

## CURRENT AFFAIRS= 16-04-2019

### UN owes India USD 38 million for peacekeeping operations: UNSG report

United Nation Secretary General (UNSG) Antonio Guterres voiced concern that the UN owes India USD 38 million, the highest amount which has to be paid by any country for peacekeeping operations as of March 2019. Till now, the total amount which has to be paid to troops and police-contributing countries (TCCs/PCCs) with respect to active peacekeeping missions was USD 265 million. Out of this, the UN owes USD 38 million to India, followed by Rwanda (USD 31 million), Pakistan (USD 28 million), Bangladesh (USD 25 million) and Nepal (USD 23 million).



#### About UNSG

- ◆ Headquarter : New York City, United States
- ◆ Secretary General : Antonio Guterres

#### Google opens its 1st African Lab in Ghana

Google has launched its first African artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory in Accra, capital city of Ghana, to tackle Africa's challenges. The lab will collaborate with researchers in Ghana and across Africa to create the need impact in the country.

#### Key points

- i. The technology would address economic, political and environmental issues.

#### About Ghana

- ◆ Capital: Accra
- ◆ Currency: Ghanaian cedi
- ◆ President: Nana Akufo-Addo

#### 2019 Pulitzer Prize Announced

The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. It was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of American (Hungarian-born) Joseph Pulitzer who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher and is administered by Columbia University in New York City.

Category	Winner
Public service	Staff of the South Florida Sun Sentinel
Criticism	Carlos Lozada of The Washington Post
Editorial writing	Brent Staples of the New York Times

#### BOOKS, DRAMA, AND MUSIC

Category	Winner
Fiction	"The Overstory" by Richard Powers
Drama	"Fairview" by Jackie Sibbles Drury

History	“Frederick Douglass” by David W. Blight
Biography or autobiography	“The New Negro” by Jeffrey C. Stewart
Poetry	“Be With” by Forrest Gander
General nonfiction	“Amity and Prosperity” by Eliza Griswold
Music	“p r i s m” by Ellen Reid
Special Citation	Aretha Franklin

#### **Mithali Raj named as Goodwill Ambassador of Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019**

Ace cricketer MithaliDorai Raj, Captain of the Indian women’s cricket team, has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019.Mithali joins IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals and former captain SouravGanguly in supporting the team.

i. This is the first cricket world cup for street-connected children and final will be played at Lord’s in London on May 7.

ii. The tournament is being organised by Street Child United (SCU), a UK based organization.

#### **Mahendra Singh Dhoni named as the brand ambassador of redBus**

Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bus ticketing platform redBus to strengthen the redBus brand.

#### **Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel ‘Veera’ commissioned by General Bipin Rawat**

Indian Coast Guard vessel Veera has been commissioned by General Bipin RawatThe 98 metre long, 15 metre wide patrol vessel has a 3.6 metre draft and a range of 5,000 nautical miles. The vessel is fitted with a 30mm naval gun and will be fitted with 12.7mm Gun

#### **ICC partners with UNICEF to deliver ‘#OneDay4Children’ at Men’s Cricket World Cup 2019**

On 16th April 2019, International cricket council (ICC) cricket for good in partnership with UNICEF,launched #OneDay4Children, a tournament-wide campaign to help construct a better world for all child, at the World Cup.

#### **On 15th April, 2019: the 72nd Himachal Day celebrated in Himachal Pradesh**

The 72nd Himachal Day was celebrated in Himachal Pradesh on the 15th of April, 2019. In order to mark the red-lettered day, Governor Acharya Devvrat unfurled the national flag at an event on The Ridge Maidaan in Shimla. On 25th January 1971, it became the 18thstate of India.

#### **West Bengal celebrated Bengali New Year on 15th April**

On 15th April 2019, Bengali New Year also known as Pahela Baishakh was celebrated in West Bengal and among Bengali communities in Assam and Tripura Also in Bangladesh.