

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. India gifts 2,000 bicycles to poor dalit girls in Nepal

India has gifted 2,000 bicycles to poor dalit girls in different government schools of Nepal to encourage them to enroll in schools and enhance the literacy rate among them.

- ❖ The bicycles gifting programme received a total financial assistance of NRs 13.65 million by the Government of India under its Small Development Project scheme.

#### 2. India, World Bank sign agreement for efficient bus service

- ❖ The Union Government and World Bank have signed a US 9.2 million dollar grant agreement for the Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service Project.

### NATIONAL

#### 3. Sachin Tendulkar's name to be used in Kerala Government's Anti-Drug Campaign

Former Mumbai Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has agreed to feature a campaign against drug and liquor abuse in the state after a request of CPI-M LDF government in Kerala.

- ❖ This was stated by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan after Tendulkar has given consent to use his name to strengthen the campaign against liquor and drug abuse in the state.
- ❖ The CM also said that the KBFC has agreed to set up a residential Football Academy to train young talents in the state.

#### Kerala

- ☞ Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
- ☞ Governor: P. Sathasivam
- ☞ Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan

#### 4. CCEA approves 51 km railway line from Mau to Tarighat

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its approval for a new 51 km broad gauge line from Mau to Tarighat, aiming to provide an alternative and convenient route between New Delhi and Howrah.

#### 5. National Company Law Tribunal Constituted

- ❖ The government constituted the National Company Law Tribunal and its appellate body, implementing most of the provisions of new Companies Act and helping implementation of the Bankruptcy Code.

### TRADE / BANKING

#### 6. Union Government approved setting up of India Post Payments Bank

Union Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity share.

- ❖ Total Expenditure incurred will be Rs. 800 Crore. Beneficiaries will be all Indian Citizens and 40% of the Country's People in outside the country

#### 7. ICICI Bank cuts lending rate by 0.05%

- ❖ Country's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank has cut its marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 0.05 per cent, to take it at par with the rates offered by SBI and HDFC Bank.

### AWARDS

#### 8. 2 Indian-origin women in Forbes' self-made American women list

In the Forbes' annual list of America's 60 wealthiest and most successful self-made women entrepreneurs list two Indian-origin women have featured who have articulated invention and innovation.

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- ❖ India-born Neerja Sethi, who is a co-founder of IT consulting and outsourcing firm Syntel with her husband Bharat Desai ranked 16th on 'America's Richest Self-made Women' list while president and CEO of Arista Networks Jayshree Ullal is ranked 30th.
- ❖ The richest self-made woman in America is topped by ABC Supply owner Diane Hendricks is worth 4.9 billion US dollars and the company is the largest wholesale distributor of roofing and siding in the country.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 9. Navin Agarwal appointed NADA chief

Senior IPS officer Navin Agarwal was appointed chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), working for dope-free sports for five years.

- ❖ Agarwal is currently working in his cadre Jammu and Kashmir Cadre. He is a 1986 batch IPS officer.
- ❖ NADA is the national nodal agency responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.

## SPORTS

### 10. League system for Test matches to start by 2019

Dave Richardson, the Chief Executive Officer of the International Cricket Council has stated that a league system for Test Cricket will be in place by the end of 2019.

- ❖ Richardson also stated that this system will provide more meaning to the bilateral Test Series.
- ❖ Currently, the only way Test teams are regulated is by the virtue of the Test Rankings.

### 11. Judo Athletes from Congo hope to make refugee Olympic team

- ❖ First time, one of the teams competing in the Olympic Games will be made up of refugees who hail from different countries they no longer call home.

## DEATHS

### 12. Former Eden Gardens curator Prabir Mukherjee passes away

Eden Garden's renowned curator Prabir Mukherjee has passed away in Kolkata. He was 86 year old. He was suffering from liver problems for quite some time.

- ❖ Mukherjee was in charge of the Eden Gardens for over two decades and also served as the manager of Bengal and East Zone teams. His association with Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) began in 1979.
- ❖ His last assignment at the Eden Gardens was for a Twenty 20 International between India and South Africa in October last year

## BOOKS

### 13. The Unseen Indira Gandhi authored by Dr KP Mathur released

A new book titled The Unseen Indira Gandhi authored by Dr KP Mathur was in the news as this was released this month. The Book was published by Konark Publishers.

- ❖ The book also talks about several milestone moments in Indira's life, the Bangladesh War of 1971, Pokhran Nuclear tests of 1974, imposition of Emergency, death of Sanjay Gandhi and circumstances in Maneka's walk out of the family.
- ❖ The book also covers former PM's relations with foreign counterparts including Margaret Thatcher who was former PM of the United Kingdom.
- ❖ KP Mathur was personal physician of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for nearly two decades till her assassination in 1984

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