

MARUTHI SCHOOL OF BANKING
Important Current Affairs (Jan – 2017) for SBI & IBPS

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared an increase in the credit guarantee for the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to _____ from the previous limit of Rs.1 crore. **(Rs. 2 Crore)**
2. The government will waive off _____ interest on loans up to Rs. 2 lakh taken for construction, repair, and renovation of houses in rural areas. **(3%)**
3. Election Commission issued limitation on cash expenses per candidate at _____ for campaigns. **(20-28 lakhs)**
4. _____ has become the first state in India to go fully organic. **(Sikkim)**
5. _____ has been conferred the Knighthood in the New Year's honours list in Britain, along with British-Indian Professor Shankar Balasubramanian and Mo Farah. **(Andy Murray)**
6. India's first transgender school, Sahaj International, was inaugurated in _____ **(Kochi, Kerala).**
7. Two new Hindi writers Shraddha and Ghyansham Kumar Devansh have been chosen for _____ Award for the year 2016. **(Bharatiya Jnanpith Navlekhan)**
8. India and _____ sign 3rd protocol for amending DTAA (Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement). **(Singapore)**
9. Air Marshal _____ took over as the Chief of the Indian Air Force after Former Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha retired from post. **(Birender Singh Dhanoa)**
10. The Maritime Union of India (MUI) has launched android based mobile app named _____. **(MUI)**
11. _____ becomes the most popular android app in India. **(BHIM -Bharat Interface for Money)**
12. _____ has been appointed as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) replacing Alka Sirohi. **(David R Syiemlieh)**
13. _____ State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has been awarded as "Best Performing Power Distribution Utility in Power Sector" by Central Board of Irrigation & Power (CBIP). **(Punjab)**
14. India ranked _____ among nations offering highest salary to experts. Switzerland topped the list. **(3rd)**
15. World famous 11-day gala festival Bargarh Dhanua Jatra celebrated in _____ **(Odisha).**
16. PM inaugurated Indian Science Congress in _____ **(Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh)**
17. Andhra Pradesh's new health scheme offering medical insurance to those who were not covered under any of the existing health schemes of the state government named _____ **(Arogya Raksha)**
18. Housing finance major HDFC and the State Bank of India have cut benchmark lending rates by up to _____ percentage point. **(0.9)**
19. The Reserve Bank has appointed _____ as the new Executive Director. She replaced U S Paliwal. **(Surekha Marandi)**
20. For the benefit of voters, candidates, election staff as well as the Election Commission of India (ECI), the district administration of Ludhiana has developed a mobile application named _____ ("ECI360")

21. Software major IBM India appointed _____ as Managing Director. **(Karan Bajwa)**
22. Google CEO _____ announced tools (My Business and Digital Unlocked) to allow small businesses in India to set up a free website using a smartphone in under 10 minutes. **(Sundar Pichai)**
23. World's highest bridge – The Beipanjiang Bridge opened in _____. **China**
24. World Braille Day was observed on ____ across the world to commemorate the birthday of Louis Braille. **(4th January)**
25. The first Braille library was opened at the Blind High School in _____. **(Guwahati)**
26. The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has approved the adoption of 2017 as the ____ **(International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development)**
27. Nepal hosts _____ elephant festival in Kathmandu to boost tourism. **(Chitwan)**
28. Former Australia cricketer _____ was inducted into the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame . **(Arthur Morris)**
29. _____ has been declared the new President of Haiti. **(Jovenel Moise) (Capital-Port-au-Prince, Currency-Gourde)**
30. Yes Bank entered into a tie-up with _____ for vendor financing using blockchain solution. **(Bajaj Electricals)**
31. Supreme court removes _____ from the post of BCCI President. **(Anurag Thakur)**
32. Japanese Ambassador _____ announced that Japan would be associated with the development of Chennai, Ahmedabad and Varanasi as smart cities in India. **(Kenji Hiramatsu)**
33. Indian-American _____ Raj Shah, appointed as the Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Communication Director, and Research Director.
34. China launched its longest bullet train _____ of the World' from Kunming, in Yunnan Province, to Beijing. **(Shangri-la)**
35. Vice President Hamid Ansari released a book titled 'The People's President: Dr APJ Abdul Kalam' authored by _____. **(S M Khan)**
36. Tata Sons Ltd has nominated S Padmanabhan as the chairman for Tata Power Co Ltd with immediate effect.
37. Capgemini appointed _____ as Chief Human Resources Officer for its India operation. **(Anil Jalali)**
38. The International Conference on "Yoga for Diabetes" held in _____. **(New Delhi)**
39. The Minister of State for AYUSH is _____. **(Shri Shripad Yesso Naik)**
40. _____ introduced 2 tools – My Business and Digital Unlocked for the small and medium businesses in India. **(Google)**
41. UK's government has _____ as its ambassador to the EU after Ivan Rogers resigned from the post. **(Sir Tim Barrow)**

