

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 3 MAY 2016

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1. International Worker's Day

The International Workers day celebrated on **1st May** every year to highlight this significance. This is also known as **International Labours Day and May Day**.

❖ The theme of International Labour Day 2016 is **Celebrating the international labour movement**.

#### 2. Iraq declares state of emergency as protestors storm into Parliament

Iraq government has declared a states of emergency after supporters of Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr stormed parliament. Protesters in the capital has reached the cabinet headquarters inside the Green Zone of the cabinet building.

❖ It's the most major political crisis in Iraq after the demise of Saddam in 2003 following an attack by US army.

#### Iraq

❖ **Capital: Baghdad**

❖ **Currency: Iraqi Dinar**

### **NATIONAL**

#### 3. Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 comes into force after 8 year long efforts

Real Estate Act comes into force with effect from 1st May after 8 year long efforts to make operational Rules, Setting up regulatory authorities and Appellate tribunals.

❖ The Act was initiated during National Conference of Housing Minister of States and Union Territories in January 2009.

❖ In this regard, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) had notified 69 of the total 92 sections of the Act to bring it into force from 1 May 2016.

#### 4. ADMM plus Exercise on Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism at Brunei and Singapore

In a bid to India's Act East Policy The Naval Ship (INS) Airavat of India at Brunei and will take part in the **ADMM Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus) Exercise on Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism from 01 to 09 May 16**.

❖ ADMM plus Ex MS & CT is a multinational exercise of ADMM Plus countries group. This edition will commence at Brunei and conclude at Singapore.

❖ During the course of the exercise the Indian Navy would engage with Participating navies from various ASEAN and other countries through professional interactions in harbor and complex operations at sea.

### **Trade/Banking**

#### 5. India ranks on 5<sup>th</sup> Place in forge goods trade, China on Top in the list

India ranks fifth position in the exports of Fake goods globally, while china is No. 1 in the list with a huge 63% share in the estimated half-a-trillion dollar worldwide imports of forged and pirated goods.

❖ Released by OECD (Organisation Economic Cooperation and Development) and the European Union's Intellectual Property Office

### **AWARDS**

#### 6. Japanese honour for N.K. Singh

Former bureaucrat and parliamentarian **N. K. Singh will receive one of Japan's highest civilian honours** for promoting economic, educational and cultural ties between **India and Japan**.

❖ Mr. Singh, who is a former Member of the Planning Commission, will receive the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver'

#### 7. Indian-American Journalist and her colleagues receives Edgar A Poe Award

An Indian-American journalist Neela Banerjee was awarded by US President Barack Obama and the First Lady Michelle and her colleagues were awarded with a prestigious award during the annual White House Correspondents carnival.

❖ Awardees are Neela Banerjee and Three of her colleagues-John Cushman Jr. David Hasemyer and Lisa Song from Inside Climate New

## SPORTS

### 8. Indian team win one silver, two bronze in Archery World Cup

Indian women's Archery team sealed silver after losing to Chinese Taipei seed in the title clash in the Archery World Cup at the Yuanshen Stadium in Shanghai, China.

- ❖ Women's team comprising Deepika Kumari, Bombayla Devi Laishram and Laxmirani Majhi lost to the lower-ranked Chinese Taipei in the recurve team final.
- ❖ Third seeded Indian men's recurve team of Atanu Das, Jayanta Talukdar and Mangal Singh Champa hammered ninth seed British team to bag the bronze
- ❖ The mixed pair of Deepika and Atanu from India getting fancied Koreans in shoot-off to end with another bronze.

### 9. Vijender Singh records 5th consecutive victory in Professional Boxing

Pro turned Indian Boxer Vijender Singh notched up his fifth consecutive knockout win by battering Matiouze Royer of French in London.

- ❖ Vijender was declared winner little over a minute into the fifth round of the six-round super middle weight contest which was incidentally his longest bout so far.

## BOOKS

### 10. Book on Param Vir Chakra winners launched

Indian High Commissioner to Britain Navtej Sarna launched a book celebrating the lives of 21 Param Vir Chakra winners written by a well-known Indian social activist.

- ❖ Param Vir Diary by Manju Lodha covers a total of 21 instances of bravery recounted by the friends and families of Param Vir Chakra awardees.
- ❖ Lodha chairs the Lodha Foundation, it wants proceeds from the book to go to the foundation that will be passed on to the Indian Army.

#### Quick Notes

- ❖ **Event: Book Launch**
- ❖ **When: 1 May**
- ❖ **Name: Param Veer Diaries**
- ❖ **Writer: Manju Lodha**

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 11. **NABARD partners with Germany for food security initiative**

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has entered into collaboration with German Government for a special programme on 'Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security'.

### 12. **South India's first underground metro services flagged off in Bengaluru**

- South India's first underground metro services flagged off in Bengaluru i.e. at East-West corridor (Purple Line) of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

### 13. **Madhya Pradesh High Court terms reservation in promotions in the State as unconstitutional**

- The Madhya Pradesh High Court has termed reservation in promotions in the state as unconstitutional. Ruling in this regard was given by HC division bench chaired by Chief Justice A M Khanwilkar on the petitions filed several employee associations and social organizations.

### 14. **SIDBI inks MoU with SAARC Development Fund**

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has inked MoU with SAARC Development Fund (SDF) for mutual cooperation and collaboration.

### 15. **Union Government launches UJALA Scheme**

- The Union Government has launches National LED programme-Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA). It was launched by Union Minister for State (IC) for Power, Coal and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

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