

CURRENT AFFAIRS 15 APRIL 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. BERNIE Sander Wins TIME 100 Reader's Poll

- Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders has won Time magazine's readers' poll of the world's 100 most influential people, garnering more than three times as many votes as his rival Hillary Clinton.

2. Nauru Becomes 189th Member of IMF, World Bank

- The Republic of Nauru, a tiny South Pacific island nation in Pacific Ocean became the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

NATIONAL

3. Maharashtra Gov become first to bring law against Social boycott & launched Mission Drinking Water

The Maharashtra Assembly led by Devendra Fadnavis passed the Prohibition of Social Boycott Bill 2016 to becoming the first State to enact such a law.

- He also launched the 'Mission Drinking Water' to conquer water crisis.

4. PM MODI Launched Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan

- PM Narendra Modi today launched Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan on 125th birth anniversary of Dr. BhimRaoAmbedkar at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.

5. India Ranks 44th in 2016 Global Connectivity Index

- India ranked 44th among 50 different countries in the 2016 Global Connectivity Index (GCI) report compiled by Chinese telecom giant Huawei. United States has topped the index, Singapore ranks second and Sweden ranks third in the list.

6. Vijay Shekhar Sharma appointed chairman of IAMAI Payment banks group

- Industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India, has appointed Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma, chairman of its the newly formed payments banks group.

7. UN Observes birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar for first time.

- For the first time, United Nations observed the birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar.

8. Kerala Celebrates harvest festival, Vishu.

- People in Kerala are celebrating the harvest festival, Vishu. Devotees across the state are visiting temples, performing special pujas and exchanging gifts to mark the occasion.

9. Sushila Karki: First Female Chief Justice of Nepal's Supreme Court

- Sushila Karki has become the first female acting Chief Justice of Nepal's Supreme Court ending the male domination in higher posts in the judiciary. She replaced Kalyan Shrestha.

TRADE / BANKING

10. India world's largest remittance recipient in 2015: World Bank

According to the World Bank India named as the world's largest remittance recipient in 2015 despite experiencing a \$ 1 billion drop from the previous year, the first decline in its remittances since 2009.

- India reserved its top spot in 2015, attracting about \$69 billion in remittances, down from \$70 billion in 2014, the World Bank in its annual report 'Migration and Development Brief'.

11. BSNL to launch data sharing service facility for users across India

BSNL to launch data sharing facility for pre-paid customers across the country. It will allow four users to share data among themselves. No charges will be levied for availing this facility.

- Currently, the company has introduced a special tariff voucher (STV) for this service in south zone. The STV allows sharing of data among a group of people.

IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

BSNL

- ☞ Established: 2000
- ☞ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ☞ Chairman & MD: Anupam Shrivastava

APPOINTMENTS

12. Government reconstitutes IGNC board; Ram Bahadur Rai appointed as Chairman

Government has reconstituted Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) board. Ram Bahadur Rai, Senior Journalist has been appointed as Chairman of the Board.

- Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma appoints a new 20-member team including classical dancer Sonal Mansingh, lyricist Prasoon Joshi, artist Vasudeo Kamath and Union Culture Ministry Secretary.

13. Ajay Devgn, Kajol to be brand ambassadors of Andhra Pradesh tourism

Bollywood actors Ajay Devgn and Kajol are all set to become the brand ambassadors of Andhra Pradesh Tourism.

- About 8 million tourists visited Andhra Pradesh in 2015, a 30% increase over the previous year, according to the state government. Of these, 237,000 were foreign tourists mainly from Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and West Asia.
- The celebrity couples were prepared to take up the role of brand ambassadors for the tourism of Amravati and the rest of the state.

Andhra Pradesh

- ☞ Capital: Hyderabad (Amaravati is proposed capital)
- ☞ CM: Nara Chandrababu Naidu
- ☞ Governor: E. S. L. Narasimhan

14. Vijay Shekhar Sharma appointed chairman of IAMAI payments banks group

Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma has appointed as the chairman and Vodafone India business head Suresh Sethi as Vice chairman of the newly formed payments banks group Industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

- IAMAI Payments Banks is an innovative model of bringing unbanked population into the formal banking fold.

SPORTS

15. Kane Williamson, Ben Stokes make through Wisden's top five cricketers of 2015

In the 153rd and latest edition of Wisden has included New Zealand captain Kane Williamson and predecessor Brendon McCullum are among Wisden's five cricketers of the year.

- Australia captain Steve Smith, and England's Ben Stokes and Jonny Bairstow were the others announced.