General Motors, shut down its plant in South Australia. The plant has been moved to Germany. This has made thousands of Australians, especially in South Australia, jobless. The Australian Govt plans to make South Australia a defence hub.

### **Government permits Banks to sell small savings schemes**



The Government has decided to permit Banks to sell Small Savings Schemes in their branches. All the public sector Banks and the Top 3 private sector Banks - ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank – will be permitted to sell the schemes. These were being sold only through Post offices until now.

### **RBI says linking of Bank accounts with Aadhar is mandatory**



The Reserve Bank of India has reinstated that linking of Aadhar with the Bank accounts is mandatory. This was clarified on the 21st October 2017.

### **Dasna Jail to rename its dental clinic after Aarushi Talwar**



As a gesture to acknowledge the services of the Talwars, the Uttar Pradesh Govt has decided to rename the dental clinic in the Dasna Jail after Aarushi Talwar, who was murdered in 2008. Her parents spent four years in the Dasna Jail before they were released recently. During their stay in the prison, the Talwars attended to inmates

who had dental problems, free of charge.

### **Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan to get Lata Mangheshkar Award**



Bollywood singers Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan will get the Lata Mangheshkar Award, instituted by the Madhya Pradesh Govt. The awards will be presented on the 26th October at Indore, the birthplace of Lata Mangheshkar. The award carries

a cash prize of Rs 2 lacs, a shawl, a shreepal and a citation.

### **Sibi George Appointed India's Ambassador to Switzerland**



The Govt has appointed Sibi George as its next Ambassador to Switzerland. This was announced on the 21st October 2017. Sibi George is an IFS Officer of the 1993 batch. He has also served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Sibi George is presently the Joint Secretary in the

Ministry of External Affairs and he will replace Smita Purushottam as the Ambassador to Switzerland.

### **Christiano Ronaldo tops the Forbes List of Top 100 Rich Sports Stars**



According to the latest Forbes List, Cristiano Ronaldo is the richest sports person in the world. Ronaldo earned 70 million Pounds last year, making him the highest earner in the world. LeBron James (basketball) is the 2nd richest Lionel Messi

(football) is the third richest while Roger Federer (tennis) is the 4th richest in the world. Serena Williams is the richest woman sportsperson in the world. Virat Kohli is the only cricketer to feature in the Top 100 list.