

CURRENT AFFAIRS 18th JUNE 2016

NATIONAL

1. Railways flags off 1st time-tabled freight train

Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off India's first timetabled freight train, named 'Cargo Express', from Delhi to Bengaluru.

- ❖ The move aims to reduce the delay and uncertainty over the time schedule for delivery of goods.
- ❖ Earlier, passenger trains in the country used to get preference over goods trains for transportation across busy routes.

2. HRD minister Smriti Irani launches Vidyanjali in New Delhi

Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani has launched Vidyanjali, a school volunteer programme in New Delhi.

- ❖ Vidyanjali is an initiative under Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat, to enhance community and private sector involving government-run elementary schools across the country. Through Vidyanjali, the government aspires to bring change in the quality of education in schools.

3. Kiran Bedi launches a mobile app to help senior citizens in distress

The "Help Age SOS App" was launched by Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi at Raj Nivas.

The app provides for an SOS-Save our seniors button to immediately reach to the counsellor desk of Help Age for rendering emergency help and assistance.

It has 24x7 functionality and aims at helping elders in distress at any given time

TRADE / BANKING

4. State Bank of India creates a dedicated Rs. 200 Crore fund for startups

- ❖ India's largest public sector lender State Bank of India BSE 0.02 % (SBI) has created a dedicated IT innovations and startup fund and have set aside Rs 200 crore for investment in promising startups.

APPOINTMENTS

5. Senior IAS officer Supriya Sahu appointed as Director General of Doordarshan

Senior IAS officer Supriya Sahu was appointed as Director General of Doordarshan. She will be the full-time director general.

- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved to appoint Sahu for the post.
- ❖ She would replace Aparna Vaish who was acting head of Doordarshan. Tripurari Sharan was the last full-time director general at Doordarshan who stepped down in July 2014.

Doordarshan

- ☞ Founded: 1959
- ☞ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ☞ Owner: Prasar Bharati

6. Sunil Bharti Mittal elected as ICC Chairman

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, has been elected as the Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The ICC World Council elected the new leaders at a voting held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

- ❖ He takes over from Terry McGraw, Chairman Emeritus of S & P Global, who will subsequently become ICC's Honorary Chairman.
- ❖ He is the third Indian business leader to hold this position in ICC's near 100-year history.

AWARDS

7. Former Indian football team coach Syed Nayeemuddin to be conferred with Mohun Bagan Ratna

Mohun Bagan on 15 June 2016 announced that it will honour country's only Dronacharya football coach Syed Nayeemuddin with the Mohun Bagan Ratna.

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- ❖ Nayeemuddin was chosen for the prestigious award for his overall contribution to the club and the country both as a player and as a coach.
- ❖ Syed Nayeemuddin is an Indian football coach and former player.
- ❖ As a player, he captained the Indian national team that won a bronze medal at the 1970 Asian Games.

8. Karnataka Bank gets award

Karnataka Bank Ltd has bagged CFBP (Council for Fair Business Practices) Jamnalal Bajaj award for fair business practices.

- ❖ The bank has been awarded under the ‘service enterprises – large’ category.
- ❖ Mahabaleshwara MS, Chief General Manager of the bank, received the award from • Ajay Piramal, Chairman of Piramal Group, in Mumbai.

Karnataka Bank

☞ Founded: 1924

☞ Headquarters: Mangalore

SPORTS

9. 'A new world' - the Official slogan for Rio Olympics

The Rio 2016 organising committee revealed the official slogan for the first Olympic and Paralympic Games in South America – “A new world”

- ❖ It also unveils the medals, 52 days from the start of the quadrennial extravaganza.
- ❖ Along with the Olympic torch, the medals and the mascots, the slogan plays a major part in creating the unique identity of each Olympic Games.

DEATHS

10. Assam Pradesh Congress President Anjan Dutta passes away

Assam Pradesh Congress President (APCC) Anjan Dutta has passed away in New Delhi. He was undergoing treatment at AIIMS for past several days. He was 64 years old.

- ❖ Dutta was born on 13th April 1952 in the Sibsagar district of Assam and was a three times MLA from the Amguri Constituency. He served as the Minister and the Member of the State Legislative Assembly.

11. Veteran Odia actress Manimala Devi passes away

Manimala Devi, veteran Odia actress, passed away on 16 June 2016 following a prolonged illness at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She was 86.

- ❖ Manimala ruled the Odia film industry in the 1960s as lead actress with her influential performances in various films.

12. Famous TV actress Ann Morgan Guilbert dies

Famous Television actress Ann Morgan Guilbert died on 16 June 2016 after battling with cancer. She was 87.

- ❖ She began her TV career in the 1960s, appearing on popular programmes such as I Dream of Jeannie, My Three Sons, The Alfred Hitchcock Hour, The Partridge Family, Love, American Style, and The New Andy Griffith Show.

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