

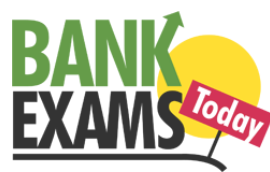
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Science and Technology

02 Nov. - 49th trial of BrahMos missile successfully test fired from INS Kochi

49th trial of BrahMos missile successfully test fired from INS Kochi. INS Kochi is 7500 tonne indigenously developed warship and was recently inducted into Indian Navy.

02 Nov. - ICGS Arinjay commissioned in Kochi

Fast patrol vessel of Aadesh-Class of India Coast Guard, ICGS Arinjay commissioned in Kochi on 02nd November 2015 as commissioned by Chief of Southern Naval Command Vice-Admiral Sunil Lamba.

06 Nov. - 'Brahmos' successfully test fired by Indian Army and DRDO

The supersonic land attack missile 'Brahmos' successfully test fired by Indian Army and DRDO on 06th November 2015 at Pokhran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

09 Nov. - Agni-IV missile successfully test fired

The nuclear capable surface-to-surface Agni-IV missile successfully test fired by Indian Army at Wheeler Island off the Odisha coast as developed by DRDO.

10 Nov. - 'Samarth' commissioned by Union Defence Minister

India's Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel 'Samarth' commissioned by Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on 10th November 2015.

11 Nov. - GSAT-15 launched successfully

The communication satellite GSAT-15 launched successfully on 11th November 2015 by European Ariane 5 VA-227. It is 10th communication satellite and has an estimate lifespan of 12 years.

13 Nov. - INS Vishwakarma commissioned into Indian Navy

INS Vishwakarma commissioned into Indian Navy on 13th November 2015 by Admiral R.K. Dhowan, the Chief of Naval Staff.

14 Nov. - 'Mareech' handed over to Indian Navy

Advanced Torpedo Defence System namely 'Mareech' handed over to Indian Navy which is developed by DRDO on 14th November 2015.

17 Nov. - EKS Kosmos-2510 successfully launched by Russia

EKS Kosmos-2510, newest defence satellite of Russia, successfully launched on 17th November 2015. It is early warning satellite.

17 Nov. - Tianhe-2 became World's powerful Supercomputer for 6th consecutive time

Tianhe-2 became World's powerful Supercomputer for 6th consecutive time as announced on 17th November 2015. It has been developed by National University of Defence Technology of China.

22 Nov. - Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile successfully test fired

Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile successfully test fired from Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast on 22nd November 2015 as developed by DRDO under Ballistic Missile Defence Programme.

23 Nov. - Indo-Pak Border in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan has been lighted with Solar Power

Indo-Pak Border in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan has been lighted with Solar Power on 23rd November 2015 as generated 5 MW power.

24 Nov. - 1st commercial satellite of Japan launched

1st commercial satellite of Japan launched on 24th November 2015 as part its National Space Programme. H-IIA rocket of Japan carrying TELSTAR 12 communications of Canada, was successfully lifted off from Tanegashima Space Centre (TSC).

25 Nov. - Nuclear capable surface-to-surface missile 'Prithvi II' successfully test fired

Nuclear capable surface-to-surface missile 'Prithvi II' successfully test fired by the Indian Army. This is a tactical short-range ballistic missile developed by DRDO.

25 Nov. - New species of tree frog Ghatixalus magnus discovered in Idukki, Kerala

New species of tree frog Ghatixalus magnus discovered in Idukki, Kerala on Western Ghats on 25th November 2015.

26 Nov. - 'Agni-I' successfully test fired

Nuclear capable surface to surface missile 'Agni-I' successfully test fired from Dr.Abdul Kalam Wheeler Island off the Odisha coast on 26th November 2015. It is part of Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).

26 Nov. - 2nd ASW Corvette INS Kadmatt handed over to Indian Navy

2nd Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Corvette INS Kadmatt received by Indian Navy at Kolkata, West Bengal on 26th November 2015 as built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. (GRSE). It is super sophisticated frontline warship.

27 Nov. - LRSAM missile successfully test fired

Long Range Surface to Air Missile (LRSAM) missile successfully test fired from Naval platform of Israel as developed by Indian and Israel on 27th November 2015.

29 Nov. - Interceptor boat ICGS C-422 commissioned into ICGS

Interceptor boat ICGS C-422 commissioned into Indian Coast Guard Service on 29th November 2015 in Bay of Bengal as launched/inaugurated by Speaker of Puducherry V. Sabapathy.

Politics

International Events

31 October - Sexual assault on men declared as crime in China

Sexual assault on men declared as crime in China as decided on 31st October 2015 as approved by National People's Congress. According to the law, indecent assault on men or women carries a jail imprisonment for 5 years.

02Nov. - Recep Tayyip Erdogan became the President of Turkey

Ruling Justice and Development Party won general elections and Recep Tayyip Erdogan remained the President of Turkey.

02 Nov. - Lionel Messi became Global Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors

Lionel Messi became Global Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors on 02nd November 2015. Tata Motors became 1st Indian brand endorsed by the International Sports icon.

03 Nov. - Hindi became largest Indian spoken language in USA

According to the report of Census Bureau, Hindi became largest Indian spoken language in USA as announced on 03rd November 2015. The sequence of the Indian languages in US is Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali and Punjabi respectively.

04 Nov. - State of Emergency declared in Maldives

State of Emergency declared in Maldives as announced by its President Abdulla Yameen on 04th November 2015.

05 Nov. - 3 Indians (Sikhs) appointed as Cabinet Ministers in Canada

3 Indians (Sikhs) namely Harjit Sajjan, Navdeep Bains and Amarjeet Sohi appointed as Cabinet Minister in Canada as Defence Minister, Minister of Science and Economic Development and Minister for Infrastructure respectively.

05 Nov. - Justin Trudeau sworn-in as 23rd Prime Minister of Canada

Justin Trudeau of Liberal Party sworn-in as 23rd Prime Minister of Canada and became 2nd youngest PM (43 years) of the country after Joe Clark (40 years). 4 Indians also appointed as Cabinet Minister namely Harjit Sajjan, Navdeep Bains, Amarjeet Sohi and Bardish Chagger.

05 Nov. - Vice-President of Maldives Ahmed Adeb Abdul Ghafoor impeached

Vice-President of Maldives Ahmed Adeb Abdul Ghafoor impeached by its Parliament on 04th November 2015. He is 2nd Vice-President of Maldives, the 1st one was Mohamed Jameel.

05 Nov. - Cultural week 'India in Shanghai' organized in Shanghai, China

The cultural week namely 'India in Shanghai' organized in Shanghai, China at China Shanghai International Arts Festival, Shanghai Grand Theatre as inaugurated on 05th November 2015. Indian Ambassador Ashok K. Kantha inaugurated the event.

05 Nov. - 12th ASEM meet held in Luxembourg

12th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers meeting (ASEM) held in Luxembourg during 5-6th November 2015 under the theme 'Working Together for a Sustainable and Secure Future'.

06 Nov. - 'Seirra Leone' declared as Ebola free country

The country 'Seirra Leone' declared as Ebola free country as declared by World Health Organization on 06th November 2015.

16 Nov. - Ganesh Thapa banned for 10 years for corruption

Ganesh Thapa, the Chief of Nepal Football team, banned by FIFA for 10 years as ban imposed on 16th November 2015.

18 Nov. - Anti-Doping Agency of Russia suspended by WADA

Anti-Doping Agency of Russia suspended by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on 18th November 2015 for non-compliance. The Headquarter of WADA is in Montreal, Canada.

19 Nov. - 27th APEC Summit held in Manila, Philippines

27th Summit of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held on 18th and 19th November 2015 at Manila, Philippines. APEC is a forum of 21 nations that promotes free trade across the Asia Pacific region.

23 Nov. - Mauricio Macri became President of Argentina

Mauricio Macri became President of Argentina as won Presidential elections on 23rd November 2015. He secured almost 53% votes, earlier Christina Kirchner was the President of Argentina.

25 Nov. - Antonio Costa became Prime Minister of Portugal

Antonio Costa, an Indian origin, became Prime Minister of Portugal on 25th November 2015 while the President of Portugal is Anibal Cavaco Silva. It is important to noting that Portugal was 1st Western country to colonise some part of India and leave in 1961.

27 Nov. - Manoj Bhargava, an Indian-American, invented a new stationary cycle

Manoj Bhargava, an Indian-American, invented a new stationary cycle that will generate electricity. He is a philanthropist and businessman.

29 Nov. - CHOGM 2015 held in Malta

The meeting of Commonwealth Head of Government 2015 (CHOGM 2015) held in Malta, concluded on 29th November 2015 in which about 53 Commonwealth countries attended the meeting.

National Affairs

31 Oct. - Punjab will establish bio-ethanol refinery to stop menace of straw burning

Punjab has announced to establish bio-ethanol refinery to stop menace of straw burning as announced on 31st October 2015. For this purpose, Punjab signed an agreement with consortium of Beta Renewables, Novozymes and CVC India Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. costs worth about Rs.950 Crore during Progressive Punjab Investor Summit 2015.

02 Nov. - 7 months ban on fishing imposed by Odisha in Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary

7 months ban on fishing imposed by State Government of Odisha to protect Olive Ridley sea turtles till May 2016. Now fishermen are banned to fish within 20 kms from coastline.

02 Nov. - National Tribal Crafts Mela Aadishilp 2015 started in New Delhi

National Tribal Crafts Mela Aadishilp 2015 started in New Delhi on 02nd November 2015 as inaugurated by Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram.

02 Nov. - International Indigenous Terra Madre 2015 started in Shillong, Meghalaya

International Indigenous Terra Madre 2015 started in Shillong, Meghalaya on 02nd November 2015 under the theme 'Future We Want: Indigenous Perspectives and Actions'.

03 Nov. - Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court announced an important decision

According to the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court, child born out of rape also has right over the property of accused/assaulter as announced on 03rd November 2015.

04 Nov. - NGT has banned age-old agricultural practice of straw burning

National Green Tribunal has banned age-old agricultural practice of straw burning in New Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh on 04th November 2015. Now, fine of Rs.2500/- to Rs.15000/- imposed on farmers who indulged in straw burning.

06 Nov. - 'Indra 2015' started between India and Russia

7th edition of Joint military exercise 'Indra 2015' between India and Russia started on 06th November 2015 in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

08 Nov. - Grand Alliance won Bihar Assembly Elections 2015

Grand Alliance consisting RJD, JD(U) and INC won Bihar Assembly Elections 2015 as announced on 08th November 2015 with 2/3rd majority.

12 Nov. - North-East India's 1st elephant hospital established at Kaziranga National Park, Assam

North-East India's 1st elephant hospital established at Kaziranga National Park, Assam on 12th November 2015 as inaugurated by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. The hospital is situated in Golaghat and Nagaon Districts of Assam.

13 Nov. - Govt. of Delhi performed 'Yamuna Aarti'

The Govt. of Delhi performed 'Yamuna Aarti' on 13th November 2015 on Gita Ghat, Kudesia Ghat with the aim to promote tourism and cleaning the river.

13 Nov. - PM Modi inaugurated Ambedkar Memorial in London

On 13th November 2015, PM Modi inaugurated Ambedkar Memorial in London situated at King Henry's Road, London, UK. Moreover, PM Modi also inaugurated Basaveshwara Statue at Lambeth, London..

15 Nov. - 1st AMRIT outlet of India inaugurated at AIIMS in New Delhi

1st AMRIT outlet of India inaugurated at AIIMS in New Delhi on 15th November 2015 by Health Ministry as inaugurated by Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda.

15 Nov. - NSCN-K declared as terrorist organization

National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang (NSCN-K) declared as terrorist organization under UAPA 1967 by Govt. of India on 15th November 2015.

16 Nov. - Foundation stone of 1st Mega Food Park of Telangana laid down

The foundation stone of 1st Mega Food Park of Telangana laid down on 16th November 2015 as the park promoted by Smart Agro Food Park Pvt. Ltd. The park costs about Rs.108.95 Crore.

18 Nov. - 50 Districts of Uttar Pradesh declared as drought-hit districts

50 Districts of Uttar Pradesh declared as drought-hit districts on 18th November 2015. It is important to noting that there is 75 Districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh which is highest than any other State in India.

19 Nov. - Y. Bhaskar Rao became 1st Lokayukta of India to be removed by Assembly

Y. Bhaskar Rao, Lokayukta of Karnataka, became 1st Lokayukta of India to be removed by Assembly for an alleged extortion racket. His son Ashwin Rao was also arrested earlier in related with this incident.

20 Nov. - Nitish Kumar became 5th time CM of Bihar

Nitish Kumar sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar for 5th time on 20th November 2015 while Tejaswi Prasad Yadav became Deputy Chief Minister. Earlier, Nitish Kumar became CM in 2000 (for just 7 Days), 2005, 2010, February 2015 and November 2015.

