

CURRENT AFFAIRS 17 MAY 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Italian Parliament approves same-sex civil unions

- ❖ The Italian parliament on 11 May 2016 passed legislation legalizing same-sex civil unions, with 372 voting in favour, 51 against and 99 abstaining. With this, it has become the last country in Western Europe to do so.

2. PM Narendra Modi, Sri Lankan President release Simhashta Declaration

- ❖ The Prime Minister along with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena have released 'Simhashta Declaration' at Ninora village in Ujjain.

3. 2016 Red Flag Aerial combat exercises concludes in US

- ❖ The multilateral Red Flag Aerial combat exercises between US, NATO and allied forces and India Air Force (IAF) concluded in Alaska, US.

NATIONAL

4. India inks Project Collaboration Agreement with WHO to promote traditional Medicine

- ❖ India has signed a historic Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) with World Health Organization (WHO) for cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine.

5. Parkash Singh panel submits report on Jat quota Agitation

- ❖ Parkash Singh committee constituted to inquire into the omission and commission on part of all officers and officials of police and civil administration during Jat Quota agitation submitted its report to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

6. Justice Naveen Sinha sworn-in as Chief Justice of Rajasthan HC

- ❖ Justice Naveen Sinha has sworn in as the 31st Chief Justice of Rajasthan.

7. Union Cabinet approves country's first National Intellectual Property Rights Policy

- ❖ The Union Government has approved National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy, 2016 to promote the IP regime and to encourage innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship in India.

8. India third in attractiveness index of renewable energy: EY Report

India ranks at third position after the United States and China in the category of Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index reported by EY.

- ❖ India achieved the position due to strong focus of the Government stress on Renewable Energy with the implementation of Renewable energy projects.
- ❖ Ranked on the basis of Size and Scale of renewable activity

TRADE/BANKING

9. SC slaps Rs 10 lakh on Spicejet for offloading disabled flyer

Country's Apex Court directed budget airline Spicejet to pay Rs 10 Lakh as damages to a disabled flyer, who was forcibly offloaded disabled Jeeja Ghosh in 2012.

- ❖ The apex court the manner in which the female passenger, a cerebral palsy patient, was de-boarded depicts total lack of sensitivity.

10. India's GDP likely to expand by 7.7% in FY17: NCAER

New Delhi based non-profit Economics think tank projected India's economic growth rate to grow marginally to 7.7 percent in 2016-17.

- ❖ Sub-par monsoon have resulted on the output in the last two years of the agriculture sector that has witnessed meager growth on account of drought in the past.

IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

- ❖ The average rate of growth in the agricultural and allied sectors' GDP for 2014-15 and 2015-16 has been a low 0.5 percent.

APPOINTMENTS

11. Michel Temer takes over as interim Brazil president

Brazil's interim president Michel Temer set to remain in office till 2019. He took over the presidency from Brazil's first female President Dilma Rousseff, who was suspended from office for 180 days over an impeachment.

- ❖ He will run Brazil amidst some of its most turbulent and an eventful time as country is facing its worst recession and in August it will host the Olympic Games for the first time in its history.

Brazil

☞ Capital: Brasilia

Currency: Brazilian real

12. Justice Mukul Mudgal appointed as deputy chairman of FIFA governance committee

Ex-Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana Mukul Mudgal has been appointed as the deputy chairman of world governing body FIFA's Governance Committee.

- ❖ The FIFA's governance committee which will be headed by Portuguese Luis Miguel Maduro, who is a former European Court of Justice Advocate General.
- ❖ The Judge earlier in 2013 headed the IPL 2013 spot-fixing probe and recently he was also included in by the Asian Football Federation in a similar roles.
- iv. Mudgal who is also roped in overseeing the conduct of international cricket matches and IPL games at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi.

FIFA

☞ Founded: 1904.

Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.

☞ President: Gianni Infantino

Membership: 211 Nation

SPORTS

13. Stephen Curry named NBA's Most Valuable Player for second straight year

Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the second straight year he is set to be the 11th person to win consecutive MVP awards.

- ❖ With this feat he is becoming the first unanimous Winner in the award's 61-year history after a record-breaking contribution to his side.

14. Andy Murray beats Novak Djokovic to win first Italian Open title

Britain's Andy Murray won his first Italian Open title with a 6-3 6-3 victory over Novak Djokovic.

- ❖ It's his first Italian Open and will boost him before the French Open, which begins on 22 May.
- ❖ Earlier, Serena Williams ended a nine-month title drought with a 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Madison Keys in an all-American women's final.

AWARDS

15. Indian American Revathi Balakrishnan named as 2016 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year

Indian Born American woman Elementary teacher Revathi Balakrishnan honoured by US President Barack Obama for her contribution work in the Education.

- ❖ She has taught Family consumer science at Brady High School in Brady ISD for seven years

DEATHS

16. Congress Rajya Sabha MP Praveen Rashtrapal passes away

Gujarat Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Praveen Rashtrapal died after suffering a massive heart attack. He was 76.

- ❖ He was a member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on 2G scam in the previous Lok Sabha. However he was an Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax before he took politics career

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