

CURRENT AFFAIRS 1st JULY 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Navy inducts Indigenous Heavyweight Torpedo 'Varunastra'

Indigenously developed heavyweight torpedo Varunastra was inducted in the Indian Navy on 29 June 2016. It was handed to the Indian Navy by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.

- ❖ With this India joined a select group of eight countries having the capability to design and develop heavyweight torpedoes.
- ❖ The torpedo was designed and developed by Naval Science and Technological Laboratory of the DRDO for the Indian Navy. It carries 95 percent of indigenous content.
- ❖ It weighs around 1.25 tonnes and is capable of carrying about 250 kg of explosives at a speed of around 40 nautical miles an hour.

2. Exercise 'Jalrahat' commences in Assam

As a measure for counter operation during Natural calamities, exercise 'Jalrahat' commenced at Narangi Cantt in Assam which is a joint initiative by State Govt and Armed Forces for relief during floods.

- ❖ Taking the leaf from the latest National disaster management policy – 2016 and the call given by the Prime Minister urging the enhanced cooperation and involvement by Armed Forces in mitigating disasters, the Exercise Jalrahatis a joint initiative taken by the Assam State Govt and the Armed Forces that is being led by GAJRAJ Corps with full support from HQ Eastern Command.

Assam

- ☞ Capital: Dispur
- ☞ Chief Minister: Sarvanand Sonowal
- ☞ Governor: P.B. Acharya

APPOINTMENTS

3. WHO appoints Peter Salama as head of health emergencies programme

WHO has announced the appointment of Dr Peter Salama as the Executive Director of its new Health Emergencies Programme, at the level of Deputy Director-General. He takes up his new post on 27 July 2016.

- ❖ Dr Salama is from Australia and is currently UNICEF Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa.
- ❖ WHO's new Health Emergencies Programme is designed to deliver rapid, predictable and comprehensive support to countries.

WHO

- ☞ Headquarters: Geneva
- ☞ Founded: 1948

4. Suzuki Motors appoints scion Toshihiro Suzuki as CEO

Suzuki Motor Corp has appointed Toshihiro Suzuki, son of Chairman Osamu Suzuki, as its next chief executive effective the same day, as the Japanese automaker attempts to recover from a vehicle testing scandal.

- ❖ The appointment comes after patriarch Osamu Suzuki this month said he would decline the CEO position to take responsibility for the automaker's use of incorrect testing methods when calculating vehicle mileage.

TRADE / BANKING

5. World Bank approves \$63 million for Tejaswini Project in Jharkhand

The World Bank Board approved the 63 million US dollar project, Tejaswini: Socioeconomic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Jharkhand.

- ❖ Tejaswini is the first World Bank project in India that is solely focused on the welfare of adolescent girls and young women.
- ❖ The project will support adolescent girls and young women between the ages of 14 and 24 to complete their secondary level education. It will also help them to acquire relevant skills for the job market.

6. Amul signs up as official sponsor of Indian team to the Olympics

India's leading food products company Amul has signed up as the official sponsor for the Indian contingent to the Rio Olympics 2016.

- ❖ Amul will launch a series of advertising campaigns for milk and various dairy products to promote this association in the coming months.
- ❖ Amul has embarked upon an 'Eat Milk with Every Meal' campaign.

DEATHS

7. Renowned painter KG Subramanyan passes away

Renowned painter and freedom fighter KG Subramanyan passed away on 29 June 2016 following a brief illness in Vadodra. He was 92.

- ❖ Subramanyan was a versatile painter who blurred the lines between art and artisans by making his mark in pottery, design and terracotta art as well.

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