

CURRENT AFFAIRS 13th JUNE 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Exercise Malabar –2016 kicked off

In consonance with India's 'Act East Policy' and growing relations among India, US and Japan, IN ships Satpura, Sahyadri, Shakti and Kirch are participating in the 20th edition of Ex MALABAR- 16 with the USN and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF).

- ❖ IN and USN have regularly conducted the annual bilateral exercise named 'MALABAR' since 1992. Since 2007, MALABAR has been held alternatively off India and in the Western Pacific.
- ❖ The 19th edition of the exercise, Ex MALABAR-15, was conducted off Chennai and included participation by the JMSDF.

2. Emaar MGF MD Shравan Gupta steps down

Dubai based Emaar MGF's Executive Vice Chairman & Managing Director Shравan Gupta has resigned from the post after the two joint venture partners Emaar Properties and India's MGF Development had decided to part ways and restructure the company's business.

- ❖ Upon the restructuring process realty major Emaar would take control of the company's uncompleted projects to ensure completion of those projects.
- ❖ Shравan Gupta will continue to act as director of the company, and While Sanjay Malhotra is the new acting CEO of the company.

3. Talks resume between India and Nepal

❖ Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Nepalese counterpart Kamal Thapa held bilateral talks on Friday, during which they decided to resolve the differences between the nations. This was the first top political meeting after Nepal recalled its envoy and cancelled its President's visit to India.

4. Indo – US – Japan Naval exercise starts in Western Pacific Coast

❖ India, the US and Japan have started the MALABAR-16 naval exercise off the Western Pacific coast, close to the disputed South China sea. Japan was included in the exercise as permanent members in 2015, making the erstwhile Indo-US exercise a trilateral one. China, reacting to this, had earlier warned that Japan should not "heighten tensions" in the region.

NATIONAL

5. Union Government announced new Print Media Advertisement policy

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced new Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity to Focus Transparency and Equity.

- ❖ It's main Objective is to Promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in Print Media

6. India, EFTA Agree to Address issues to Resume FTA talks

❖ India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) has agreed to resolve the outstanding issues for resumption of long-stalled negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement. A meeting between the chief negotiators of India and EFTA was held in New Delhi.

7. Delhi Government Renames Flyover after Sikh Icon

❖ The Delhi government has announced to rename the Barapullah flyover in Delhi after Sikh icon Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. The decision has been taken when the country is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the martyrdom of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur.

8. J & K Govt not to Allow 'Abhinavgupt Yatra'

❖ The Jammu and Kashmir government has said it will not allow a Delhi-based organisation's proposal to start 'Abhinavgupt Yatra' in Kashmir's Budgam area.

TRADE / BANKING

9. India Post launches logo, tagline design contest for payments bank

The Department of Posts launched a logo and tagline design contest on the MyGov portal. The Open Contest invites participation from all Indian citizens, institutions, agencies and entities for a period of one month, until 9th July 2016.

- ❖ The best entry will be awarded Rs 50,000/. An expert panel will help shortlist 20 best entries which will thereafter be put up for voting on the MyGov platform to choose the winner.
- ❖ Earlier Union cabinet cleared a proposal of Rs.800 crore to set up India Post Payments and a plan for 650 branches operational by September 2017

DEATHS

10. Canadian ice hockey legend Gordie Howe dies at 88

Canadian hockey star Gordie Howe has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 88 years old. Howe is considered one of the greatest ice hockey players of all time.

- ❖ He was well known for his nickname Mr. Hockey, and an ironman in many respects both on and off the game. He retired in 1971 and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in 1972
- ❖ Howe maintained in the top 10 of scorers for 21 successive years and was named Most Valuable Player six times.
- ❖ He was also the inaugural recipient of the NHL Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

11. Karnataka Bank former chairman MS Krishna Bhat passes away

Former Chairman of Karnataka Bank MS Krishna Bhat has died in Mangaluru. He was 78.

- ❖ Krishna had joined the bank in 1970, and was elevated to the position of General Manager in 1989.
- ❖ Krishna Bhat took over as the Chairman in 1995, for a period of two years. This was extended for another three years up to 2000.

12. Veteran journalist Inder Malhotra passes away

Veteran journalist Inder Malhotra passed away in Delhi after a brief illness. He was 86.

- ❖ Chandigarh hailed Malhotra began his career in journalism at United Press of India after graduating from Punjab University.
- ❖ He also worked with the Statesman, the Times of India and the Guardian and as Indian Express columnist. He was also a Nehru Fellow and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.
- ❖ Malhotra has penned several books which includes Indira Gandhi: A Personal & Political Biography (1989) and Dynasties of India and Beyond (2003)

13. Singer Grimmie Dies after Being Shot at Concert

- ❖ American singer Christina Grimmie, a former contestant on the show 'The Voice', passed away on Saturday after being shot dead at a concert in US. The 22-year-old was signing autographs after the concert when a gunman shot her and then killed himself.

AWARDS

14. AAI Bags National Award for Solar Power Projects

- ❖ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been conferred the National Award for Best Performing Central PSU for Roof Top Solar Power initiatives. It has installed 4.8 megawatt peak power (MWp) rooftop solar plants at 13 airports, generating approximately 51 lakh units of solar energy.

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