

**CURRENT AFFAIRS 28 APRIL 2016**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**1. World Intellectual Property Day 2016 observed globally**

The World Intellectual Property Day 2016 was on 26 April 2016 observed across the world with the theme Digital Creativity Culture Re imagined.

- ❖ On this day, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) works together with various government agencies, non-government organizations, community groups and individuals to hold different events and activities to promote World Intellectual Property day.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to spread awareness about the role that intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) play in encouraging innovation and creativity.

**NATIONAL**

**2. Haryana govt to give free laptops to first 500 meritorious students**

Haryana Government has decided to give free laptops to first 500 meritorious students, who would secure a minimum of 95% marks in annual Board examination of Class X in 2016-17.

- ❖ The laptops would be provided under State Merit Scholarship scheme, under which a scholarship of Rs. 150 per student for 12 months is given. The State Government would bear an additional expenditure of about Rs 2.50 crore.
- ❖ One hundred laptops would be given to top 100 students as per merit list of the Board irrespective of their caste, sex or economic status, an equal number of laptops would be given to top girl students belonging to general category.
- ❖ Laptops would also be provided to top one hundred boys and an equal number of top girls belonging to Scheduled Castes and the remaining one hundred laptops to students belonging to Below Poverty Line families placed in the merit list of the Board.

**3. Missed call service launched for local train updates**

The Western Railway has launched a unique service through which commuters would be able to know the running status of local trains from simply giving a missed call.

- ❖ The commuter needs to dial the Troll Free No.- 1800 212 4502 and the call will get disconnected automatically after two rings subsequent to which an SMS will be sent informing the running status of the suburban trains.
- ❖ Western Railway has hired a private agency to facilitate this service.
- ❖ The best part of this service is that the system can be used by any kind of mobile phones be it smartphone or high end mobile or basic mobile phone.
- ❖ Commuters would not need to have internet connection and the service is totally free of cost and commuters can also alternately register themselves with WWW. Mobitip. Info for daily periodic updates at scheduled times.

**4. Heart of Asia conference begins in New Delhi**

The heart of Asia conference has begun in New Delhi. The conference aims to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan and speeding up its reconstruction with a focus on enhancing investment and connectivity to the country.

- ❖ In this conference 14 countries are participating and apart from those there are some countries who are supporting the conference which include France, Germany, Canada etc.

**5. Indo-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise, Nomadic Elephant – 2016, commenced**

# IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

The 11th Indo-Mongolia joint training Exercise, titled ‘Nomadic Elephant – 2016’ commenced on 25 April 2016 in Mongolia.

- ❖ The exercise aims at promoting military associations between India and Mongolia will culminate on 8 May 2016.

## Mongolia

- ❖ **Capital: Ulaanbaatar**
- ❖ **Currency: Togrog**

## APPOINTMENTS

- 6. Union Government constitutes Ashok Dalwai committee for doubling farmers’ income by 2022**  
The Union Government has recently constituted 8-member inter-ministerial to prepare a blueprint for doubling farmers’ income by 2022.
- ❖ The committee will be headed by Ashok Dalwai, Additional secretary at the Union Agriculture Ministry and is expected to submit the report in two months.
  - ❖ Its members will include officials from Agriculture and Food Ministers, experts from the Delhi-based National Council of Applied Economic Research and National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research.
  - ❖ Terms of reference of the Committee Prepare plan to shift farm policies to income based from current production-oriented. Identify potential areas of agriculture where more investment should happen.

## DEATHS

- 7. Top gay rights activist Xulhaz Mannan murdered in Bangladesh**  
Bangladesh police say a top gay rights activist and editor at the country’s only LGBT magazine Xulhaz Mannanis one of two people who have been hacked to death in Dhaka.
- ❖ Since February last year suspected militants have killed several secular or atheist writers and members of religious minority groups.

## Bangladesh

- ❖ **Capital: Dhaka**
  - ❖ **Currency: Taka**
  - ❖ **PM: Sheikh Hasina**
- 8. JKLF founder Amanullah Khan dead at 82**  
Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) founder Amanullah Khan passed away at a Rawalpindi hospital. He was 82.
- ❖ Khan, the father-in-law of Kashmir’s regional party People’s Conference president Sajad Gani Lone was suffering from a chronic lung disease.
  - ❖ He was elected secretary general of the JK Plebiscite Front (PF) in 1965 and co-founded the JK National Liberation Front (NLF) with Maqbool Bhat.

## AWARDS

- 9. Mohun Bagan’s Jeje Lalpekhlu named FPAI Player of the year**

# IACE – INDIAN ACADEMY OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

Professional football club Mohun Bagan and India striker Jeje Lalpekhlua on 25 April 2016 won the Football Players' Association of India (FPAI). The award function held in Mumbai.

- ❖ Lalpekhlua received the highest number of votes from fellow professional footballers to finish on top in the shortlist which included India captain Sunil Chhetri, Bikash Jairu, David Lalrinmuana and Dhanachandra Singh.
- ❖ Nigerian striker Ranti Martins, who played for East Bengal in the I-League, was named the Foreign Player of the Year. The Manipur-born Udanta Singh of I-League champion Bengaluru FC bagged the Young Player of the Year award. Bengaluru FC's coach Ashley Westwood won the Coach of the year award.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 10. 26th April: World Intellectual Property Day

- Every year World Intellectual Property Day (WIPD) is being observed on 26 April to highlight importance of intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) in encouraging innovation and creativity.

### 11. India bans import of milk some mobile phone from china

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

### 12. Govt to provide Rs 1 lakh per month to Rio-bound athletes

- Union Sports Ministry has decided to provide one lakh rupees per month as out of pocket allowance to the sports persons under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme in their preparation for the Olympics and Paralympics Games at Rio de Janeiro.

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### 14. Uber partners with Election Commission in Tamil nadu

- Taxi operator Uber has partnered with Election Commission in Tamil Nadu to spread awareness on voting among the electorate for the May 16 assembly polls.

### 15. Heart of Asia conference begins in New Delhi

- Heart of Asia (HoA) conference begins in New Delhi.
- The conference is with the objective of bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan and speeding up its reconstruction with a focus on enhancing investment and connectivity to the country.

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### 17. Govt. constitutes Ashok Dalwai committee for doubling farmers' income

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### 18. Parliament passes Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2016

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- Parliament has passed the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to remove given to Sahjdhari Sikhs to vote in the elections to members of the Board and the Committees.

### **19. Finance Ministry approves 8.7% interest on EPF for 2015-16**

- Finance Ministry has approved 8.7 per cent interest on Provident Fund deposits for over five crore subscribers of Employee Provident Fund Organisation, EPFO for 2015-16.

### **20. India rower Dattu Bhokanal qualifies for Rio Olympics 2016**

- Indian rower Dattu Bhokanal qualified for the Rio Olympics after winning a silver in the finals of men'

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