

CURRENT AFFAIRS 19 MAY 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. India, US hold first Maritime Security Dialogue

In order to promote the partnership in the Maritime Field, India and US made the successful first round of discussion under the Maritime Security Dialogue in New Delhi.

- ❖ First round of Discussion Discovered the scope of maritime cooperation under the framework of this maritime dialogue at the bilateral and multilateral level to be brought up.
- ❖ Issues Discussed are Asia-Pacific Maritime Challenges, Naval Cooperation and Multilateral Engagement.

Instant Review:

Q. Ist round of India, US Maritime Security Dialogue held at- New Delhi

2. China Launches Yaogan – 30 remote sensing satellite

- ❖ China has successful launched Yaogan-30 remote-sensing satellite into sun-synchronous orbit using the Long March-2D rocket.

3. World Bank approves \$625 m loan to support rooftop solar programme in India

- ❖ The World Bank's Board has approved USD 625 million loan to support the central government's programme to generate electricity from rooftop solar power plants.

NATIONAL

4. Section 144 imposed in Chandigarh

Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973 had been deployed in Chandigarh as a result protesters will not be allowed to enter into the city.

- ❖ The vicinity around the residences of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal in Sector 2 was sealed with barricades.
- ❖ This protest by the AAP party is against the alleged Rs 12,000-crore missing food grain scam in Punjab, rampant corruption and failure of the Punjab government to curb the drugs racket.

Instant Review:

Q. Which city has been came under Section 144 recently- Chandigarh

Q. What is the reason behind imposing section 144 in Chandigarh- Protest over food grain scam and Corruption

5. Military tourism initiative 'Veer Yatra' launched in Pune

Maharashtra Ex-servicemen's Corporation has launched the Veer Yatra, an initiative by the Military body that aims to spice up a vacation with on-locale narratives of real-life dare-devilry and heroism.

- ❖ This Yatra is for civilians provide a peek into the lives of the country's defence forces, also focusing on areas of historic importance.
- ❖ It also targets to provide employment to 1,000 ex-servicemen and war widows over the next year.

Instant Review:

Q. What is Veer Yatra- A tourism initiative by Ex-servicemen's

Q. Veer Yatra is launched at- Pune

6. National Conference on 'Gaushalas' Inaugurated

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries organized a day-long national conference on Gaushalas-cowsheds in New Delhi.

- ❖ Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Prakash Javadekar underlined that villages were traditionally planned in such a manner that there were facilities for human beings and fodder for animals.
- ❖ The Ministry is mulling for draft of a policy is being prepared, which will include a provision to provide protein-rich fodder free of cost to the people living in villages adjoining the jungles.
- ❖ According to Agriculture Ministry there are 19 crore livestock in the country, which is about 14% of the world's livestock and out of this, 15 crore are indigenous livestock.

Instant Review:

Q. National Conference on 'Gaushalas' Inaugurated at- New Delhi

Q. Who is Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister-Prakash Javadekar

TRADE / BANKING

7. DBS Bank to set up new technology hub in Hyderabad

Singapore-based DBS Bank has decided to set up its biggest technology hub outside its headquarters in Hyderabad. The company also plans to hire about 1,500 people over the next two years.

- ❖ This decision from the Singapore major is to focus on technology and in order to grow it, the lender has launched a mobile-only bank recently.
- ❖ This tech hub comes at a time when the lender is awaiting clearance from the RBI India to convert into a wholly-owned subsidiary in the country.

DBS Bank

Headquarters: Singapore

CEO: Piyush Gupta

Instant Review:

Q. Which Bank will set up a technology park in Hyderabad- DBS Bank

Q. Mobile Only Bank was launched by- DBS Bank

8. IT dept launches e-portal to fast track taxpayer's grievances

The Income Tax department has launched electronic grievance redressal portal called 'e-nivaran' to clear taxpayer's grievances and ensure early resolution of their complaints in fast track route.

- ❖ The system is called 'e-nivaran' means electronic solution which integrates all online and physical complaints gathered by the department at this platform which will be monitored by the Assessing Officer.
- ❖ Recently an exclusive also separate window for grievance redressal has been launched in the Income Tax Business Application electronic platform for the regular operations.
- ❖ The new system is called unified grievance management system which is not only records the origin of the grievance on the electronic platform it works on, but it also keeps tracking it till it reaches its logical conclusion for final resolution

Instant Review:

Q. Name of the portal launched for taxpayer's grievances- e- Nivaran

Q. Which department has launched e-Nivaran- Income tax Department

AWARDS

9. International prestigious Award for Novelist named Man Booker International Prize announced the Winner

South Korean Novelist Han Kang has been awarded the Man Booker International Prize for his Novel "The Vegetarian" deals with a woman's rejection of Human Brutality and giving up of eating meat.

- ❖ Han Kang succeeds over Nobel Laureate Orhan Pamuk and Best Seller Elena Ferrante and shared the award with her Translator Deborah Smith

Instant Review:

Q. Man Booker 2016 Winner- Han Kang

Q. Writer of the book titled 'The Vegetarian' - Han Kang

Q. Man Booker 2016 Winner Han Kang is from which country- South Korea

10. JK Rowling receives highest French civilian honour

Eminent Harry Potter Series Author JK Rowling has been honored with the highest French civilian honour French Legion of Honour.

- ❖ J K Rowling or Robert Galbraith is a British novelist, screenwriter and film producer. She was given honorary title by the President of France Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy at a ceremony in Paris.

Instant Review:

Q. Who has been awarded with highest French honour recently- JK Rowling

Q. Who is the Author of Harry Potter series- JK Rowling

11. S Y Quraishi has been awarded with an honorary fellowship in UK

- ❖ Former Chief Election Commissioner S Y Quraishi has been awarded with an honorary fellowship by a UK student body to celebrate and acknowledge his contributions in shaping the present and future of India.

Appointed

12. Rajasthan to be 1st state to issue ads to appoint Vice Chancellors

- ❖ The new arrangement will replace the existing convention riddled with delays and allegations of political favoritism of direct appointment of vice-chancellors.

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