<u>Government designates Olympians as</u> National Observers

Government has designated the following Olympians as National Observers for the disciplines mentioned against each of them:-

<u>Internationalisation of Indian</u> <u>Institutions</u>

In order to bring premier educational institutions like IITs/NITs/ IISERs and IIITs into international knowledge network, Government has undertaken several initiatives such as:

Achievements under Twelfth Plan

The priority areas of higher education during the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) are focuson expansion, equity and excellence with a greater emphasis on quality of higher education mainly by way of setting up of new institutions;

<u>Several relaxations brought in GP Fund</u> <u>rules</u>

In a major relief for government employees, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has announced several relaxations in General Provident Fund Rules, with liberalization and simplification, particularly relating to advances and withdrawals by the subscriber/ employee.

Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) to be merged with State Bank of India (SBI) to ensure greater banking services outreach to a larger number of women, at a faster pace

The Government of India has decided to merge the Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with the State Bank of India (SBI) to ensure greater banking services outreach to a larger number of women