

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF APRIL 2016**

### **Awards**

The politician, economist and former IAS Officer who has been awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver by Japan for promoting economic, educational and cultural ties between India and Japan – **N.K. Singh**

The granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi who has been decorated with one of France's top honours The Order of Arts and Letters for her contribution in promoting peace, solidarity, culture, education, and development – **Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee**

The acclaimed actress and former Miss World who has been awarded the Global Indian of the Year at the 'NRI Of The Year' award ceremony in Mumbai – **Aishwarya Rai**

### **Defence**

The 27th series of bilateral maritime exercise between the navies of India and Indonesia held from 28 April to 19 May 16 was named – **CORPAT**

The eleventh Indo-Mongolia joint training exercise conducted in Mongolia from April 25 to May 08 was named – **Nomadic Elephant - 2016**

The major exercise conducted by the Indian Army in Mahajan field firing range of Rajasthan to evaluate the capability to strike deep into the enemy territory in an integrated air-land battle environment was named – **Exercise Shatrujeet**

The Air Force base in West Bengal which has been named Air Force Station Arjan Singh after the former IAF chief – **Panagarh**

The multinational air exercise conducted by the United States Air Force (USAF) from 28 April to 13 May 2016 at Eielson AFB Alaska to which India sent its contingent of Su-30 MKI, Jaguars, IL-78 tankers and C-17 strategic airlift aircraft – **Exercise Red Flag**

### **Sports**

The Indian gymnast from Agartala became the first female gymnast from India to qualify for the Olympic Games – **Dipa Karmakar**

The country which won the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament for the 9th time defeating India in the finals – **Australia**

The winners of Yonex Sunrise 80th National Badminton Championship men's and women's singles titles respectively – **Sameer Verma and P.C. Thulasi**

The British boxer who has won the IBF World Heavyweight title defeating Charles Martin of the United States – **Anthony Joshua**

The five-time World Chess champion who has been chosen to be honoured with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award – **Vishwanathan Anand**

The Japanese badminton player who has won the Yonex Sunrise India Open badminton tournament men's singles defeating Viktor Axelsen of Denmark in the finals – **Kento Momota**

The Thai badminton player who has won the Yonex Sunrise India Open badminton tournament women's singles title defeating Li Xuerui of China in the finals – **Ratchanok Itanon**

### Days and Themes

The theme of World Malaria Day observed on 25 April 2016 – **End Malaria for Good**

The theme of World Health Day 2016 observed on 07 April 2016 – **Halt the Rise, Beat Diabetes**

The theme of India Water Week observed in the country from 04 to 08 April 2016 with Israel as partner country – **Water for all: Striving together**

### Persons

The popular bollywood actor who has been appointed the goodwill brand ambassador of the Indian Olympic contingent participating in Rio Olympics 2016 – **Salman Khan**

The executive vice-president and general manager for South Asia at Discovery Network who has been chosen to take over as the first CEO of Board of Control for Cricket in India from 01 June 2016 – **Rahul Johri**

### Places

The South American nation which was hit by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on 16 April killing over 500 people and injuring thousands of other people – **Ecuador**

The venue of Maritime India Summit 2016 the maiden flagship initiative of Ministry of Shipping, Govt of India to provide a unique global platform for investors to explore potential business opportunities in the Indian Maritime Sector – **Goregaon, Mumbai**

The new name of Gurgaon, a city of Haryana – **Gurugram**

The state which has become the first in the country to pass a land title bill allowing its residents living in urban areas, which are governed by the municipalities or state development authorities, to seek a certificate of ownership of their lands by paying a nominal fee to the state government – **Rajasthan**

The venue of International Conference on the Zero held on 05 April 2016 with the Union HRD Minister Smriti Irani unveiling a bust of mathematician-astronomer Aryabhata – **UNESCO HQs at Paris**

The Union Territory which has been declared kerosene-free from 01 April 16 with the stoppage of subsidised kerosene to its residents – **Chandigarh**

The venue of fourth Nuclear Security Summit held from 31 Mar to 01 Apr 2016, India represented by its Prime Minister Narendra Modi – **Washington D.C.**

