

CURRENT AFFAIRS 22nd JUNE 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. 21 June: International Day of Yoga

The International Day of Yoga is being observed across the world on 21 June 2016 with the theme 'Connect the Youth'.

- ❖ This year's observance of the Day highlights the important role healthy living plays in the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in 2015 by all 193 UN Member States.
- ❖ In India, the Union Government organised the event titled The National Event of Mass Yoga Demonstration at the Capitol Complex in Chandigarh where Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself performed yoga.

2. Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Thapa Visited India

Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Thapa landed in New Delhi on a three day visit to India

Summary of the visit:

- ❖ Discussion with External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on bilateral Issues
- ❖ Attended the Convocation of the South Asian University in New Delhi
- ❖ This is the fifth Visit to India by Nepal Minister
- ❖ Deputy Prime Minister had "High Level Political meetings" in New Delhi
- ❖ The two Nations signed nine agreements in areas of transport, connectivity and cooperation in the energy sector.

Nepal

- ☞ Capital: Kathmandu
- ☞ Currency: Rupee
- ☞ PM: KP Sharma Oli
- ☞ President: Vidya Devi Bhandari

3. Thailand Prime Minister Chan-o-cha's Three-day visit to India

Thailand Prime Minister Chan-o-cha made visit to India and arrived in New Delhi starting from 16th June to enhance bilateral cooperation between two nations.

Summary of the visit:

- ❖ Thailand's Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha and his wife Naraporn Chan-o-cha receive a memento at the Rajghat memorial for Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi
- ❖ India, Thailand agreed to build Joint Collaboration in Counter-terrorism, Defence, Maritime security.
- ❖ India and Thailand signed key pacts in the field of culture and education.
- ❖ Axis Bank of India and Kasikorn Bank of Thailand inked pact for trade and investment
- ❖ Thailand Prime Minister visited Bodh Gaya and offered prayer at Mahabodhi Temple
- ❖ Prime Minister of India announced new Visa rules for Thailand tourists to facilitate double entry e-tourist visas in order to attract more tourists
- ❖ Thailand companies planned to construct five high-end hotels for Buddhist circuit

Thailand

- ☞ Capital: Bangkok
- ☞ Currency: Baht

4. President Pranab Mukherjee made visit to three-nation tour to Ghana, Ivory Coast and Namibia

Pranab Mukherjee has become the First Indian President to Visit Ghana and Ivory Coast and became the second Indian President to visit Namibia after a gap of 21 years.

Summary of Three Nation's Visit:

- ❖ India and Ghana signed three bilateral agreements to tighten cooperation in various fields
- ❖ Offered floral tributes at the Mausoleum of Ghana's Founder and Father of the Nation, Kwame Nkrumah and also responsible for formation of Non Aligned Movement with then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru
- ❖ Opened a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the University of Ghana and conferred a Joint Business Forum to highlight 'Brand India'
- ❖ Announced 1 million USD for the India – Ghana Kofi Annan Centre for IT excellence
- ❖ Indian President has been conferred with the highest national honour of the Grande Croix Commandeur by Cote d'Ivoire Country
- ❖ The Agreements were approved between CII & CEPICI and Tata Motors & SUTRA for supply of 500 buses.
- ❖ EXIM Bank inaugurated representative office in Abidjan

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- ❖ India's EXIM Bank to provide loan of \$176.3 million to Ivory Coast
- ❖ India, Namibia signed two MoUs on capacity building for civil servants, centre of excellence in ICT.

5. Ganges-Danube Cultural Festival of India inaugurated by Tourism & Culture Minister Mahesh sharma in Hungary

Union Tourism minister Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the Ganges-Danube Cultural Festival of India at Vigado Theatre in Budapest in Hungary.

- ❖ The Minister also inaugurated Yoga workshop. Hungarian artists, proficient in Indian art• forms took part in the programme.
- ❖ The Festival will showcase Indian culture, i.e. dance, music, yoga, film and exhibitions. • Indian martial art experts and puppet artists are also performing.

Hungary

- ☞ Capital: Budapest
- ☞ Currency: Hungarian forint
- ☞ President: Janos Ader
- ☞ Prime Minister: Viktor Orban

6. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's statue unveiled in Malaysia

A bronze statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been unveiled at the Indian cultural centre premises in Malaysia in the presence of nine Indian National Army (INA) veterans.

- ❖ It was announced during the last year visit of PM Modi to Malaysia. At that time, he has also announced the renaming of Indian Cultural Centre as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre.

NATIONAL

7. Centre approves proposal for Greenfield Electronic Park in Odisha

Union Government gave its final approval for setting up of a Greenfield Electronic Park which is a dedicated IT hub near Bhubaneswar.

- ❖ The park, to be set up under Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) scheme of the Centre, will come up on 203 acres of land at a cost of Rs 205 crore out of this centre will give Rs 95 crore with the rest will borne by the Odisha government.
- ❖ The park intends to provide employment potential of 10,000 to 12,000 persons and common facilities for training, incubation and R & D activities to the interested entrepreneurs.

AWARDS

8. Kannada film 'Thithi' wins best film award at Shanghai International Film Festival

Kannada film Thithi has won the Best Film and Best Script Writers Award at the ongoing 19th Shanghai International Film Festival in Shanghai.

- ❖ The film Thithi was directed by Raam Reddy's and it is about 3 generations reacting to the death of the oldest in the clan.

SPORTS

9. 106-year-old Aida Gemanque becomes oldest Olympic torch bearer

106 year old Aida Gemanque also called extreme granny became the oldest Olympic torch bearer when she carried the flame in the Amazonian city of Macapa.

- ❖ Gemanque broke the record formerly held by Alexander Kaptarenko, who was 101 when he took part in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics relay.

DEATHS

10. Renowned Educationalist Jeppiaar passes away

Jeppiaar, a renowned politician-turned-educationalist and founder of Jeppiaar Educational Trust, passed away following a brief illness at Chennai. He was 85.

- ❖ He was originally named as Jesadimai Pangiraj. He was a pioneer in the setting up of private engineering institutions in Tamil Nadu and was the founder chancellor of Sathyabama University.

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