

## **INDIA'S FOREIGN TRADE: August 2017**

### MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### EXPORTS (including re-exports)

In continuation with the positive growth exhibited by exports for the last twelve months, exports during August 2017 have shown growth of 10.29 per cent in dollar terms valued at US \$ 23818.83 million as compared to US \$ 21597.09 million during August,2016. In Rupee terms, during August 2017 exports were valued at Rs.152365.23 crore as compared to Rs.144570.03 crore during August,2016, registering a positive growth of 5.39 per cent.

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## **President of India launches 'Swachhta hi Seva' Campaign**

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, launched a nationwide sanitation campaign, 'Swachhta hi Seva', at Ishwariganj village in Kanpur today (September 15, 2017).

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## **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar to give away Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar & National Safety Awards for the Performance year 2015 on 17th September 2017**

The Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, has been operating the "Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP)" (Previously known as Shram Vir National Awards) and "National Safety Awards (NSA)" since 1965.

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## **President launches nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva jan aandolan from Kanpur**

The President Shri Ram Nath Kovind today launched the nationwide jan aandolan, Swachhta Hi Seva, from Iswarigunj, a village in Kanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. With this the whole country swings in to mass Shramdaan for toilet making and cleaning of public places for next two weeks.

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## **Stipend of Rs 50,000 per month be paid to the elite athletes preparing for Tokyo Olympic, Asian Games or Common Wealth Games to meet pocket expenses.**

The Olympic Task Force has recommended that stipend of Rs 50,000 per month be paid to the elite athletes preparing for Tokyo Olympic, Asian Games or Common Wealth Games to meet pocket expenses.