### **Miscellaneous**

The dates by which the Govt has made it mandatory for all mobile phones sold in India to have an in-built panic button and GPS respectively – **01.01.2017 and 01.01.2018**

The hydro power project in Arunachal Pradesh, the work on which has been suspended by the National Green Tribunal in view of its effect on the habitat of the black-necked crane – **Tawang Hydro Project**

The Government of India has released Commemorative Coin of Rs. 200/- and a Circulation Coin of Rs. 10/- on the occasion of martyr day (April 18) of this notable general of 1857 rebellion against the British – **Tatya Tope**

The temple in Kollam district of Kerala at which a fireworks mishap killed over a 100 people and injured hundreds of other people – **Puttingal Temple**

The rank of India in the list of countries with highest military spending released by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) for 2015 – **Sixth**

The train from Amritsar to New Delhi which has become the first train in India to be fitted with CCTV Surveillance Cameras – **Shan-e-Punjab Express**

As per the notification of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, specified health warning on cigarette packs shall cover at least – **85% of principal display area**

### **Launch of India's Seventh Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1G**

Launch date – 28 April 2016

Launch vehicle – PSLV C-33

Launch Station – Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.

IRNSS-1G is the seventh and final satellite constituting the space segment of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System. IRNSS-1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F, the first six satellites of the constellation, were successfully launched by PSLV on 02 July 2013, 04 April 2014, 16 October 2014, 28 March 2015, 20 January 2016 and 10 March 2016 respectively.

IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1,500 km around the Indian mainland. IRNSS would provide two types of services, namely, Standard Positioning Services (SPS) - provided to all users – and Restricted Services (RS), provided to authorised users.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has christened the navigation system as **NAVIC** (Navigation with Indian Constellation)

### **Nationwide Emergency Response System**

The Nationwide Emergency Response System is a project that to establish a modern emergency response system by connecting police with the citizens. It includes integrating Police and other ER services such as Ambulance, Fire etc. The project includes establishment of an Integrated Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) platform for supporting Geographical Information System (GIS) based call taking and Geographical Positioning System (GPS) based Police vehicle dispatch to respond to emergency calls. The proposed system is to be implemented in 114 identified cities that include 54 cities having a population of more than four million, and 41 highly crime prone districts.

The project would be funded and implemented Centrally. The Centre would coordinate with States/UTs to roll out the proposed system. Vehicle dispatch system would be managed by States/UTs. Also, the present emergency contact services in the States/UTs would be utilized in parallel till the proposed system matures. An MoU has been signed by the Centre with three States so far.

### **Nominations to Rajya Sabha**

The President has nominated the following persons to the Rajya Sabha on 22.04.16

1. Shri Swapan Das Gupta
2. Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu
3. Dr. Subramanian Swamy
4. Shri Narendra Jadhav
5. Shri Suresh Gopi and
6. Ms. Mary Kom

### **2016 Laureus World Sports Awards**

Laureus World Sports Award for Sportsman of the Year – **Novak Djokovic**

Laureus World Sports Award for Sportswoman of the Year – **Serena Williams**

Laureus World Sports Award for Team of the Year – **New Zealand Rugby Team**

Lifetime Achievement Award – **Niki Lauda** (Formula One)

### **Gram Uday se Bharat Uday Abhiyan (Village Self Governance Campaign)**

Launched on 14th April 2016 from Mhow, Madhya Pradesh by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Concluded on 24th April 2016 on Panchayati Raj Day.

The campaign aimed to generate nation-wide efforts to increase social harmony across villages, strengthen Panchayati Raj, promote rural development, and foster farmers' progress.

### **The Programme**

14th April to 16th April 2016 - A 'Social Harmony Programme' was conducted in all Gram Panchayats, supported collaboratively by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Social Justice and

Empowerment. In this programme, villagers honoured Dr. Ambedkar, and resolved to strengthen social harmony.

17th April to 20th April 2016 - 'Village Farmer Assemblies' was organized in Gram Panchayats. In these assemblies, information regarding schemes regarding agriculture such as the Fasal Bima Yojna, Social Health Card etc. was provided to farmers and their suggestions for bringing about improvements in agriculture were solicited.

