



## CURRENT AFFAIRS (SEPTEMBER - 2017) :

### National

⇒ President Pranab Mukherjee launched three programmes named 'Swayam', 'Swayam Prabha' and 'National Academic Depository' to take education to the remotest corners of the country with the help of technology.

Under Swayam, courses would be offered through digital classrooms with online study material available free of cost, prepared by the best teachers in the country.

Swayam Prabha would tap into the potential of Direct to Home Service wherein a person can install a dish antenna for about ₹ 1500 and have access to 32 digital educational channels run by the HRD Ministry.

The vision of National Academic Depository (NAD) is born out of an initiative to provide an online storehouse of all academic awards viz., certificates of diplomas, degrees, marks-sheets, etc.

⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently paid a 3-day official visit to Israel. He became the first Prime Minister of India to visit Israel. A fast-growing Israeli flower was named after the PM Narendra Modi in a special gesture to mark the first visit of an Indian premier to the Jewish nation. Israeli Chrysanthemum flower will now be called 'MODI'. The two PMs launched an India-Israel Innovation Bridge designed to link start-up companies and innovators of the two countries. The two countries signed seven agreements, including areas like space, agriculture and water conservation.

### International

⇒ A Model United Nations (MUN) Regional Conference was held at Kathmandu. The event was organised by the US Embassy in partnership with the Youth Thinkers Society. The basic aim of the MUN was to provide a platform to young minds to channelise energy and resources for a more prosperous and peaceful world.

The conference simulated four UN committees – United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN), United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

⇒ 122 countries approved the first-ever treaty to ban nuclear weapons at a United Nations meeting boycotted by all nuclear-armed nations. All nine countries known or believed to possess nuclear weapons – the USA, Russia, Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel boycotted the meeting.

⇒ President Vladimir Putin of Russia and President Xi Jinping of China in a joint statement urged the US to immediately halt its deployment of THAAD anti-missile system to south Korea, which aims to protect South Korea from North Korean threat.

⇒ The 12th G-20 Summit was held in Hamburg, Germany. The Theme for this year's Summit was 'Shaping an Inter-Connected World'. The G-20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey, UK, USA, China and South Africa. European Union is its 20th member.

⇒ North Korea declared that it had successfully tested its first Inter Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) 'Hwasong-14' that can carry nuclear weapons and hit the mainland United States. President Donald Trump urged China, North Korea's main diplomatic ally, to end the nonsense once and for all.

### Economy

⇒ Under the money circulation and credit control policy of the RBI, the existing rates (as on 20.09.2017) are :  
\* Repo Rate (*Repo Rate is the rate at which commercial banks borrow money from the central bank, i.e., RBI*) : 6%.

\* Reverse Repo Rate (*Reverse Repo Rate is the rate at which the commercial banks deposit their surplus money to the central bank*) : 5.75%

\* Statutory Liquidity Ratio (*SLR is the percentage of deposits that commercial banks have to maintain with themselves*) : 20%

\* CRR (*Cash Reserve Ratio is the proportion of deposits which the banks have to keep with the central bank*) : 4%

\* Bank Rate (*Bank rate is the rate at which central bank, i.e. RBI, rediscounts the bills of exchange of commercial banks*) : 6.25%

\* MSF (*Marginal Standing Facility is the loan banks are permitted to avail themselves from the RBI on overnight basis, using its SLR securities*) : 6.25%.

\* Base Rate (*Base Rate reflects the actual cost of banks that has to be covered through lending. Banks cannot lend money below the Base Rate, which varies from bank to bank*) : 9% - 9.55%.

\* Term Deposit (Fixed Deposit) Rate (more than 1 year): 6.25% - 6.75%.

\* MCLR: 7.75% - 8.1%.

\* Savings A/c.: 3.50% - 4.00%.

(*MCLR, the Marginal Cost of Fund-based Lending Rate, is the new benchmark lending rate at which banks will now lend to new borrowers. Till 31 March 2016, banks used the Base rate as the benchmark lending rate. MCLR is built on four components – Marginal cost of funds, Negative carry on account of CRR, Operating costs and Tenor premium*).

⇒ The Reserve Bank of India has mandated that the customers will not suffer any loss if unauthorised electronic banking transactions are reported to the bank within 3 days. If reported with a delay of 4 to 7 days, the customer will face a liability of up to ₹ 25,000.