20 Nov. - Prameela Sashidharan of BJP elected as Chairperson of an urban municipal body in Kerala

Prameela Sashidharan of BJP elected as Chairperson of an urban municipal body in Kerala. She became 1st BJP member ever to head an urban municipal body in the State.

20 Nov. - 7th Central Pay Commission submitted its report

7th Central Pay Commission submitted its report as headed by Justice A.K. Mathur on 20th November 2015. The commission recommended 23.55% hike in pay and allowances of Central Govt. employees.

20 Nov. - Silchar-Lumding broad gauge rail line inaugurated in Assam

Silchar-Lumding broad gauge rail line inaugurated in Assam by Union Railway Ministry on 20th November 2015 as inaugurated by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu.

22 Nov. - President of France will become Chief Guest at Republic Day Celebrations 2016

Francois Hollande, President of France, will become Chief Guest at Republic Day Celebrations 2016 as announced on 22nd November 2015.

22 Nov. - Mahatma Gandhi International Centre inaugurated in Matale, Sri Lanka

Mahatma Gandhi International Centre inaugurated in Matale, Sri Lanka on 22nd November 2015 as inaugurated by President Maithripala Sirisena in the present of Indian High Commissioner Y.K. Sinha.

22 Nov. - 2nd World Congress on Disaster Management concluded in Visakhapatnam

2nd World Congress on Disaster Management concluded with adoption of Visakhapatnam Declaration on 22nd November 2015 held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh as attended by almost 1000 delegated across 40 countries.

24 Nov. - 231 Mandals in the State Telangana declared as drought hit areas

231 Mandals in the State Telangana declared as drought hit areas on 24th November 2015. These Mandals are lies in Mahaboob Nagar, Medak, Nizamabad Districts etc.

24 Nov. - PM Modi concluded his two nations visit to Malaysia and Singapore

PM Modi concluded his two nations visit to Malaysia and Singapore on 24th November 2015. PM Modi inaugurated Torana Gate in Kuala Lumpur and Indian Cultural Centre.

24 Nov. - RBI granted in-principle approval to NPCI

RBI granted in-principle approval to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) with the aim to function as Bharat Bill Payment Central Unit (BBPCU).

25 Nov. - Govt. of India decided the new deadline for completion of flagship of PMGSY

Govt. of India decided the new deadline for completion of flagship of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) i.e. year 2019 with the aim to rural connectivity. Earlier, the scheme was launched in 2000 as Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

26 Nov. - 3 Cities Fame India Eco Drive started from New Delhi

3 Cities Fame India Eco Drive started from New Delhi on 26th November 2015 as inaugurated by Anant Geete, Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. The 3 cities are: Delhi, Chandigarh and Jaipur.

26 Nov. - SAADMEx 2015 concluded in Delhi

South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise (SAADMEx) 2015 concluded on 26th November 2015 in Delhi. This was first ever joint exercise as conducted by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), India.

26 Nov. - Liquor prohibition will be clamped in the State of Bihar

From 01st April 2016, liquor prohibition will be clamped in the State of Bihar as announced by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on 26th November 2015.

27 Nov. - BBIN Friendship Motor Car Rally started

Bangladesh, Bhutan India and Nepal (BBIN) Friendship Motor Car Rally started for Silchar, Assam on 27th November 2015. The event started under BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA).

Reports

01 Nov. - India becomes World's 7th most valued nation brand

According to the report, India becomes World's 7th most valued nation brand while USA became No.1 brand followed by China and Germany.

02 Nov. - Legatum Prosperity Index 2015 released

According to the Legatum Prosperity Index 2015 released in London, UK on 02nd November 2015, Norway ranked at No.1 position followed by Switzerland and Denmark.

17 Nov. - Global Terrorism Index 2015 released the report

According to the report of Global Terrorism Index 2015, Iraq ranked at No.1 followed by Afghanistan and Nigeria while India ranked at No.6 position among 162 countries. The report released by Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).

18 Nov. - Global Gender Gap Report 2015 released

According to the Global Gender Gap Report 2015, Iceland ranked at No.1 position followed by Norway and Finland while India ranked at 108th position among 145 countries.

25 Nov. - WMO released the report

According to the report released by World Meteorological Organization (WMO), year 2015 is likely to be the warmest year on record.

New Schemes

31 Oct. - Vikalp Scheme launched by Indian Railways

Vikalp Scheme launched by Indian Railways for waitlisted passengers on 31st October 2015. Under the scheme, waitlisted passengers will get confirmed accommodation in next alternative train.

03 Nov. - Maharashtra approved APJ Abdul Kalam Amrut Yojana

The State Government of Maharashtra approved APJ Abdul Kalam Amrut Yojana on 03rd November 2015 replaced with 'Take Home Ration'.

05 Nov. - Agro-Processing and Agri-Marketing Promotion Policy 2015 launched by Rajasthan

Agro-Processing and Agri-Marketing Promotion Policy 2015 launched by the State Government of Rajasthan on 05th November 2015 as launched by Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje.

07 Nov. - e-Pathshala, Saransh, Shaala Siddhi Portals launched by Govt. of India

e-Pathshala, Saransh, Shaala Siddhi Portals launched by Govt. of India on 07th November 2015 by Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani.

09 Nov. - Army Cloud, Data Centre and Digi-Locker schemes launched by Union Defence Ministry

Army Cloud, Data Centre and Digi-Locker schemes launched by Union Defence Ministry on 09th November named as 'Digital Army Programme'.

24 Nov. - 10 new/revised schemes for disabled persons launched

10 new/revised schemes for disabled persons launched on 24th November 2015 under the National Trust as inaugurated by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot. These schemes are: Disha, Vikaas, Samarth, Gharaunda, Niramaya, Sahyogi, Gyan Prabha, Prerna, Sambhav, Badhte Kadam.

25 Nov. - 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' (RRSK) inaugurated/launched

Railway Safety Fund of Rs.1.1 Lakh Crore namely 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' (RRSK) inaugurated/launched on 25th November 2015 with the aim to improve the safety measures and to upgrade the railway infrastructure.

Agreements

01 Nov. - India signed an agreement with Indonesia

India signed an agreement with Indonesia on energy, culture exchange on 01st November 2015 with the aim to strengthen the relations between the countries.

12 Nov. - India signed the agreement with 6 countries

India signed the agreement with 6 countries on 12th November 2015 at International Civil Aviation Negotiations (ICAN) 2015. The 6 countries are: Finland, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Sweden, Norway and Denmark and Oman and Ethiopia.

20 Nov. - Rajasthan and South Australia signed a Sister-State Agreement

Rajasthan and South Australia signed a Sister-State Agreement on 20th November 2015 with the aim to boost export and investment opportunities between the two States.

Festivals and Days held

10 Nov. - World Science Day observed on 10th November

World Science Day for Peace and Development observed on 10th November 2015 under the theme 'Science for a Sustainable Future'.

2nd Week of November - Annual Hundred Drums Wangala Festival has begun in Meghalaya

Annual Hundred Drums Wangala Festival has begun in Meghalaya. The festival celebrated annually in 2nd week of November.

12 Nov. - World Pneumonia Day observed on 12th November 2015

World Pneumonia Day observed on 12th November 2015 in all over the World under the theme 'Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia Now'. The day observed with the aim to raise awareness about the disease Pneumonia.

14 Nov. - National Children's Day observed on 14th November 2015

National Children's Day observed in all over the Country on 14th November 2015. President Pranab Mukherjee presented National Child Awards at this event. The day also known as Bal Divas while World Children's Day observed on 20th November.

16 Nov. - International Day for Tolerance observed on 16th November 2015

International Day for Tolerance observed on 16th November 2015 with the aim to aware the people about the tolerance required in society.

16 Nov. - World Antibiotic Awareness Week launched by WHO

World Antibiotic Awareness Week launched by World Health Organization during 16th to 22nd November 2015 with the aim to raise awareness about misuse of antibiotics under the theme 'Antibiotics: Handle with Care'.

17 Nov. - 1st International Qawwali Festival 2016 will be held in Delhi

1st International Qawwali Festival 2016 titled as 'Taali Ho' will be held in Delhi during 12th February to 14th February 2016. Various Qawwali Singers from India and Pakistan will be performed at the event.

19 Nov. - World Toilet Day observed on 19th November 2015

World Toilet Day observed on 19th November 2015 with the 'Sanitation and Nutrition'. The aim of the day is to aware the people who don't have access to a toilet.

25 Nov. - 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women' observed on 25th November 2015

'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women' observed on 25th November 2015 with the aim to end the violence against women.

26 Nov. - 1st 'Constitution Day' observed on 26th November 2015

1st 'Constitution Day' observed on 26th November 2015. Earlier, the day was announced by PM Modi to aware about the Constitution and its founder Dr.B.R. Ambedkar.

26 Nov. - National Milk Day observed on 26th November 2015

National Milk Day observed on 26th November 2015 i.e. on the birth anniversary of Dr.Verghese Kurien known as 'Father of White Revolution'. Moreover, World Milk Day observes on 01st June.

Deaths

01 Nov. - Brijmohan Lall Munjal died

Brijmohan Lall Munjal, known as Doyen of Indian two wheeler industry, died on 01st November 2015. He was founder of Hero MotoCorp which is World's largest motorcycle manufacturer. He awarded with Padma Bhushan (2005), Udyog Ratan Award, Punjab Ratna Award etc.

02 Nov. - Hashim Abdul Halim died

Hashim Abdul Halim, former Speaker of West Bengal Legislative Assembly, died on 02nd November 2015. He remained six times Speaker of the State Assembly i.e. till 2011.

04 Nov. - Bimal Prasad died

Bimal Prasad, the former Indian Ambassador to Nepal, died on 04th November 2015. He remained Indian Ambassador to Nepal during 1991-1995. He also wrote very famous book 'Gandhi, Nehru and J.P.'

06 Nov. - Yitzhak Navon, former President of Israel, died

Yitzhak Navon, former President of Israel, died on 06th November 2015. He was remained President of Israel during 1978 to 1983.

15 Nov. - Saeed Jaffrey died

Saeed Jaffrey, the famous Bollywood actor, died on 15th November 2015. He became 1st Indian to receive the Order of the British Empire in 1995 and also 1st Asian to awarded with British and Canadian Academy Awards. Moreover, he was also awarded with Filmfare Award in 1978.

17 Nov. - Dr.Satya Paul Agarwal died

Dr.Satya Paul Agarwal, the Secretary General of Indian Red Cross Society, died on 17th November 2015. He was well-known public health administrator.

17 Nov. - Ashok Singhal died

Ashok Singhal, the veteran Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader, died on 17th November 2015. He was famous leader of temple movement in Ayodhya called as 'Ramjanmabhoomi Movement'.

19 Nov. - Ram Krishna Trivedi died

Ram Krishna Trivedi, former Governor of Gujarat, died on 19th November 2015. He also remained Chief Election Commissioner during 1982 to 1985 and Central Vigilance Commissioner in 1980.

23 Nov. - Dr.T.S. Papola, famous labour Economist, died

Dr.T.S. Papola, famous labour Economist, died on 23rd November 2015. He was remained Chairman of several National level bodies. He was awarded with VKRV Rao Lifetime Achievement Award, Kautilya Award etc.

25 Nov. - Surendra Upadhyaya died

Surendra Upadhyaya, the famous literateur, died on 25th November 2015. He was former Chairman of Rajasthan Brijbhasha Academy. He was awarded with Doctor of Literature by University of Rajasthan.

26 Nov. - Khekiho Zhimomi died

Khekiho Zhimomi, Rajya Sabha MP from Nagaland, died on 26th November 2015. He was remained Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for 3 times.

26 Nov. - Noboru Karashima of Japan died

Noboru Karashima of Japan, famous Tamil scholar, died on 26th November 2015. He has written famous book on South India. He was awarded with Padma Shri in 2013.

27 Nov. - Mansukhbhai Kothari died

Mansukhbhai Kothari died on 27th November 2015. He was founder of Kothari Products Limited which produced the brand 'Pan Parag'.

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Sports

Tennis

31 Oct. - Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis won Singapore BNP Paribas WTA title

Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis won Singapore BNP Paribas WTA title on 31st October 2015. It is their 9th victory in 2015. The others are: Indian Wells Open, Miami Open, Charleston Open, Wimbledon, US Open, Guangzhou Open, Wuhan Open and China Open.

01 Nov. - Roger Federer won Swiss Indoors Basel Title of Tennis

Roger Federer of Switzerland won Swiss Indoors Basel Title of Tennis on 01st November 2015 after defeating Rafael Nadal of Spain. It is 7th Basel Trophy of Roger Federer and 88th title of his carrier.

15 Nov. - Saina Nehwal won Silver Medal at China Open 2015

Saina Nehwal won Silver Medal at China Open 2015 in women's singles category on 15th November 2015 while Xuerui Li of China won Gold Medal. Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia won in Men's singles category, Kim Gi-jung and Kim Sa Rang won in Men's doubles category, Tang Yuanting and Yu Yang won in women's doubles category and Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei won in Mixed doubles category.

