

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 27 APRIL 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. World Malaria Day: 25 April

World Malaria Day is an international observance commemorated every year on 25 April and recognizes global efforts to control malaria.

World Malaria Day (WMD) is being observed every year on 25 April across the world to recognize the global efforts to control preventable vector borne malaria.

- ❖ It was firstly observed in 2008 by UNICEF to give public attention about the disease which causes millions of deaths every year.
- ❖ The World Malaria Day was established by the 60th session of the World Health Assembly, a decision-making body of World Health Organization (WHO) in May 2007.

#### 2. India Signed Paris climate pact

India, along with 170 other countries has signed historic Paris climate pact in United Nation.

- ❖ Union Environment and Forestry minister Prakash Javarekar signed the pact in a high level conference at United Nation.
- ❖ UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon chaired the Conference which include Ministers, diplomats, industrialists and artists.

#### 3. World's largest indoor amusement park to open on 15 August

World's largest indoor amusement park 'IMG world of adventure' will be opened on 15 August in Dubai. 30,000 people are expected to visit daily.

- ❖ CEO, Mr Lennard Otto said that 96 percent of the park is ready and it has an area of 15 lac sq. feet, which is equal to 28 Football grounds.

### NATIONAL

#### 4. PF Body To Launch System For Discouraging Premature Withdrawals

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) plans to launch a 'One Employee One EPF Account' system on May 1 to dissuade premature PF withdrawals and encourage state governments to join its pension system.

- ❖ The decision was taken on April 21 in retirement fund body EPFO's internal meeting, a day after the government rolled back its decision to tighten PF withdrawal norms.
- ❖ In these norms restricting subscribers to withdraw the employer's share of PF contributions (3.67 per cent of basic wages) before the age of 58 years, among other things.

### Trade/Banking

#### 5. India bans import of mobile phones, milk, steel products from China

India has banned import of milk and milk products, mobile phones and some other items from China after finding them of poor quality.

- ❖ Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in Lok Sabha that Some mobile phones, which don't have International Mobile Station Equipment Id number and some steel products have also been banned from importing from China
- ❖ Completely banning imports from any country is not possible due to World Trade Organisation rules even if we have problems diplomatically, territorially or militarily," she said.

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### 6. International Solar Alliance Cell and UNDP Declared Cooperation for Promoting Solar Energy

The Interim Administrative Cell of International Solar Alliance (ISA Cell) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) declared their intention to promote solar energy globally.

- ❖ It was declared at UN headquarter New York by Solar Alliance Cell. Joint declaration is a new beginning and will help in leveraging and expediting solar energy development and deployment in ISA countries.

### UNDP

- ❖ **Established: 1965**
- ❖ **Headquarters: New York**

## SPORTS

### 7. Mairaj shoots silver at Rio World Cup

Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan made a successful start to his campaign at the ISSF World Cup by winning a silver medal in men's skeet event in Rio de Janeiro. Mairaj's feat gave India its first skeet medal at a World Cup.

Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan (40-years) has won the silver medal in the Men's Skeet event of the ISSF Shooting World Cup in Rio De Janeiro.

- ❖ Mairaj lost to Sweden's Marcus Svensson 2-1 in the shoot-off tiebreaker in the gold medal match on Sunday night after both were tied on 14 targets at the end of the regulation 16 shots. Italy's Tamarro Casandro got the bronze. Earlier, Mairaj shot 122 out of 125 in the qualifying round to be second among the top six shooters.
- ❖ In the semifinal stage, both Mairaj and Marcus shot 15 out of 16 targets each to earn the right to contest for the gold medal.
- ❖ Mairaj's feat, gave India its first skeet medal at a World Cup.
- ❖ Earlier, he became India's first ever skeet shooter to win an Olympic quota place after finishing at sixth place in last year's ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Italy.

### 8. Rafael Nadal wins 9<sup>th</sup> Barcelona Open 2016

Ace tennis Player Rafael Nadal from Spain beat the defending champion, Kei Nishikori (6-4, 7-5) to win the Barcelona Open Tennis 2016 for the ninth time.

- ❖ With this victory, Nadal has equalled Guillermo
- ❖ Rafael Nadal has won 14 Grand Slam singles titles, 28 titles in ATP World Tour Masters 1000 events and 16 ATP World Tour 500 tournaments.

### 9. India to host 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships

India will host the 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships in Jaipur.

- ❖ The Commonwealth Judo Championships had allotted to India, by the Commonwealth Judo Congress held at Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
- ❖ This will be the first time that Commonwealth Judo Championships will be held in India

## APPOINTMENTS

### 10. Mouamba Clement appointed as Prime Minister of Congo

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Former Congolese Finance Minister Mouamba Clement has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of the central African country.

- ❖ He will be responsible for forming a government in consultation with the president in accordance with the 25 October 2015 constitution.
- ❖ Earlier, Sassou Nguesso had led Congo between 1979 and 1992 and again had returned to power after a civil war in 1997.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 11. 24 April: National Panchayati Raj Diwas

Every year April 24 is being observed as National Panchayati Raj (PR) Diwas across India.

- On the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Diwas, PM Narendra Modi has addressed the Panchayat across the country from Jamshedpur (Jharkhand).
- Panchayat Raj system was first adopted by the state of Rajasthan in Nagapur district on 2nd Oct 1959

### 12. Centre modifies SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

The Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has notified new rules on Babasaheb Ambedkar's birth anniversary to give effect amended Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 to ensure speedy justice to members of the SC/ST community.

- The new rule includes the provision of completing an investigation and filling a charge sheet in the court within 60 days of the filling of complaint by a member of SC/ST community.
- There is also provision of relief for offences of rape and gang rape, introduced for the first time.

### 13. BCCI to host first Day-Night test against New Zealand this year

The BCCI is all set to host its first-ever day and night cricket Test with the pink ball when New Zealand tour India.

- Before that, Duleep Trophy will act as address rehearsal for the day-night Test match.
- The main objective of the Duleep Trophy will be to check how the pink kookaburra behaves under the light in sub-continental conditions.

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