

CURRENT AFFAIRS 25 APRIL 2016

INTERNATIONAL

- 1. World Earth Day being observed worldwide on 22nd April 2016**
World earth day was observed on 22nd April 2016. Theme for 2016 –Trees for the Earth
 - ❖ **Goal** : To Plant 7.8 billion trees over the next five years.
 - ❖ It was firstly observed in 1970 with an aim to make people climate sensible.
- 2. Anti-Slavery Crusader Harriet Tubman to be first African-American on US Dollar**
US Paper Currency will bear the prestigious Anti-Slavery crusader Harriet Tubman who is African-American and the first woman in History.
 - ❖ Tubman who born in 1820 and helped hundreds of slaves, take the centre spot on the currency where as Jackson, a slave owner would print to the back explained by US Treasury Department.

NATIONAL

- 3. Simhastha Kumbh mela 2016 begins in Ujjain**
The Simhastha Kumbh Mela, largest congregation of Hindus began in Ujjain early with the arrival of Juna Akhara for the royal bath on the banks of Kshipra River to take a holy dip.
 - ❖ A large number of people across the country have converged in the holy city for the month long festival held every 12 years at Ujjain, which is also the abode of Lord Mahakaleshwar, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in the country.
- 4. Six Indians stamped their names in TIME's 100 influential People List**
Six Indians have been featured in TIME's 100 influential People List, They are
 - ❖ RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan
 - ❖ Hindi Actress Priyanka Chopra
 - ❖ Tennis Player Sania Mirza
 - ❖ Flipkart Founders Binny Bansal and Sachin Bansal
 - ❖ Indian born Chief Executive Officer of Google Sundar Pichai

TRADE / BANKING

- 5. India's ranks first in FDI Destination which replaces China in 2015**
In 2015, India gained the first rank in the World for Foreign Direct Investment overtaking the US and China
 - ❖ India attracts \$63 billion value FDI projects from other countries in 2015.
 - ❖ Make in India Campaign resulted in major increase in job creation from 1.16 lakh new jobs in 2013 to 2.25 lakh in 2015
 - ❖ 98% FDI into India comes through automatic route which are not under the control of FIPB
- 6. Mahindra & Mahindra becomes first Indian company to join EP100 campaign**
Mumbai based Mahindra & Mahindra has become the first Indian company to join a global energy campaign EP100.
 - ❖ On the 'EP100' campaign led by The Climate Group, the world's largest manufacturer of tractors has committed to doubling their energy productivity by 2030 on a baseline of 2005.
 - ❖ The company is on a pipeline to make a strong contribution towards achieving the climate goals agreed upon at COP21.

AWARDS

- 7. TCS features in UK's Times Top 50 employers for women list**
Mumbai based India's largest IT Company TCS has been recognized as one of the UK's leading employers for women in a list published by The Times.
 - ❖ The IT major employs over 1,00,000 women globally, a third of its total workforce.
 - ❖ The Times emphasized the need for more women to pursue careers in the IT industry, both in the UK and globally, we want to show that working in technology can be hugely fulfilling and rewarding.

TCS

- ❖ **Established : 1968**
- ❖ **CEO: Natarajan Chandrasekaran**

APPOINTMENT

8. Chadian President Idriss Deby wins fifth term

Idriss Deby of Patriotic Salvation Movement (MPS) party has won the presidential election for the fifth time since 1990.

He secured more than 61.56 per cent of the vote in the presidential polls with opposition leader Saleh Kebzabo a distant second on 12.8 per cent.

DEATH

9. Music legend Prince Roger Nelson dies at 57

The iconic rock artist and musician Prince Roger Nelson dies at his Paisley Park Studio in Chanhassen, Minnesota. He was 57.

Among his best-known songs are When Doves Cry, Cream and Kiss.

❖ His final album “HITnRUN Phase One” released in September, 2015.

OTHER INFORMATION

10. President nominates 6 eminent members to Rajya Sabha

President Pranab Mukherjee has nominated six eminent members to Rajya Sabha as per the provisions of Article 80 of the Constitution.

11. Indian signs Paris climate pact along with over 170 nations at UN

India has signed the historic Paris climate agreement at United Nations in New York along with more than 170 nations, marking a significant step to combat global warming.

12. Bhupendra Kainthola appointed FTII Director

India Information Service (IIS) officer of 1989 batch Bhupendra Kainthola has been appointed as Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).

❖ He will replace Prashant Patrabhe and shall have tenure of three years.

❖ Prior, he was serving as Director (News Room) with DD News since January 2015.

13. Anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman to replace former US president on \$20 bill

The U.S. Treasury Department announced that the image of an American abolitionist and anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman will appear on a new series of US \$20 bills.

❖ With this, Tubman will become the first African-American and the first woman in more than a century to appear on U.S. paper currency.

14. Indian Diplomat Amitav Banerji Honoured By Cyprus

An Indian diplomat in the UK, 1975 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS). Amitav Banerji has been conferred with one of the highest awards of Cyprus.

15. Govt. to appoint 10,000 new LPG distributors in FY17

Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that ten thousand new LPG distributors will be appointed in the current financial year.

16. Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi Samman for 3 Odiya artists

Three eminent Odiya artists PrafullaKar, AlokaKanungo and SadasivPradhan have been selected for the prestigious Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi Samman from Odisha.

17. Flame for Rio Olympic Games Lit in Greece

The Olympic torch for the upcoming Rio Games in Brazil has been lit in southern Greece.

18. Manoj Bajpayee to receive Dadasaheb Phalke award for ‘Aligarh’

Acclaimed actor Manoj Bajpayee will be honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in the Best Actor category (Critics’ Choice) for his performance in Hansal Mehta’s biographical drama, “Aligarh”.

*** ALL THE BEST ***