

CURRENT AFFAIRS 11 MAY 2016

NATIONAL

1. Environment Minister launches Web-Based Application on Integrated Waste Management System

Union Government has launched a web-based application on Integrated Waste Management System (IWMS) for better management of waste also to provide an opportunity to all the industries dealing in hazardous waste to apply online.

- ❖ It can track the movement of hazardous waste and will also help in ensuring its proper management.
- ❖ There are 43000 industries dealing in hazardous waste, of which about 30000 industries have been mapped through this application.
- ❖ The web-based application intends to enhance transparency in the working of the Ministry and other Centre/State level regulatory bodies.
- ❖ The move also to reduce the time taken for processing applications, seeking various types of permissions under the recently notified waste management regulations.

2. Uma Bharti Launches Rural Sanitation Initiatives for Ganga Rejuvenation in Jharkhand

Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti launched nine projects for rural sanitation initiatives under Namami Gange Programme for conservation of river Ganga in Sahibganj, Jharkhand.

- ❖ Speaking on the occasion the Minister said the project will focus on three significant interventions;
- ❖ Promotion of safe, individual hygiene practices to ensure open defecation free status of all 78 villages along the river Ganga, Promotion of cost-effective, appropriate local, low cost, easy to manage technologies using local resources to ensure improved access,
- ❖ Sustained use and maintenance of infrastructure created for effective management of solid and liquid waste and strengthening of local institutions including panchayats.
- ❖ Village level sanitation committees and self-help groups to effectively manage, enhance and maintain facilities established for improved sanitation in the villages and an integrated and a holistic livelihood approach.

3. Mahesh Sharma Releases Commemorative Coin on Maharana Pratap

Culture and Tourism Minister Mahesh Sharma has released a Commemorative coin of Rs. 100/- and a Circulation coin of Rs. 10/- in New Delhi as a part of 475th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Maharana Pratap.

- ❖ The Ministry has been celebrating the birth anniversary during 2015-16 in association with the Rajasthan. A Conference and Special Lecture on Maharana Pratap was organized by Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) in the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur earlier this year.
- iv. Union government and the Rajasthan Government have decided to create a multi-purpose indoor stadium at Khel Gaon, Udaipur in his memory and also agree to give a sum of Rs. 9.50 crore for this.

TRADE/BANKING

4. Odisha Government launches DBT scheme for farmers

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme for farmers and pledged digging of at least one lakh bore wells to improve irrigation facilities.

- ❖ On behalf of this move farmers will get themselves registered online to purchase seeds and get the subsidy amount in their bank accounts directly of the state.
- ❖ The first beneficiary of the DBT scheme was Ramesh Rout of Laxminarayanpur area. The seeds subsidy amount was deposited in Rout's bank account.

Odisha

- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- Governor: S. C. Jamir
- Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

APPOINTMENTS

5. Apple elevates Sanjay Kaul as new India head

California-based technology giant Apple has reportedly promoted Sanjay Kaul as the country manager for Apple India operations.

- ❖ Kaul's appointment comes at a time when Apple is attempting to open its own-brand stores in India also comes months after Apple's long-time India head Maneesh Dhir quit from the company.

6. Indian-Origin man elected to Singapore parliament

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- ❖ An Indian-origin lawyer from Singapore's ruling People's Action Party (PAP) Muralipillai has been elected member of the parliament following his victory in the by-election held at suburban Bukit Batok constituency.

Apple

- **Established: 1976**
- **CEO: Tim Cook**
- **Headquarters: California**

DEATH

7. Pakistan's Human right activist Khurran Zaki shot dead in Karachi

Human Rights Activist Khurram Zaki, has been shot dead in Karachi, Pakistan. He is known for his strong stance against hatred and violence targeted at Shia Muslims. He was 40.

- ❖ The Hakimullah Mehsud faction of the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

8. Former MLA Rajeshwara Rao passes away

Former Sircilla MLA Chennamaneni Rajeswara Rao has passed away. The 93-year-old Rao is the brother of Maharashtra Governor Vidyasagar Rao.

- ❖ Rao worked for the Communist Party of India for four decades since his student days and was elected as its MLA four times from Vemulawada.
- ❖ He was the president of the Telangana Freedom Fighters Association and the president of the farmers' wing of CPI. However he quit the CPI as the chairman of its legislature party in 1999 and joined the Telugu Desam. He detached himself from politics after 2009.

SPORTS

9. Novak Djokovic beats Andy Murray in Madrid Open final

World number one Novak Djokovic beat defending champion Andy Murray 6-2 3-6 6-3 in the Madrid Open final.

- ❖ The defeat means the 28-year-old Briton will lose his world number two ranking to Roger Federer.
- ❖ Djokovic now moves ahead of Spain's Rafael Nadal with a record 29 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

10. Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik grab Rio 2016 berths

- ❖ Two Indian women wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik have qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics scheduled to be held in August 2016.

OTHER INFORMATION

11. India to launch '112' single emergency number on 1 Jan 2017

- The single emergency number '112' will be operational throughout India starting with 1 January 2017.

12. Nagaland Police receives smart policing award

- The Nagaland State Police's SMS based Vehicle Monitor ring System bagged the National Award for Smart Policing.

13. Gangavati to get Asia's first Rice Technology Park

- Karnataka Government has decided to go ahead with the establishment of Asia's first Rice Technology Park at Gangavati in Koppal district.

14. India ranks ninth in 2015 Crony-Capitalism Index.

- India is ranked ninth in 2015 Crony-Capitalism Index with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP).

15. Govt. starts UBIN drive for budding entrepreneurs.

- Government has started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to enable budding entrepreneurs set up their business without any delays.

16. South Indian Bank announces tie up with National Australian Bank

- Thrissur-based South Indian Bank has announced a tie-up with National Australian Bank (NAB) for on line inward remittances from Australia at a competitive rate.

17. EC to send Meghdoot postcards to 3 lakh voters in Puducherry

- The Election Commission will be sending out 'Meghdoot' postcards to three lakh voters requesting them to cast their votes in the May 16 Assembly polls in the Union Territory.

18. Airport Show opens in Dubai

- An Airport show has opened in Dubai with participation of more than 300 companies from 55 countries including India.

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