

CURRENT AFFAIRS 16th JUNE 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. World Blood Donors Day 2016 observed with theme Blood connects us all

World Blood Donors Day (WBDD) 2016 was observed on 14 June 2016. The theme of the 2016 World Blood Donor Day campaign is Blood connects us all.

- ❖ The theme highlights the common bond that all people share in their blood.
- ❖ The slogan for 2016 WBDD is Share life, give blood. The slogan focuses on voluntary donation systems.

2. Norway becomes the first country to ban deforestation

- ❖ Norway has become the first country in the world to prohibit deforestation.

NATIONAL

3. IISc Bangalore is India's best university: QS

The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has retained its position as the country's best university, according to the latest Asian university rankings by global higher education analysts Quacquarelli Symonds. It's global rank is 33rd .

- ❖ The QS Asia rankings for 2016 also see IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur break into the list of top 50 Asian universities. While IIT Madras has moved 13 places up to No. 43, IIT Kanpur has moved to No. 48. IIT Bombay has risen 11 places to 35th position, moving past IIT Delhi, which has moved six notches up to 36th rank.

4. Indian Railways launches Janani Sewa, optional catering Scheme on pilot basis

The Union Ministry of Railways has launched three passenger service initiatives namely- a Janani Sewa for mothers, optional catering in Rajdhani, and Shatabdi trains on a pilot basis and a children's menu on trains.

- ❖ These services have been launched by Union Railways minister Suresh Prabhu in New Delhi.

5. State Finance ministers attend GST meet in Kolkata

- ❖ Union Finance minister Mr. Arun Jaitley has met finance ministers of 22 states and representatives and seven others in Kolkata to iron out differences over the new regime that will create one national market under the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

6. RBI introduces Scheme for Sustainable structuring of stressed Assets

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines called Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets.

7. Delhi Transport Minister Gopal Rai Resigns

- ❖ Delhi Transport Minister Gopal Rai has resigned after the acceptance of the resignation by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for this on health grounds.

APPOINTMENT

8. Ranu Langthasa appointed as first woman chairperson of NCHAC in Assam

- ❖ Ranu Langthasa has been unanimously appointed as the chairperson of the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) in Assam.

9. G Kalyanakrishnan took over as Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex.

- ❖ Scientist G Kalyanakrishnan has taken charge as Chief Executive of Hyderabad based Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC).

TRADE / BANKING

10. DCB Bank launches Aadhaar enabled ATM in Bengaluru

DCB Bank launched Bengaluru's first ATM that accepts Aadhaar number and Aadhaar fingerprint (biometric) instead of ATM/Debit Card and PIN to dispense cash.

The "cardless and PIN less" ATM was launched by former Chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India, Nandan Nilekani.

DCB Bank

- ☞ Established: 1930
- ☞ Headquarters: Maharashtra

11. Microsoft agrees to buy LinkedIn for \$26.2 billion

Microsoft has announced it will buy enterprise social network LinkedIn in a deal valued at \$26.2 billion.

- ❖ Microsoft will pay \$196 per share in an all-cash deal, including LinkedIn's net cash. This is a 49.5% premium to the social network's closing price.
- ❖ LinkedIn will retain its brand, culture and independence and Jeff Weiner will remain the chief executive officer, Microsoft said in a statement.

Microsoft

- ☞ Established: 1975
- ☞ Headquarters: Washington
- ☞ CEO: Satya Nadella

SPORTS

12. Lewis Hamilton wins 2016 Canada Grand Prix of Formula 1

Mercedes racing driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won the Formula 1 Canada Grand Prix title. To win the title, he overcame Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel in the final race held in Montreal, Canada.

- ❖ For Hamilton, the present win in Montreal was the fifth in his career and the second in a row. His previous titles were secured in 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2015.

13. Indian men's 4x400m relay team breaks 18-year-old national record

The Indian men's 4x400m relay team on 12 June 2016 created a new national record, clocking 3:02.17 at the International Sprint and Relay Teams Cup at Erzurum, Turkey. The team improved the previous record of 3:02.62 set at the 1998 Asian Games in Bangkok.

- ❖ On the other hand, the Indian women's 4x400m relay team clocked 3:30.16 and jumped to world No 12 in the rankings. In the 2016 South Asian Games, the women's relay team finished the race with a timing of 3:35.44 to win the gold. They also recorded their fastest time of 3:29.08 in the 2016 IAAF World Championships which took place in Beijing.

DEATHS

14. Renowned Hindi writer Mudrarakshasa passes away

Distinguished Hindi writer, activist, thinker and cultural personality Mudrarakshasa passed away following a prolonged illness in Lucknow. He was 82.

- ❖ Born in Behta near Lucknow in 1931
- ❖ He was the editor of Anuvrata, a Calcutta based magazine.
- ❖ He worked as Editor at All India Radio from 1962 to 1976.

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