22 Nov. - Novak Djokovic won ATP World Tour Finals

Novak Djokovic of Serbia won ATP World Tour Finals on 22nd November 2015 after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland. He became 1st player to win the championship for 4th consecutive time.

29 Nov. - Andy Murray won Davis Cup of Tennis 2015

Andy won Davis Cup of Tennis 2015 on 29th November 2015 for 10th time in 115 years of the Championship history. The event is organized by International Tennis Federation which was established in 1900.

Rugby

31 Oct. New Zealand won Rugby World Cup 2015

New Zealand won Rugby World Cup 2015 on 31st October 2015 after defeating Australia and became 1st nation to retain the Webb Ellis Cup.

Formula 1

01 Nov. - Nico Rosberg won Mexican Grand Prix of Formula 1

Nico Rosberg of Germany won Mexican Grand Prix of Formula 1 after defeating Lewis Hamilton on 01st November 2015. It is his 4th victory in 2015 and 12th of his career.

15 Nov. - Nico Rosberg won Brazilian Grand Prix title of Formula 1

Nico Rosberg of Germany won Brazilian Grand Prix title of Formula 1 on 15th November 2015. It is his 13th carrer title and 5th in 2015. The other four are Australia, Mexican, Monaco and Spain.

29 Nov. - Nico Rosberg of Germany won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix F1

Nico Rosberg of Germany won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix title of Formula 1 2015 on 29th November 2015 after defeating Lewis Hamilton of Great Britain.

Cricket

03 Nov. - Shoaib Malik retired from Test Cricket

Shoaib Malik retired from Test Cricket as announced 03rd November 2015. He played his last Test match against England in Sharjah, UAE.

06 Nov. - Ravidhandran Ashwin became fastest bowler to reach 150 Test wickets

An Indian Cricketer Ravidhandran Ashwin became fastest bowler to reach 150 Test wickets on 06th November 2015 in the match played in Mohali, India.

17 Nov. - Mitchell Johnson retired from all forms of International Cricket

Mitchell Johnson, famous Cricketer of Australia, retired from all forms of International Cricket as announced on 17th November 2015. He was awarded with Cricketer of the Year Award in 2009 and 2014 and Test Player of the Year in 2014.

25 Nov. - 4 female umpires for ICC Women's World Twenty20 Qualifier appointed by ICC

4 female umpires for ICC Women's World Twenty20 Qualifier appointed by ICC on 25th November 2015 to be held in Bangkok, Thailand during 28th November to 05th December 2015. Kathleen Cross of New Zealand became 1st female umpire to be named in ICC umpires panel.

26 Nov. - India and Pakistan will be played in Sri Lanka

Short bilateral Cricket series between India and Pakistan will be played in Sri Lanka from 15th December 2015 as announced on 26th November 2015. It is important to noting that since 2007 there is no bilateral series between the countries.

27 Nov. - 1st day-night test match started between Australia and New Zealand

1st day-night test match started on 27th November 2015 between Australia and New Zealand at Adelaide Oval Cricket Stadium. The match started with Pnk Kookaburra Ball.

29 Nov. - Sunil Narine suspended by ICC

Sunil Narine, Cricketer of West Indies, suspended by International Cricket Council (ICC) on 29th November 2015 for his illegal bowling action with the immediate effect.

Boxing

03 Nov. - Shiv Thapa became No.2 Boxer in World Rankings

Shiv Thapa became No.2 Boxer in World Rankings on 03rd November 2015 in 56 kg category while Satish Kumar placed at 7th position.

Shooting

04 Nov. - Jitu Rai won Silver Medal in 13th Asian Shooting Championship

Jitu Rai won Silver Medal in 13th Asian Shooting Championship in Men's 50 metre pistol event held in Kuwait on 04th November 2015 while Park Daehun won Gold Medal.

06 Nov. - Heena Sidhu won Gold Medal at 13th Asian Shooting Championship

Heena Sidhu won Gold Medal at 13th Asian Shooting Championship in 10 metre Air Pistol event in Women's category on 06th November 2015 held in Kuwait.

Football

05 Nov. - Belgium ranked at No.1 in FIFA Rankings 2015

According to FIFA World Rankings 2015, Belgium ranked at No.1 position for the 1st time as announced on 05th November 2015 followed by Germany and Argentina.

08 Nov. - Nigeria won FIFA U-17 World Cup 2015

Nigeria won FIFA U-17 World Cup 2015 on 08th November 2015 after defeating Mali played in Chile. The event held bi-annually and 2017 event will be held in India.

Badminton

16 Nov. - Siril Verma won Silver Medal at BWF World Junior Badminton Championship

Siril Verma won Silver Medal at BWF World Junior Badminton Championship on 16th November 2015 while Chia Hung Lu Chia won Gold Medal.

29 Nov. - P.V. Sindhu won Macau Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton Tournament

P.V. Sindhu, ace shuttler of India, won Macau Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton Tournament for 3rd consecutive time on 29th November 2015 after defeating Minatsu Mitani of Japan.

Chess

18 Nov. - Srishti Pandey won Indiana FIDE Rating Chess Tournament

Srishti Pandey won Indiana FIDE Rating Chess Tournament on 18th November 2015 held in Nagpur as organized by Nagpur Taluka Chess Association.

Track Asia Cup

18 Nov. - Amritha Reghunathan won Gold Medal in Track Asia Cup

Amritha Reghunathan, Cyclist of India won Gold Medal in Track Asia Cup on 18th November 2015 held in New Delhi while Anu Chutia won Silver Medal.

Snooker

20 Nov. - Pankaj Advani won IBSF World Snooker Championship 2015

Pankaj Advani won IBSF World Snooker Championship 2015 on 20th November 2015 after defeating Zhua Xintong of China. He won World Snooker Championship for the 15th time.

Hockey

22 Nov. - India won 8th Men's Junior Asia Hockey Cup

India won 8th Men's Junior Asia Hockey Cup on 22nd November 2015 after defeating Pakistan. Harmanpreet Singh of India awarded with top scorer of the tournament while Vikas Dahiya of India awarded with Best Goalkeeper.

Wrestling

28 Nov. - Tyson Fury of Britain won World Heavyweight Championship

Tyson Fury of Britain won World Heavyweight Championship on 28th November 2015 after defeating Wladimir Kitschko of Ukraine.

Marathon

29 Nov. - Birhanu Legese and Cynthia Limo won Delhi Half Marathon

Birhanu Legese of Ethiopia and Cynthia Limo of Kenya won Delhi Half Marathon 2015 on 29th November 2015 in men's and women's category respectively.

Appointments

31 Oct. - Ravi Kumar Sreedharan appointed as MD of Unisys Corporation of India

Ravi Kumar Sreedharan appointed as Managing Director of Unisys Corporation of India (an Indian unit of Information Technology) on 31st October 2015.

01 Nov. - Captain Krishna Swaminatha appointed as 2nd Commanding Officer of INS Vikramaditya

Captain Krishna Swaminatha appointed as 2nd Commanding Officer of INS Vikramaditya on 01st November 2015. INS Vikramaditya is a Kiev class aircraft carrier.

02 Nov. - Suresh N. Patel appointed as MD and CEO of Andhra Bank

Suresh N. Patel appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Andhra Bank on 02nd November 2015.

08 Nov. - T.S. Thakur appointed as Chief Justice of India

T.S. Thakur appointed as Chief Justice of India. He will be 43rd Chief Justice of India.

09 Nov. - Kalyani Kaul appointed as Circuit Judge in UK

Kalyani Kaul, an Indo-British appointed as Circuit Judge in UK on 09th November 2015. She is daughter of famous journalists Mahendra Kaul and Rajni Kaul.

09 Nov. - Shashank Manohar appointed as Chairman of ICC

Shashank Manohar appointed as Chairman of International Cricket Council as N. Srinivasan removed on 09th November 2015 while Rajeev Shukla retained as Chairman of IPL.

09 Nov. - Justice Ajit Prakash Shah appointed as Ethics Officer (Ombudsman) at BCCI

Justice Ajit Prakash Shah, former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court appointed as Ethics Officer (Ombudsman) at Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on 09th November 2015.

10 Nov. - Raghuram Rajan appointed as Vice-Chairman of BIS

Raghuram Rajan, Governor of RBI appointed as Vice-Chairman of Bank of International Settlement (BIS) on 10th November 2015. He became 1st Indian to become Vice-Chairman of BIS headquartered in Basel, Switzerland.

12 Nov. - Subir Vithal Gokarn appointed as Executive Director of IMF

Subir Vithal Gokarn appointed as Executive Director of International Monetary Fund on 12th November 2015.

15 Nov. - Syed Akbaruddin appointed as India's Permanent Representative to UN

Syed Akbaruddin appointed as India's Permanent Representative to United Nations Headquartered in New York on 15th November 2015.

18 Nov. - Vijay Keshav Gokhale appointed as India's Ambassador to China

Vijay Keshav Gokhale appointed as India's Ambassador to China on 18th November 2015. Earlier, he was appointed as India's Ambassador to Germany.

18 Nov. - Justice T.S. Thakur appointed as 43rd Chief Justice of India

Justice T.S. Thakur appointed as 43rd Chief Justice of India on 18th November 2015. Earlier, he was served in Karnataka, Delhi and Punjab and Haryana High Courts.

20 Nov. - Harshavardhan Neotia appointed as President of FICCI

Harshavardhan Neotia appointed as President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on 20th November 2015. Earlier, in 1999, he was awarded with Padma Shri award.

22 Nov. - Swati Dandenkar, appointed as US Director of Asian Development Bank

Swati Dandenkar, an Indian-American appointed as US Director of Asian Development Bank on 22nd November 2015. She is 1st Indian-American to win a state legislature seat in USA.

23 Nov. - Michael Keating appointed as Special Representative for Somalia

Michael Keating appointed as Special Representative for Somalia and Head of UN Assistance Mission, Somalia (UNSOM) on 23rd November 2015 as appointed UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon of South Korea.

24 Nov. - Anju Bobby George appointed as Chairperson of TOP Scheme

Anju Bobby George appointed as Chairperson of Target Olympic Podium Scheme on 24th November 2015 as appointed by Union Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs. She was 1st Indian athlete won Bronze Medal in World Athletics Championship in 2003.

25 Nov. - Roger Van Gent appointed as Coach of Indian Men's Hockey team

Roger Van Gent appointed as Coach of Indian Men's Hockey team on 07th November 2015 as appointed by Hockey India. He will remain strategic coach till Rio Olympics 2016.

25 Nov. - Sunil Kanoria appointed as President of ASSOCHAM

Sunil Kanoria appointed as President of Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

26 Nov. - Dr.P. Uday Bhaskar appointed as Chairman of APPSC

Dr.P. Uday Bhaskar appointed as Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission as announced on 26th November 2015. Earlier, Sivanarayana was the Interim Chairman of APPSC.

27 Nov. - Patricia Scotland appointed as Secretary General of Commonwealth of Nations

Patricia Scotland appointed as 1st woman Secretary General of Commonwealth of Nations on 27th November 2015. Earlier, she became Member of House of Lords in 1997.

27 Nov. - Prof. Y. Sudershan Rao resigned from Chairman of ICHR

On 27th November 2015, Prof. Y. Sudershan Rao resigned from Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). ICHR is an autonomous body of Human Resource Development Ministry.

Awards and Authors

31 Oct. - 'What Happened to Netaji?' written by Anuj Dhar released

The book titled as 'What Happened to Netaji?' written by Anuj Dhar, released on 31st October 2015. Anuj Dhar is famous former Journalist.

02 Nov. - Mana Patel and Virbhawal Khade won Best Swimmers Award

Mana Patel and Virbhawal Khade won Best Swimmers Award in 69th Senior National Aquatic Championship held on 02nd November 2015 at Rajkot, Gujarat.

02 Nov. - 'Nilkkam Ivarkkoppam' won Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Prize

All India Radio's Programme titled as 'Nilkkam Ivarkkoppam' on Child Labour won Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Prize 2015 on 02nd November 2015.

05 Nov. - Vikram Gokhale awarded with Vishnudas Bhave Award

Vikram Gokhale awarded with Vishnudas Bhave Award on 05th November 2015. Earlier, in 2011 he also awarded with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, in 2013 National Film Award for Best Actor.

07 Nov. - Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma Santoor maestro awarded with Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Award

Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma Santoor maestro awarded with Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Award on 07th November 2015 while Murad Ali Khan and Satyajit Talwalkar awarded with Kala Kiran Awards.

10 Nov. - Abraham M. Keita from Liberia won International Children's Peace Prize 2015

Abraham M. Keita from Liberia won International Children's Peace Prize 2015 on 10th November 2015 for his extraordinary and peaceful fight for justice for child victims of violence.

16 Nov. - Winners of Infosys Prize 2015 announced in various categories

Winners of Infosys Prize 2015 announced in various categories on 16th November 2015. Prof. Umesh Waghmare won the award in Engineering and Computer Science while Prof. Mahan Maharaj won in Mathematical Sciences. Earlier, the award was established in 2009.

