

November 16th news:

Saudi Arabia Recognizes Yoga as Sport

The Saudi Arabian government approved the practice of yoga as a sports activity, claimed a social media post of Nouf Marwaai, founder of the Arab Yoga Foundation in the Saudi kingdom. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has recognized the practice of Yoga as an approved sport, which can be practiced freely there.

Army takes over power in Zimbabwe

The military has taken control in Zimbabwe but said President Robert Mugabe, in power since 1980, was safe. After seizing state TV, an army spokesman announced it was targeting people close to Mr Mugabe. Mr Mugabe, 93, has dominated the impoverished country's political scene since independence from the UK

For the first time, a southern African nation is seeing an open rift between the military and Robert Mugabe, the world's oldest head of state.

On 14th Night and 15th Morning, the Zimbabwean army actions:

- Began arresting key supporters of a faction within the ruling ZANU-PF party allied with President Robert Mugabe's wife, Grace.
- Took the Mugabes into what the military described as protective custody.
- Seized the state broadcaster, which a senior military official used to address the African nation on 14th night, saying Mr. Mugabe and his family were "safe and sound."
- Said the measures were "targeting criminals" around Mr. Mugabe that are "committing crimes that are causing social and economic suffering in the country."
- Recalled all members of the national police force from leave and seized control of key points in the capital, Harare.
- Whether these developments constitute a "coup" or not depends on who you ask. The military denies it was a coup, and has told the African Union as much. Veterans' groups supported the move, calling it a "bloodless correction."

Australians decisively support same-sex marriage

Australians have voted in favour of legalising same-sex marriage in a historic poll.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics said, the non-binding postal vote showed 61.6 per cent of people favour allowing same-sex couples to wed.

A bill to change the law was introduced into the Senate on 15th November. It will now be debated for amendments. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said, his government would aim to pass legislation in parliament by Christmas.

China launches worlds first fully electric cargo ship

China launched the world's first all-electric ship, which can travel up to 80 km with 2000-tonnes cargo after a two-hour charge. The ship is 70.5-metre-long and weighs about 600 tonnes. It was launched in Guangzhou in South China's Guangdong Province. The ship has been manufactured by the Guangzhou Shipyard International Company Limited. It is powered by a 26-tonne lithium battery and can cruise at the top speed of 12.8 km per hour.

National:

Economy:

CG approves 107 Maharashtra irrigation projects

According to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.....

The Centre has given an in-principle approval of 10,000 crore rupees assistance to 107 irrigation projects in drought-hit Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of the state.

The state will receive the fund over a period of next two years for the projects that will ensure large-scale irrigation facilities in the districts of Vidarbha and Marathwada known for suicides by farmers, besides in North and Western Maharashtra.

Environment

Founding Ceremony of International Solar Alliance Held in Germany

A Curtain Raiser Event for the Founding Ceremony of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held in Bonn, Germany. The ISA was jointly launched on 30 November 2015 by Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and then-President of France, H.E. Francois Hollande, on the sidelines of the UNFCCC Conference of Parties 21 (CoP21) at Paris, France.