- ⇒ According to the World Happiness Report, 2017, Norway has been crowned world's happiest country followed by Denmark and Iceland. India has been ranked 122nd out of 155 countries. The rankings are based on income, life expectancy, how people rate social support, personal freedom, corruption and generosity.
- ⇒ India has become the first country to make a contribution to the UN Tax Trust Fund. The United Nations Trust Fund for International Cooperation in Tax Matters was set up in 2006 to help developing countries actively participate in the discussion on tax issues. India recently contributed \$ 1,00,000 and became the first nation to do so. The UN Tax Committee is a subsidiary body of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- ⇒ Patanjali Ayurveda has been featured the fourth most influential brand in India. Google has been ranked at the top position followed by Microsoft and Facebook. SBI is at the 5th position followed by Amazon (6th), Samsung (7th), Airtel (8th), Reliance Jio (9th) and Flipcart (10th).
- ⇒ The government has approved the formation of a Rail Development Authority (RDA), comprising Chairman and three other members.
- ⇒ IDFC Bank and the Sriram Group have recently agreed to finalise a merger of their financial service businesses.
- ⇒ According to the UN report 'One Family at a Time' by the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Indians working across the globe sent home \$ 62.7 billion in 2016, making India the top remittance-receiving country surpassing China. Globally, about 200 million migrants sent more than \$ 445 billion in 2016 as remittances to their families.
- ⇒ According to the Global Retail Development Index (GRDI) 2017 titled 'The Age of Focus', India secured the top position among 30 developing countries on ease of doing business in the retail sector. India's retail sector has been growing at an annual rate of 20%. Total sales surpassed the \$ 1 trillion mark last year.
- ⇒ According to a study conducted by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Gujarat, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh are the top three States in India for Business investment potential. The ranking has been made on their competitiveness on six pillars – land, labour, infrastructure, economic climate, political stability and governance, and business protection. Unfortunately, West Bengal has performed worst and placed at the last (21st) position. (Small States have not been considered).
- ⇒ National Bamboo Mission has been renamed as National Agro-Forestry and Bamboo Mission.
- ⇒ According to the Global Cybersecurity Index for 2017 released by the UN body the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Singapore topped the list followed by the USA and Malaysia. India has been ranked 23rd out of 165 nations surveyed.
- ⇒ Bharti Airtel received statutory approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for its proposed merger with the Indian unit of Norway's 'Telenor'.
- ⇒ Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana for senior citizens aged 60-years or above has been launched. The pension scheme is offered by LIC of India. Under this scheme, there will be an assured return of 8% over a tenure of 10 years, payable monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually. There is a maximum and minimum limit on the investment. Premature withdrawal is possible in case of critical and terminal illness.
- ⇒ The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the basis of UN-Habitat data has revealed that Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh has topped the index of the world's most densely populated city with 44,500 people per square kilometre. Mumbai grabbed the second position with 31,700 people per sqkm. Kota in Rajasthan is at the 6th position (12,100 people per sqkm) in the world.
- ⇒ The World's Population Prospects : the 2017 Revision, published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs says that currently China has a population of 1.41 billion while India has 1.34 billion. China comprises approximately 19% and India 18% of the world population. But in 2024 the population of both the countries will be equal (1.44 billion each). After that India will overtake the population of China. In 2030 it will be around 1.5 billion and in 2050 it will be around 1.66 billion.
- ⇒ According to the report of the UN Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), India's milk production will grow 49% over the next decade, making the country the world's largest milk producer by 2026.
- ⇒ The Union government has approved the sale of its 51% equity in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). The deal will increase the government's disinvestment proceeds by about ₹ 30,000 crore.
- ⇒ India has been ranked 116th out of 157 nations in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Index, 2017, published by Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Sweden topped the list followed by Denmark and Finland. The SDGs, officially known as Transforming Our World : The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a set of 17 Global Goals with 169 targets between them.



- ⇒ India has contributed \$ 5,00,000 to the UN Peacebuilding Fund, launched to support activities, actions, programmes and organisations that seek to build lasting peace in countries emerging from various conflicts.
- ⇒ The world's first ATM was turned into gold by the Barclays Bank for celebration of its 50th anniversary (golden jubilee). The first ATM (Automated Teller Machine) was opened on June 27, 1967 at a branch of Barclays Bank in Enfield, North London.
- ⇒ India has been placed at the 88th position in terms of money kept in Swiss banks by its citizens, while the UK remained on top. The money held by Indians with banks in Switzerland now accounts for a meagre 0.04% of the total fund kept by all foreign clients in the Swiss banking system.