18 Nov. - Kiren Rijju awarded with DRR Champion for Asia Region by UN

Kiren Rijju, Union of State for Home Affairs awarded with Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion for Asia Region by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

19 Nov. - UNHCR awarded with Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) awarded with Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development on 19th November 2015 for its humanitarian work.

19 Nov. - Ashok Amritraj awarded with honorary doctorate by University of East London

Ashok Amritraj, famous Hollywood Filmmaker, awarded with honorary doctorate by University of East London on 19th November 2015. 'Advantage Hollywood' is his Auto-biography.

20 Nov. - Zaina Erhaim won Reporters Without Borders Prize

Zaina Erhaim of Syria won Reporters Without Borders Prize on 20th November 2015 for covering news in civil war. The award was established in 1992 by NGO 'Reporters Without Borders'.

23 Nov. - Prashant Damle awarded with Dinanath Mangeshkar Award

Prashant Damle awarded with Dinanath Mangeshkar Award on 23rd November 2015. The award was established in 1999 in the memory of Dinanath Mangeshkar.

23 Nov. - Kuldip Nayar awarded with Ramnath Goenka Lifetime Achievement Award

Kuldip Nayar awarded with Ramnath Goenka Lifetime Achievement Award on 23rd November 2015 for his contribution to Journalism. He was remained High Commissioner to Great Britain in 1990. He also wrote famous book titled as 'Wall at Wagah: India Pakistan Relationship'.

27 Nov. - UNESCO Fellini Medal will be awarded in IFFI for the first time

UNESCO Fellini Medal will be awarded for the first time in 46th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) as announced on 27th November 2015. The award was given in collaborated with International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication, Paris.

Business and Economy

09 Nov. - India re-elected to UN Commission on International Trade Law

India re-elected to UN Commission on International Trade Law as announced on 09th November 2015. Moreover, 22 countries including USA and Pakistan also re-elected.

10 Nov. - Govt. of India issued letter of award for set up new electric locomotive factory at Madhepura, Bihar

On 10th November 2015, Govt. of India issued letter of award for set up new electric locomotive factory at Madhepura, Saran, Bihar as launched by Railways Ministry.

10 Nov. - Govt. of India eased FDI norms

Govt. of India eased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms for almost 15 sectors on 10th November 2015 as raised its approval limit from Rs.3000 Crore to Rs.5000 Crore by Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

17 Nov. - Rs.258 Crore fine imposed on Jet Airways, IndiGo, Spice Jet

Rs.258 Crore fine imposed on Jet Airways, IndiGo, Spice Jet by Competition Commission of India on 17th November 2015 as these companies found to violating the competitive norms.

18 Nov. - Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme extended by CCEA

Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme extended by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 18th November 2015 for 5 years.

21 Nov. - ADB will provide \$120 mn to India-Bangladesh Electricity Link

India-Bangladesh Electricity Link will get loan of \$120 million from Asian Development Bank headquartered at Manila, Philippines under South Asia Sub-regional Economic Co-operation (SASEC) Programme.

26 Nov. - 5 investment banks chosen to manage the proposed 10% stake in CIL

5 investment banks SBI Capital, ICICI Securities, Axis Capital, JM Financial and Kotak Investment Banking chosen to manage the proposed 10% stake sale in Coal India Limited as announced on 26th November 2015.

New Schemes

05 Nov. - Gold Monetization Scheme, Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme and Indian Gold Coins launched

Three schemes namely Gold Monetization Scheme, Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme and Indian Gold Coins launched by the Govt. of India on 05th November 2015 with the aim to reduce physical demand of gold.

08 Nov. - IMPRINT India Initiative of IITs and IISC launched

IMPRINT India Initiative of IITs and IISC launched by President of India with the aim to identify the areas of immediate relevance.

18 Nov. - Tata Steel launched its 1st integrated steel plant in India

On 18th November 2015, Tata Steel launched its 1st integrated steel plant in India in the last 100 years at Kalinganagar, Jajpur, Odisha after Jamshedpur Steel Plant.

18 Nov. - TCS and Intel launched the new CoE

Tata Consultancy Services and Intel launched the new Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Hyderabad on 18th November 2015 for Internet of Things. Natarajan Chandrasekaran is the CEO of TCS.

23 Nov. - 'e-lala', an e-commerce portal of CAIT launched

'e-lala', an e-commerce portal of Confederation of All India Traders launched by Govt. of India on 23rd November 2015 as launched by Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu.

Reports

05 Nov. - PM Modi became 9th most powerful person in the World

According to the report of Forbes World's Most Powerful Persons, PM Narendra Modi ranked at No.9 position while President of Russia Vladimir Putin remained at No.1 position for 3rd consecutive year followed by Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel and President of USA Barack Obama.

Agreements

09 Nov. - India signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank

India signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank worth \$273 million on 09th November 2015 with the aim to development of States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.

19 Nov. - Russia signed an agreement with Egypt

Russia signed an agreement with Egypt on 19th November 2015 with the aim to build a nuclear power plant in Dabaa, Egypt. The estimated year of completion of the project is 2022.

20 Nov. - Rajasthan signed 295 MoUs

State Government of Rajasthan signed 295 MoUs on 20th November 2015 which attracting almost Rs.3.3 Lakh Crore investment during Resurgent Partnership Summit 2015.

20 Nov. - Airports Authority of India signed an agreement with IL&FS Global Financial Services

Airports Authority of India signed an agreement with IL&FS Global Financial Services on 20th November 2015 with the aim to bolster overseas expansion.

22 Nov. - SEBI signed an agreement with Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

SEBI signed an agreement with Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission on 22nd November 2015. The Chairman of SEBI is U.K. Sinha.

Indian Classical & Folk Dances

Classical Dance/ Folk Dance	State
Bharat Natyam	Tamil Nadu
Bihu	Assam
Bhangra	Punjab
Chhau	Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal & Jharkhand
Changu	Odissa and Andhra Pradesh
Dumhal	Kashmir
Garhwali	Uttaranchal
Garba	Gujarat
Gair	Rajasthan
Ghoomar	Rajasthan
Hattari, Yakshagan	Karnataka
Karma	Madhya Pradesh
Karagam	Tamil Nadu
Kathak	Uttar Pradesh
Kathakali, Mohiniattam	Kerala
Khantumm	Mizoram
Kutchipudi	Andhra Pradesh
Laho	Meghalaya
Lavani	Maharashtra
Mando	Goa
Nati	Himachal pradesh
Nat-natin	Bihar
Odissi	Orissa
Rauf	Jammu & Kashmir

First Persons in India

- 1) **President** - Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- 2) **Prime-Minister** - Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru
- 3) **Governor-General of Independent India** - Lord Lewis Mountbatten
- 4) **Indian Governor-General of Independent India** - Chakravarti Rajgopalachari
- 5) **Speaker of Lok Sabha** - Shri G.V. Mavalankar (15 May 1952- 27 February 1956).
- 6) **Vice-President** - Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan
- 7) **Home Minister** - Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- 8) **Finance Minister of India** - R. K. Shanmukham Chetty
- 9) **Governor of RBI** - Sir Osborne Smith
- 10) **First Woman Chief Minister** - Sucheta Kriplani
- 11) **Chief Election Commissioner** - Sukumar Sen
- 12) **Chief Justice of Supreme Court** - Justice Hiralal J. Kaniya
- 13) **Woman Governor** - Sarojini Naidu
- 14) **Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha** - Smt. Meira Kumar, 2009
- 15) **President of National Congress** - Womesh Chandra Banerjee
- 16) **First President of Indian Science Congress** - Sir Asutosh Mukherjee
- 17) **Foreigner Awardees' Of Bharat Ratna** - Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan
- 18) **Nobel Prize Winner** - Rabindra Nath Tagore
- 19) **First Lady Doctor** - Anandibai Joshi
- 20) **Woman Awarded with 'Bharat Ratna'** - Indira Gandhi
- 21) **Indian Who Won the Grammy Award** - Pt. Ravi Shankar
- 22) **Woman Sahitya Akademi Award Winner** - Amrita Pritam, 1956
- 23) **Woman To Receive Nobel Prize** - Mother Teresa
- 24) **Won the Booker Prize** - Arundhati Roy for her novel "The God of Small Things" (1997).
- 25) **Player awarded 'Padam Bhusan'**—C. K. Naidu
- 26) **Literature Who Was Awarded Murti Devi Purskar** - C. K. Nagraj Rao (1993)
- 27) **Writer Who Was Awarded 'Vyas Samman'** - Ramvilas Sharma
- 28) **Raman-Magsaysay Awardee** - Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- 29) **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** - Devika Rani (1969)
- 30) **Magsaysay Award** - Vinoba Bhave, 1958
- 31) **Miss World** - Reita Faria in 1966
- 32) **Miss Asia Pacific** - Zeenat Aman in 1970
- 33) **Miss Universe** - Sushmita Sen in 1994
- 34) **Miss Earth** - Nicole Faria in 2010
- 35) **Sound Film** - Alam Ara (1931) directed by Ardeshir Irani
- 36) **Colour Film** - Kisan Kanya (1937), directed by Moti B. Gidvani

Important Places in India

Important Places	State
Mount Abu	Rajasthan
Aga Khan Palace	Pune
Amber Palace	Rajasthan
Golden Temple	Amritsar, Punjab
Arikkamedu	Puducherry
Ashoka Pillar	Madhya Pradesh
Chilka Lake	Orissa
Dalal Street	Stock exchange Market in Mumbai
Cherrapunji	Meghalaya
Elephanta Caves	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Ellora and Ajanta	Aurangabad, Maharashtra
Fatehpur Sikri	Uttar Pradesh
Gateway of India	Mumbai
Gol Gumbaz	Karnataka
Hampi	Karnataka
Hirakud	Orissa
Howrah Bridge	Kolkata
Jallianwala Bagh	Amritsar, Punjab
Jantar Mantar	Delhi
Kapilavastu	Bihar
Mahabalipuram	Tamil Nadu
Mahabodhi Temple	Bihar
Nalanda	Bihar
Pawapuri	Bihar
Kalpakkam	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Kanyakumari	Tamil Nadu
Sarnath	Varanasi, UP

Khajuraho	Madhya Pradesh
Konark	Orissa
Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh
Somnath	Gujarat
Sriharikota	Andhra Pradesh
Victoria Memorial	Kolkata

Constituency & Ministry of Cabinet Ministers

SL No	Name of the Cabinet Minister	Ministry	Constituency
1	Narendra Modi	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space; All important policy issues and all other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.	Vadodara (Gujarat) & Banaras (UP)
2	Rajnath Singh	Home Affairs	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
3	Arun Jaitley	Finance, Corporate Affairs, Information & Broadcasting	Rajya Sabha (Gujarat)
4	Sushma Swaraj	External Affairs, Overseas Indian Affairs	Vidisha (Madhya Pradesh)
5	Nitin Gadkari	Road Transport and Highways, Shipping	Nagpur (Maharashtra)
6	Venkaiah Naidu	Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Parliamentary Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Karnataka)
7	Manohar Parrikar	Defence	Panaji (Goa)
8	Suresh Prabhu	Railways	Rajapur (Maharashtra)
9	Jagat Prakash Nadda	Health & Family Welfare	Bilaspur (Himachal Pradesh)
10	D. V. Sadananda Gowda	Law & Justice	Bangalore North

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11	Ram Vilas Paswan	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Hajipur (Bihar)
12	Kalraj Mishra	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Deoria (Uttar Pradesh)
13	Chaudhary Birender Singh	Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water and Sanitation	Uchana Kalan (Haryana)
14	Maneka Gandhi	Women and Child Development	Pilibhit (Uttar Pradesh)
15	Ananth Kumar	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Bangalore South (Karnataka)
16	Ravi Shankar Prasad	Communications and Information Technology	Rajya Sabha (Bihar)
17	Ashok Gadpati Raju	Civil Aviation	Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh)
18	Ananth Geete	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	Raigad (Maharashtra)
19	Harsimrat Kaur	Food Processing Industries	Bathinda (Punjab)
20	Narendra Singh Tomar	Mines, Steel	Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)
21	Jual Oram	Tribal Affairs	Sundargarh (Odisha)
22	Thawar Chand Gehlot	Social Justice and Empowerment	Rajyasabha (Madhya Pradesh)
23	Smriti Irani	Human Resource Development	RajyaSabha (Gujarat)
24	Uma Bharti	Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)
25	Najma Heptullah	Minority Affairs	RajyaSabha (Madhya Pradesh)
26	Radha Mohan Singh	Agriculture	Purvi Champaran (Bihar)
27	Harsh Vardhan	Science and Technology, Earth Sciences	Chandani Chowk (Delhi)

