

Some Key Current Infor-Bits at Random (Oct 1- Oct 8)

- Ratan Tata has been inducted into the prestigious National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in the US for his outstanding contributions to industrial development in India and across the world.
- Nobel Medicine Prize has been announced for US duo James Rothman and Randy Schekman and German-born Thomas Suedhof for their groundbreaking work on how the cell organises its transport system.
- Arundhati Bhattacharya is the first woman chairperson of the State Bank of India, India's largest lender which has a 207-year old history.
- Sania Mirza won her second title in a row as she lifted the China Open trophy with Cara Black, defeating Vera Dushevina and Arantxa Parra Santonja.
- Rohan Bopanna lifted the Japan Open trophy with French partner Edouard Roger-Vasselin, defeating past Jamie Murray and John Peers.
- Typhoon Fitow, with packing winds up to 151 km per hour, hit Zhejiang and Fujian, the coastal provinces in China.
- Supreme Court has suggested formation of a three-member panel headed by former Punjab and Haryana Chief Justice Mukul Mudgal to probe charges of spot and match fixing in IPL.
- Indian judokas, H Sunibala Devi and Th. Kapana Devi, won bronze medals in the IJF Grand Prix Judo Tournament in Tashkent.
- Tiger Woods has won the Presidents Cup for the third time in a row.
- International Grains Council in revised rice production estimates for 2013-14, has pegged India's production at record 107 million tonnes and exports at 8.5 million tonne, .. India got set to retain its position as the world's top rice exporter.
- Roberto Azevedo is the Director-General of World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, a prominent lawmaker of Opposition BNP has been sentenced to death by a special Bangladeshi tribunal for genocide during 1971 war, becoming first MP and 7th person to be convicted of crimes against humanity.
- Indian and Chinese troops conducted three separate border meetings along the 3,448-km LAC meetings were conducted at: Spanggur Gap in Eastern Ladakh, Nathu La in Sikkim and Bum La in Arunachal Pradesh.
- A UN Human Rights panel has asked South Korean steel giant Posco to immediately halt \$12-billion mega port-to-steel plant project in Odisha alleging possible displacement of thousands of people and disruption in their livelihoods.
- Nepalese army chief General Gaurav Shamsheer Jang Bahadur Rana on a six-day visit to India witnessed a Indo-Nepal combined training exercise, Surya Kiran, at Pittoragarh.
- Former Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom.
- Cassini spacecraft of NASA has detected propylene, a chemical essential for creation of plastic, on Titan- moon of Saturn's moon

- Maharashtra Government had cleared a new policy covering senior citizens in the state under which it becomes mandatory for government and private entities to provide adequate facilities to senior citizens.
- GoI has rolled out a Centrally-sponsored scheme worth Rs 99,000 cr to route funds to state colleges and universities to help them gain strength over the 12th and 13th Plan periods.
- Election Commission has announced the schedule for Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Mizoram.
- In Vietnam, independence hero General Vo Nguyen Giap, whose guerrilla tactics defeated both the French and American armies, has died at the age of 102.
- India and Bangladesh have embarked on energy cooperation with the inauguration of two collaborative power projects - a transmission line for exporting 500 MW from West Bengal and a 1,320-MW thermal power project in Bangladesh.

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