

CURRENT AFFAIRS

2012



The legendary Indian artist, popularly known as 'Picasso of India', who died in London on June 9 - **Maqbool Fida Husam**.

India has sealed its biggest \$4.1 billion deal with the US for buying 10 of these heavy-lift aircrafts - **Boeing C-17**

This country has announced to shut down all its nuclear plants by 2022, becoming the first major industrial power to give up atomic power - **Germany**

The amount which the World Bank has approved as part of its long-term support for Indian government's Mission Clean Ganga - **US\$ 1 billion**

The Greek Prime Minister, who has survived a crucial confidence vote, keeping alive a government dedicated to averting a debt default that could spark a financial maelstrom around the world - **George Papandreu**

The chief designer of the light water VVER nuclear reactors built by Russia in foreign countries, including India, who was among those killed in the plane crash in Russia - **Sergei Ryzhov**

The NASA Space shuttle, which, on June 1, completed its last flight, after 16-day mission to International Space Station - **Endeavour**

The prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has named this Indian academician as director of its Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) - **Anant Agarwal**

UN chief Ban Ki-moon has appointed this Indian as head of its Change Management Team (CMT) tasked with suggesting reforms to make the global organisation work more efficiently - **Atul Khare**

This Indian American has won the 2011 Scripps National Spelling Bee crown - **Sukanya Roy**

This former Union Finance Secretary has been chosen as new chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) - **Ashok Chawla**

The new Finance Secretary, who has taken charge on the retirement of Sushma Nath - **Sunil Mitra**

The recently launched UPA government program that will reach out to below poverty line (BPL) households through self-help groups (SHGs) - **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)**

This man from Philippines, who stands less than two feet tall, is the world's shortest man, according to the Guinness World Records - **Junrey Balawing**

Has been appointed as Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh - **Damodar Raja Narasimha**

The three-time Chief Minister of Haryana, and a Union Minister at the Centre, who died recently - **Bhajan Lal**

West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has recently signed a bipartite agreement with this organization to finally pave the way for peace in Darjeeling - **Gorkha Janmukti Morcha**

The two Indian firms have won the prestigious Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy, considered as the 'Green Oscar' - **Abellon Clean Energy, Husk Power Systems**

The world's highest railway bridge will come up over this river on the under construction rail link to the Kashmir Valley - **Chenab**

According to Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry in India (ASSOCHAM), this State tops the list of preferred investment destination in the country - **Gujarat**

The latest commissioned warship of India, which has been named after an island in Andaman and Nicobar archipelago - **INS Kabra**

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has short-listed this Swiss-made aircraft for training its rookie Pilots – **Philatus PC-7 aircraft**.

BCCI has instituted this award for the best Indian Player in every Test Series between India and the West Indies – Dillip Sardesai award

Hyderabad will host a major conference on bio diversity from October 1-19 next year . .

Symbiosis International University (Pune University) has instituted the R.K. Laxman Chair in the faculty of media, communication and design to honor the legendary cartoonist for his contribution to communication and media.

The country which demolished Denmark 3-0 to capture their fourth Sudirman Cup in Badminton on the trot – **China**

The team which won the inaugural edition of Hockey India's Senior National hockey championships for men. – **Haryana**

This team defeated Manchester United 3 – 1 in the champions league final and lift the European cup for the fourth time. **Barcelona**

This team retained the 65th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy with a 2-1 victory over Manipur to win their 31st title. - **Bengal**

This team clinched its maiden 1-League football title after a 2-0 victory over JCT – **Salgaocar Sports Club.**

By winning the US Open golf, **Rory Mcilroy** has confirmed his rich promise as a potential golfing great by becoming the championship's youngest winner since 1923.

The amount of money the sports ministry has earmarked to prepare athletes for the 2012 London Olympics – **Rs. 285.39 Crore.**

- This English golf player is now the world number one ranking Gold Player. **Luke Donald**
- This Hollywood actor has been inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Flame with Mike Tyson and others. – **Sylvester Stallone**