Appointments and Resigns in 2015

Appointments

1. **Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic** sworn-in as the President of **Croatia**. She is Croatia's first female President and overall fourth
2. President since Croatia gained independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.
3. The CEO of Harley Davidson is **Keith E. Wandell** and CEO of Myntra is **Mukesh Bansal**
4. Who is the CEO of Hyundai Motor Company ? **Chung Mongoo**
5. **Infosys** Limited announced that the Company's Board have approved the appointment of **R. Seshasayee** as Non-Executive
6. Chairman of the Board with immediate effect..
7. **RIL appoints ex-IAS officer from Gujarat to board**. Former top IAS officer from Gujarat, **Maheshwar Sahu**
8. has been appointed as an independent director on the board of Mukesh Ambani-promoted Reliance Industries Limited (RIL).
9. Name the President of Singapore who visited India recently ? **TONY TANG KEM YAM**
10. **Faisal Siddiqui appointed as PRESIDENT OF HTC**.
11. **Kshatrapati Shivaji to be new CMD of SIDBI**. Kshatrapati Shivaji, a 1986 batch IAS officer, has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
12. **Gopinath Pillai** appointed as Special Envoy to Andhra Pradesh by Singapore government
13. Madhya Pradesh governor Ram Naresh Yadav resigns.
14. Rajendra K Pachauri resigned as Chairperson of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
15. DK Pandey appointed as Director General of Police of Jharkhand
16. ONGC director **Shashi Shankar** suspended
17. Who is the CEO of Bharti Airtel..... **GOPAL VITTAL**
18. Who became Speaker of Delhi Legislative Assembly ?.... **RAM NIWAS GOEL**
19. Which Indian former Cricketer inducted into ICC Hall of Fame recently ? **ANIL KUMBLE**
20. Justice **Amitava Roy** sworn in as Supreme Court judge he is from odisha.
21. Dalmiya becomes BCCI president.
22. Ficci appoints Arvind Virmani as Economic Mentor.
23. **Kannan Ramesh** appointed as Judicial Commissioner to Supreme Court Bench of Singapore
24. Who has been appointed as the Member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN), a key administration position in the United States?.... Ajaypal Singh Banga
25. **Baldev Sharma** appointed as chairman of National Book Trust.
26. IAS officer **Kewal K Sharma** appointed as Delhi Chief Secretary.
27. **Martin David Crowe, former Captain of New Zealand Cricket** team inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame on 28th February 2015.
28. Who is the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India ?... **H.L. DATTU**
29. Indian-American physician Rahul Jindal selected for Fulbright Nehru Distinguished Chair
30. Name the person re-nominated as the Alternate Executive Director of International Monetary Fund?..... **Sunil Sabhrawal**
31. **Ashwin Mittal** appointed as CFO of Walmart India Private Limited.
32. Obama names **David Hale** as ambassador to Pak.
33. IPS officer **M Akhaya** appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer in telecom department.
34. Snapdeal co-founder **Rohit Bansal**
35. Baba Ramdev was appointed as the ambassador of **Haryana**
36. **Sir Venkatraman Ramakrishnan** named as **President of Britain's Royal Society**. He was 2009 chemistry nobel winner in chemistry
37. NCP's **Ramraje Nimbalkar** unanimously elected Maharashtra Legislative Council Chairman
38. **Abid Ali Neemuchwala** appointed as COO and Group President of Wipro Limited on 16th March 2015.

39. Who is the President of Association of National Olympic Committees ?..... **Seikh Md Al Fahad Al Shaba**
40. New chancellor of Viswavarati university is **Narendra modi**
41. **Renu Khator**, an Indian-American elected as Chairperson of Board of Director of American Council of Education on 18th March 2015.
42. **Vikas Swarup** to be new spokesperson of External Affairs Ministry.Senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer and noted novelist
43. Vikas Swarup of Slumdog Millionaire-fame will be the new spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs. The Hollywood movie Slumdog Millionaire which won
44. eight Oscar's was based on Mr. Swarup's successful debut novel "Q&A"
45. **Ruth Porat** appointed as *Chief Financial Officer of Google*
46. Who is the CEO of Twitter Inc.....**DICK COSTOLO**
47. **Katsushi Inoue** appointed as President & CEO of Honda Cars India Ltd
48. **Satishchandra Doreswamy** resigned from **WIPRO**.Satishchandra Doreswamy, the Chief Business Officer of WIPRO, *resigned* from the post on 01st April 2015.
49. Who is the **CEO of WIPRO** - **T.K. KUREIN**
50. Who is the Prime Minister of Singapore ?..... **L.H. LOONG**
51. Who is the CEO of **Snapdeal****KUNAL BAHL**,
52. **Rajiv Mangla** appointed as CTO of Snapdeal on 26th August 2015. Snapdeal was established in the year 2010. KunalBahl and RohitBansal are the founders of Snapdeal.
53. **Arun Kumar Jha** was appointed as *Chief Executive Officer of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)*, Mumbai
54. The **East China Normal University (ECNU)**, one of the prestigious universities in China, announced the appointment of **Dr. Vishal Sikka**, Chief Executive Officer of Infosys, as Advisory Professor.
55. **Bharat HariSinghania** takes over as **JK Organisation President**
56. Who is the Director General of **IRENA**....**ADNAN Z AMIN**
57. **Neeraj Kumar** appointed as **Chief Advisor of Anti-Corruption** and Security Unit of Board of Control for
58. Cricket in Idnia (**BCCI**) on 20th April 2015 succeeded by Ravi Sawant.
59. **Ferdinand Piech**, Chairman of **Volkswagen**, resigned from the post on 25th April 2015 after his two years long dominating presence. The **CEO of Volkswagen Group is Martin Winterkorn**.
60. Who was the Chief Financial Officer of United Spirits Limited, resigned recently ?....**P.A. Murli**
61. **Loretta Lynch** became 1st black female Attorney General of United States of America on 27th April 2015 succeeded by **Eric Holder**.
62. Who was the Chairman of Volkswagen, resigned recently ?..... **F.Piech**
63. **Raja Rajeswari** became the 1st Indian origin woman to be appointed as **Judge in New York, USA** on 27th April 2015.
64. Who is the CEO of 'iGate' ?..... **Ashok Vimuri**
65. **Mohammed Bin Nayef** appointed as Crown Prince on 29th April 2015 by King of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdulaziz.
66. Who appointed as Chairperson of Children's Film Society of India ?.... **MUKESH KHANNA**
67. PheeTeikYeoh, is the present CEO of **visra** in India?
68. **Nikesh Arora**, an Indian-origin appointed as **President of Soft Bank Corp.** of Japan on 11th May 2015 succeeded by Masayoshi Son.
69. **Deepak Iyer** appointed as MD and Chief Executive Officer of **Bharti AXA General Insurance** on 12th May 2015 succeeded by MilindChalisgaonkar.
70. **Arun Shrivastava** assumes charge as **Syndicate Bank MD and CEO**
71. **Peng Liyuan** first lady of China
72. **Akhil Amar**, an Indian American professor at *Yale University*, was nominated by President Barack Obama to the *National Council on the Humanities*, a key administration post.
73. **Parvinder Singh Batth**, an Indian-origin Conservative party councillor was chosen as *the mayor of United Kingdom's*

74. Wokingham Borough Council.
75. **Sunil D'Souza** appointed as **Managing Director** of Whirlpool India on 25th May 2015, the famous consumer durables firm in all over the World. **Jeff M. Fettig** is the CEO of Whirlpool Corporation and its Headquarter is in Michigan, USA.
76. Who among the following has been appointed as the *new Chinese ambassador to India* recently **Le Yucheng**
77. MD & CEO of TCS **Natarajan Chandrasekharan**
78. **V.A. Prasanth** appointed as Chief Financial Officer of Indian Bank on 28th May 2015 succeeded by K. SrinivasaRaghavan. T.M. Bhasin is **CEO of Indian Bank**.
79. **Pawan Munjal** appointed as **CMD of Hero Moto Corp.** Ltd. on 01st June 2015 succeeded by BrijmohanLallMunjal. Hero MotoCorp. Ltd. is the larges manufacturer unit of two wheelers in India.
80. **Putin Renjen** appointed as CEO of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited
81. **Narendra Kumar Yadav** appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)
82. Ericsson appoints **Paolo Colella** as new head of region India
83. **Ujjwal Batria** appointed as **CEO of Lafarge** India on 25th June 2015 succeeded by Martin Kriegner.
84. **Rahul Agarwal** is Lenovo India MD.
85. **Chandrasekaran Ramakrishnan** appointed as Chief Financial Officer (**CFO**) of **Tata Motors Group** on 01st July 2015. The Headquarter of Tata Motors Group is situated in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
86. Tata Teleservices appoints **AnuraagSrivastava** as CFO
87. **Rahul Bhatnagar** appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of **Bharti Enterprises** on 08th July 2015.
88. **Sriram Kalyanaraman** appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **National Housing Bank** on 08th July 2015. He became the 1st person from private sector to head a public sector financial institute.
89. Who is the CEO of Vodafone Group ? **V. Colao**
90. **Ananth Narayanan** appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Myntra** on 21st July 2015 succeeded by MukeshBansal.
91. Who is the CEO of MarutiSuzuki ?..... **Kenchi**
92. Procter & Gamble (P&G) appoints David Taylor as its new CEO.
93. Who appointed as CEO and MD of Mercedez-Benz ? **R.S.FLOGER**
94. Snapdeal appoints **Amitava Ghosh** as VP-engineering.
95. Global technology and consultancy giant **Accenture** on Friday said it will elevate **Rekha M Menon** as chairman of its India operations. It has also roped in AnindyaBasu as the country managing director (MD) in India
96. **Sanjay Jalona** appointed as MD and CEO for **L&T Infotech**
97. **Amitava Ghosh** was appointed as Vice President (Engineering) of e-commerce portal **Snapdeal**.
98. **Ashwani Lohani** appointed as Chief of Air India on 20th August 2015.
99. **Ananth Padmanabhan** appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Harper Collins India on 25th August 2015.
100. Gillette India appoints **Al Rajwani** as managing director
101. ABB elevates India head **Bazmi Husain** as global chief technology officer
102. **Vinod Dasari** appointed as President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on 03rd September 2015.

CM,PM,PRESIDENT

1. ODISHA CM---- **NAVIN PATTANAYAK**
2. Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand ?.... **JHON KEY**
3. Who is the Chief Minister of Kerala ?..... **OMMEN CHANDEY**
4. Who is the Chief Minister of Manipur ?.... **O L SHING**

5. Who is the President of Nepal – **BIDHYA DEVI BHANDARI**
6. Who is the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh ?**AKHILESH YADAV**
7. Who is the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh ?.... **NABAM TUKI**
8. Who is the Prime Minister of Mritushes?....**Androodjaganathan**
9. Who is the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.....**Harish Rawat**
10. Who is the Chief Minister of Jharkhand.....**Raghubar Das**
11. Who is the Chief Minister of Sikkim.....**Pawan Kumar Chamling**
12. Who is the Chief Minister of Bihar.....**Nitish Kumar**
13. Chief Minister of Karnataka**SIDHARAMAYIA**
14. CM of Maharashtra....**DEVENDRA FADNAVIS**
15. President of Sri Lanka.... **MRITHIPALA SRISENA**
16. US secretary of state.... **JHON KERRY**
17. **Dunya Maumoon** visited India recently, she was FOREIGN MINISTER OF MALDIVES
18. Prime minister of GREECE..... **Alexis Tsipras**
19. PM of SNEGAL..... **MD. DIONNE**
20. PM of ISRAEL..... **BENJAMIN NETANAYAH**
21. Who is the President of Israel ?.... **Ruviv Rivline**
22. Who is the Prime Minister of Tunisia ?.... **HABIB**
23. Who is the President of Romania ?**KLAUS LOHANNIS**
24. Who is the President of Ethiopia ?**MULATU TESHOME**
25. The new President of Tunisia is?.....**Beji Caid Essebsi**
26. Who is the President of Sudan....**OMAR AL BASIR**
27. Who is the President of Yemen ?..... **A.R.M.HADI**
28. Who is the Prime Minister of Norway ?.... **E.SOLBERG**
29. Former military dictator **Muhammadu Buhari** has become **Nigeria's** **President** elect after defeating **Goodluck Jonathan** in the first democratic change of power ever in Africa's most populous nation.
30. Who is the Prime Minister of Qatar ?.... **A..... THANI**
31. Who is the President of **Myanmar** ?.... **THEIN SEIN**
32. Who is the Prime Minister of Italy ?.... **METTIO REZI**
33. Who is the President of **China**? ... **XI JINGPING**
34. Prime Minister of **Peru**.....**Pedro Cateriano Bellido**(was defense minister)
35. Who is the President of **Serbia** ?.....**T. NICOLIK**
36. Who is the Prime Minister of Canada ?..... **Stephen Happer**
37. **Omar Hassan al-Bashir** became the **President of Sudan** as won the Presidential elections on 27th April 2015.
38. **Nursultan A. Nazarbayev** became the **President of Kazakhstan** on 27th April 2015 after almost getting 97.7% vote. He became **Five times** President of **Kazakhstan**.
39. President of **Indonesia** **Jokowidodo**
40. Who is the President of **Venezuela** ? **Nicolas Maduro**
41. Who is the President of **Iran** ?..... **Hassan Rouhani**
42. Who is the President of Guniya.....**David Granger,**
43. Who is the PM of Guniya....**Sam Hinds**
44. Who is the President of **Mongolia** ?**T. Elbegdroj**
45. Who became President of Federal States of **Micronesia** ? **P.M.Christina**
46. Who is the Prime Minister of **Belgium** ? **Charles Michele**
47. **Ameenah Gurib Fakim** designated as President of Mauritius. She became 1st woman President of Mauritius on 01st June 2015
48. Prime Minister of Mauritius is **Anerood Jugnauth**.
49. **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** became the President of Turkey on 07th June 2015
50. Who is the President of Italy ?**Serigo**...
51. **Hwang Kyo-ahn** was appointed as the new PM in which of the following countries on 21 May?.....**Philippines**
52. Who is the Prime Minister of Russia ?**D.Medvedev**

