

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. India, Qatar sign seven agreements to boost bilateral ties

India and Qatar have signed seven agreements in various fields to boost bilateral ties in presence of PM Narendra Modi and Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.

##### The signed MoU includes-

- ❖ MoU for investment in National investment & infrastructure fund (NIIF)
- ❖ MoU on cooperation in tourism
- ❖ Agreement on cooperation and mutual assistance in custom matters
- ❖ MoU on Finance Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) and Qatar Financial Information Unit (QFIU)
- ❖ MoU in the field of youth and sports
- ❖ MoU on cooperation in skill development & recognition of qualifications
- ❖ MoU on cooperation in the field of health

#### 2. Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue concluded in Singapore

Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue was concluded in Singapore after talking about security issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

- ❖ The forum has been organised by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).
- ❖ The three day event was attended by at least 20 Defence Ministers from Asia-Pacific countries including India represented by Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.

#### 3. Gadkari launches Setu Bhartam Project in Himachal Pradesh

- ❖ Union Minister for Road Transport, Surface and shipping Nitin Gadkari has launched Setu Bhartam project from Palampur town in the Kangra District in Himachal Pradesh .

### NATIONAL

#### 4. Haryana Government launches Asia's first Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme

Haryana Government has launched Asia's first 'Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme' at the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore.

- ❖ It was launched by state Chief Minister Manohar Lal by releasing 2 captive bred Himalayan Griffons vultures in the pre-release aviaries close to the breeding centre at Pinjore.
- ❖ The vultures were released as part of the soft release or reintroduction programme, in a pre-release aviary where they would have an unobstructive view of the surrounding. This would help them in getting used to the habitat in which they would be released in the wild in future.

#### 5. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launches Right to Public Grievance Redressal Act

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has launched Right to Public Grievance Redressal Act.

- ❖ The law has strict provisions in non-compliance of applications. Officials not adhering to provisions of the law could be dismissed from service or face a penalty of from 500 rupees to 5000 rupees.
- ❖ All the 42 Departments of the State government will be covered under the new Act.

##### Bihar

- ☞ Capital: Patna
- ☞ Governor: Ram Nath Kovind

#### 6. Suresh Prabhu launches Tiger Express

- ❖ Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu has flagged off the inaugural run of the Tiger Trail Circuit Train from Delhi Safdarjung Station.

## TRADE / BANKING

### 7. ADB, India ink \$200 million loan agreement for Jharkhand roads

The Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed an agreement for a \$200 million loan to upgrade 176-km roads in Jharkhand.

The agreement will help upgrade the existing sections of four state roads and also support improvements in the design, safety and maintenance of the road network.

#### Asian Development Bank

☞ Established: 1966

☞ Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

## APPOINTMENTS

### 8. V Narayanasamy sworn in as Puducherry CM

Congress Legislature Party leader V Narayanasamy has sworn in as Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry.

- ❖ Lt. Governor Kiran Bedi administered the oath of office and secrecy at a function held at the historic Gandhi Thidal in Beach Road.
- ❖ Narayanasamy represented Puducherry in Rajya Sabha for three terms. He was elected to Lok Sabha in 2009 and served as Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office in UPA II.
- ❖ Congress legislators A Namassivayam, Shah Jahan, M Kandasamy, R Kamalkannan and Malladi Krishna Rao were sworn in as ministers.

## AWARDS

### 9. Sudarsan Pattnaik wins gold in People's Choice Prize

Renowned Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won the gold medal in people's choice prize at world championship festival of sand sculpting Russe, 2016, which was held in Bulgaria.

- ❖ Pattnaik's sand art highlights the issue of drugs in the sporting field 'Titled Drugs Kill Sports'. He has got the highest vote from visitors.

### 10. Judoka Avtar Singh Qualifies For Rio Olympics

- ❖ South Asian Games gold medalist Indian judoka Avtar Singh has qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games scheduled to be held in August 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### 11. Garbine Muguruza won 2016 French Open Women's Singles Tennis Title

- ❖ Garbine Muguruza (22-year) of Spain has won the French Open Women's Singles tennis title at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France.

## DEATHS

### 12. India's first Mr Universe Manohar Aich passes away

India's first Mr Universe Manohar Aich has passed away in Kolkata. He was 104 year old.

- ❖ 4 feet 11 inch long Aich became very famous in Bengal after becoming India's first Mr. Universe when he won the 1952 National Amateur BodyBuilders' Association Universe Championships. He is also called 'Pocket Hercules' for his pint-size.
- ❖ He is 3 time Asian games gold medalist and his motto of life was 'to exercise and be happy.'

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