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CURRENT AFFAIRS 18 APRIL 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Forbes Releases First Ever 'Global Game Changers' List, Three Indian Make the cut.

- ❖ Forbes in its inaugural edition of Global Game Changers List launched this year has ranked some of the biggest names in business.

2. New York Mayor declares April 14 as Bindeshwar Pathak Day

- ❖ New York City declared this year's April 14 as 'Bindeshwar Pathak Day' in recognition of the contributions made by the Indian social activist and 'Sulabh International' founder for improving the lives of people engaged in the "most dehumanising situation". New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio honoured Pathak for his outstanding work to improve health and hygiene and "moving the world forward".

NATIONAL

3. Govt to launch 'Twitter Seva' for Startups on April 21

- ❖ As part of its steps to support budding entrepreneurs, the government on April 21 will launch a new service, Twitter Seva, to address various queries of startups in a time bound manner.

4. Indian Army conducts Shatru Jeet Battle exercise in Rajasthan

- ❖ The Indian Army conducted major battle exercise named as 'Shatrujeet' in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan near to the border with Pakistan.

5. Jharkhand Government launched Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana for widows

A target of 11,000 units (houses) has been set in the current financial year for the programme, adding Rs 80 crore has been earmarked in the budget for it.

- ❖ Rs 75,000 would be granted to build a house in districts in hilly terrains and Rs 70,000 in plains in three installments
- ❖ The widows would also get pension

6. Trimbakeshwar allows entry of women with rider, activists

The Trimbakeshwar Devasthan Trust in Maharashtra to allow women into the sanctum sanctorum of Shiva temple for an hour every day.

- ❖ The Temple Trust allowed with a rider that they must wear wet cotton or silk clothes while offering prayers in the core area. Women activists have, however, refused to abide by the rule and lodged a police complaint against the Temple Trust.
- ❖ This Decision comes in the aftermath of trust meeting that arrived on the decision following an agitation by Pune-based Swarajya Sanghatana.

7. Delhi ranked 44th among world's 50 'future-ready cities'

Delhi is ranked 44th on the list which is topped by San Jose, followed by San Francisco, Singapore and London as the world's most future-ready cities.

- ❖ The efforts put in by the Delhi and Union government to make a digitally enabled nation, one that allows for last mile connectivity and helps improve the quality of life.

8. Dhoni quits as Amrapali Brand Ambassador

India's Limited edition Cricket Captain MS Dhoni has resigned as brand ambassador of realty firm Amrapali, days after the residents turned unhappy of a housing project in Noida launched a social media campaign asking the cricketer to dis-associate himself from the builder.

- ❖ The Indian captain was the brand ambassador of the company for the last 7 years

TRADE / BANKING

9. Centre to increase monthly minimum wages to 10, 000 rupees for contract labourers

- ❖ Union Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya has said that the government has decided to bring out an executive order to increase minimum wages to 10,000 rupees per month for contract labourers across the country.

10. SC/ ST Victims to get minimum Compensation of Rs. 8.5 lakh from state government

- ❖ Union government to compensate of Rs 8.5 lakh for SC/ST victim of gang rape, murder or an acid attack including 47 offen cesto get the compensation from a state government, The new rules have come into force immediately.

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11. US jury slaps \$940 million fine two companies of India's Tata Group

- ❖ A US grand jury has slapped \$ 940 million fine on two companies of India's Tata group namely Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Tata America International Corp

APPOINTMENTS

12. Rudra Gaurav Shresth appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique

IFS Officer from 1999 cadre Rudra Gaurav Shresth presently Director in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique.

- ❖ He will assume his new duty soon.

Mozambique

- ☞ Capital: Maputo
- ☞ Currency: Metical

13. Geetha Johri becomes Gujarat's first woman DGP

Geetha Johri is all set to become first woman top cop of Gujarat. With this she will be the Gujarat's first woman IPS officer who promoted to DGP rank.

- ❖ Geetha has been promoted from the rank of ADGP to Director General of Police and she will continue at her present post as Managing Director of the Gujarat State Police Housing Corporation.
- ❖ She is a 1982-batch IPS officer, who is originally from Tamil Nadu.

14. Thomas Cook elevates Mahesh Iyer to COO post

Thomas Cook has elevated Mahesh Iyer, head of its foreign exchange division, to the position of chief operating officer (COO).

- ❖ He will be responsible for day to day business management.
- ❖ He will also be responsible for managing the visa and foreign exchange business in India, Mauritius and Sri Lanka.

AWARDS

15. Government renames Panagarh airbase after former IAF Chief Arjan Singh

Union government has renamed the Panagarh airbase Base as Air Force Station Arjan Singh in honour of the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh. This Honour came from the government on the 97th birthday of Arjan Singh, Marshal of the Indian Air Force.

- ❖ The Air base station is located in Burdwan district which is around 150 kms from Kolkata. Panagarh was constructed in 1944 during the Second World War.
- ❖ Air Force Station played a significant role in the 1965 and 1971 wars with Pakistan.

DEATHS

16. Iconic African photographer Malick Sidibe passes away at 80

Eminent Malian photographer Malick Sidibe has died at 80 years old, He had been ill for some time.

- ❖ Malick is known for his street scenes and studio shots that render a portrait of photos of Mali's post-colonial period helped people see the Mali's in a new light.
- ❖ He was the first African and the first photographer to win the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement, in 2007.
- ❖ The distinctions he earned are the International Center of Photography Infinity Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2008 and the Hasselblad Foundation's annual award in 2003

SPORTS

17. Australia won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2016

- ❖ Australia defeated India by 4-0 to lift ninth Sultan Azlan Shah Cup title.