## Sports

- ⇒ England clinched the ICC Women's World Cup, 2017 crown defeating India by 9 runs at the Lord's ground. Heather Knight was the Captain of England and Mithali Raj was that of India.
- ⇒ Ravi Shastri has been appointed Head Coach of Indian cricket team (Men's) for the first time. He was selected by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), comprising India's three legendary cricketers Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman.
- ⇒ Bharat Arun has been appointed bowling coach by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) till the 2019 ODI World Cup.
- ⇒ Indian Women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj became the highest run-scorer in the One-Day International (ODI). She broke 5992-run record held by England captain Charlotte Edwards.
- ⇒ The 10th edition of the World Indoor Cricket Federation World Cup will be held at the Insporz Club in Dubai. Sandeep Patil has been named as brand ambassador of the Indian contingent.
- ⇒ 57 National Inter-State Championship was held at Acharya Nagarjuna University in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. Kerala won the highest number of medals followed by Tamil Nadu and Haryana.
- ⇒ The Asian Athletics Championship 2017 was held recently at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. 560 athletes from 41 nations participated. Bhubaneswar was the third Indian city to host the Asian Athletics Championship after Delhi (1989) and Pune (2013). India won the highest number of medals (29) with 12 gold, 5 silver and 12 bronze medals followed by China (20) and Kazakhstan.
- ⇒ The 131st Wimbledon Championship 2017 tennis tournament took place at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London. Roger Federer of Switzerland defeated Marin Cilic of Croatia to win the men's singles trophy while in the women's singles, Garbine Muguruza of Spain defeated Venus Williams of the USA.

- ⇒ Germany defeated Chile to win the FIFA Confederation Cup football at Saint Petersburg.
- ⇒ Karnataka's Manudev won the first National Masters snooker tournament.
- ⇒ KHS Prannoy of India clinched the US Open Grand Prix Gold Men's Singles badminton title by defeating his compatriot P Kashyap.
- ⇒ India won the Asian Track Snooker Championship title defeating Pakistan in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- ⇒ India's Harinder Pal Sandhu won the Victorian Open Squash in Melbourne, Australia.
- ⇒ Jehan Daruvala, the 18-years old Mumbai racing driver, became the first Indian to win a race in the highly competitive FIA Formula 3 European Championship.
- ⇒ The first ever Kargil International Marathon 'Run for Sarhad' was held in Kargil, Jammu and Kashmir. More than 800 runners from all over the world participated in the event.

## Awards

- ⇒ Veteran BJP leader L K Advani received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions as a parliamentarian in the Lok Sabha.
- ⇒ JD-U leader Sharad Yadav received the Lifetime Achievement Award as a Rajya Sabha representative.
- ⇒ A group of seven students from Mumbai has bagged two awards at the first global robotics Olympiad organized by First Global in Washington. Mexico City will host the competition next year.
- ⇒ Noted musician and Chitraveena maestro N Ravikiran has been selected for the coveted Sangita Kalanidhi Award, 2017.

## Persons

- ⇒ T R Zeliang has been appointed Chief Minister of Nagaland. The Governor P B Acharya dismissed the five-month-old government of Shurhozelie Liezietsu after he and his supporters failed to turn up in the Assembly to face the floor test.
- ⇒ John Joseph has been appointed Director General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DG-GSTI).
- ⇒ K K Venugopal has been appointed Attorney General of India. He succeeded Mukul Rohatgi.
- ⇒ Preeti Shenoy, the Writer, has been honoured with the Indian of the Year award by Brands Academy. Shenoy's books include 'It's All in the Planets', 'Why We Love The Way We Do', 'It Happens For A Reason', 'The One You Cannot Have' and '34 Bubblegums And Candies'.
- ⇒ Ram Nath Kovind, the former Governor of Bihar has become the 14th president of India. He got 65.65% of the total valid votes which totalled 7,02,044 electoral college votes whereas his opponent Meira Kumar got 34.35% of total valid votes which was equivalent to 3,67,314 votes. Mr. Kovind is the 2nd Dalit leader after K R Narayanan to become the first citizen of India.



- ⇒ Achal Kumar Joti an Election Commissioner has been appointed Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India. He replaced Nasim Zaidi.
- ⇒ Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon has become the richest person in the world, leaving the Microsoft founder Bill Gates behind.

## **Died**

- ⇒ Liu Xiaobo, China's Nobel laureate died in custody. Liu was arrested in 2008 after co-writing Charter 08, a bold petition that called for the protection of basic human rights and reform in China's political system. At the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo in 2010, he was represented by an empty chair.
- ⇒ Abu Bakar al-Baghdadi, the supreme leader of the Islamic State has been killed on the outskirts of the Syrian city of Raqqa.
- ⇒ Sumita Sanyal, the veteran Hindi and Bengali actress passed away.
- ⇒ Naresh Chandra, former Indian Ambassador to the USA and former Governor of Gujarat passed away.
- ⇒ Prof Yash Pal, the scientist and educationist known for his contribution to the study of cosmic rays, passed away.
- ⇒ Prof UR Rao, the renowned space scientist and former ISRO Chairman died recently. He was the brain behind right from India's first satellite Aryabhata to ISRO's all programmes till date in one capacity or the other.

