

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. India and US to sign 2 key pacts during Homeland Security Dialogue

The first deal which is likely to be signed would exempt prominent Indian citizens from immigration checks in America and the other one pave the way for exchange of information on terrorists on a real time basis.

- ❖ India and US are all set to sign two key agreements in the month of July during the Homeland Security Dialogue, the Indian delegation will be lead by the Home Minister Rajnath Singh while the US team would be headed by Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Charles Johnson.

#### 2. India chases to 41st slot on competitiveness ranking

India rose its and standard and ranked at 41st position on the IMD World Competitiveness Scoreboard, 2016.

- ❖ Hong Kong takes the place of US by the World's most competitive economy.

#### 3. Ex-Chad dictator sentenced to life for war crimes

An African court sentenced former Chadian dictator Hissene Habre to life in prison for guilty of crimes against humanity, rape, forced slavery and kidnapping as well as ordering the killings of 40,000 people during his rule between 1982 and 1990.

- ❖ The court in Senegal declared the verdict and has given him a 15 day time to appeal against the verdict.
- ❖ Hissene Habre was the president of Chad during 1982-1990 and was guilty of killing nearly 40,000 murders.

#### Chad

- ☞ Capital: N'Djamena
- ☞ Currency: Franc

### NATIONAL

#### 4. Indian Railways, PEC sign MoU to set up Kalpana Chawla Chair on geospatial technology

The PEC University of Technology of Chandigarh and Union Ministry of Railways have signed an MoU for setting up of Kalpana Chawla Chair on Geospatial Technology for Indian Railways at the University.

- ❖ The objective of the chair is to encourage research activities of Indian Railways in Geo-spatial Technology.
- ❖ The Chair will be headed as Chairman by V.K. Gupta, and Manoj Arora, as Co-chairman.

#### 5. Govt. notifies panel for Delhi Metro fare revision

- ❖ Union Government has notified a panel, headed by a former Delhi High Court judge, for revision of fares for Delhi Metro which will submit its report within three months.

#### 6. Govt doctors' retirement age extended to 65 years

- ❖ Government approved extending retirement age of doctors of Central Health Services to 65 years.

#### 7. Former Delhi Police Chief B S Bassi appointed UPSC member

- ❖ Former Delhi Police Commissioner B S Bassi has been appointed as a member of UPSC.

### TRADE / BANKING

#### 8. No tax deduction for PF withdrawals of up to Rs. 50,000 from June 1

The government has notified that it has raised the threshold limit of PF withdrawal for deduction of tax (TDS) from existing Rs 30,000 to Rs 50,000. So there will be no deduction for PF withdrawals of up to rs. 50,000.

- ❖ Also, no tax is deducted if employee withdraws PF after a period of five• years. The provision will come into effect from June 1, 2016.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 9. Ashok Lavasa named as Finance Secretary

Ashok Lavasa, has been designated as the Finance Secretary by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) headed by PM Narendra Modi .

- ❖ He was recently appointed as the Secretary, Expenditure in the Finance Ministry.
- ❖ The 1980 batch IAS officer was shifted from the Environment Ministry to the Finance Ministry after the retirement of Ratan P. Watal on April 30.
- ❖ Watal has been appointed as Principal Advisor in NITI Aayog.

## DEATHS

### 10. Former Lok Sabha MP Rudra Madhab Ray passes away

Former Lok Sabha MP from Odisha and senior BJP leader Rudra Madhab Ray has passed away at a hospital in Bhubaneswar. He was 79 year old.

- ❖ He was elected to the Odisha Assembly three times from Daspalla constituency from 1990 to 1995, 1995 to 1997 and again from 2004 to 2009.

### 11. Kannada writer D Javare Gowda passed away

- ❖ Prominent Kannada writer, poet, D Javare Gowda popularly known as 'De Ja Go' (101-years) passed away due to cardiac arrest at a hospital in Mysuru.

## SPORTS

### 12. Alastair Cook Becomes Youngest Cricketer To Score 10000 Test Runs

England captain Alastair Cook has become the youngest ever batsman to cross 10,000 runs in Test cricket and also become the 12th man to join the elite 10,000- run club in Test cricket.

- ❖ Cook, who is 31 years and five months old, beat Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar's record, who was 31 years and 10 months old when he crossed 10,000 runs.

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### 13. Arunachal tiger reserve bags biodiversity award

Pakke Tiger Reserve in East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh has received the 'India Biodiversity Award 2016' in one of its four categories, officials said.

The Hornbill Nest Adoption Programme of the Pakke Tiger Reserve was awarded the prize under the category, "conservation of threatened species".

It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, National Biodiversity Authority and United Nations Development programme.

Pakke Tiger Reserve

Established: 1966

Location: East Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh

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