21st to 24th April 2016 - Gram Sabha meetings were held across the country. On this day, a Prabhat Pheri (or morning walk) in the village, a programme on sanitation, a cultural programme as well as a sports programme were conducted.

On 24th April 2016 i.e. National Panchayati Raj Day, Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed all the Gram Sabhas of the country from Jamshedpur, which was beamed to all the villages in the country.

### **Femina Miss India 2016**

Femina Miss India World - **Priyadarshini Chatterjee**

Femina Miss India International - **Sushruthi Krishna**

Femina Miss India Supranational- **Pankhuri Gidwani**

Femina Miss India Grand International - **Roshmitha Harimurthy**

### **SCOPE EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2013-14**

President Shri Pranab Mukherjee gave away SCOPE Excellence Awards on the 7th Public Sector Day on 11 April 2016.

***Institutional Category I (Maharatna/ Navratna PSEs)*** - Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited

***Institutional Category II (Miniratna I & II PSEs)*** -

SJVN Limited and THDC India Limited

***Institutional Category III (Other Profit Making PSEs)***

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd,

NTPC-SAIL Power Company Pvt. Ltd (Commendation Certificate)

***Special Institutional Category (Turnaround)*** - BEML Limited

### **Stand up India Scheme**

Launched by the Prime Minister on 05 April 2016.

The Stand up India scheme has been launched to enable **Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs** to access loans

Under the scheme 1.25 lakh bank branches will provide loans up to **Rs 1 crore**.

Each branch will be required to provide two such loans ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore without collateral for setting up a new enterprise.

There will be a Rs 10,000 crore refinance window through Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) will create a corpus of Rs 5,000 crore.

#### [National Institutional Ranking Framework - Rankings 2016](#)

The HRD Ministry released the rankings of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy Institutes and Universities. The following are the top 3 in each category.

<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Management</b>	<b>Pharmacy</b>	<b>University</b>
1. IIT, Madras	1. IIM, Bangalore	1. Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal	1. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
2. IIT, Bombay	2. IIM, Ahmedabad	2. University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chandigarh	2. Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
3. IIT, Kharagpur	3. IIM, Calcutta	3. Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi	3. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### [2016 ICC World Twenty20](#)

Teams: West Indies, England, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, New Zealand, India, Australia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Hongkong, Scotland, Netherlands, Oman and Ireland

**Winner:** West Indies, **Runner-up:** England

**Player of the series:** Virat Kohli

**Most runs in the series:** Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh) - 295 runs

**Most wickets in the series:** Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan) - 12 wickets

**Venues:** Dharamsala, Mohali, New Delhi, Kolkata, Nagpur, Mumbai, Bangalore

#### [2016 ICC Women's World Twenty20](#)

**Teams:** West Indies, England, South Africa, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, India, Australia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ireland

**Winner:** West Indies, **Runner-up:** Australia

**Player of the series:** Stafanie Taylor (West Indies)

**Most runs in the series:** Stafanie Taylor (West Indies) - 246 runs

**Venues:** Dharamsala, Mohali, New Delhi, Kolkata, Nagpur, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai

### **ABBREVIATIONS IN NEWS**

SVEEP : Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation

SAWEN : South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network

NAVIC : Navigation with Indian Constellation

### **Current Affairs Questions**

- CORPAT is bilateral maritime exercise conducted by the navies of India and –  
(a) Singapore                      (b) Indonesia                      (c) France                      (d) Malaysia
- Recently, the accounts of Central Bank of which country were hacked to transfer millions of dollars to casinos in Philippines?  
(a) Mauritius                      (b) Myanmar                      (c) Bangladesh                      (d) Maldives
- Tawang hydro-electric project on which work was recently suspended by the National Green Tribunal is located in -  
(a) Arunachal Pradesh      (b) Assam                      (c) Mizoram                      (d) Sikkim
- The Prime Minister recently presented a replica of Cheraman Juma Masjid to the King of Saudi Arabia. The mosque is located in -  
(a) Uttar Pradesh                      (b) Kerala                      (c) Maharashtra                      (d) Jammu and Kashmir
- How many satellites have been launched to make the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (now renamed NAVIC) operational?  
(a) Four                      (b) Five                      (c) Six                      (d) Seven
- What is the time taken by Gatimaan Express, India's fastest train travelling at 160 kmph to cover the distance from Hazrat Nizamuddin to Agra Cantt.?  
(a) 100 minutes                      (b) 110 minutes                      (c) 115 minutes                      (d) 120 minutes
- Who of the following was crowned Femina Miss India World 2016 recently?  
(a) Sushruthi Krishna      (b) Pankhuri Gidwani      (c) Priyadarshini Chatterjee      (d) Roshmita Harimurthy