## **Miscellaneous**

- ⇒ Radio broadcasting has completed 90 years in India. The country went on the air from the Bombay Station on July 23, 1927 under a private company named the Indian Broadcasting Company. On June 8, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service became All India Radio.
- ⇒ Rail Minister Suresh Prabhu unveiled an integrated mobile application named Rail SAARTHI to cater to all kinds of passenger requirements. The Rail SAARTHI is an abbreviation of the term Synergised Advanced Application Rail Travel Help and Information.
- ⇒ Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda launched the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Malaria Elimination (2017-22). The NSP will give strategies for working towards the ultimate goal of elimination of malaria by 2030.
- ⇒ The Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension has launched a new training programme Comprehensive Online Modified Modules on Induction Training (COMMIT) for State Government Officials. The objective of COMMIT programme is to improve the public service delivery mechanism and provide citizen-centric administration through capacity building of officials who interact with the citizens on day-to-day basis.

- ⇒ A 5.5 km walled city area in Ahmedabad, Gujarat with an approximate population of 4 lakh has been declared India's first World Heritage City by UNESCO. It was founded by Sultan Ahmed Shah in the 15th century.
- ⇒ The ninth edition of Delhi Dialogue was held with the theme 'ASEAN-India Relations Charting the Course of the Next 25 Years'. Delhi Dialogue is an important tool to push partnership with the ASEAN. It is being held annually since 2009.
- ⇒ On June 16, 2017 a People's Liberation Army Party of China entered the Doklam area and attempted to construct a road. The Royal Bhutan Army and Indian soldiers dissuaded them.  
Doklam is an area with a plateau and a valley, lying between Tibet's Chumbi Valley to the north, Bhutan's Ha Valley to the east and India's Sikkim state to the West.
- ⇒ President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 200th anniversary celebrations of the Paika Rebellion of Odisha. Paika battle was fought under the leadership of Baxi Jagabandhu of Odisha, 40 years before the revolt of 1857.
- ⇒ Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sharma launched the programme 'Livelihood Intervention and Facilitation of Entrepreneurship' (LIFE) at Songsak in East Garo Hills. The main idea of LIFE was to ensure that there is reverse in trend, where people would migrate from urban areas to rural areas.
- ⇒ In line with Indian Railway's 'Solar Mission' to reduce dependency on fossil fuels, Railways launched its first 1600 HP solar-powered DEMU (Diesel Electric Multiple Unit) train from Safdarjung railway station which runs between Sarai Rohilla in Delhi to Farukh Nagar in Haryana. The solar panels, fitted on the roof of each coach, powers all the electrical appliances inside. However, the main train runs on diesel.
- ⇒ Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched RailCloud at New Delhi. Considered as a significant IT initiative, RailCloud is a virtual server with an inbuilt security system to optimise server usage and faster connectivity.
- ⇒ President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 'Ashiana Annexe' in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Annexe comprises of twelve low cost dwelling units constructed to accommodate officers and staff of Rashtrapati Bhavan, during Presidential visit to the Retreat at 'Ashiana'.
- ⇒ The first edition of WINGS 2017 – "Sab Uden, Sab Juden" – Expanding Regional Connectivity was hosted by the Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju in New Delhi. India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets and currently the ninth largest civil aviation market in the world. India is projected to be the third largest aviation market by 2020.



