D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, ASHOK VIHAR, PHASE-IV, DELHI
CURRENT AFFAIRS
HALF YEARLY 2017-2018

1. The **government banned** the use of **red beacons** on the vehicles of all **VIP's** and **ministers** except fire engines, ambulance and police vans.
2. The **country's longest road tunnel "ChenaniNashri Highway tunnel"** was inaugurated by PM NarendraModi, **connecting Jammu and Srinagar**.
3. PM inaugurated **India's longest bridge the "Dhola-Sadiya" bridge in Assam** , built over a distance of 9.15 km.
4. **Delhi metro** has been declared the **World's First "Green Metro".**
5. **World's smallest spacecraft "Sprites",** weighing 4 grams was successfully **launched in orbit by Indian rocket PSLV**.
6. **Ram NathKovind** took oath as **India's 14th president**.
7. **UNESCO** declared the **600 year old walled city of Ahmedabad** as a **WorldHeritage City**.
8. **PM NarendraModi**became the **First** ever Indian prime minister to **visit Israel**.
9. The **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** was implemented in India from **1.07.2017**.
10. Former home secretary **Rajiv Mehrishi** was appointed as **Comptroller and Auditor General of India**.
11. Justice **DipakMisra** sworn in as **45th Chief Justice of India**.
12. **SushmaSwaraj** inaugurated **First VideshBhavan in Mumbai**.
13. **NandanNilkeni** was appointed as **Chairman of Infosys Limited**.
14. The **Supreme Court declared as Right to Privacy** as a Fundamental Right under constitution.
15. Atleast**23 people** were killed and several injured as **Utkal Express derailed** in **Uttar Pradesh's Muzzafarnagar**.
16. India celebrated **71st Independence Day** on 15.08.2017.
17. **M Venkaiah Naidu** sworn in as **13th Vice President of India**.
18. **75th anniversary** of **Quit India Movement** was observed across the country on **9.08.2017**.
19. **Bengaluru** will launch **India's first Helicopter-Taxi (Heli-Taxi)** service from its Kempegowda International Airport.

20. **ShahidKhaqanAbbasi**has been appointed as the interim **Prime Minister of Pakistan**.
21. Indian origin civil servant **J Y Pillay**appointed as **Singapore's acting President**.
22. After KalpanaChawla, **JalseenKaurJosan** becomes **2nd Indian** woman to fly for **NASA's Mars Mission**.
23. **Kenya** Imposes World's **Toughest Law** Against **Plastic Bags**.
24. **India** and **China**agreed to **withdraw** their **troops** from **Doklam** after being in a standoff for over two months.
25. Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) to **issue rupees 200 notes**.
26. India Opens **First Partition Museum in Amritsar**.
27. **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**is the **First Wicketkeeper** to Effect **100 Stumpings**.
28. **England won** ICC **Women's World Cup** by **defeating India** by 9 runs in finals.
29. **PV Sandhu** won **Silver medal** in **World Badminton Championship**.
30. **ParalympianDevenderJhajharia** and former **Hockey skipper Sardar Singh** were honoured with this year's **Rajiv Gandhi KhelRatna Award**.
31. **India beat Sri Lanka** to win **three** match **test series** and a**ODI series** of **five** matches.
32. **Ravi Shastri** appointed as new **head coach** of Indian Cricket team.
33. Bollywood actor **VinodKhanna died** at the age of 70, he was suffering from bladder cancer.
34. Bollywood actor **Akshaykumar**has **won** the **National Award** for best actor for film **Rustom**.