8. April 5 is observed as Samta Diwas which is the birth anniversary of -

- (a) Charan Singh      (b) Morarjee Desai      (c) Babu Jagjeevan Ram (d) Kanshi Ram

9. Which of the following cities was the venue of the fourth Nuclear Security Summit in Mar-Apr 2016?

- (a) Washington D.C.      (b) Paris      (c) New York      (d) Moscow

10. Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson who resigned following accusation of financial wrongdoings by the Panama Papers was the Prime Minister of -

- (a) Norway      (b) Iceland      (c) Sweden      (d) Finland

11. Which of the following was the partner country in the India Water Week observed from 04 to 08 April 2016?

- (a) Iran      (b) Turkey      (c) Australia      (d) Israel

12. Shani Shingnapur temple which has recently allowed women devotees to enter the sanctum is located in which district of Maharashtra?

- (a) Ahmednagar      (b) Satara      (c) Aurangabad      (d) Solapur

13. Which disease/disorder was the theme of World Health Day 2016 observed on 07 April 2016?

- (a) Diabetes      (b) Hypertension      (c) Obesity      (d) Dementia

14. Which country had denied entry to about 350 Indian passengers of the ship Komagatu Maru in 1914 which was forced to return to India?

- (a) Japan      (b) United Kingdom      (c) The USA      (d) Canada

15. Which country won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament 2016?

- (a) New Zealand      (b) Australia      (c) Japan      (d) India

16. The Government of India recently released commemorative coins of Rs. 200/- on the occasion of martyr day of -

- (a) Nana Sahib      (b) Rani Jhansi      (c) Tatya Tope      (d) Bahadur Shah II

17. With which of the following sports is Vishnu Vardhan associated?

- (a) Table Tennis      (b) Basketball      (c) Tennis      (d) Golf

18. Which of the following countries recently tested its first stealth fighter called the X-2?

- (a) France      (b) China      (c) Japan      (d) South Korea

19. Which team did the West Indian team defeat in the finals to win the ICC Women's World T20?

- (a) Australia                      (b) England                      (c) South Africa                      (d) India

20. Which university has been ranked at No. 1 position in the National Institutional Ranking Framework released by the Union HRD Ministry?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi                      (b) Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai  
(c) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore                      (d) University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

21. The Temple of Hera is located in which country?

- (a) Greece                      (b) Turkey                      (c) Syria                      (d) Palestine

22. Under the Stand Up India scheme upto what amount can a loan be provided to scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and women entrepreneurs for setting up a new enterprise?

- (a) 10 lakhs                      (b) 20 lakhs                      (c) 50 lakhs                      (d) 1 crore

23. With which of the following sports is Jeje Lalpekhlua associated?

- (a) Archery                      (b) Football                      (c) Swimming                      (d) Squash

24. Which of the following is the first train in India to be fitted with CCTV surveillance cameras?

- (a) Flying Mail                      (b) Shan-e-Punjab                      (c) Punjab Mail                      (d) Frontier Mail

25. Which of the following museums was completely destroyed in fire recently?

- (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai                      (b) National Museum, New Delhi  
(c) National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi                      (d) Indian Museum, Kolkata

26. Dipa Karmakar is associated with which of the following sports?

- (a) Archery                      (b) Athletics                      (c) Shooting                      (d) Gymnastics

27. Who is the Chairman of Banks Board Bureau which has started functioning from 01 April 2016?

- (a) Vinod Rai                      (b) Ranjit Sinha                      (c) D Subba Rao                      (d) Pratip Chaudhuri

### Answers

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (b) 11. (d) 12. (a) 13. (a)  
14. (d) 15. (b) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (a) 20. (c) 21. (a) 22. (d) 23. (b) 24. (b) 25. (c) 26. (d)  
27. (a)