

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 15 MAY 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. **Shashank Manohar elected as ICC's first independent Chairman**

Former BCCI President Shashank Manohar has been elected unopposed as the first independent Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

- ❖ Mr. Manohar took the charge with immediate effect for a tenure of two years.
- ❖ The new Chairman must be an independent candidate with no formal links to any other cricket body

### NATIONAL

#### 2. **UP govt. approves bicycle highway between Taj and lion safari**

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has given its approval to develop over 197- km long 'bicycle highway' from Agra to the lion safari in Etawah to encourage eco-tourism in vicinity of Taj Mahal.

- ❖ The highway was approved in a Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav.

#### 3. **Reliance Jio launches JioMoney Wallet service**

Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance Jio Infocomm has launched digital wallet service, named JioMoney Wallet, for Indian consumers.

- ❖ JioMoney is a semi-closed prepaid wallet that aims to enable mobile-based transactions, where customers can store money and use it for purchasing goods and services.

### TRADE/BANKING

#### 4. **ICICI launches country's 1st contactless credit card for SMEs**

ICICI Bank has launched the country's first contact less business credit card in association with Jet Airways for small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) and their employees.

- ❖ ICICI Bank is the first bank globally to offer a dual advantage reward programme on the expenses and repayments of the credit card.

### AWARDS

#### 5. **Ritu Rani, Raghunath & Dharamvir recommended for Arjuna Award**

Hockey India has recommended women's team captain Ritu Rani, VR Raghunath and Dharamvir Singh for the Arjuna Award.

- ❖ Hockey India recommended Sylvanus Dung Dung for the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ❖ Veteran Coach CR Kumar has been recommended for the Dronacharya Award.

#### 6. **England women's captain Charlotte Edwards announces retirement**

England's women cricket team captain Charlotte Edwards (36- years) announced her international retirement.

- ❖ In her 20-year cricket career, she captained England for 10 yrs and became one of the most influential women in British Sport.

#### 7. **Wrestlers Ravinder Khatri, Babita Kumari bag Rio Olympic berths**

Wrestlers Ravinder Khatri and Babita Kumari have secured Rio Olympic berths.

- ❖ Khatri was awarded the berth in the Greco-Roman 85 kg category after Kenzheev Zhanarbek of Kyrgystan failed the dope test at the Asian Olympic qualifier.
- ❖ Babita also booked a ticket to Rio after Sumiya Erdenechimeg failed the test in 53kg freestyle division.

#### 8. **AR Rahman Joins as Goodwill Ambassador for Rio Olympics**

Top musician AR Rahman has become the fourth Goodwill Ambassador for Team India at the Rio Olympics in August 2016.

- ❖ Rahman joins an elite list that includes Sachin Tendulkar, Abhinav Bindra and Salman Khan.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 9. Congress Rajya Sabha member Praveen Rashtrapal passes away

Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Praveen Rashtrapal (76-years) died after suffering a cardiac arrest.

- ❖ He is survived by three daughters and a son.

### 10. Kenya to shut World's biggest refugee camp

The Kenyan government has decided to close the World's biggest refugee camp in Dadaab.

- ❖ Around 3,28,000 refugees mostly from Somalia are staying in this camp.
- ❖ The camp compromises Kenya's security because it harbors some of Somalia's Al-Shabab militants and is a conduit for smuggling weapons.

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