

CURRENT AFFAIRS 12 MAY 2016

NATIONAL

1. Parliament approved anti-hijacking bill providing for death penalty

The parliament approved the Anti-Hijacking Bill that award death penalty to the criminals in case of death of hostages or security personnel

- ❖ Initially Life imprisonment or confiscation of Movable and immovable property as punishment to the Accused.
- ❖ Central government award powers of investigation, arrest and prosecution on any officer of the central government or the National Investigation Agency
 - i. Offenders cannot be released on bail or bond unless among other things
 - ii. In case the investigation is carried out by the National Investigation Agency, the designated court shall be a court set up under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008

TRADE/BANKING

2. Ayush to ink pact with WHO to spread significance of Ayurveda

The Ayush ministry will sign a pact with the World Health Organization (WHO) to spread the importance of Ayurveda and Ayush across the world. This agreement will take place in the US in the presence of Prime Minister Modi.

- ❖ The preparations for the second World Yoga Day is on the track. Ayurveda needed to promote and spread the ancient practice of medicine the ministry says.
- ❖ On behalf of this India and the US will sign an agreement in the next two months to carry out a research on cancer.

WHO

- **Established: 1948**
- **Headquarters: Geneva**

3. RBI releases draft norms for universal bank licences on top

Allowing individuals with 10 years of experience in banking and finance to apply for a licence successful track record for at least 10 years are eligible to apply for a licence.

- ❖ The initial minimum paid-up voting equity capital required is Rs. 500 crore, and thereafter the bank should maintain a minimum net worth of Rs. 500 crore at all times.

AWARDS

4. MP Tourism wins 'Best Indian Destination for Wildlife' award

Madhya Pradesh Tourism has received the Best Indian Destination for Wildlife award by the Lonely Planet Group.

- ❖ It is to be noted that Madhya Pradesh has 25 wild life sanctuaries including nine National Parks.
- ❖ The award was handed over to MPT Special Duty Officer Vinod Kumar Amar by actress Amy Jackson.
- ❖ The state government launched number of programmes for the conservation of flora and fauna because of which Kanha and Pench were regarded as the most beautiful national parks in Asia.

Madhya Pradesh

- **Governor: Ram Naresh Yadav**
- **Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

5. Gorakhpur scientist bags SGD 3mn grant from Singapore's NRF

An Indian scientist from Gorakhpur has been awarded a grant of SGD 3 million by National Research Foundation to research in congenital and adult cardiovascular diseases.

- ❖ Manvendra K Singh, among the seven young scientists from across the world to be endowed with the Singapore NRF fellowship to carry out cutting-edge research this year in the field of congenital and adult cardiovascular diseases.
- ❖ Singh is working as an assistant professor in the cardiovascular and metabolic disorders programme at Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore.

SPORTS

6. Shashank Manohar Resigns as BCCI President

Shashank Manohar has resigned as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

- ❖ Manohar has left the office as he believes recommendations made by RM Lodhpanel are impossible to implement.
- ❖ He won't be BCCI representative at Asian Cricket Council.

DEATH

7. US actor William Schallert passes away

Former SAG president William Schallert, best known as TV dad Martin Lane on The Patty Duke Show has died at the age of 93 at his home in Los Angeles.

- ❖ Schallert was born in Los Angeles in 1922 and began acting while a student at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and, in 1946.
- ❖ His role as patriarch Martin Lane on the popular 1960s show was among his most memorable.

OTHER INFORMATION

8. BAFTA TV awards 2016 has been announced

- The British Academy Television Awards have presented in an annual award show hosted by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).

9. 10 May: World Migratory Bird Day

- World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been observed across the world on 10 May 2016.

10. Uma Bharti launches Ganga rejuvenation in Jharkhand

- Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. Uma Bharti has launched nine projects for rural sanitation initiatives for conservation of River Ganga in Sahibganj, Jharkhand.

11. Govt forms committee to prepare policy frame work for taxi

- Government has constituted a three member committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operations.

12. Rodrigo Duterte wins Philippines Presidential polls

- Maverick anti-crime candidate Rodrigo Duterte (71-years) has won the Philippine presidential elections, following the withdrawal of his opponents.

13. Senior advocate Atma Ram Nadkarni appointed Additional Solicitor General

- Senior advocate of Bombay High Court Atma Ram Nadkarni has been appointed as Additional Solicitor General.

14. Chhattisgarh relaxes labour laws, will benefit MSMEs

- The micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Chhattisgarh will get respite from the regular inspections conducted by the competent authorities in the facility.

15. Indian Army conducts 'Chakravayuh-II' training exercise in Rajasthan

- Indian Army had conducted major military training exercise '2016 Chakravayuh – II' in Suratgarh, Rajasthan.

*** ALL THE BEST ***