42. _____ is set to become the first nation to switch off its FM radio network, to shift to Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB). **(Norway)**
43. _____ accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) across the country. **(26 crore)**
44. _____ dedicated India's first laser technology-based advanced AVMS RTO check-post at Shamlaji. **(Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani)**
45. India's Petronet Signs MoU to Set Up \$950 Mn LNG Project in ____ **(Bangladesh)**
46. _____ Wins Patent for Flying Warehouse to Deliver Parcels via Drones. **(Amazon)**
47. Justice Mian Saqib Nisar has been appointed as the as 25th Chief Justice of ____ **(Pakistan)**
48. Argentine Star ____ was chosen as the World's Best Playmaker for the year 2016 by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS). **(Lionel Messi)**
49. The British Treasury has decided to introduce a new ____ sided one-pound coin at end of One March 2017 and scrap the 30 year old one pound coin by October 2017 **(12 sided)**
50. SC removes BCCI President Anurag for violating the order of implementing ____ Committee recommendations (Lodha)
51. **Air Marshal _____ takes over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff of Indian Air Force (SB Deo)**
52. Sanjiv Ranjan concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the ____ **(Oriental Republic of Uruguay)**
53. **Karnataka Bank** has launched a group Personal **Accident Insurance Scheme** for all its Saving Bank (SB) Account holders named ____ **("KBL Suraksha")**
54. Karnataka Bank has launched the above insurance scheme in association with ____ **(Universal Sompo General Insurance)**
55. **Who has been appointed as Chairman of Tata Power** in place of **Cyrus Mistry?** **(S Padmanabhan)**
56. **The world's tallest solar tower** is currently being constructed in ____ **(Israel's Negev desert)**
57. _____ is a prepaid card launched by Kolkata based UCO Bank. **(UCO Suvidh)**
58. Justice **C. G. Weeramantry**, one of the world's most eminent jurists passed he was the **first** ____ to be appointed to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. **(Sri Lankan)**
59. IMF cuts India's growth rate to ____ from 7.6% due to Demonetization. **(6.6%)**
60. Mobile handset brand ____ has roped in Indian test captain Virat Kohli as the brand ambassador. **(Gionee)**
61. The World Bank has decelerated India's growth for 2016-17 fiscal to ____ from its previous estimate of 7.6%. **(7%)**
62. 69th Army Day being observed on ____ **(15th January 2017)**
63. 'Akhada' is authorized biography of ____ **(Former wrestler and coach Mahavir Singh Phogat).**

64. NITI Aayog has projected the India GDP growth rate of _____ for 2016-17 based on the appraisal document for the Twelfth Five-Year Plan. **(8 Percent)**
65. Tata Consultancy Services has appointed _____ the current chief financial officer, as CEO of the company. **(Rajesh Gopinathan)**
66. Kerala water transport launched its First Solar Powered Boat named ____ **(Aditya)**.
67. The United States has announced the end of a 20-year economic embargo on _____ **(Sudan)**.
68. India slips to ____ rank on global talent competitiveness Index **(92nd)**
69. The Commerce Ministry has launched _____ mobile app which provides detailed information related to special economic zones. **(SEZ India)**
70. Name the monile app launched by Tamil Nadu Tourism Department with information on tourism in Tamil Nadu with audio facilities. **(‘pinakin’)**
71. India ranked _____ in global ‘Passport Index’ **(78th)**
72. India Ranks _____ in Inclusive Development Index 2017 **(60th)**
73. Who releases Inclusive Growth and Development Report. **(WEF, Davos, Switzerland)**
74. Which has become the country’s first cashless island. **(Karang, in Manipur)**
75. Sitalpati (or cool mat) recognised as UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage is famous in __ **(West Bengal, Cooch Behar)**
76. _____ Bank Launches India’s First Customisable Savings Account. **(Yes Bank)**
77. Which Indian city has been ranked at the top position in Most Dynamic City in the World in WEF Report. (Bengaluru-India’s IT Hub)
78. What is India’s present position among the world’s largest economies as per a report published in Forbes magazine? - **(Fifth)**
79. Who is the he Lieutenant Governor of Delhi who resigned recently? - **Najeeb Jung**
80. Which is the venue of the International Civil Aviation Negotiations (ICAN) 2016 — **Nassau, Bahamas**
81. Which bank has bagged the SKOCI I silver award for attaining the position of No. 1 channel partner of LEC of India for the past three financial years? - **Corporation Bank**
82. The country which has nationalized its largest private bank name ‘PrivateBank’ recently is ? - **Ukraine**
83. The veteran Malayalam actor who died recently is **Jagannatha Varma**
84. Who is the 44th Chief Justice of India? - **JS Khehar**
85. Who is the person voted as the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2016 - **Andy Murray**
86. Name the actor appointed as the brand ambassador of Assam’s tourism for two yeats - **Priyanka Chopra**
87. What is he interest rate on EPF deposits for the current fiscal (FY17) as decided by the EPFO ?- **8.65 per cent**

88. What app is launched by the govt to ensure transparency in the implementation of rural electrification programme? - **GARV-II**
89. Who is the Managing Director of the IMF who was found guilty of negligence by a French court recently- **Christine Lagarde**
90. Who is the Russian ambassador to Turkey who was shot dead recently — **Andrey Kariov**
91. Which state has launched a subsidised meal scheme 'Annapurna Raso' — **Rajasthan**
92. In which city, the PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the country's first ever Indian Institute of Skills — **Kanpur**
93. _____ is the mobile wallet launched by BSNL in association with SBI for smart as well as feature phones — **MobiCash**
94. Who is the next Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)? - **Rajiv Jam**
95. Who is the new chief of the external intelligence agency RAW? — **Anil Dhasmana**
96. Who is the person who topped the Forbes 2016 list of the World's Most Powerful People? — **Vladimir Putin**
97. Who was awarded by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) with the "Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016"? — **Ratan Tata**
98. Who is the new Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)? — **VG Kannan**
99. Which Brazilian city officially entered the UN's list of world heritage sites recently? - **Rio de Janeiro**
100. Who is appointed as the chairman of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India for five years? - **VK Sharma**

ALL THE BEST