

CURRENT AFFAIRS 5 MAY 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. World Press Freedom Day

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated every year on May 3 to mark the international community that freedom of the press and freedom of expression are fundamental human rights.

- ❖ This year Theme is Access to information and Fundamental Freedoms – This Is Your Right.
- ❖ The Day was established by the General Assembly of the UN Nations in 1993 as an outgrowth of the Seminar on Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic African Press.

NATIONAL

2. SC appointed RM Lodha-panel to reform Medical Council of India

Supreme Court appointed a three-member panel headed by RM Lodha to oversee how the regular of medical profession and education in India function.

- ❖ The five-judge constitution bench headed by Justice AR Dave ordered to reform the Medical Council of India.
- ❖ MCI's policy decisions will require approval of the oversight committee.
- ❖ The committee has the panel has former CAG Vinod Rai and Dr SK Sareen. Initially the panel will function for a year.

TRADE/BANKING

3. MoU signed between Railways and Haryana & Punjab for plantation of trees alongside Railway Track

In order to save the environment, Haryana & Punjab Forest Department inked MoU with Ministry of Railways to plant the trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary.

- ❖ Signed between Pankaj Saxena, Chief Engineer/P&D, Northern Railway on behalf of Minister of Railways and Dr.(Mrs.) Amrinder Kaur, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) on behalf of Minister of State (IC) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Railway can contribute significantly towards the Green India Mission

4. Bitcoin creator confirms identity

Australian entrepreneur Craig Wright has publicly identified himself as Bitcoin creator. He has decided to make his identity known to stop the spread of misinformation about the virtual currency.

- ❖ Craig Wright is the man previously known by the Satoshi Nakamoto. The computer scientist, inventor and academic launched the currency date back in 2009 with the help of others.
- ❖ Jon Matonis is also one of the founding directors of the Bitcoin Foundation. He is convinced that Wright is who he claims to be and is responsible for a brilliant achievement.

5. BHEL commissions 600 MW thermal power plant in MP

Power major Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) announced the commissioning of a 600 MW coal-based thermal power plant in Madhya Pradesh.

- ❖ The Avantha group's Jhabua Power Ltd developed unit has been commissioned at the 1×600 MW Thermal Power Project (TPP) located in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This is the second project of APIL earlier the power major BHEL commissioned the 1×600 MW in Chhattisgarh.

BHEL

- CEO: Atul Sobti
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Established: 1964

APPOINTMENTS

6. Indian American Sikh woman elected to key Republican Position

An Indian based American Sikh woman Harmeet Kaur Dhillon from California has been selected to a major position in the Republican Party at the National Level.

- ❖ Elected as the newest national Committee of the Republican National Committee.
- ❖ Earlier she was served as the Vice Chairman of the California Republican

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❖ She was the first woman elected to this position of vice chairman of the California Republican Party.

7. Sachin Tendulkar to be India's goodwill ambassador at Rio Olympics

The Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar has accepted India's Olympic Association's invitation to become the Goodwill Ambassador for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

- ❖ Ever since IOA named Salman Khan as ambassador comments up roared in social media, the Olympic body were forced into naming other ambassadors after a furor over naming a non-sporting ambassador.
- ❖ The goodwill ambassadors would play as iconic sports persons and celebrities will spread the idea of Olympic movement in every nook and corner of the country.
- ❖ Earlier the IOA named Beijing Games gold medalist shooter Abhinav Bindra as another Goodwill Ambassador.

8. Kishore Biyani appointed as MD of Bharti Retail

Future Group appointed Kishore Biyani as the managing director of Bharti retail group as part of the reconstitution of the board following their merger pact that was announced last year.

- ❖ Future Retail Ltd will be renamed as Future Enterprises and will be listed in share market.

SPORTS

9. Leicester wins its first Premier League title

English football club Leicester city FC secured its first Premier League title short of playing after second-place Tottenham drew 2-2 at Chelsea.

- ❖ English club was playing in the second tier only two years ago came close to the demoted again last year.

DEATHS

10. Former J&K Congress minister passes away

Senior Congress leader Romesh Sharma passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 65. He was also Former Jammu and Kashmir Minister.

- ❖ He was Minister from Nowshera Constituency. Sharma who was also an Ayurvedic doctor, joined politics before 2000 and won the Assembly elections in 2002.

Jammu & Kashmir

- **Governor: Narinder Nath Vohra**
- **Chief Minister: Mehbooba Mufti**

OTHER INFORMATION

11. Parliament passes Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, 2016

- Parliament has passed Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016.

12. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister launched Chandranna Bima Yojana

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has inaugurated an insurance scheme 'Chandranna Bima Yojana' for the working class people.

13. Google Acquires start-up by Indian-origin business man

- An American Multinational technology company, Google has acquired a business technology start-up 'Synergyse' founded by an Indian-origin entrepreneur as part of its plans to scale training offerings for Google Apps to its customers and customers' users.

14. Govt launches MICE initiative for up gradation of tourism sector

- Union government has launched an initiative named MICE which is based on meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions for the up gradation of tourism sector in India.

15. Virat Kohli nominated for Khel Ratna and Ajinkya Rahane for Arjuna Award

- BCCI has nominated Indian Test captain Virat Kohli for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and his teammate Ajinkya Rahane for Arjuna Award. These nominations by BCCI have come after a gap of four years.

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