

CURRENT AFFAIRS MAY 2016 - MISCELLANEOUS

- The World Press Freedom Day was observed across the world on 3 May 2016. The theme was **Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms - This Is Your Right!**
- **Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) RM Lodha** is appointed as the head of a three-member panel by the Supreme Court of India to oversee the functions of the Medical Council of India.
- European Commission will grant conditional approval for visa-free travel within the EU's Schengen area to **Turkey**.
- The combined output of eight Core Sector accelerated in March 2016 to 16-month high of **6.4%**.
- **INA Airavat** will participate in the ADMM Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus) Exercise on Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism (Ex MS & CT) from 1 May to 9 May 16.
- The United Nations Refugee Agency, UNHCR, has called for immediate transfer of refugees and asylum seekers out of the Australian-run detention camps on both - **Manus Island and Nauru**.
- World Asthma Day was observed globally on 3 May 2016. The theme was **You Can Control Your Asthma**.
- **Uber** will allow Paytm wallet users to pay for their cab rides abroad in Indian rupees by the end of May 2016.
- A mango that fights night blindness and found in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh saves high-value 'nutraceutical' plants is **Manoranjitam**.
- The world's largest unmanned surface vessel, **Sea Hunter**, was tested by United States of America (US) Navy in San Diego.
- Madhya Pradesh Government will launch Nagaroday Abhiyan on the lines of Gramoday **Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan**.
- **Eduardo Cunha**, Brazil's Lower House Speaker, was suspended by Brazil's top court from his mandate, following a request by the country's Attorney General.
- **Infosys** proposal to set up an IT/ITeS special economic zone in Bengaluru was approved by Union government.
- **Leander Paes and Sam Groth** won the doubles title of Busan Open Challenger tennis tournament.
- **Novak Djokovic** won 2016 Mutua Madrid Open men's singles title.
- Atomic Oxygen was detected in the upper layers of the Martian atmosphere called as **Mesosphere** and the instrument used was **Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA)**.
- The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion allowed 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) into **Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) sector**.
- The Union Government constituted the three member **Sanjay Mitra** committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operators.
- The 3-member State Food Commission headed by **Ranglal Jamuda, former Union secretary, Food Processing Industries** was constituted by Odisha Government in May 2016.
- **Werner Faymann**, Austrian Chancellor, resigned after losing the support of Social Democratic party colleagues.
- India finished **third** in the overall standings of 7th Asian Youth Championships held in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan.
- In Mizoram, the administration of **Mamit** district on the Mizoram-Bangladesh border issued an order prohibiting import of chicken, bird, duck and eggs from Bangladesh and Tripura.
- **Facebook** won the trademark case in China.

- Who killed Swami Laxmananada is a book written by **Kuldip Nayar**.
- The Supreme Court struck down the order of **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** making it mandatory for telecom companies to compensate subscribers for call drops.
- An ASSOCHAM study indicates the drought in 10 Indian states may lead to a **Rs. 650000 crores** losses to the Indian economy.
- The author of the novel named The Drowned Detective is **Neil Jordan**.
- The Union Government has declared May 16 as National Dengue Day.
- The Union Government has asked the **Odisha government** to lay aerial Optical Fibre Cable on electric poles in rural areas so that internet connections can be provided to gram panchayats at a lower cost under the Digital India scheme.
- The Maharashtra Ex-Servicemen's Corporation recently launched a military tourism initiative in Pune, named **Veer Yatra**.
- Chief of Air Staff **Arup Raha** became the first CAS to fly the indigenously designed and produced Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.
- Himalayan brown bears came into news after being sighted for the first time after 1999 in **Kargil**.
- Draft National Policy for Women that was unveiled for consultation by Union Government seeks to replace **National Policy for Empowerment of Women, 2001**.
- **NK Singh** heads the five-member committee to give recommendations on the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM).
- The British publicist who coined the phrase "Fab Four" to describe the early Beatles, and died in May 2016 is **Tony Barrow**.
- The 27th series of CORPAT was conducted between the Indian Navy and **Indonesian Navy**.
- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer **A V S Ramesh Chandra** was appointed as the Ambassador of India to Romania.
- The cyclonic storm over the west central Bay of Bengal that will strike Andhra Pradesh coast is **ROANU**.
- As per the World Health Statistics 2016, the life expectancy for children born in India in 2015 is **68.3 years**.
- India signed 4 MoUs/Agreements on defence cooperation with **Oman**.
- Delhi's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for opening an Ayurvedic centre in **China**.
- S K Sharma was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited**.
- The Indian para-athlete who clinched gold medal in the men's club throw F-51 event at the 2016 French Open Athletics Championship is **Amit Kumar Saroha**.
- A jury in San Francisco cleared Google of copyright infringement in a case brought by Oracle over - **Google's use of Java in Android**.
- **Sanjay Bangar** was appointed as the head coach of Indian Cricket team for Zimbabwe tour.
- The National Academy For Training & Research In Social Security (NATRSS) has been renamed as Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS).
- **"Mission 11 Million"** to engage more than 11 million children in activities relating to Football to be launched in **October, 2016**.