

CURRENT AFFAIRS 26 APRIL 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. Cuba removes ban on Cubans entering or leaving the country by sea

The Cuban government adjusted its migration policy and lifted a restriction that prevented Cubans from entering or leaving the country by cruise ship or commercial vessel.

- ❖ Previously Cuba did not allow Cuban-born individuals living elsewhere to travel to the island by a commercial vessel.

Cuba

- ❖ Capital : Havana
- ❖ Prime minister: Raul Castro
- ❖ Currency : Cuban peso

NATIONAL

2. PM inaugurates Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts

Prime Minister inaugurates Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and expressed that people have high belief and hope in the Judiciary.

- ❖ Points delivered by Prime Minister:
- ❖ Large number of cases pending in various courts.
- ❖ Government to remove the archaic laws from the statute books

3. Sahapedia, India's first open source encyclopedia to the Art and culture is now live

Sahapedia is an open source resource on the Arts, Cultures and heritage of India.

- ❖ The Meaning of “Saha” in Sankrit meant as “Together with” that is used to explore the together the richness of our cultural landscapes. Knowledge around each subject is complex and has many shapes.

4. Delhi Government Announces App-Based Premium Bus Service

Delhi Government announced app based premium bus service scheme in order to encourage private car owners to switch to public transport.

- ❖ It is expected to start in the city from middle of June while registration for it would start from June 1 this year.
- ❖ The premium buses will be fully air-conditioned with no passengers allowed to stand.
- ❖ To ensure the safety of women passengers, Buses will have to be equipped with Wi-Fi and GPS.

5. Army completes amphibious exercise ‘JalPrahar’

Indian military has completed an amphibious exercise ‘Jal Prahar’ which was began on March 27 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

- ❖ All three wings of the armed forces Army, Air Force and Navy participated in the Jal Prahar exercise.

AWARDS

6. Manoj Bajpayee to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke award for Aligh

Veteran Actor Manoj Bajpayee will be awarded with the Dadasaheb Phalke award in the Best Actor Category (Critics' Choice) for his contribution in Hansal Mehta's Biographical drama, “Aligarh”.

- ❖ The Award will be presented on 1st May 2016.

7. Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi Samman for 3 Odiya artists

Eminent three Odisha Artists have been selected for prestigious “Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi Samman”.

IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

Three Personalities:

- ❖ Prefulla Kar – Light Music performer
- ❖ Alok Kanungo – Odissi Dancer
- ❖ Sadasiv Pradhan – Chhau Dancer

APPOINTMENTS

8. Congo names Clement Mouamba as PM

Congo's President Denis Sassou Nguesso named former finance minister Clement Mouamba as prime minister, bringing a one-time opposition leader into the government.

- ❖ The appointment comes a month after Sassou Nguesso was elected to a five-year term.

OTHER INFORMATION

9. 23 April: World Book and Copyright Day

- Every year World Book and Copyright Day is being observed on 23 April to promote reading, publishing and copyright. The day seeks to encourage everyone and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure of reading.

10. Salman Khan named as Indian contingent's Goodwill Ambassador for 2016 Rio Olympics

- Bollywood actor Salman Khan was named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Olympics to be held in August 2016 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.
- This is the first time when a Bollywood superstar has been chosen as a goodwill ambassador for the Indian contingent at the Olympics.

11. India, France launch \$1 Trillion Potential Solar Programme under ISA

- India and France have launched a programme with \$1 trillion Potential Solar Programme under the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

12. India's first online interactive heritage portal Sahapedia launched

- The Union Government has launched India's first online interactive heritage portal named Sahapedia in New Delhi. The web portal is a collaborative knowledge resource on the arts, culture and heritage of India.

13. Union Government notifies new rules to revamp SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act)

- The Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has notified new rules to give effect to the amended Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The new rules seek to tighten provisions to ensure speedy justice to members of the SC/ST community.

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