

CURRENT AFFAIRS 28 MAY 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. 14 Russian athletes tested positive for doping at Beijing Olympics

- ❖ According to Russian Olympic Committee 14 of its athletes at the 2008 Beijing Olympics tested positive for doping during re-tests of their samples.

NATIONAL

2. Railway launches week-long drive to showcase achievements

Ministry of Railways launches “RAIL HAMSAFAR SAPTAAH” – a Week Long Celebration to showcase Railway Achievements during 2014 – 2016.

- ❖ Each day of the week will focus on a particular theme: Swachhta Diwas, Satkar Diwas, Sewa Diwas, Satarkata Diwas, Saamanjasya Diwas, Sanyojan Diwas, Sanchaar Diwas held during 26th May to 1st June, 2016.
- ❖ Purpose is to highlight the Initiatives and Significant achievements by Indian Railways in the areas of responsiveness, accessibility and improvement of passenger amenities.

3. Cabinet clears Railway projects worth Rs 11,000 crore

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for Railway projects worth Rs 11,000 crore for improving infrastructure in various states.

- ❖ The group of projects include Bina-Katni 3rd line project at an estimated cost of nearly 2,500 crore the other project is Vizianagaram and Titlagarh 3rd line project, will be constructed at an estimated cost of 2,335 crore.
- ❖ The other projects are Surendranagar-Rajkot project, Pune-Miraj-Londa railway line and Roza –Sitapur Cantt – Burhwal Broad Gauge single line.

4. Cabinet gives nod to six new IITs; Upgrades Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad to IIT

The Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the amendment to the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 for incorporation of six new IITs and conversion of Indian School of Mines (ISM) Dhanbad to an IIT.

- ❖ The six new IITs will be located at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwar (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Goa and Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir).
- ❖ The decision came at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

5. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launches Nirbhaya buses with safety measures for women

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched 20 Nirbhaya buses of Rajasthan State Transport Corporation that comes with safety measures of Women commuters.

- ❖ These bus security measures include Vehicle Tracking System (VTS), CCTV and panic buttons on every seat. The panic buttons will enable the police to track the exact location of the bus and provide prompt assistance.

6. Maharashtra Mantralaya's 150 Computers Attacked By Locky Virus

Maharashtra's e-governance platform Mantralaya's 150 computers have been attacked by a malicious software known as Locky ransomware.

- ❖ The virus blocks access to computers by encrypting important files from the Public Works Department and the Revenue department.
- ❖ To safeguard the government's e-governance platform the information technology department isolated all the systems that went under the attack.

Maharashtra

Capital: Mumbai

Governor: C. Vidyasagar Rao

Chief Minister: Devendra Fadnavis

7. Dial 139 for wait-listed ticket cancellation

Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched 139 service for RAC and wait-listed tickets to cancel their tickets, Earlier only confirmed ticket holders could cancel their tickets through 139 service and IRCTC website.

- ❖ Upon this online cancellation by 139 will be allowed only 4 hours before the scheduled departure of the train in case of confirmed tickets and up to half an hour before the scheduled departure of the train in case of RAC and wait-listed cases.

TRADE / BANKING

8. India becomes 5th largest producer of e-waste in world: ASSOCHAM-KPMG study

India has become the Fifth largest producer of e-waste in the world, wastages roughly 18.5 Lakh metric tonnes of electronic waste and telecom equipment accounting for 12%.According to a study taken by ASSOCHAM and KPMG e-waste.

- ❖ India emerged as the Second largest mobile market with 1.03 billion subscribers.
- ❖ About 100 crore mobile phones in circulation, nearly 25 per cent end up in ewaste annually.

9. EPFO doubles insurance for subscribers to Rs 6 lakh

Union government has imposed the decision of retirement fund body EPFO to closely double the maximum sum assured under its insurance scheme to Rs 6 lakh from Rs 3.6 lakh for its 4 crore subscribers.

- ❖ Central Board of Trustees which is Employee Provident Fund Organisation's apex decision making body had decided to increase benefits under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance scheme to Rs 6 lakh.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation:

- ❖ Founded: 1952
- ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi

APPOINTMENTS

10. Guinea Bissau president names Baciro Dja as prime minister

Guinea Bissau President Jose Mario Vaz named BaciroDja as prime minister by passing new laws.

- ❖ Dja succeeds Carlos Correia, who was sacked earlier this month in a move that threatened to deepen political turmoil in the tiny West African nation.
- ❖ The ruling party said it would not support Dja, who held the same post briefly last year but was forced to resign.

DEATHS

11. Communist veteran K.C. Mathew dead

K.C. Mathew, veteran communist leader died at a private hospital here on May 24, 2016. He was 92.

- ❖ He was the prime accused in the attack on the Edappally police station in February 1950, which resulted in a witch-hunt of the communists by the police.
- ❖ Born into a well-to-do family at North Paravur in 1924, Mathew graduated from UC College in Aluva and was drawn to the communist ideals right from the college days.

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