

Current Affairs : 1 September 2016

Gujarat becomes first state to distribute 2 Cr. LED bulbs



- Gujarat has become the first Indian state to distribute two corer LED bulbs under the Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme.
- Gujarat has reached this milestone in just 96 days and over 42 lakh households have already benefitted from the scheme.
- Under the administration of the Power Ministry, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is distributing about 2 lakh bulbs daily in Gujarat.

Govt. approves 16 highway projects in 11 states



- The Union Government has approved 16 highway projects in 11 states to be executed at a cost of 7,457 crore rupees.
- According to Road Transport and Highways Secretary Sanjay Mitra, the standing Finance Committee has cleared these projects for 622 kilometre.
- Two of the projects pertain to Char Dham yatra connectivity in Uttarakhand.
- The projects are in Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Sikkim.

Majuli in Assam to become India's first island district



Majuli in Assam is all set to become the first island district of the country .

- It will be upgraded to a district from sub-division on 8th September.
- Majuli covers an area of around 340 miles and is one of the prime tourist destinations of North East.

State Bank of Travancore appoints new Chief GM Ashok Kumar Pradhan



- Ashok Kumar Pradhan has taken over as its Chief General Manager of State Bank Of Travancore.
- He succeeds S Adikesavan.
- Pradhan has started his banking career in 1985 as a Probationary Officer in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur.



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IBJA appoints Mukesh Mehta as president



- India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA) has appointed Mukesh Mehta as the new President of IBJA.
- He will replace Mohit Kamboj, who resigned in the last week Annual General Meeting of IBJA.
- IBJA was established in 1919 for bullion dealers and jewellers.

Sudarsan Pattnaik's sand art 'world peace' wins award in Russia



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- Noted artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won people's choice award for his sand sculpture 'Mahatma Gandhi sculpture for non-violence and peace' made during an international championship in Russia.
- Pattnaik's art has got 60 thousand votes out of the total 80 thousand votes from the visitors to the exhibition.
- Pattnaik was honoured with the country's fourth highest civilian award Padma Shri in 2014.

Vice President to launch Vidyadhanam educational scholarship



- Vice President Md. Hamid Ansari will launch the Vidyadhanam educational scholarship at St.Teresa's College in Kochi.
- The scholarship instituted with the support of the State Bank of India and is implemented by the K.V. Thomas Vidyadhanam Trust.
- The scheme will benefit students (948 – this year) of government and aided schools in Ernakulam Lok Sabha constituency.

Bhutan set to host Asian Tennis Tour event next month



- Bhutan is all set to become the fourth Asian country (after India, Thailand and Iran) to host a tournament on the Asian Tennis Tour (ATT) scheduled from 16th to 18th September.
- It will be country's first ever international tennis tournament.
- More than 30 ATT tournaments set to be held at various cities in Asia this year between September and December.

England beat Pakistan in 3rd one-day after scoring record 444 in ODI



- England struck a world record one-day international (ODI) total of 444 for three as they crushed Pakistan by 169 runs at Trent Bridge.
- Chasing the mammoth target of 445 runs to win the match, Pakistan were all out for 275 in 42.4 overs.
- England's total surpassed the previous record of 443 for nine by Sri Lanka against the Netherlands at Amstelveen in 2006.

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