53. Name the youngest Chief Minister of any State of India ? Akhilesh Yadav of Uttar Pradesh, oldest Punjab Prakash Singh Badal

IMPORTANT DESIGNATIONS

1. **Balasubramaniam Venkataramani appointment** Balasubramaniam Venkataramani appointed as MD and CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange on 13th February 2015
2. **Tapan Misra** appointed as **Chief of ISRO's Space Application Centre**
3. Director of IB..... **DINESWAR SHARMA**
4. The Chief Justice of Delhi High Court is **G. Rohini**
5. Joint secretary of PM **ANURAG JAIN**
6. Principle secretary of PM..... **NIPENDRA MISRA**
7. Additional secretary of PM....**P.K.MISRA**
8. Private Secretary of PM..... **S.K.SINGAL**
9. **PK Sinha** appointed cabinet secretary by Narendra Modi
10. New RAW Chief..... **RAJENDRA KHANNA**
11. IBA Chairman on member PSB..... **SHYAM SRINIVASAN**
12. New airport authority chief..... **R.K. SRIVASTAVA**
13. ISRO chief..... **A.S.KIRAN KUMAR**
14. Principal Economic advisor of Union finance ministry..... **ILA PATTA NAYAK**
15. Secretary of industrial policy and promotion..... **AMITAV KANT**
16. WTO chief... **ROBERT AZEBEDO**
17. Chairman of IRDA.... **T.S. VIJAYAN**
18. **Ram Sevak Sharma** appointed as Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 27th July 2015 succeeded by Rahul Khullar.
19. *Deputy speaker of lokshava*..... **M.THAMBIDURAI**
20. New Indian Ambassador to United States..... **Arun Singh**
21. Who is the Defence Minister of India ?..... **Monaharprrikar**
22. **G. Mohan Kumar** appointed as **Defence Secretary** on 22nd May 2015 as announced by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
23. IPS officer appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer in telecom department.....**M Akhaya**
24. **Michelle Howard** is the first woman to achieve the rank of admiral in the Navy of.....**USA**
25. Pakistan Air Force chief..... **Sohail Aman**
26. J&K assembly Speaker.....**Kavinder Gupta**
27. Vice-chair of the International Relations Commission of Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC).....**Ramachandran**
28. The chairman of Railway Board? **AK Mittal**
29. **Kerala Finance Minister KM Mani** was appointed as the **Chairman** of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on
30. Goods and Services Tax (**GST**) by the Union Finance Ministry on 24 March 2015.
31. Who is Union Telecommunications Minister**RAVI SHANKAR PRASHAD**
32. **Vikas Swarup** appointed as Spokesman of Ministry of External Affairs on 25th March 2015.
33. Vice Admiral **Sunil Lanba** took over as *Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Naval Command*
34. **Gulshan Rai** takes charge as India's **first cyber security chief**
35. **Justice Sunil Kumar Sinha** appointed as Chief Justice of **Sikkim High Court** on 30th March 2015 by the President Pranab Mukherjee.
36. Who is the Governor of the State of **Odisha**? **S.C JAMIR**
37. **Nirbhay Sharma (K.N. Tripathi)** sworn in as **Governor of Mizoram**
38. Director of ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC), Bengaluru.....**Mayilsamy Annadurai**
39. President appoints as *chief election commissioner*.....**Dr. Nasim Zaidi**
40. New *president of CII*..... **Sumit Mazumder**
41. **Brijbhushan Sharan Singh** re-elected as President of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on 11th April 2015
42. **C. Navin Sinha** was appointed the Chief Justice of which Indian State **High Court**? **Chhattisgarh**

43. Who is the newly appointed chairman of the empowered committee of state finance ministers on GST**K M Mani**
44. Justice **MeenakshiMadanRai** sworn in as first lady judge of **Sikkim HC**
45. **Dr.Mohan Kumar** appointed as Ambassador of India to **France** on 15th April 2015 succeeded by Arun Kumar.
46. **H.L.Dattu to head NJAC**, i. The six-member NJAC headed by the Chief Justice of India H.L. Dattu will be constituted by the center.ii.
47. National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) is a body responsible for the appointment and transfer of judges to the higher judiciary
48. in India.
49. MSME minister - **Kalraj Mishra**
50. **Surender Singh** took over as Director General of **CISF**
51. **AK Jyoti**, appointed as **Election Commissioner**
52. **NavneetRajanWasan** appointed as DG of **Bureau of Police Research and Development**. Earlier, he served as DG of National Investigation Agency.
53. **KundapurVamanKamath** appointed as *1st President of New Development Bank of BRICS* nations on 11th May 2015. At present, he is Chairman of ICICI Bank Ltd.
54. **K. Satish Reddy** appointed Chairman of the **National Safety Council (NSC)**. He was appointed by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment.
55. Who is appointed as the *Scientific Adviser to Defense Minister*?**Dr. G.S. Reddy**
56. **Priti Patel**, an Indian-origin appointed as *Minister of State for Employment* in Britain while **David Cameron** become Prime Minister of Britain.
57. President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed **Justice Cyriac Joseph** as acting **Chairman** of National Human Rights Commission (**NHRC**).
58. **V. Shanmuganathan** appointed as Governor of **Meghalaya**,
59. **DraupadiMurmu** appointed as Governor of **Jharkhand**
60. **Tathagata Roy** appointed as Governor of **Tripura** and
61. **J.P. Rakkhowa** appointed as Governor of **Arunachal Pradesh** as announced on 12th May 2015.
62. **HarbhajanKaurDheer**, an Indian origin became 1st Asian woman to be elected as **Mayor** in **UK** on 12th May 2015. She is related to Labour Party.
63. **DraupadiMurmu** became 1st woman Governor of Jharkhand on 18th May 2015. She became 9th **Governor** of **Jharkhand**.
64. Who appointed as Chairman of joint Plant Committee (JPC) on Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 2015 ?.....**S.S.Alowalia**
65. **Ranjit Singh Baxi** appointed as Head of *Bureau of International Recycling* on 19th May 2015. Its Headquarter is situated in Brussels, Belgium.
66. **Manoj Mishra** appointed as *Chairman and Managing Director* of National **Fertilizers Limited** on 24th May 2015.
67. Who among the following is the new chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?.....**TM. Bhasin**
68. **Manabi Bandopadhyay** became the *1st transgender* of India who became Principal of **Krishnanagar Women's College**, West Bengal. Manabi is Associate Professor at *Vivekananda SatobarshikiMahavidyalaya, West Bengal*.
69. Prime Minister NarendraModi has picked the following to head the Quality Council of India that promotes high standards in areas like education, healthcare, environment, infrastructure, governance and social sectors?.....**Adil Zainulbhai**
70. Who among the following has been elected the new head of newly constituted boxing body Boxing India?.....**Sandeep Jajodia**
71. **S. Christopher** The new **DRDO** DG.
72. In **Egypt**, former Army Chief, General **Abdel Fattah Al Sissi** is elected as the new **President of the country**.
73. **Saurabh Kumar**, an IFS officer of 1989 batch, was appointed as the next Indian **Ambassador to Iran**.

74. Who has been appointed as the *new Chairman of the National Commission for Women (NCW)?.....Lalitha Kumaramangalam*
75. Who is the Lt. *Governor of Delhi?.....Najib Jung*
76. **Veena Jain** appointed as **DG of Doordarshan** news on 29th May 2015 succeeded by Akshay Rout.
77. **K. Sivan** appointed as *Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre* on 01st June 2015. VSSC is an organization working under Indian Space Research Organisation.
78. **S. Somanath** appointed as *Director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre* on 01st June 2015. LPSC is an organization working under Indian space Research Organisation.
79. **P. Kunhikrishnan** appointed as *Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre* on 01st June 2015 succeeded by MYS Prasad
80. **Philipose G. Pynumootil** appointed as *Assistant Chief of Naval Air Staff* on 01st June 2015. He was awarded with NaoSena Medal.
81. **Sanjay Gupta** today took over as chairman and *managing director of Engineers India Ltd*, the state-owned engineering and consultancy, procurement and construction (EPC) company in hydrocarbons and petrochemicals
82. **Bhanot** elected Asian *Athletics Association vice-President*.
83. **Syed Asif Ibrahim** appointed as PM's Special Envoy on Countering Terrorism and Extremism on 03rd June 2015. Syed Asif Ibrahim is the Director of Intelligence Bureau.
84. **K.V. Chowdary** appointed as *Central Vigilance Commissioner*. Former Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes,
85. **Vijai Sharma** appointed as *Chief Information Commissioner* on 08th June 2015 by Government of India. He is the former Environment Secretary.
86. **R.C. Tayal** appointed as Director General of *National Security Guard*
87. Who is the *Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes? Anita Kapur*
88. **Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar** appointed as *Director of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)*
89. **Vinita Bali** appointed as Chairman of Board of Directors of *Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)* on 04th June 2015 succeeded by **Nidoo**.
90. Prof. **Sanghmitra Bandyopadhyay** appointed as *Director of Indian Statistical Institute* on 10th June 2015 succeeded by Dr. Bimal K. Roy. She became 1st woman to lead the Institute.
91. **Shri Ameising Luikham**, IAS (MN:1981) today took over as Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises in the *M/o Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises*
92. **Kapil Mishra** appointed as *Chairman of Delhi Jal Board*.
93. **Aakar Patel** appointed as Executive Director of **Amnesty International India** on 18th June 2015. He is famous Journalist and Writer.
94. Who is the Indian Ambassador to China ? **Asoke k Kanth**
95. **Steffi Graf** of Germany appointed as *Ayurveda Brand Ambassador* for the State of **Kerala** on 24th June 2015.
96. She was former World No.1 Tennis player and won 22 Grand Slam singles title.
97. **Jagmohan Yadav** appointed as Director General of Police (DGP) of **Uttar Pradesh** on 30th June 2015 succeeded by A.K. Jain.
98. Who is the New Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)?.....**Surender Singh**
99. Who has taken over as New Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises.....**Ameising Luikham**
100. Govt appointed **U.P. Shingh** a joint secretary in oil ministry.
101. **Balvendra Kumar** IAS 1981 took over as Secretary ministry of mines in new delhi
102. **U.P. Singh** appointed as Interim Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Limited on 01st July 2015 succeeded by S.K. Srivastava.
103. **C D Balaji** took charge as Director of the *Aeronautical Development Agency*
104. Who is the Chairman of Telecom Commission ? **Rakesh Garg**
105. Who was appointed as a Member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on 7 May 2015.....**Arvind Saxena**

106. Indian-Origin **Harbhajan Kaur Dheer** on 12 May 2015 became the first Asian woman to be elected as mayor in the United Kingdom (UK).
107. **Ashok Haldia** appointed MD and CEO of PTC *India Financial Services*
108. **S.N. Sahai** appointed as *Home Secretary of Delhion* 08th July 2015 succeeded by Dharam Pal.
109. Dty Chief Minister Of Delhi **Manish Sisodia**
110. Who is the Governor of Punjab ?**Captain ShingSolanki**
111. **Lt. General Manmohan Singh Rai** appointed as **Vice-Chief of Indian Army** on 13th July 2015 succeeded by Lt. Gen. Philip
112. Campose while Lt. General Praveen Bakshi appointed as Army Commander.
113. **Rakesh Sahni** appointed as Chairman of Narmada Valley Development Authority on 14th July 2015. Its Headquarter is situated at Bhopal,
114. Madhya Pradesh.
115. **Prashant Pathrabe** appointed as Interim Director of *Film and Television Institute of India* on 17th July 2015 as approved by
116. Minister of Information and Broadcasting.
117. **Swati Maliwal** appointed as Chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women on 20th July 2015 succeeded by BarkhaShukla.
118. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Director of National Book Trust?....**MA Sikandar**
119. Who was appointed as new Managing Director and Group CEO of Gandhinagar based Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)?.... **Ajay Kumar pandey**
120. **T K Chand** appointed as CMD of **National Aluminium Company**
121. **Suresh Narayanan** appointed new **Nestle India MD** after Maggi scare
122. **Ajay Mathur** appointed DG of TERI (The Energy and Resource Institute).Currently, He is the Director General of Bureau of Energy
123. Efficiency (BEE) of the Union Government.
124. Name the **Chief of Indian Army** and whom he replaced ?.... **Presnt= Dalbir singh,,,,,, Replaced BikramShingh**
125. **Ashish Bahuguna** appointed as Chairman of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India FSSAI on 28th July 2015 succeeded by K. Chandramouli.
126. **Bhanu Pratap Sharma** appointed as Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on 20th July 2015.
127. Who has been selected as **Director General** of Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**) for three months?..... **G Gurucharan**
128. Who among the following has been named the new commerce secretary in the Union govt? **Rita A Teaotia**
129. Who will be appointed as the next Dean of Indian School of Business (ISB)?**Rajendra Srivastava**
130. Who among the following has been appointed the secretary general of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).....**Satyanarayan Mohanty**
131. Who amongst the following has been appointed as the **chairman** of the expert committee constituted by **NITI Aayog** to address issues related to job creation?**TarunKhanna**
132. **Ram Nath Kovind** appointed as Governor of **Bihar** on 08th August 2015 succeeded by KeshriNathTripathi
133. Who appointed as Governor of **Himachal Pradesh** ?**A.D.Vrat**
134. Who appointed as Director of Film and Television Institute of India ?**PrashantPathrabe**
135. Om **Prakash Rawat** appointed as Election Commissioner of India on 13th August 2015. Other is **Achal Kumar joti**
136. **Acharya Dev Vrat** sworn-in as 27th Governor of **Himachal Pradesh**
137. **Girish Sahni** appointed as Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**) on 24th August 2015.
138. **Amol Palekar** appointed as Chairman of India's Oscar Jury Film Federation of India - FFI on 24th August 2015.

