

CURRENT AFFAIRS 12th JUNE 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. NATO launches biggest ever Joint Military Exercise Anaconda-16 in Poland

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members and partners on 6 June 2016 launched Anaconda-16 Exercise, the biggest ever joint military exercise in Poland.

- ❖ The drill is part of NATO's exercise program and is being held just weeks before NATO's summit in Warsaw that is expected to decide that significant numbers of NATO troops and equipment will be based in Poland and in the Baltic states.
- ❖ The exercise was launched at the crucial time when central and eastern European nations are seeking strong security guarantees amid concerns about Russia.

NATO

- ☞ Established : 1949
- ☞ Headquarters : Brussels

NATIONAL

2. Maharashtra to observe 21st of every month as Yoga Day

Maharashtra government has decided to celebrate the 21st day of every month as Yoga day across all schools, colleges and universities in the state.

It is also decided that every district will have to set up a Yoga Day committee at their levels to plan 'Yoga Mahotsav' (Yoga Festival) every year in between January 12-21 and a separate committee at the state level will monitor and coordinate with these committees.

3. Internet Saathi, a joint initiative of Google and Tata has launched in West Bengal

Internet search engine Google and Tata Trusts' joint initiative Internet Saathi was launched in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- ❖ The initiative aims at reducing the digital gender gap in rural areas of India such as Purulia, where girls have now been trained to use the Internet and teach others in turn.
- ❖ In the last ten months, the initiative has been active in villages across five states in India, namely Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

4. Suresh Prabhu flags off Champaran Satyagrah Express train in Bihar

In Bihar, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off Champaran Satyagrah Express train. This train will run between Bapudham, Motihari to Anand Vihar, Delhi.

- ❖ The Minister also inaugurated Banmankhi - Purnea rail section and Pipraha Railway Station. Mr. Prabhu also inaugurated road over bridges at Motihar, Begusarai, and Danapur through video conferencing.

TRADE / BANKING

5. Axis Bank launches India's first certified green bond at London Stock Exchange

Axis Bank has launched India's first internationally-listed certified green bond to finance climate change solutions around the world at London Stock Exchange (LSE).

- ❖ The proceeds of the bond will be invested by Axis Bank in green energy, transportation, and infrastructure projects. The green bonds of Axis Bank were certified by the Climate Bonds Standards Board.

Axis Bank

- ☞ Established : 1990
- ☞ Headquarters : Mumbai

6. IMF releases \$1.5 billion loan to Sri Lanka

International Monetary Fund (IMF) formally approved the loan to Sri Lanka = to support the South Asian island nation's economic reform agenda.

- ❖ The Executive Board of the IMF accepted this 36-month extended arrangement under its Extended Fund Facility (EFF) with Sri Lanka under special drawing rights.

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- ❖ The IMF has signed off on the loan with the first tranche of \$168.1 million released and the remainder available in six instalments subject to quarterly reviews.

Sri Lanka

☞ Capitals : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Colombo

☞ Currency : Rupee

7. SBI, Spain's Caixa Bank ink pact to fund Indo- Spanish JVs, Local Business

State Bank of India (SBI) and Spain's CaixaBank have inked pact to provide loans to Indo-Spanish joint ventures and local enterprises.

- ❖ As per the agreement, they will expand banks' guarantee transaction businesses by jointly providing credit to Indian-Spanish joint ventures and Indian local enterprises.

APPOINTMENTS

8. Centre announces new print media advertisement policy

Information and Broadcasting ministry has framed a New Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) with the objective to promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in print media.

- ❖ First time the policy introduces a New Marking System for newspapers to incentive Newspapers who have better professional standing and get their circulation verified by ABC and RNI.

DEATHS

9. BJP MLA dies in road mishap in Madhya Pradesh

In Madhya Pradesh, ruling BJP MLA Rajendra Dadu died in a road accident. He was 62 years old.

- ❖ His vehicle suffered an accident on the Bhopal-Indore road in Sherpura vicinity on the outskirts of Sehore district.
- ❖ This was his second consecutive term as MLA of Nepanagar in Burhanpur district. He was going Indore to attend a BJP Legislature Party meeting.

10. Former Kerala assembly speaker T S John Passed away

Former Kerala assembly speaker T S John (74-year) has passed away at a hospital at Chertala in Alapuzha.

- ❖ He was suffering from old age related ailments.
- ❖ John had served as a minister in the A K Antony cabinet.

AWARDS

11. Akhil Sharma wins €100,000 Dublin International literary award

An Indian American author Mr. Akhil Sharma has won the prestigious 2016 International DUBLIN Literary Award for his novel 'family life'.

- ❖ The Award is organised and sponsored by Dublin City Council and at €100,000 is the world's largest prize for a single novel published in English.

12. Tata Power Solar Bagged the MNRE award

Tata Power Solar has bagged the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) award for rooftop solar power projects.

- ❖ The company has won the award in the Channel Partner/EPC contractor category at the National Excellence Awards 2016 instituted by MNRE for the first time.

SPORTS

13. World's highest-paid athletes: Cristiano Ronaldo tops Forbes 2016 list

Real Madrid Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first athlete from a team sport in almost 20 years to top Forbes annual list of the World's Highest-Paid Athletes.

- ❖ Ronaldo, with earnings of 88 million US Dollars, takes the top spot for the first time, which is also the first time for a soccer player

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