

CURRENT AFFAIRS 22 MAY 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Tsai Ing-wen sworn in as new president of Taiwan

Democratic Progressive Party leader Tsai Ing-wen has been sworn in as the new president of Taiwan.

- ❖ Tsai also becoming its first female leader of the country also fills the shoes of President Ma Ying-jeou, who served two four-year terms since May 2008.

Taiwan

☞ Capital: Taipei

☞ Currency: New Taiwan dollar

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2. Taj Mahal in top 5 tourist attractions globally : Survey

- ❖ The Taj Mahal has been voted among the top five tourist attractions in the world, second in Asia and led the popularity list in India, according to a leading travel planning and booking site Trip Advisor.

3. Turkey's AKP taps Binali Yildirim for PM's Post

- ❖ In Turkey, Transport Minister, Binali Yildirim has emerged as the country's new Prime Minister after the ruling party formally tapped him as its candidate to lead the party.

4. Indian Journalist Philip Abraham elected as Deputy Mayor in UK

- ❖ Indian journalist and Councillor Philip Abraham has been elected unanimously as the Deputy Mayor of Loughton town in the United Kingdom.

5. Hypersonic Superjet technology successfully tested in Australia

- ❖ A joint US-Australian military research team successfully tested a hypersonic technology in the Australian desert.

6. International Buddhist conference begins in Nepal

- ❖ A two day International Buddhist conference has begun in Nepal to celebrate the 2,560th birth anniversary of Lord Buddha.

NATIONAL

7. Himachal CM launches PEHAL programme

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh has introduced PEHAL programme in Shimla district.

- ❖ Shimla has become the 1st district in the state to launch such different programme to work as a team with the people.
- ❖ The PEHAL will focus on five areas namely- Primary Education, Forest Rights, Health and Sanitation, Campaign against drugs and skill development and Women Empowerment.

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Which state has launched PEHAL programme: Himachal Pradesh

PEHAL Programme in Himachal has been launched in which district: Shimla

8. Hindustan Motors CEO resigns

The beleaguered Hindustan Motors chief executive officer Ajay Kumar Bansal has resigned.

- ❖ The C.K. Birla group company did not cite any reason for Bansal's resignation.
- ❖ The crisis-ridden auto maker, which produced iconic Ambassador cars, had appointed Bansal as the chief executive with effect from November 2, 2015, for a period of two years.

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Ajay Bansal who has resigned recently, was the CEO of which company: Hindustan Motors

APPOINTMENTS

9. Rakesh Kumar Mishra is CCMB Director

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research appointed Genetics Expert Rakesh Kumar Mishra as the new Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).

❖ He had joined in the Hyderabad based institute in 2001 as a senior scientist.

CSIR

Chairman: Narendra modi

Director General: Girish Sahnii

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Who has been appointed as Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology Director: Rakesh Kumar Mishra

10. Indian Origin Philip Abraham elected Deputy Mayor of Loughton in U.K.

Philip Abraham a journalist from Kerala has been unanimously elected the Deputy Mayor of Loughton town in the UK for following year.

❖ Councillor Carol Davis presented the Deputy Mayor's Badge to Philip Abraham. The Deputy Mayor normally goes on to become the Mayor for the following year.

❖ He is from Kerala, earlier in 2012 won the election to the Loughton Town Council. Loughton is a vibrant town.

United Kingdom

☞ Capital: London

☞ Currency: Pound sterling

☞ Prime minister: David Cameron.

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Philip Abraham has been appointed as the Deputy Mayor of: Loughton, UK

SPORTS

11. India lose to China in semi-final of Uber Cup

Indian women's team settled for a bronze medal after suffering a 0-3 defeat at the hands of defending champions China in the semifinals of the Uber Cup badminton championship, at Kunshan in China.

❖ After top shuttlers Saina Nehwal and P V Sindhu went down narrowly against their respective opponents in the two singles match, Jwala Gutta and N Sikki Reddy also bit the dust in the first doubles, ending India's campaign.

❖ Indian eves had scripted history in the last edition when they won a historic bronze in New Delhi and they repeated the feat this time at Kunshan Sports Center Stadium.

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Which team is the UBER Cup 2016 bronze medal winner: India

UBER Cup is related to which sport: Badminton

Which team has defeated India in UBER Cup 2016 semifinal: China

DEATHS

12. Veteran Gujarati folk singer Diwaliben Bhil passes away

Legendary Gujarati folk singer Diwaliben Bhil, has passed away due to age-related ailments in Junagadh. She was 80.

❖ Besides folk songs and garba songs, Diwaliben had also lent her voice to several film songs.

❖ The Government had honoured her with the Padma Shri in 1991

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Diwaliben Bhil died recently. Who she was: Singer

Diwaliben Bhil was from which state: Gujarat

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