

CURRENT AFFAIRS 30 APRIL 2016

INTERNATIONAL

1. India 3rd in worldwide dope violation in new WADA report

India has become No. 3rd in Anti-Doping Rule Violation in 2014-WADA reported

- ❖ Russia ranked first followed by Italy
- ❖ 96 Anti-Doping Rule violation cases registered by India.

WADA

- ❖ **Established: 1999**
- ❖ **Headquarters: Montreal, Canada**

Quick Notes

What?	Report on Violation of Anti-Doping Rules
By Whom?	World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
India's Position	3 rd
Topped By	Russia

2. China launches sounding rocket

China has launched a sounding rocket also called Research Rocket at Hainan Province in China.

- ❖ The rocket reached a maximum height of 316 kilometers (196 miles), with the total flight time coming to 10 minutes.
- ❖ Earlier the country first launched a Kunpeng-1 rocket in April 2013.

China

- ❖ **Capital: Beijing**
- ❖ **Currency: Renminbi, Yuan**

Quick Notes

What?	Sounding rocket launched
Where?	Hainan Province in China
By Whom?	China
When	27th April 2016

NATIONAL

3. Seventh navigational satellite IRNSS IG launched

ISRO developed PSLV-C33 is carrying India's seventh navigation satellite IRNSS-1G which is blasted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in SriHarikota.

- ❖ The satellite was successfully placed in sub-Geo synchronous Transfer Orbit. The satellite with a design life time of 12 years has 2 payloads for navigation and ranging.

Quick Notes

What?	IRNSS-1G satellite launched
Where?	Satish Dhawan Space Centre is Sriharikota
By Whom?	ISRO, India
When	28th April 2016

Trade/Banking

4. Banks have to report foreign contribution to NGO's within 48 hours

All the Banks mandated to report to the central government within two days any information on NGOs getting foreign funds.

- ❖ The amended Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules 2015 directed these rules in Gazette of India on December 2015.
- ❖ As per the rules banks have to report to the central government within 48 hours any transaction in respect of receipt and utilization of any foreign contribution by any person.
- ❖ This is applicable irrespective of whether or not such person is registered or granted permission under the FCRA.

5. DBS Bank launches mobile-only bank

Singapore based DBS Development Bank launched a mobile-only bank in India. The dedicated digi bank uses technologies like biometrics and artificial intelligence for paperless, signature-less and branchless bank.

- ❖ The virtual bank will influence biometrics-integrated ID and Aadhaar card to ensure that that there is no paperwork. It will provide customer service via a 24×7 artificial intelligence-driven assistant networks.

DBS Bank

- ❖ **Established: 1968**
- ❖ **Headquarters: Singapore**
- ❖ **CEO: Piyush Gupta**

Quick Notes

What?	Mobile-only bank launched
By Whom?	DBS Bank
When	27th April 2016

6. Cabinet nod for BPCL's Oman investment

The Union Cabinet Chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an increase in investment in Bharat Oman Refineries (A Bharat Petroleum Corporation owned company) to maximum of Rs 3,000 crore.

- ❖ The investment in BOR Lallowed to be enhanced up to a maximum of Rs. 3,000 crore by way of subscription of convertible warrants/other instruments giving right to convert it into equity shares to be issued by BORL.
- ❖ The move will enhance the availability of petroleum products in the Northern and Central parts of the country.

Oman

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- ❖ Capital: Muscat
- ❖ Currency: Omani Rial

Quick Notes

What?	Approval to BPCL's Oman investment
By Whom?	Union Cabinet
When	27th April 2016

AWARDS

7. New Zealand's \$5 bill named best banknote of the year

New Zealand's five-dollar note has been named the banknote of the year for 2015 by the International Bank Note Society.

- ❖ The \$5 note has won from the 40 eligible designs from a record 20 countries. The \$5 note has featured mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary and on the side, a rare yellow-eyed penguin and local flora.

New Zealand

- ❖ Capital: Wellington
- ❖ Currency: Dollar
- ❖ PM: John Key

Quick Notes

What?	Banknote of the year 2015
By Whom?	International Bank Note Society
Whom?	5 Dollar note of New Zealand

8. Sudarsan Pattnaik bags gold medal at Sculpture Championship in Moscow

Renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won the gold medal at ninth Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship in Russia.

- ❖ Mr. Pattnaik won the competition for his 15 feet high art work Mahatma Gandhi's sculpture for non-violence and peace.
- ❖ The 20 top sculptors from different countries competed at the championship.

Quick Notes

What?	Gold medal
To Whom?	Sudarsan Pattnaik
Where?	Sculpture Championship in Moscow

DEATHS

9. Cartoonist Toms Passes Away in Kerala

Eminent cartoonist Vadakkal Thoppil Thomas known as Toms has died at a private hospital in Kottayam due to age related illness. He was 86.

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- ❖ His impression created everlasting cartoon characters like Bobanum Moliyum (Boban and Molly).
- ❖ The Bobanum Moliyum strip was first published in Malayala Manoramain 1957. Toms retired from the newspaper in 1987.

Quick Notes

What?	Death
Whose?	Vadakkal Thoppil Thomas known as Toms
Where?	Kottayam, Kerala
When?	28th April 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

10. Govt plans to keep 1% of highways project cost for road safety

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said government plans to make it mandatory to set aside one per cent of total cost of any highway project for road safety.

11. J&K Cabinet approves 5% interest subsidy for flood-hit traders,

- Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) govt. has approved 5% interest subvention to flood-hit traders with effect from 1st April this year.

12. Kerala cartoonist VT Thomas passes away

- Renowned Kerala cartoonist VT Thomas passed away in Kottayam, Kerala.
- He was popularly known as Toms and had created the legendary cartoon characters Boban and Molly (Bobanum Moliyum).

13. India successfully launches seventh navigation satellite

- India has successfully put into orbit its seventh and final navigation satellite (IRNSS-1G) with its own rocket PSLVC 33.

14. Sudarsan Pattnaik bags gold medal at Sculpture Championship in Moscow

- Renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik (39-year) has won the gold medal at ninth Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship at Russia

15. Allan Donald appointed Australia's bowling coach

- South Africa's great bowler Allan Donald has been appointed as bowling coach of Australia cricket team for their upcoming tour of Sri Lanka, while Stuart Law will mentor the batsmen.

16. Kane Williamson named New Zealand's captain in all three formats

- New Zealand have appointed Kane Williamson as their captain in all three formats of the game.

17. Sanath Jayasuriya Returns as Sri Lanka Cricket's Chief Selector

- Former Sri Lanka Captain Sanath Jayasuriya has been reappointed as the country's chief selector, a little more than a year after he stepped down from the position.

*** ALL THE BEST ***