

CURRENT AFFAIRS 10th JUNE 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. World Oceans Day being observed on 8th June

The World Oceans Day is being observed globally on 8th June every year to raise global awareness of the current challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans. The day also seeks to provide a unique opportunity to honour, protect, and conserve the world's oceans.

- ❖ The theme of this year is “Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet”

NATIONAL

2. Piyush Goyal Launches ‘Surya Mitra’ Mobile App

Minister for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal has launched ‘Surya Mitra’ mobile app at the national workshop on rooftop solar power in New Delhi.

- ❖ The GPS-based mobile app is developed by National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) which is an autonomous institution of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- ❖ This app is a high-end technology platform which can handle thousands of calls simultaneously and can efficiently monitor all visits of Suryamitra's.

3. SBI, ICICI Bank heads among four Indians in Forbes ‘Powerful Women’ list

Four Indian women, including SBI Managing director Arundhati Bhattacharya and ICICI Bank Managing director Chanda Kochhar, are in the new list of Forbes’ world’s 100 most powerful women who are building billion-dollar brands and calling the shots in the financial markets.

- ❖ The Forbes ‘100 Most Powerful Women’ in the world list 2016, topped by German Chancellor Angela Merkel.
- ❖ Bhattacharya, ranked 25th on the list. While Kochhar comes in at the 40th spot. However, Mazumdar-Shaw is ranked 77th on the list and Bhartia is ranked 93rd on the list. Nooyi is ranked 14th on the list.

Forbes

- ☞ Established: 1917
- ☞ Headquarters: New York

4. Guwahati first city to have city animal

- ❖ The Assam state capital Guwahati becomes the first city in the country to have its own city animal.

5. Mirza Imtiyaz Judicial Commission constituted to probe Mathura Violence

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has appointed a judicial commission to probe into the recent Mathura violence.

TRADE / BANKING

6. India, ADB sign \$120 million loan pact for irrigation in Odisha

India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$ 120 million loan pact to improve irrigation and water management infrastructure in Odisha.

- ❖ Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs and M Teresa Kho, Country Director, ADB's India Resident Mission signed the loan agreement.
- ❖ The soft loan is the second tranche of a \$ 157.5 million financing facility under the Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program. Selected areas for investment program are Baitarani, Brahmani, Budhabalanga and Subernarekha river basins and parts of Mahanadi delta.

Asian Development Bank

- ☞ Established: 1966
- ☞ Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

7. RBI nod for online bidding platform for Sovereign Gold Bond scheme

BSE, Asia's oldest bourse, has received the Reserve Bank approval to start an online bidding platform for Sovereign Gold Bond scheme.

IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

- ❖ The bond is issued by RBI on behalf of government and investors can apply for the bonds at the price as disseminated by RBI.

APPOINTMENTS

8. Dr. Shahid Rasool Takes Charge at CEMCA

Dr. Shahid Rasool, a communication technology specialist, has taken charge as the new director of the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA).

- ❖ Rasool will guide CEMCA, an arm of the Vancouver-based Commonwealth of Learning (COL) - in its mission to ensure effective utilisation of educational media resources for distance education.
- ❖ Rasool, was earlier director of the university of Kashmir Educational Multimedia Research Centre.

DEATHS

9. Chess Grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi passed away

Chess grandmaster Victor Korchnoi has passed away in Wohlen, Switzerland. He was 85 years old.

- ❖ He appeared in World Championship thrice but always defeated by Anatoly Karpov and never won a world championship.
- ❖ In September 2006, he won the World Senior Chess Championship.

10. The veteran musician, composer of Nepali national anthem, Mr. Amber Gurung passed away

Amber Gurung, the renowned Nepali musician, and composer of the country's national anthem has passed away. He was 78 years old.

- ❖ Mr. Gurung is the composer of Nepali national anthem 'Sayaun Thunga Fulka Hami' written by vyakul Meila.

AWARDS

11. Govt. to introduce international Yoga Award Scheme

- ❖ Union Government has decided to introduce International Yoga Award Scheme with a view to promote yoga.

SPORTS

12. Tintu Luka runs season's best, wins silver in Prague

Rio Olympics-bound Tintu Luka has won a silver medal in 800 metres in the Josef Odlozil Memorial Athletics Meet in Czech Republic.

- ❖ The reigning Asian champion was second behind 2013 World Youth Championship gold winner Anita Hinriksdottir of Iceland who ran the distance in 2 minutes and 54 seconds.
- ❖ She is placed at 30th spot among the season's top list.

13. Eden Gardens to host India's 1st pink ball match

Kolkata's Eden Gardens is set to host India's first-ever pink ball cricket match in the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) Super League final starting June 17.

- ❖ The three-day match, which will be played under lights, will feature pink Kookaburra ball.

***** ALL THE BEST *****