



### 1. BRICS Declaration Strongly Condemns Terrorism



Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is strongly deplored in the **9th BRICS summit** held in **Xiamen** city of **China**.

- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa in a joint declaration condemned all terror attacks worldwide, including those in the member states.
- The countries expressed concern at the security situation and violence caused by the Taliban, Islamic state, Al-Qaida and its affiliates.
- The declaration also reaffirmed BRICS support to the people of Afghanistan to achieve peace and national reconciliation.
- In spite of the increasing international pressures, **Pakistan has rejected BRICS Declaration.**

### 2. India-Nepal Military Exercise Surya Kiran Begins

India and Nepal have begun their joint military exercise **Surya Kiran** in **Nepal**. This is the **12th edition** of Nepal-India joint military exercise. The exercise Surya Kiran is being participated by around 300 troops each side.



- The battalion-level joint training between the two armies will focus on counter-terror operations in mountainous terrain by facilitating interoperability. Disaster management and joint operations for disaster relief will also be a part of the exercise.
- The Surya Kiran series of Exercises are being conducted annually, alternatively in Nepal and India.
- The **11th edition** of the joint exercise was held in **Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand.**

### 3. Eastern Economic Forum Meet Begins in Vladivostok



Third meeting of Eastern Economic Forum has started in **Vladivostok, Russia** and External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** will attend the Forum as India's representative.

- In the forum, there will be discussion on the prime and important issues relating to global trade.
- She will also hold bilateral talks with her Russian counterpart **Sergei Lavrov** during which there will be discussion on various issues relating to trade, investment and defence cooperation.



### 4. National Nutrition Strategy Launched

National Nutrition Strategy that lays the roadmap for targeted action to address India's nutritional needs has been launched in New Delhi by Leader of the Green Revolution, **Dr M S Swaminathan** and Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog **Dr Rajiv Kumar**. Now, nutrition will come at



the centre-stage of the National Development Agenda.

- The strategy calls for convergence between four proximate determinants of nutrition - food, health services, income and water. Currently, there is also a lack of real time measurement of these determinants, which reduces the capacity for targeted action among the most vulnerable mothers and children.
- **Kuposhan Mukh Bharat** - linked to Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat is sought through the Nutrition Strategy framework.



### 5. Rs. 20K Penalty on Banks without Aadhar Centres



One additional month has been given to banks to open Aadhar enrolment centres. The extra time has been granted as many banks sought additional time for setting up such facility on their premises.

- Earlier in July, The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) had asked private as well as public banks to open **Aadhaar enrolment and updation facility in 10 percent** of their total number of branches by the end of August 2017.
- Non opening of Aadhar Centres will attract a fine of **Rs. 20000 per branch per month** and is calculated on the minimum stipulated number of branches.



### 6. Kenneth Ian Juster Nominated as American Ambassador to India

President Donald Trump has nominated **Kenneth Ian Juster** as the next American ambassador to India.

- Juster plays a key role in the Indo-US ties under the Bush Administration. He served as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security from 2001 to 2005.
- Juster would replace **Richard Verma** the position has been **vacant** since 20th of January after Mr Verma submitted his resignation as Trump took over as the US President.



### 7. India Beat Macau in Football Asia Cup Qualifier



India beat host **Macau** by 2-0 in a group league match in the qualifying round of the Asian Cup Football played at Macau.

- Both the goals were scored by substitute striker Balwant Singh.
- It is **eleventh consecutive victory** for India in the international football matches.



### 8. Arunachal Minister Jomde Kena Is No More

Jomde Kena, BJP leader and Health and Family Welfare Minister of Arunachal Pradesh died at a private hospital in Guwahati after prolonged illness.



- 52-year old Kena was admitted at the hospital for the last one month.

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