139. **Ajit Kumar** Seth appointed as Chairman of *Public Enterprises Selection Board* on 14th August 2015.
140. Who appointed as President of Association of Indian Statisticians and Scorers of India (ACSSI) **Dilip Vengsarkar**
141. Raghav Chandra appointed as Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 31st August 2015.
142. **Rajiv Mehrishi** appointed as Union Home Secretary on 31st August 2015
143. **Ratan P. Watal** appointed as Secretary of Union Finance Ministry.
144. **L.C. Goyal** appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Indian Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) on 31st August 2015.
145. **Ratan P. Watal** new Finance Secretary .
146. **Shaktikanta Das**, 58, took charge as the Secretary for Department of Economic Affairs after Rajiv Mehrishi
147. **Rajiv Mehrishi** on his last day in office was appointed Home Secretary for a two-year tenure
148. New Revenue Secretary **HasmukhAdhia**
149. Nuclear safety expert **Shiv Abhilash Bhardwaj** has been appointed as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERD)
150. Noted scientist **S.A.V. SatyaMurty** has been appointed as Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam.
151. **VinodDasari** has been appointed as President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), an automobile industry body
152. **Dinesh Kumar Likhi** took charge as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)
153. **Brij Raj Sharma** appointed as Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir on 07th September 2015.
154. In a first, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), will have a woman scientist heading an important cluster with the high rank of a Director General.**J Manjula**

Crops in India - Details

Important crops in India with details :-

S. NO.	NAME OF CROPS	PRODUCTION AREA IN HECTARES (2013-14 estimates)	STATES (in which plenty of these crops are available)	Soils which on which these crops grown very well
1.	Rice	43.9 Million Hectares	West Bengal, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Bihar etc.	Alluvial, Laterite, Saline and Alkaline, Peaty and Marshy
2.	Wheat	29.8 Million Hectares	Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh etc.	Alluvial, Red Soil, Laterite Soil, Mountain Soil
3.	Tea	563.98	Assam, West Bengal,	Laterite, Mountain Soil

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		Thousand Hectares	Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Kerala, Karnataka etc.	
4.	Oil Seeds		Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh etc.	Alluvial, Black Soil, Peaty and Marshy Soils, Laterite Soil
5.	Sugarcane		Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana etc.	Black Soil, Laterite, Peaty and Marshy Soils, Saline and Alkaline
6.	Maize		Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh etc.	Mountain, Laterite
7.	Pulses		Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan etc.	Red Soil, Laterite
8.	Coffee		Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Assam etc.	Laterite, Mountain
9.	Bajra and Jowar		Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra etc.	Black Soil, Red Soil
10.	Potatoes		Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab etc.	All types of Soil Except Saline & Alkaline Soils and Desert Soils
11.	Onions		Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Bihar,	All types of Soil Except Sandy Soils, Desert Soils and Saline & Alkaline Soils

			Gujarat etc.	
12.	Tomatoes		Bihar, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Orrisa, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal etc.	All types of Soil Except Sandy Soils, Desert Soils and Saline & Alkaline Soils
13.	Cotton		Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra etc.	
14.	Jute		West Bengal, Bihar, Assam etc.	
15.	Vegetables		West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Gujarat etc.	All types of Soil Except Sandy Soils, Desert Soils and Saline & Alkaline Soils

India Africa Forum Summit 2015

The **third edition** of INDIA-AFRICA SUMMIT 2015 was held in New Delhi, INDIA from 26th to 29th October, 2015.



IAFS held once in three years.

- First Summit was held in New Delhi, India in 2008
- Second Summit was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2011

- Third Summit was held in New Delhi, India in 2015. (Earlier it was scheduled to be in December 2014 but later postponed)

Key Facts

- 41 Heads of State and Government from 54 African nations have participated in the summit.
- The venue of the summit was Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi.
- Motto of the summit - Reinvigorated Partnership - Shared Vision
- It was the largest international summit since 1983 i.e. after Non Aligned Summit in 1983.
- The logo of the summit shows the Lion depicting one half African and another half Indian Lion mentioning "Proud, Courageous, Bold and on the Prowl, ready to take on the future and seize every opportunity.

Highlights of the Summit

- The summit adopted two documents - 'Delhi Declaration' and 'India Africa Framework for Strategic Cooperation'

> Delhi Declaration includes -

- Comprehensive agreement between India and Africa on climatic changes.
- Collaboration in stepping up of listed range of sectors like trade, energy and power sector.
- Summit will be held after interval of five years.
- Collaboration in the fields of peace and security between India and Africa to fight against terrorism.

> India Africa Framework for Strategic Cooperation

- Identifying reforms of the UN Security Council.
- Establishment of Small and Medium Enterprises for employment generation in India and Africa
- Other collaborations and cooperations are in the fields of agriculture, infrastructure, education and skill management.
 - India has announced a concessional credit of \$10 billion to Africa in next Five years to strengthen economic cooperation
 - India will offer a grant assistance of \$600 million in which \$100 million is for India Africa Development Fund and \$10 million is for Health Fund
 - A commorative stamp and coin was released at the end of the summit.
 - The summit was ended by closing ceremony organised by Ministry of External Affairs co-occurrence with Delhi International Arts Festival at Nehru Park. Theme - Africa in India.

Banks with Headquarters, CMDs & Tag Lines

Bank(s)	Headquarter	CMDs	Tag Line
Allahabad Bank	Kolkata	Shri Rakesh Sethi	A Tradition of Trust
Andhra Bank	Hyderabad	Shri Suresh N Patel	Where India Banks
Bank of Baroda	Mumbai	P. S. Jayakumar	India's International Bank
Bank of India	Mumbai	Shri Melwyn Rego	Relationship Beyond Banking
Bank of Maharashtra	Pune	Shri Sushil Muhnot	One Family One Bank
Bharatiya Mahila Bank Ltd	New Delhi	----Vacant----	Empowering Women Empowering India
Canara Bank	Bangalore	Rakesh Sharma	Together We Can
Central Bank of India	Mumbai	Shri Rajeev Rishi	Central to you Since 1911
Corporation Bank	Mangalore	Shri S. R. Bansal	A Premier Public Sector Bank
Dena Bank	Mumbai	Shri. Ashwani Kumar	Trusted Family Bank
IDBI Bank	Mumbai	Mr. Kishor Kharat	Banking For All, "Aao Sochein Bada"
Indian Bank	Chennai	T M Bhasin	Your Tech- Friendly Bank
Indian Overseas Bank	Chennai	Shri R. Koteeswaran	Good People to Grow With
Oriental Bank of Commerce	New Delhi	Animesh Chauhan	Where Every Individual Is Committed
Punjab National Bank	New Delhi	Smt. Usha Ananthasubramanian	The Name You Can Bank Upon
Punjab and Sind Bank	New Delhi	Jatinder Bir Singh	Where Service Is A Way Of Life
State Bank of India	Mumbai	Smt Arundathi Bhattacharya	With You All The Way Pure Banking Nothing Else The Nation's Banks on

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State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur	Jaipur	Smt Arundathi Bhattacharya	The Bank with a Vision
State Bank of Hyderabad	Hyderabad	Smt Arundathi Bhattacharya	Modern Innovative Dependable
State Bank of Mysore	Bangalore	Smt Arundathi Bhattacharya	Working for a Better Tomorrow
State Bank of Patiala	Patiala	Smt Arundathi Bhattacharya	Blending Modernity with Tradition
State Bank of Travancore	Thiruvananthapuram	Smt Arundathi Bhattacharya	A Long Tradition of Trust
Syndicate Bank	Karnataka	Arun Shrivastava	Faithful Friendly
UCO Bank	Kolkata	Shri Arun Kaul	Honours Your Trust
Union Bank of India	Mumbai	Shri Arun Tiwari	Good People to Bank With
United Bank of India	Kolkata	Shri P. Srinivas	The Bank That Begins With "U"
Vijaya Bank	Bangalore	Kishore Kumar Sansi	A Friend You Can Bank On
Bandhan	Kolkata	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh	Hope for The Poor
ECGC Bank	Mumbai	Geetha Muralidhar	You Focus On Exports We Cover The Risks
HDFC	Mumbai	Mr. Aditya Puri	We Understand Your World Indeed
Axis Bank	Mumbai	Shikha Sharma	Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi
ICICI Bank	Mumbai	Chanda Kochhar	Hum Hai Na, Khyal Apka
HSBC	London	Stuart Gulliver	The World's Local Bank
IDFC	Mumbai	Mr. Vikram Limaye	-----

Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003 (FRBM)

FRBM Act, 2003

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The Act provides an institutional framework binding the government to pursue a Prudent Fiscal Policy. It casts the responsibility of the Central Government to ensure inter-generational equity in fiscal management.
- The Act calls for that the Central Government to take appropriate measures to reduce the fiscal deficit and there after build-up adequate revenue surplus.
- Rules to be made under the Act to specify the annual targets for reduction of fiscal deficit and revenue deficit, contingent liabilities and total liabilities.
- The revenue deficit and fiscal deficit may exceed the targets specified in the rules only on grounds of national security or national calamity.
- The Central Government shall not borrow from the RBI except by way of means and advances to meet temporary excess of cash disbursement over cash receipts.
- Central Government to take suitable measures to ensure greater transparency in its fiscal operations.
- Central government to lay in each financial year before both Houses of Parliament three statements: medium term fiscal policy statement, fiscal policy strategy, and macro economic framework statement.
- Finance Minister to make a quarterly review of trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the budget and place the review before the Parliament.

TIME TO REVISE

1. *WHAT is Appropriation Bill?*

It is the bill authorizes payment and appropriation of expenses from the consolidated fund. This bill is introduced only after the general discussion on budget proposals and the completion of voting on grants. The procedure to pass the bill in parliament is likely any other Money Bill.

2. *What is Capital Budget?*

The budget comprises a loans and advances that are granted to union and state territory by the union government, corporations, government, corporations, government companies and other parties. Capital budget also includes capital receipts and payments by the government.

3. *What is Direct Taxes Code Bill?*

The direct taxes code bill became effective from 1st April, 2012. It call for the simplification of tax structure, no additional surcharge/cess will be levied preferential treatment to women tax payers will be stopped and raises the exemption limit of income tax to Rs. 2 lakh.

4. *What is Goods and service Tax (GST)?*

The Central Government has done away with central sales tax in a phased manner and introduced the new tax called goods and service tax, which was applicable throughout India by August 2012 at

standard rate of 12%. Service tax confronts challenges of its share being below its potential, complexity in tax law, and need to bring it closer central excise law for eventual transition to goods and service tax.

5. *What do you understand by the Finance Bill?*

The finance is a bill ordinarily introduced every year to give effect to the financial proposals of the government for the following financial year.

Gold related schemes in India - Explained

In order to mobilise the idle gold of the country (estimated 20,000 tonnes) into productive usage, the government has come up with Gold related Schemes, which were stated in Union Budget 2015-16 by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Three Gold related Schemes i.e.

1. Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS)
 2. Gold Sovereign Bond Scheme
 3. Gold Coin and Bullion Scheme
- on 5th November, 2015 in New Delhi.

Before discussing the schemes, let's understand the meaning of Monetisation, as the basic purpose of these schemes is to monetise the gold.