- ⇒ A landmark civil nuclear cooperation deal between India and Japan, which was signed in November 2016 during PM Narendra Modi's visit to Tokyo, came into force on July 20, 2017. Other nations who have signed civil nuclear deal with India include the USA, Russia, South Korea, Mongolia, France, Namibia, Argentina, Canada, Kazakhstan and Australia.
- ⇒ India agreed to develop 'Most Ven Maduluwawe Sobitha Thero' village in Anuradhapur district of Sri Lanka with a grant of ₹ 30 crore Sri Lankan rupees.
- ⇒ The famous blue-bordered sari of Mother Teresa has been recognised as an Intellectual Property of the Missionaries of Charity.
- ⇒ The Dal Lake of Srinagar hosted the first ever Culture of Cruise, a week long cultural programme aimed to bring artists from various fields on one stage.
- ⇒ Centenary year celebration of Sabarmati Ashram in Gujarat was held on June 29, 2017.
- ⇒ The Union government has approved the merging of the 'Urban Development and Housing' and 'Urban Poverty Alleviation' Ministries. With this merger, it will be known as 'Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)'. This is for the record third time that the two ministries were merged and bifurcated.
- ⇒ India contributed an additional \$ 1 million to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund which was set up recently as a partnership between India and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) to support sustainable development projects across the developing world.
- ⇒ The British government launched a new project titled the 'Grand Trunk Road' to mark the 70th anniversary of India's partition in August 1947 with volunteers from the Muslim, Sikh and Hindu communities in UK coming together to stage special events.
- ⇒ World's oldest emergency call telephone number '999' marked 80th anniversary on July 1, 2017. It was first used in Britain in 1937.
- ⇒ The US has started rolling out its Global Entry programme for low-risk Indian travellers. India has now become the 11th country whose citizens are eligible to enrol in the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) initiative. The countries are – Argentina, Colombia, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, South Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, UK and India.
- ⇒ The Wheeler Island in the Bhadrak district of Odisha has been renamed as APJ Abdul Kalam Island.
- ⇒ A 14-day joint military training exercise named 'Exercise Maitree 2017' between the Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army was held at Bakloh in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ⇒ Sharjah has been crowned with the prestigious the 'World Book Capital' for 2019 by the UNESCO for the quality of its literary and cultural activities and for its efforts to make books accessible to the entire population of the nation.
- ⇒ The government announced the implementation of the 2016 Anti-Hijacking Act, replacing the same Act of 1982. The new law mandates the central government to confer powers of investigation, arrest and prosecution on any officer of the central government or National Investigation Agency (NIA). It also included several acts within the definition of hijacking including making a threat or attempt to commit the offence.
- ⇒ India has decided to invite the heads of State of governments of all 10 ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) countries for the Republic Day Parade next year. ASEAN includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- ⇒ Maharashtra has become the first State to make social boycott a crime. The Maharashtra Prohibition of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act prescribes a maximum punishment of three years in jail and a fine of ₹ 1 lakh.
- ⇒ Maharashtra has become the first State in the country to provide women an injectable contraceptive for free. In this regard, the state's public health department launched a programme called 'Antara' to offer women an injection of birth-control hormone which is effective for three months.
- ⇒ The 'Dree' festival was celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh. The purpose of the festival is to appease the Sun and the Moon Gods so that famine might be avoided.
- ⇒ The SIERRA ODC building in Coimbatore has been recognised as the world's second highest ranking Green Building with a score of 103 out of 110 under LEED certification. The three-storied building has been designed and constructed with an emphasis on increasing the efficiency of resources like energy, water or material. Water is recycled cent per cent there.
- ⇒ India's GSAT-17 communication satellite was launched successfully from Kourou, French Guiana. The satellite was launched by using the European Ariane 5 Launch Vehicle.
- ⇒ Matunga Railway station in Mumbai (Central Railway) is run by all women crew. Right from the Station Master to ticketing staff, security staff and other personnel required to run the station are all women.
- ⇒ The 21st Malabar Naval Exercise was recently held in the Bay of Bengal. Malabar Exercise is a trilateral naval exercise involving the USA, Japan and India as permanent partners. Originally it was a bilateral exercise between India and the USA. Japan became a permanent member in 2015.
- ⇒ India's largest fresh water aquarium has been opened at Bhagwan Birsa Munda Biodiversity Park in Ranchi, Jharkhand.



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- ⇒ China has decided to downsize its 2-3 million strong People's Liberation Army (PLA) to under one million.
- ⇒ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar severed political ties with the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan and formed a new government with the support of BJP.
- ⇒ President Pranab Mukherjee passed an ordinance allowing to conduct 'Kambala', an annual buffalo race organized in Karnataka.
- ⇒ Karnataka government has formed a committee to study legal provisions of having a separate flag for the State. Among the States, only Jammu and Kashmir enjoys a special status of having a State flag under Article 370 of the Constitution.
- ⇒ The Kerala government has given its nod to the Sabarimala Greenfield International Airport. Once commissioned, this will be the fifth international airport in Kerala. the other four are at Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kozhikode and Kunnur.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a multi-crore memorial of India's 'Missileman' APJ Abdul Kalam at his native village Peikarambu in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

## **Books & Authors :**

- ⇒ Narendra Damordas Modi : The Making of a Legend – Bindeshwar Pathak
- ⇒ Marriage and Its Discontents : Women, Islam and the Law in India – Sylvia Vatuk
- ⇒ Why Scams Are Here to Stay – N Ram

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