

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 6 MAY 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. India to hold festival in Egypt to mark Tagore's birth anniversary

To mark the 155<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, India will organize a cultural festival in Egypt next week.

- ❖ The festival will be host from 8 May to 12<sup>th</sup> May by the Embassy of India in Cairo and Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture.
- ❖ The initiative is expected to create nearly 21,000 jobs by 2025.

#### Egypt

**Capital: Cairo**

**Currency: Pound**

### NATIONAL

#### 2. Bengal's Enclave-dwellers to Vote for the First Time

West Bengal's Cooch Behar district came up for discussion in May 2016. The district, located in the lower area of the eastern Himalayas, is in the news when 51 enclave were given the right to vote for the first time since independence in 1947.

- ❖ On May 5, 2016, 9000 people who live in these enclaves will cast their votes.
- ❖ 51 districts of Cooch Behar, till July 31 2015, was known as No Man's Land. Earlier neither India nor Bangladesh had the right. As a result, the citizens of the area were not receiving the full rights of a single country.
- ❖ On July 31, 2015, Land Boundary Agreement 1974 formally applied on the region to become part of the country. That day, 162 enclaves between India and Bangladesh were transferred.

#### West Bengal

**Capital: Kolkata**

**CM: Mamta Benerjee**

#### 3. Vijay Mallya Spared Being Expelled As MP, Resignation Accepted

Vijay Mallya, who has refused to return from the UK to face banks over unpaid loans, has been allowed to resign from Parliament.

- ❖ Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Hamid Ansari, has accepted Mr. Mallya's resignation sent, Parliament was informed.
- ❖ Earlier, the Ethics Committee of the Rajya Sabha had recommended that the fugitive tycoon should be expelled with immediate effect, rather than being allowed to quit.

#### 4. Piyush Goyal to unveil portal on payment to contract workers

Coal and Power Minister Piyush Goyal will introduce a new portal for Contract Labour Payment Management System.

- ❖ He will also felicitate employees for their path-breaking work towards lighting up India in the last two years.
- ❖ The Web portal is created for monitoring compliance of labour payment and other benefits to contract workers under the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970.
- ❖ The system has in-built mechanism to validate minimum wages paid, generate wage slips and employment cards, among others, for contract workers as required under the Act.
- ❖ The portal provides access to all contract workers through a Workers Identification Number to view their personal details and payment status. Contract workers can also register their grievances through this portal.
- ❖ The Central Mine Planning and Development Institute (CMPDI), the consultancy arm of CIL, will maintain the portal.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 5. Head of All World Gayatri Pariwar Pranav Pandya nominated to Rajya Sabha

Head of All World Gayatri Parivar, Pranav Pandya has been nominated to Rajya Sabha by the Narendra Modi government.

❖ On April 22, the President had nominated six members to the Rajya Sabha – former Indian cricketer and two-time Lok Sabha member Navjyot Singh Sidhu, Well-known Malayalam film actor Suresh Gopi, journalist Swapan Das Gupta, former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, former Planning Commission member Narendra Jadhav and boxer M. C. Mary Kom.

### 6. Dr. Radha Binod Burman nominated as president of the National Statistical Commission

Eminent statistician Dr. Radha Binod Berman has took over as part-time Chairman of the National Statistical Commission.

❖ Pro. S Mahendra Dev, Pro. Rahul Mukherjee, Dr. Rajeev Mehta and Dr. Manoj Panda are other part-time members of the Commission.

❖ NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer is ex-officio member of the Commission.

### 7. Patricia Espinosa selected new UNFCCC Executive Secretary

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has selected Mexican diplomat Patricia Espinosa as the executive secretary of the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change). She will replace Christiana Figueres.

#### UNFCCC

Established : 1994

Headquarters: New York

## SPORTS

### 8. Seven Indian shuttlers qualify for Rio Olympics

Seven Indian shuttlers have booked their berth for the upcoming Rio Olympics, scheduled in August.

### 9. Mark Selby wins 2016 World Championship title of Snooker

England's world number one snooker player Mark Selby (32-years) beat China's Ding Junhui 18-14 to win his World Championship title of Snooker.

❖ With this win, Selby also ended Ding's change of being the first Asian player to win the world title.

❖ This way Selby's second World Snooker title, the first was won against Ronnie O'Sullivan in 2014.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 10. Railway Ministry launches e-enabled PMIS application to monitor Railway projects

➤ Union Railways Ministry Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu has launched an e-enabled application Project Management & Information System (PMIS) at Rail Bhawan in New Delhi.

### 11. RS Ethics Committee recommends expulsion of Mallya

➤ The Ethics Committee of Rajya Sabha (RS) has unanimously recommended the expulsion of beleaguered businessman Vijay Mallya with immediate effect.

### 12. Lok Sabha passes Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015

➤ The Lok Sabha passed the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015 for the establishment of funds under the public accounts of Centre and each State towards compensatory afforestation.

### 13. Scientists built the World's smallest nano-engine

➤ A group of researchers from University of Cambridge researchers have built the world's smallest working engine.

### 14. Scientists create world's smallest thermometer from DNA

➤ Scientists have developed world's 'Smallest Thermometer' using DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid) structures that can fold and unfold at specifically defined temperature functions.

### 15. South Korea, Japan, China agree to put joint effort to ensure financial stability

➤ Financial Ministers and Central Bank Governors from Japan, china, South Korea and the Association of South east Asian Nations have agreed on the need to address downside risks to global economic development.

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