

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. India Ranks low at 141st place in global peace index

India has been ranked 141 on the 2016 Global Peace Index (GPI), falling behind countries like Burundi, Serbia and Burkina Faso.

- ❖ In a ranking of total 163 countries, compiled by global think tank Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Syria has been named as the least peaceful.
- ❖ Iceland was ranked as the world's most peaceful country, followed by Denmark and Austria.

#### 2. India becomes third largest oil consumer

According to recently released BP Statistical Review of World Energy India has surpassed Japan to become the world's third-largest oil consumer.

- ❖ With the demand of 4.1 million barrels a day (BPD), India is the third largest consumer behind the United States (19.39 million BPD) and China (11.96 million BPD).
- ❖ India accounted for 4.5% of world oil consumption in 2015.

#### 3. Pakistan tops in 2016 Malware Infection Index

Pakistan has topped the list of 19 countries figuring in the 2016 Malware Infection Index (MII) in the Asia-Pacific region.

- ❖ The index for the Asia-Pacific region was released by technology giant Microsoft in which India was placed at 8th position.
- ❖ The index identifies the key malware threats in the Asia-Pacific region.

##### **Pakistan**

- ☞ Capital: Islamabad
- ☞ Currency: Rupee

#### 4. Thailand becomes the first Asian Country to eliminate mother to child HIV : WHO

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that Thailand has become the first Asian country to eliminate mother-to-child HIV transmission.

### NATIONAL

#### 5. Piyush Goyal Launches 'Surya Mitra' Mobile App

- ❖ Union 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.

### TRADE / BANKING

#### 6. World Bank slashes India's growth forecast to 7.6 per cent

The World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim has slashed India's 2016 growth forecast to 7.6 per cent.

- ❖ The bank has also slashed down 2016 global growth forecast by 0.5 per cent to 2.4 per cent.
- ❖ It is critically important for governments to pursue policies that boost economic growth and improve the livelihood of those living in extreme poverty.
- ❖ The cut in forecast was due to advanced economies experiencing mediocre growth, while low commodity prices, weak global trade and stilted capital flows also impacted.

##### **World Bank**

- ☞ Established: 1944
- ☞ President: Jim Yong Kim
- ☞ Headquarters: Washington D.C.
- ☞ Members: 189

## APPOINTMENTS

### 7. Naresh Goyal re-elected to IATA board of governor

Jet Airways chairman Naresh Goyal has been re-elected to International Air Transport Association's ( IATA) Board of Governors.

- ❖ This would be his 5th successive tenure and only representative from India on this board

## DEATHS

### 8. Veteran Journalist KK Katyal passes away

Veteran journalist KK Katyal (88-year) has passed away after a brief illness in Delhi.

- ❖ Mr. Katyal had worked with various newspapers including The Statesman, Hindustan Times and The Hindu.
- ❖ Katyal was the founder of the India chapter of the South Asia Free Media Association.

### 9. Former Kerala Assembly Speaker T S John passed away

Former Kerala Assembly Speaker T S John has passed away at a hospital at Chertala in Alapuzha.

- ❖ He was a leader of a faction of the Kerala Congress (Secular), had also served as a minister in the A K Antony cabinet.

## AWARDS

### 10. Putin awards UN chief Ban Ki-Moon with order of friendship

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree awarding the Order of Friendship to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

- ❖ The decoration was awarded to Ban for special merits in strengthening peace, friendship, cooperation and mutual understanding between peoples.

### 11. Indian – Origin Professor in UK awarded by Queen

- ❖ Eminent Indian-origin professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya has been awarded the prestigious Regius Professorship in Manufacturing by Queen Elizabeth II for his outstanding contribution in manufacturing.

## SPORTS

### 12. Maria Sharapova receives two-year ban for failing drug test

The Russian tennis sensation Maria Sharapova has been banned for two years by the International Tennis Federation for using a prohibited drug.

- ❖ She was provisionally banned in March after testing positive for meldonium at Australian Open in January this year.
- ❖ Sharapova will now challenge the suspension, at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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