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## **Current Affairs Quiz - 15th November 2018**

### **Important Current Affairs 16th November 2018**

#### **China builds an 'artificial sun'**

- China has built an 'artificial sun' that reaches temperature six times that of the core of the sun.
- The reactor named 'Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak' (EAST) is designed to replicate the processes of the sun as part of a project to turn hydrogen into cost-effective green energy.
- It involves fusion of hydrogen atoms together to form heavier elements, such as helium.

#### **National Press Day observed on 16 November**

- National Press Day is observed on 16 November every year.
- On this day, Press Council of India (PCI) started functioning as a moral watchdog.
- The PCI was first set up in the year 1966 by the Parliament on the recommendations of the 'First Press Commission'.
- The PCI has been mandated by Parliament to improve the standards of journalism and maintain its freedom.

#### **FSSAI sets up 'Eat Right' awards**





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- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has instituted the 'Eat Right Awards'.
- The award has been instituted for food related start-ups to reward innovation and promote entrepreneurship in the area of food safety and applied nutrition.
- A jury of eminent professionals and experts in the food sector will select the winners.

### **Tajikistan launched a hydro-electric project**

- Tajikistan inaugurated a US\$ 3.9 billion 'Rogun hydro-electric project' on 16 November 2018.
- It has been built on the Vakhsh River in southern Tajikistan.
- The project will enable Tajikistan to eliminate domestic energy shortages and export electricity to Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- The first of six turbines in the Rogun hydroelectric dam went online on 16 November 2018.

### **Tribunal to decide on ban on 2 militant groups**

- The Government of India has set up a tribunal for adjudicating whether or not two Tripura-based militant outfits should be declared banned organisations under the law.
- The two militant outfits are National Liberation Front of Tripura and All Tripura Tiger Force.
- The tribunal will be headed by Delhi High Court Judge Justice Suresh Kait.

### **Exports grew by 17.86% in October 2018**

- According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's exports grew by 17.86% to 26.98 billion dollars in October 2018.
- India's exports stood at 22.89 billion dollars in October 2017.
- The sectors which recorded healthy growth includes petroleum, engineering, chemicals, pharma and gems and jewellery sector.

### **Government delegated powers to local bodies**



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- The Government of India has delegated powers to local bodies to ensure compliance of environmental conditions for buildings, construction and area development projects
- Local bodies such as Municipalities, Development Authorities and District Panchayats shall stipulate environmental conditions.
- The conditions include natural drainage, water conservation and among others.

### **World Bank provides US\$155.7 million to Nepal**

- The World Bank provided over US\$ 155 million in financial assistance to Nepal on 14 November 2018.
- The first project comprising a credit of US\$ 133 million will finance the improvement & maintenance programme targeting around 477 bridges along Nepal's strategic roads network.
- The second project in the form of a grant of US\$ 22.7 million to support the Food & Nutrition Enhancement Project.

### **Africa's first ever high speed train unveiled**

- French President Emmanuel Macron and Morocco's King Mohammed VI have inaugurated Morocco's first high-speed rail line, the first ever such line in Africa.
- The king Mohammed VI named the first line as 'Al Boraq'.
- It will connect the economic hubs of Tangier and Casablanca.
- The \$2 billion project was launched in September 2011.

### **World Tolerance Summit inaugurated in Dubai**

- The two-day summit to mark the World Tolerance Day was inaugurated in Dubai on 16 November 2018.
- The theme of the Summit was 'Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration'.
- The summit is expected to focus on the crucial role of women and the youth in spreading tolerance in their societies.

### **South Asian Regional Conference inaugurated**





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- The conference on 'Urban Infrastructure: New Approaches to Public & Private Partnerships and Municipal Finance Innovations' was inaugurated in New Delhi on 15 November 2018.
- The conference was organised by NITI Aayog, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the Asian Development Bank.
- Key issues of the Urban Infrastructure were discussed at the conference.

### **Food Park in Aurangabad district inaugurated**

- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the second Mega Food Park in Maharashtra on 15 November 2018.
- The Food Park is located in Paithan Taluka of Aurangabad district, Maharashtra.
- The first Food Park was inaugurated on 1st March 2018 in Satara district, Maharashtra.
- The Mega Food Park Scheme is implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

### **2 North East Circuits inaugurated in Arunachal**

- Two projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme were inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh on 15 November 2018.
- These projects are 'Bhalukpong- Bomdila - Tawang Project' & 'Nafra-Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro-Yomcha Project'.
- Swadesh Darshan scheme is the flagship schemes of the Ministry of Tourism for the development of thematic circuits in the country

### **Fitch retains rating for India at 'BBB-minus'**

- Fitch Ratings retained India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-minus'.
- 'BBB-minus' is the lowest investment grade rating.
- Fitch forecasts India's growth to rebound to 7.3% in FY19 and 7.5% in FY20.



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- The Fitch Ratings added that a recent analysis conducted by it found that India had the highest medium-term growth potential among the largest emerging markets.

### **JICA to fund Bengal power project**

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will extend Rs. 5,000-crore loan to a 1,000 MW Turga pumped storage project in West Bengal.
- The project is coming up in the Ayodhya Hills in Purulia district, West Bengal.
- The project is scheduled for completion by 2027.
- A pumped storage power plant works as a large storage battery which generates power during peak periods.

### **'Aadi Mahotsav' being organised from 16 Nov**

- 'Aadi Mahotsav', a National Tribal Festival is being organised from 16th to 30th November 2018 in New Delhi by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- The theme of the festival is 'A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce'.
- The Mahotsav will comprise of display and sale of items of tribal art and craft, tribal medicine and healers, tribal cuisine etc.

### **International Day for Tolerance: 16 November**

- The 'International Day for Tolerance' is annually observed on 16 November.
- The aim of the day is to educate people about the need for tolerance in the society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance.
- The United Nations has launched a new global campaign named 'TOGETHER' to promote tolerance, respect and dignity across the world.

### **'Himalayan State Regional Council' constituted**

- NITI Aayog has constituted the 'Himalayan State Regional Council' to ensure sustainable development of the Himalayan region.





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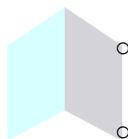
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- The 'Himalayan State Regional Council' will be chaired by the NITI Aayog member Dr VK Saraswat.
- The council will also consist of the Chief Secretaries of the Himalayan States as well as the Secretaries of key Central Ministries, and senior officers of NITI Aayog.

### **Sunil Mehta panel formed 'Sashakt India AMC'**

- Sunil Mehta panel has formed an Asset Management Company (AMC) for resolving large bad loans.
- The AMC will be called as 'Sashakt India Asset Management'.
- The panel is now working towards identifying potential investors for an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) which will fund the AMC.
- Sunil Mehta panel is working for the faster resolution of stressed assets in public sector banks.

### **'Toxic' declared Oxford Word of the Year**



- Oxford Dictionary has declared the adjective 'toxic' as the Word of the Year 2018.
- The adjective toxic is defined as 'poisonous' and first appeared in English in the mid-seventeenth century from the medieval Latin 'toxicus'.
- The Oxford Word of the Year is a word or expression that is judged to have lasting potential as a term of cultural significance.

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