

CURRENT AFFAIRS 24th JUNE 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Scientists make world's first 1000 processor microchip.

- ❖ US scientists team has created the world's first microchip that has 1,000 processors and is thought to be the fastest chip designed in a university lab.

2. Ken Miyachi to replace Nikesh Arora as Soft Bank President

- ❖ SoftBank Group has named Ken Miyachi as its new President and Chief Operating Officer after Nikesh Arora resignation.

NATIONAL

3. ISRO launches record 20 satellites from Sriharikota

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 22 June 2016 launched a record 20 satellites in a single mission from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

- ❖ With this launch of 20 satellites, ISRO also managed to break its previous record of placing 10 satellites into orbit in a single mission in 2008.
- ❖ The 20 satellites including India's latest earth observation satellite Cartosat-2 was launched on-board Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV C-34. The other 19 satellites were from the US, Germany, Canada and Indonesia as well as two satellites from Sathyabama University, Chennai, and the College of Engineering, Pune.

ISRO

- ☞ Founded:1969
- ☞ Headquarters: Bengaluru
- ☞ Chairman: AS Kiran Kumar

4. Aadhaar to be linked with caste, domicile certificates

Union Government in June 2016 asked all state governments to link Aadhaar with caste and domicile certificates of school students. Under first-of-its-kind initiative, the states have been asked to ensure that such certificates are issued within 60 days time to the students when they are studying either in Class V or VIII.

- ❖ To make sure that the scholarships will be granted on time to students belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and without causing any harassment to SC/STs students. There have been complaints of delay in grant of scholarships and harassment.
- ❖ To facilitate access of bona fide candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to the reserved posts and services under the State or Central governments.
- ❖ To secure admission in educational institutions and get other facilities.

5. Himachal Govt launches skill development project

- ❖ The Himachal Pradesh government has launched a Rs. 640 crore project for skill development under which multipurpose training and marketing centres will be set up in rural areas as per the needs of local youths.

6. Maharashtra Govt grants minority status to Jews

Maharashtra Government has accorded minority status to Jews in the state as per the provisions of the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission Act, 2004.

- ❖ In October 2006, the State government declared Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains as religious minorities.

TRADE / BANKING

7. World Bank releases India Development Update 2016

The World Bank Group on 20 June 2016 released the mid-year edition of India Development Update 2016: Financing Double-Digit Growth. The report finds that India's economy expanded at a faster pace in FY 2016.

It expects India's economic growth to be at 7.6 percent in 2016-2017, followed by a modest acceleration to 7.7 percent in 2017-2018 and 7.8 percent in 2018-2019.

World Bank

- ☞ Founded:1944
- ☞ Headquarters: Washington D.C.

☞ President: Jim Yong Kim

BOOKS

8. A Life in Diplomacy authored by MK Rasgotra

The book titled A Life in Diplomacy was in news in the third week of June 2016. The book was written by former Indian diplomat Mahasraja Krishna Rasgotra.

- ❖ It is an insider's account of the personalities and policies that shaped Indian diplomacy.
- ❖ The book provides a ringside view of the beginnings of ethnic violence in Sri Lanka, the last years of the Cold War, the negotiations on the formation of SAARC, Indira Gandhi's assassination and the Bhopal gas disaster.

DEATHS

9. Telangana poet and lyricist Guda Anjaiah passes away

Telangana poet and lyricist Guda Anjaiah has died at his house at Ragannagudem, Telangana following a brief illness. He was 61.

- ❖ He was born in Lingapuram village of Dandepalli mandal in Adilabad district in 1955.
- ❖ His songs both regaled and incensed supporters of statehood movement

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