

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1. Europe becomes world's first region to end malaria: WHO

Europe has become the world's first region to eliminate malaria the zone recorded with zero cases reported last year, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

- ❖ The number of cases reported dropped to zero in 2015 from 90,712 in 1995.

### **NATIONAL**

#### 2. Chandigarh will host this year's International Yoga Day

Chandigarh will host this year's International Yoga Day celebrations on June 21, with the Centre deciding to shift the venue from the Rajpath.

- ❖ The Ministry has decided to shift the venue of the event from Delhi this year, as a steep increase in the number of participants to the mass Yoga event is being expected this year.

#### 3. 7 Women officers of SSC granted permanent commission by Navy

To provide equal opportunities to women officers Indian Navy decided to grant permanent commission to seven women officers belonging to the Short Service Commission (SSC) batch of 2008-09.

- ❖ Earlier the Navy had limited women officers only to the Short Service Commission of 14 years.
- ❖ From 2017 women officers can choose to join as pilots of Maritime Reconnaissance planes viz. Boeing P8I, Dornieras also in the Naval Armament Inspectorate cadre.

#### 4. Department of Disinvestment is now 'DIPAM'

The Department of Disinvestment which runs under Finance Ministry has been renamed as Department of Investment and Public Asset Management or 'Dipam',

- ❖ Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced renaming of the body in his budget speech for 2016-17.
- ❖ The new department has been mandated to advise the government in the matters of financial restructuring of central public sector enterprises and for attracting investment through capital markets.
- ❖ The body will deal with all matters concerning to management of union government investments in equity including disinvestment of equity in central public sector undertakings.

#### 5. Uttara khand HC quashes President's Rule

The Uttarakhand High Court quashed the order of the Union government that had put the State under President's Rule on March 27.

- ❖ The Court also ordered that a floor test must be held in the Uttarakhand Assembly on April 29 where former CM Harish Rawat's claim of having majority support shall be put to test.

### UTTARAKHAND

- ❖ **Capital: Dehradun**
- ❖ **Governor: K.K. Paul**

### **TRADE / BANKING**

#### 6. Union government allots Rs. 800 crore to clean up polluted lakes in garden city

Union government has pledged to provide Rs. 800 crore under AMRUT scheme to rejuvenate lakes especially the Bellandur Lake the largest and most polluted water body.

- ❖ Out of the total sum 500 crore is for laying down a 74 kms trunk sewage pipeline. Of the total money about Rs 162 crore have been provided to construct 4 Sewage Treatment Plant (STPs) in Bellandur Lake.

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## 7. Cabinet clears expansion of India-Chile trade agreement

Introduction: Union Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has successfully accorded its approval for expansion of the India – Chile Preferential Trade Agreement

### Advantages of Agreement:

- ❖ Import and Export of Products
- ❖ Double taxation treaty particularly for Mining Sector
- ❖ Help to increase out trade concentration
- ❖ Several Opportunities to explore various sectors
- ❖ Chile has offered concessions to India on 1,798 tariff lines and India has offered concessions to Chile on, 1,031 tariff lines

### CHILE

- ❖ **Capital: Santiago**
- ❖ **Currency: Peso**
- ❖ **President : Michelle Bachelet**

## AWARDS

## 8. Mahatma's granddaughter Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee gets French honour

Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee has been awarded with one of France's highest honour. The Order of Arts and Letters for her contribution in promoting peace, solidarity, culture, education, and development. Bhattacharjee was conferred the officier de l' Ordre des Arts et Letters (Order of Arts and Letters) honour by French Ambassador Francois Richier.

## 9. Google India awarded 'most attractive employer' in India

In the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Randstad Award 2016, Google India emerged as the most attractive employer for a second consecutive year followed by Mercedes-Benz in the second place.

- ❖ The sectoral specific special recognition award: Dell
- ❖ Consumer Electronics: Samsung India
- ❖ E Commerce: Amazon India

## APPOINTMENT

## 10. Suresh Babu appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mongolia

Current Ambassador of India to Armenia T. Suresh Babu has elected as the country's next Ambassador to Mongolia.

- ❖ He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

### Mongolia

**Capital: Ulaanbaatar**

**Currency: Mongolian togrog**

## 11. Goa appoints Justice PK Mishra as Lokayukta

Goa Government appointed former Chief Justice of Patna High Court Justice, P.K. Mishra as Lokayukta of the state.

- ❖ He had recently retired as chairman of Goa State Human Rights commission.
- ❖ He will succeed Justice (Retd) Sudarshan Reddy, Goa's first Lokayukta.

## SPORTS

### 12. Vishnu Vardhan is first ATT champion

Former national champion Vishnu Vardhan put his name into the record books by becoming the first champion of the Asian Tennis Tour (ATT) after he beat Sidharth Rawat by 7-6(7), 6-3 in the final of the \$5,000 event at the DLTA Complex in New Delhi.

- ❖ Vishnu Vardhan is a professional tennis player from Andhra Pradesh.

## DEATH

### 13. Chyna, Former WWE women's champ, passes away

Former WWE Women's Champion, as well as former WWE Intercontinental Champion, Chyna (Real name: Joan Laurer) passed away.

- ❖ Chyna became the first woman in WWE history to participate in Royal Rumble match, when she entered as the 30<sup>th</sup> entrant during the 1999 Royal Rumble match.

## BOOKS

### 14. The Making of India: The Untold Story of British Enterprises authored by Kartar Lalvani

The making of India: The untold story of British Enterprises authored by Kartar Lalvani was in news in the third week of April 2016. The book discusses the British rule and its role in creating a unified India.

- ❖ The book supposedly brings out the many positive aspects of the colonial rule.
- ❖ The story of the book opens in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when a small seafaring island dispatched sailing ships over 11000 miles on a five-month trading journey in search of new opportunities.