

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 20 APRIL 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. World Heritage Day: 18th April, 2016

World Heritage Day was observed all over the world on 18 April.

- ❖ The day is observed with an aim to create awareness among the people towards conserve and protect the valuable assets and cultural heritage across the world.
- ❖ The 2016 theme for the ICOMOS International Day on Monuments and Sites celebrated on 18 April is: The Heritage of Sport.

### NATIONAL

#### 2. Konkani museum to be set up in Mangaluru

Mandd Sobhan, a Konkani cultural organisation, will set up a Konkani museum in Mangaluru.

- ❖ The Karnataka Budget for 2016-17 has allocated Rs. 2.5 crore for the project.
- ❖ The state government has assured to allocate another Rs. 2.5 crore in the next financial year.

#### 3. New Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies

National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) announced the formal launch of Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (CGRBMS) in New Delhi.

- ❖ The Ministry signed a 10 year Memorandum of Agreement with IITK for provision of continual scientific support in the implementation and dynamic evolution of the Ganga River Basin Management Plan.
- ❖ Ministry was focused on cleaning the Ganga by setting up Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) and Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs).

### TRADE / BANKING

#### 4. Banks to Share All Transaction Details In Standard Format

From now onward all the Banks have to share the transaction details in a standard format.

- ❖ The banks were providing data in various file formats making it difficult for the agencies to process and analyse the information.
- ❖ The processing of multi-format data also results in wastage of manpower and time.
- ❖ To recover with this issue a meeting was called by the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau and a commonly acceptable format was designed.

#### 5. FSS to provide UPI solution for 6 banks

Financial Software & Systems Pvt. Ltd. (FSS), a Chennai-based payments technology and transaction processing company, has inked agreements with six banks to provide UPI (Unified Payment Interface) solution across the country on a hosted platform.

- ❖ UPI facilitates easy and seamless person-to-person (P2P) and person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions for end-customers.
- ❖ A bank customer can download this app in his/her mobile device, register the account number and take a virtual address.

### AWARDS

#### 6. T N Ninan gets Mumbai Press Club's lifetime achievement award

The Mumbai Press Club selected T N Ninan, Chairman and Editorial Director of Business Standard, for this year's 'RedInk Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism.

- ❖ The award will be presented to Ninan by the Governor of Maharashtra C Vidyasagar Rao on April 26 in New Delhi.

#### 7. Nico Rosberg won 2016 Formula 1 Pirelli Chinese Grand Prix

- ❖ German Formula 1 Mercedes Driver Nico Rosberg won 2016 Formula 1 Pirelli Chinese Grand Prix in Shanghai International Circuit.

### SPORTS

### 8. Sri Lanka's Rangana Herath retires from ODIs, T20Is

Sri Lanka spinner Rangana Herath has retired from 50-over and Twenty20 internationals in order to carry on playing test matches.

- ❖ The 38-year-old took 74 wickets in 71 one-day internationals and another 18 in 17 T20 matches for the island nation, shouldered the burden of the slow bowling attack following the retirement of spin great Muttiah Muralitharan in 2011.
- ❖ He has the record of best bowling figures in Tests by a left-arm spinner.

### 9. Dipa Karmakar becomes first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for Olympics

Dipa Karmakar created history by becoming the first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for Olympics. Karmakar, the 22-year-old gymnast from Tripura, exhibited a strong show as she completed her performance at the final qualifier and Olympic Test Event in Rio de Janeiro.

- ❖ She had created history by becoming the first woman gymnast to win a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014.
- ❖ This win had made her the first Indian woman to win a commonwealth gymnastics medal and the second Indian, after Ashish Kumar.

### 10. Rafael Nadal wins Monte Carlo Masters title

Rafael Nadal defeated Frenchman Gael Monfils to grab the 2016 Monte Carlo Masters title.

- ❖ He defeated Gael Monfils by 7-5 5-7 6-0 in 2 hours 46 minutes to claim his ninth title, but his first since 2012.
- ❖ Nadal has, now, claimed clay-court titles in each of last 13 years. Before losing the 2013 final to world number one Novak Djokovic, Nadal had won eight consecutive titles.