

CURRENT AFFAIRS 9th JUNE 2016

NATIONAL

1. Himachal Pradesh becomes first state to launch green-concept based State Data Centre

Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to have a State Data Centre (SDC), designed using green data centre concept to minimize power requirement and increase power utilization efficiency. It was launched by the Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh in Shimla.

- ❖ The centre will offer 101 people-oriented services online through an integrated data base. It would help in saving time and money spent on creation of infrastructure as all services would be provided online in digital format thus, giving boost to paperless governance.

Himachal Pradesh

☞ **Capital: Shimla**

☞ **Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat**

2. Guwahati declares Gangetic River Dolphin as its 'city animal'

Guwahati has become the first city in the country to have its own 'city animal' with Kamrup metropolitan district administration declaring Gangetic River Dolphin as its mascot.

- ❖ The district administration had organised online and off-line voting among three protected creatures to decide the 'city animal'.
- ❖ These three creatures are Gangetic River Dolphin, Black Softshell Turtle (Bor Kaso) and Greater Adjutant Stork (Hargila) and are on the verge of extinction.

Assam

☞ **Capital: Dispur**

☞ **Governor: Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya**

3. Swachh Yug campaign to make gram panchayats along Ganga open defecation free

As part of its efforts to make villages located along Ganga open defecation-free, Government has launched a campaign 'Swachh Yug', a collaborative effort of three Union Ministries.

- ❖ There are 5,169 villages located along Ganga falling under 1,651 gram panchayats (GPs) in 52 districts of five states – UP, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal from where the holy river flows through.
- ❖ Youth agencies under the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs such as the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Nehru Yuva Kendras and National Service Scheme will be deployed for the campaign.

4. Rajasthan Government launches Mobile App RajVayu on Air Quality Index

Rajasthan Government has launched mobile application RajVayu for sharing information about air quality index of Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur.

- ❖ The app has been designed by Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) jointly with Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).
- ❖ The information provided on RajVayu app is based on the data collected by sophisticated air quality monitoring equipment and weather sensors.

Rajasthan

☞ **Capital: Jaipur**

☞ **Governor: Kalyan Singh**

5. Delhi govt announces policy to make national capital Solar city

- ❖ The Delhi government has approved the first Solar Policy which aims at making the Capital an environment-friendly solar city

TRADE / BANKING

6. RBI has announced Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement

Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan has announced the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for the year 2016-17.

- ❖ This time he keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5%, reverse repo rate stays at 6.00 %, and CRR remains at 4%. While, LAF will remain unchanged at 6.0 %, and the MSF rate and the Bank Rate at 7.0 %.

APPOINTMENTS

7. Facebook Appoints Former Adobe Executive Umang Bedi As India MD

Facebook India has appointed Umang Bedi as managing director.

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- ❖ He will take over from Kirthiga Reddy, who will be returning to the US to take on a new role at the company's Menlo Park headquarters.
- ❖ Prior to joining Facebook, he was the managing director, South Asia, at Adobe.

8. Ashok Ganapathy appointed as Director of Airtel Business

Ashok Ganapathy has appointed as the Director of Bharti Airtel Ltd.

- ❖ He will take over the post with effect from 1 July 2016. In this new role, Ashok will be responsible for driving the growth of Airtel's B2B portfolio that serves top corporations, government entities and other corporate with end-to-end solutions.
- ❖ Ganapathy succeeds Manish Prakash as Director (Airtel Business). Prakash has been appointed as Director (strategic alliances). He will report to Gopal Vittal, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (India & South Asia), Bharti Airtel.

9. Kulmeet Bawa appointed Adobe MD for South Asia

Adobe has announced the appointment of Kulmeet Bawa as Managing Director (MD) for South Asia.

- ❖ He will begin his new role on 24 June 2016. Bawa currently serves as the Head of Sales for Adobe in India.
- ❖ Bawa will take over the position from Umang Bedi, who is leaving the company after five years of service.
- ❖ Bawa will report to Paul Robson, President of Adobe Asia Pacific. Bawa will lead Adobe's customer-facing engagements in India.

10. Dia Mirza named Ambassador for Swachh Saathi programme

Bollywood actress Dia Mirza has named as the ambassador for Swachh Saathi (student internship) programme.

- ❖ It is a youth-based programme of Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ❖ She would help the programme to reach out

AWARDS

11. US Army Reserve officer Deshauna Barber crowned as Miss USA 2016

Deshauna Barber, a serving Army Reserve officer of United States (US), has crowned as the Miss USA 2016 at the Miss USA competition 2016 held at the T-Mobile Arena off the Las Vegas Strip.

- ❖ Miss Hawaii Chelsea Hardin came in as the first runner-up and
- ❖ Miss Georgia Emanii Davis was the second runner-up.
- ❖ She will now represent the USA at Miss Universe Competition 2016.

SPORTS

12. Serena pips Sharapova world's top paid sportswoman

According to Forbes Magazine report, Serena Williams has overtaken Maria Sharapova as the world's highest-paid sportswoman.

- ❖ She earned USD 28.9 million over the past 12 months.
- ❖ American mixed martial arts star Ronda Rousey was third on the list with USD 14 million.

13. Tennis Star Rohan Bopanna secures direct entry into Rio Olympic

- ❖ Indian tennis star Rohan Bopanna officially returned to top-10 in the ATP ranking doubles chart, securing a direct entry into the men's doubles event of the Rio Olympic Games

14. Olympic trial : Delhi HC dismisses Sushil Kumar's plea

- ❖ Delhi High Court dismissed the petition of two-time Olympic medalist wrestler Sushil Kumar seeking holding of selection trials to decide Indian representation in the 74 Kg freestyle category at the Rio Olympics.

15. Lucknow to host Junior hockey World Cup

According to International Hockey Federation Lucknow will host the junior men's hockey World Cup from the 8th of December this year.

- ❖ The Eleven-Day long event will feature 16 teams.
- ❖ They include defending champions Germany, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, England, India, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan and Spain.
- ❖ The women's Hockey Junior World Cup takes place shortly beforehand in Santiago, Chile, between November 24 and December 4. India will not be part of that event.

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