

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Living conditions in Institutions for Children in conflict with Law manual released

- **Objective:** To provide guidelines to the States/UTs and other stakeholders which will help them to establish institutions for children in conflict with law and providing appropriate institutional and rehabilitative services to them.
- The Manual has been framed within the purview of the **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016.**
- It will serve as a single point reference for all aspects of the living conditions and other issues pertaining to children in conflict with law who are in Observation Homes, Special Homes and Place of Safety.

India's Anshu Jamsenpa becomes first Indian woman to conquer Mt Everest twice within 5 days

- Jamsenpa set the world record becoming the first woman climber to make double ascent in five days' time.
- She is also the first Indian woman to scale Mt Everest for the fifth time.

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Study on Common Risk Mitigation Mechanism for Solar Power Generation Projects

- **India** and other solar rich countries including **Argentina, Burkina-Faso, Chad, France, Ivory Coast, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Sénégal, Uganda and Yemen** have jointly supported commissioning of a study to define and structure a **Common Risk Mitigation Mechanism (CRMM)** for solar power generation projects in solar rich countries.
- As per a calculation by **Council on Energy, Environment and Water**, cost of capital accounts for 70% of the total cost of solar power in India.

Number of unaccompanied refugee and migrant children hits 'record high' – UNICEF

- According to the new UNICEF report titled "**A Child is a Child: Protecting children on the move from violence, abuse and exploitation**", at least **300,000 unaccompanied and separated children** were recorded in some 80 countries in the combined years of 2015 and 2016, up from 66,000 in 2010 and 2011.
- Out of the 300,000 unaccompanied and separated children, 170,000 sought asylum in **Europe**. Most of them arrived in Europe by undertaking a dangerous journey across the Mediterranean Sea.
- In order to ensure physical safety and protect rights of these children, UNICEF has asked Governments to commit to its Six-point Agenda for Action

2017 Arctic Energy Summit (AES) held in Finland

- It will be **hosted** by the **Institute of the North and Finland Ministry of Economy and Employment**.
- It addresses energy as a fundamental element of the sustainable development of the Arctic, and occurs during Finland's Chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2017-2019).
- The three-day Summit will focus on a diverse set of topics, including: oil and gas; geothermal, solar, wind, hydro and tidal energy; utilities; micro-grids; energy policy and regulation; community impacts; energy finance and investment; climate change; and energy security.
- The AES is a multi-disciplinary event expected to draw several hundred industry officials, scientists, academics, policy makers, energy professionals and community leaders together to collaborate and share leading approaches on Arctic energy issues.

Jaipur Literature Festival kicked off in London

- At the festival South **Asia's literary heritage**, oral and performing arts, books and ideas, dialogue and debate are presented.
- It included a wide array of authors and artists from India and the UK.
- The inaugural event saw sessions on the experience of the Beatles rock band in India in the 1960s.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Three Indian brands among world's top 50 luxury goods companies

- Three Indian companies — **Gitanjali Gems, Titan and PC Jewelers**— have been named in the list of **top 50 luxury companies**.
- It was topped by **Louis Vuitton**.
- Gitanjali Gems Ltd was placed in the 30th rank, followed by Titan Company (31st) and PC Jewelers (44th) in the fourth annual Global Powers of Luxury Goods report.
- The top three companies are **LVMH Moet Hennessy-Louis Vuitton SA, Compaigne Financiere Richemont SA** and **The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.**

PEOPLE IN NEWS

German policewoman to become first female referee in Europe's top-flight leagues

- German policewoman **Bibiana Steinhaus** becomes the **first female referee in Europe's top leagues**. She is 38-year-old.
- Bibiana Steinhaus has been a fourth official for Bundesliga matches and a German FA (DFB) referee since 1999.
- She will be the **first female referee** in Europe's top five leagues.
- Steinhaus will referee the women's Champions League final in Cardiff from 1st of June.

- She is one of the four referees who have been promoted to the list of Bundesliga referees for 2017-18.

Stanley Greene, Teller of Uncomfortable Truths, Dies at 68

- He was known for his intuitive and brutally honest photographs of wars, including conflicts in Chechnya, Georgia, Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Stanley Greene was one of the few African-American photographers who worked internationally.

AWARDS

Two Indian peacekeepers to be honored posthumously with UN medal

- Two Indian peacekeepers, **Rifleman Brijesh Thapa** and **Private Ravi Kumar** are among the **117 military, police and civilian personnel** to be honoured with the prestigious **Dag Hammarskjold Medal** by the **United Nations** posthumously for their courage and sacrifice in the line of duty.
- Rifleman Brijesh Thapa served with the UN Organisation Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and Private Ravi Kumar was deployed with the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Deveshwar, Soumitra Chatterjee conferred Bengal's highest civilian award

- Thespian **Soumitra Chatterjee** and India's longest serving boss **Y.C. Deveshwar** have been conferred with the **Banga Samman**.
- Celebrated artistes, singers, sports persons, filmmakers, intellectuals have been honoured with these awards in the past.
- Two categories of awards are presented as part of Banga Samman – Banga Bhushan and Banga Bibhushan.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

NASA names new species after APJ Abdul Kalam

- A newly discovered **organism found on the International Space Station** has been **named after APJ Abdul Kalam by NASA**.
 - The **name of the bacterium is Solibacillus kalamii** and the species name is after Dr Abdul Kalam and genus name is Solibacillus which is a spore forming bacteria.
 - The filter on which the new bug was found remained on board the International Space Station for 40 months.
-

SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

Vaishnavi Shone won 2 gold medal in the first Asia level yoga competition

- **Vaishnavi Shone** a Coimbatore girl won **2 gold medals** in the **first Asia level yoga competition** in Thailand. She has won in the junior category (13 to 15 years).
- Overall 150 participants from Singapore and Thailand took part in the meet which was held in **Bangkok**.
- Vaishnavi has received various awards and titles including “Yoga Rani” and “Yoga Natchathra” and “Young Achiever Award” from India Yoga Association and Government of Tamil Nadu.
- She has won more than 200 gold medals, including 60 in national-level yoga competitions held at Kochi, Gujarat and Bengaluru.

Harikrishna wins against Ian in Moscow FIDE Grand Prix

- Indian Grand Master **Pentala Harikrishna** won against **Russian GM Ian Nepomniachtchi**.
- After claiming his second victory of the tournament, Harikrishna climbs up to 12th position.
- He will take on Teimour Radjabov of Azerbaijan in his last round game and achieve a higher rank in the tournament.