

CURRENT AFFAIRS 7 MAY 2016

NATIONAL

1. Memorandum of Cooperation to be signed between Ministry of Women & Child Development and Bill & Melinda Gates Fondation

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) between Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and Bill & Melinda Gates Fondation (BMGF).

❖ In accordance with the cooperation in information and Communication Technology enabled Real Time Monitoring (ICT-RTM) of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). It also deals with other technical matter.

2. DRDO and Ayush join hands to impart yoga training to Defence Wing Staff

Delhi based DRDO's laboratory Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS) DRDO in collaboration with Department of AYUSH organized a training program on Yoga for the defence Wing Staff.

TRADE/BANKING

3. Cabinet approves currency swap deal with UAE

Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Central Bank of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on co-operation concerning currency swap agreement. The MoU inked in February, this year.

❖ The MoU will further strengthen the close economic relationship and cooperation between the sides.

United Arab Emirates

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham

President: Khalifa bin Zayad Al Nahyan

AWARDS

4. Indian professor wins Commonwealth short story regional prize

India Author Prashar Kulkarni has won the Commonwealth Short Story Prize – 2016, for the Asia region for his politically grounded fiction Cow and Company.

❖ The author is set to compete for the 5000 pounds grand prize to be announced at the Calabash International Literary Festival in Jamaica later this year.

APPOINTEMENTS

5. Fleming become next MCC President

Former England all-rounder Matthew Fleming has been appointed as the next Marylebone Cricket Club President. He was nominated by the current president Roger Knight at the AGM at Lord's.

❖ Prior to his new appointment he is the current Chairman of Cricket and will take charge on October 1, 2016.

Marylebone Cricket Club

Established: 1787

Headquarters: Lord's

6. Sunil Lanba to take over as next Indian Navy chief

Defence Ministry appointed Sunil Lanba as the new Chief of Naval Staff and will assume charge on May 31 as 21st Chief.

IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

- ❖ He will succeed Robin K. Dhowan as the Chief of Naval Staff when the latter retires in May this year.
- ❖ He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy and was commissioned in the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy in 1978.

OTHER INFORMATION

7. Wi-Fi Service at Vijayawada, Kachiguda, Raipur railway Stations

- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has launched the Google's free Wi-Fi service facility through video conferencing from Rail Bhawan in New Delhi.

8. US Navy tests world's largest unmanned ship, designed to cross oceans

- United States of America (US) Navy has tested the world's largest unmanned surface vessel named Sea Hunter in San Diego.

9. Agriculture project Harita-Priya of Andhra Pradesh wins WSIS 2016 prize

- The Agriculture project Harita-Priya of Andhra Pradesh won the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2016 prize in e-Agriculture category.

10. Zimbabwe to print own version of US dollar

- Zimbabwe is set to print its own version of the US dollar in order to ease a cash shortage in the country.

11. SBI launches new mobile based payment app for customers

- The country's largest bank State Bank of India has now launched 'mVisa', a mobile-based payments solution.

*** ALL THE BEST ***