Monetisation of Gold means to convert the country's holding of gold into cash, to encourage the spending and investment capacity of the country and to reduce the import of gold.

Now let's start learning about these schemes.

GOLD MONETISATION SCHEME

Under this scheme, the depositors need to open a metal deposit account with bank to place their idle gold holdings. The depositor will earn interest on its account. The jewellers can also obtain loans on

their accounts. This scheme will help to monetise Rs. 60 lakh worthy gold, held by households and institutions in the country.

Objectives:

- It will help in mobilising the idle gold of the country into productive use and also provide interest to its depositors
- It will help in boosting the gems and jewellery sectors of the country as with the launch of this scheme, gold (raw material) will be available on loan from the banks
- It will help to reduce the demand of import of gold.

Who can deposit under this scheme?

Indian Residents i.e.

a) Individuals

b) HUF

c) Trusts under Mutual funds/ Exchange Traded Funds registered under SEBI (Mutual Funds Regulations and Company)

DEPOSIT INTEREST

The depositor will have to deposit minimum raw gold equivalent to 30 grams of gold. There is no maximum limit of deposit. Raw gold can be in any form i.e. bars, coins or jewellery excluding stones and other metals)

The deposits will be accepted at Collection and Purify Testing Centres (CPTC) certified by Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS). The bank will issue the deposit certificates, after checking the purity of deposit, in equivalence to 995 fineness of gold.

The deposits can be of:

- Short Term Bank Deposit (STBD) for 1-3 years
- Medium (5-7 years) and Long Term (12-15 years) Government Deposit (MLTGD)

Short term will be accepted by banks and Medium and Long Term will be accepted on behalf of the Government of India.

INTEREST

Short Term Bank Deposits	- (Decided by banks)
Medium Term Bonds	2.25 %
Long Term Bonds	2.5 %

Interest will start accruing from:

EITHER

From the date, when the deposits will be converted into refined tradable bar

OR

After 30 days of the receipt of gold issued by CPTC or designated bank.
(Whichever is earlier)

OTHER FACTS

- It will replace the existing Gold Deposit Scheme, 1999 and Gold Metal Scheme.
- KYC rules are same as of any other deposit

- Grievances will be handled firstly by Bank's Redress Process and then by Reserve Bank of India.
- The depositor can do redemption in either cash or gold form.

GOLD SOVEREIGN BOND SCHEME

Under this scheme, the government will issue Sovereign Gold Bonds, which will be sold through banks and designated Post Offices. These bonds will be issued by Reserve Bank of India on behalf of Government of India. These bonds are alternative financial asset for purchase of metal gold. It would help investors to invest in gold without buying physical gold.

The first tranche (specific class of bonds) will be accepted from 5 November, 2015 to 20 November, 2015 and bonds will be issued on 26 November, 2015.

Who can buy these bonds?

Indian Residents i.e.

- a) Individuals
- b) HUF
- c) Trusts
- d) Universities
- e) Charitable Institutes

KEY FACTS

- Denomination of Bonds – 5, 10, 50 and 100 grams of gold (basic unit of 1 gram)
- Minimum Investment – 2 units (2 grams of gold)
- Maximum Investment (investment limit) – 500 gram per person per fiscal year (April – March)
- Period of Bonds – 5 to 7 years
- Interest on Bonds will be taxable (Income Tax and Capital Gain Tax)
- Interest will be paid semi – annually on the initial value of investments of bonds at fixed rate of 2.75% per annum.
- The investor will get redemption in rupees.

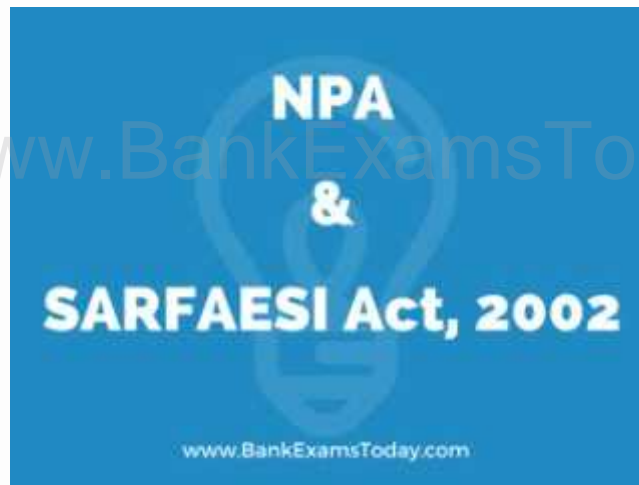
GOLD COIN AND BULLION SCHEME

Gold Monetisation Programme also includes Indian Gold coin and Bullion.

KEY FACTS

- It is the first Indian minted gold coin, having National Emblem of Ashoka Chakra on one side and Mahatma Gandhi on other side.
- Coin's Denomination – 5 and 10 gram
- Bullion – 20 gram
- MMTC (Metals and Mineral Corporation of India) will make 15,000 coins of 5gm, 20,000 coins of 10 gm and 3750 of bullions of 20 gm available through its outlets. (24 karat purity and 999 fineness with hallmarked as per BIS Standards)

NPA and SARFAESI Act, 2002



NON-PERFORMING ASSETS (NPAs)

- Non-Performing Assets are loans given by a Bank or financial institutions where the borrower defaults or delays interest or principal payments.
- According to RBI, any loan repayment which is delayed beyond 90 days in continuation has to be identified as an NPA.

NPA's are further sub classified into

- (i) Sub-Standard Assets are those which are non-performing for a period not exceeding two years.
- (ii) Doubtful Assets are those loans which have remained non-performing for a period exceeding two years but which are not considered as loss assets.
- (iii) Loss Assets is one where loss has been identified but the amount has not been written off, wholly or partly. In other words, such as asset is considered non-recoverable.

SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest.

- The SARFAESI Act provides for setting up of asset reconstruction companies for acquiring financial assets including NPAs which helps in clearing balance sheet of banks.
- The most important provision of the Act is regarding the enforcement of security interest of banks without interventions of courts.
- To enforce the security as aforesaid, the following conditions need to be fulfilled

- (i) The borrower has committed a default in payment and account is classified as NPA.
- (ii) The secured creditor has given a notice in writing to the borrower to discharge his liabilities within 60 days from the date of receipt of such notice.
- (iii) The borrower has failed to comply with the said notice.

- (iv) The amount due from the borrowers in more than Rs. 1 lakh.
- In case the borrower fails to discharge his liability in fully within stipulated period of 60 days, the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures.
- (i) By taking possession of the secured assets including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for releasing the secured assets.
- (ii) By taking over the management of the secured assets.
- (iii) By appointing a manager to manage the secured assets.
- (iv) By requiring any third party who has acquired the secured assets from borrower.
- In case of a consortium advance, the aforesaid actions can be taken only when secured creditors representing 75% or more in value agree for such action.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. What is a balance on Current Account?

A country's receipt minus payment for current account transactions equals the balance of trade plus net inflows of transfer payments.

2. What are ways and means advances?

Ways and means advances is the short-term credit from the central bank (RBI) to the government which allows the government to meet its immediate requirements. If the government wants money above this it will have to borrow by issuing bonds, which are auctioned by RBI.

3. Who was the first Governor of Reserve Bank of India?

Sir Osborne Smith was the first governor of RBI of India.

4. What is board for Financial Supervision?

The Reserve Bank of India performs the function of financial supervision under the guidance of the Financial Supervision Board (FSB). The board was constituted in November 1994, as a Committee of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India.

5. What is Islamic Banking?

Islamic Banking refers to a system of banking or banking activity that is consistent with Islamic (sharia) law principles and guided by Islamic Economics. In particular, Islamic Law prohibits usury, the collection and payment of interest. India's first Islamic bank was first opened in Kerala.

Frequently Asked Questions in IBPS Interviews

Important questions asked during banking interviews :-

1. Who presented the first Finance Budget of Independent India?

The first Finance Minister Sh. R. K. Shanmugham Chetty, presented the first finance budget of independent India.

2. Is there any difference between Income tax and Corporation Tax?

Income tax is levied on individuals by the central Government, and proceeds are shared between the centre and the states while corporation is the tax levied on the income (profit) of the companies.

3. What do you understand by the term disinvestment?

Government makes a number of investments in public sector undertaking. When it dilutes its stake in these undertakings, it is defined as disinvestment.

4. What is National Debt?

The term national debt is the amount borrowed by the Central Government in order to finance the budget deficit.

5. Are you familiar with the different taxes that are payable in the country?

Value Added Tax: State Governments levy this tax on goods at the point of sale. It is linked to the difference between the value of the output and the cost of inputs for producing it. The intention behind charging the value added tax is to charge the company only for the value of its inputs to the manufacturing process and not the total input cost. VAT minimizes the chances of increasing the tax quantum at every stage of the production process.

Goods and Service Tax: GST is a taxation attempt to consolidate and simplify the indirect tax structure which currently consists of excise, value added tax, service tax etc.

Customs Duties: These are charges recovered from export and import of goods to the country.

Excise Duty: It is the tax levied on goods produced within the country.

Service Tax: it is payable by those service sectors which have been identified for payments of charges on their services rendered.

6. How is income tax charged?

The government in its annual budget indicates the income tax slabs that are applicable every year on the income of individuals and companies. There is normally an exemption limit below which income tax is not chargeable. These are also certain investments which are given benefits according to specified limits. The income tax rates presently are different for male and female individuals, senior citizens, very senior citizens and companies.

Taxation: It is an important tool in the hands of a government to raise revenues and control wealth. By imposing income tax a government generates revenue from those; earning higher incomes as compared to those incomes are less. Those at the bottom of the earning pyramid are not taxed as there is no surplus with them for payment of income tax.

7. What is Peak Rate?

The term peak rate is common in Indian budget and refers to maximum rate of customs duty which is applied on any time.

8. What are Indirect Taxes?

The taxes imposed on goods that are manufactured, imported or exported.

9. What are Direct taxes?

These are taxes implied directly on the individuals or customers, corporate tax, income tax are the examples of direct taxes.

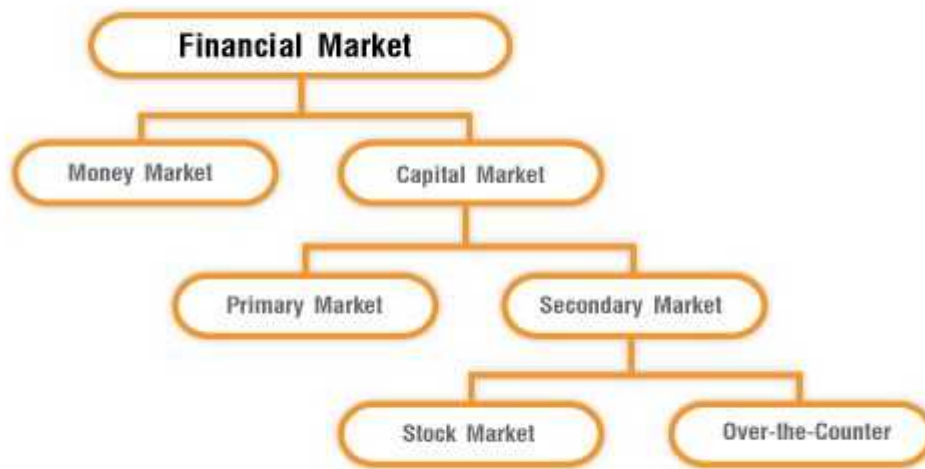
10. What is Deficit Financing?

To fill the gap in total expenditure of the Central Government and its total receipts. The government borrows money from RBI other domestic sources such as banks, and financial institutions and borrow

from foreign governments or multilateral institutions such as World Bank, IMF known as deficit financing.

Financial Markets in India - Types and Working

Everyone in this world has glutton for when it comes to making money or raking in money. Answer to all our woes lies in one aspect of our life and that is making huge amount of money. But sometimes this answer can be a big question, if we don't have the skills and knowledge about generating an income when we foray into a high-risk revenue segment.



Nobel laureate **William Faulkner** has rightly said that “**You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.**”

Financial market, in a nutshell, is a treasure for those gutsy people who have the acumen and guts to put everything at risk. But that's again a foolhardy idea for one to have such idea in India with monumental population where people more or less think about leapfrogging. It sounds weird but it's true to a long stretch of imagination.

What actually is a financial market?

One must be thinking about stocks and shares upon reading this. Well, yes it has a covert relation with stocks and shares as far as a layman is concerned. It's actually a board term. And it's a vast area with brimful of subtleties.

Although the below definition is a layman definition yet technical in nature. **Financial market** is a place where buyers and sellers engage themselves in a trade of assets which comprise stocks, bonds, currencies, derivatives etc. via a middleman called *broker*.

Here a pictorial representation of financial Market

Capital Market: -

Before that one needs to know, what is equity? **Equities** are the value of shares issued by companies.

Capital Market is the market for companies and individuals who want to grow in tandem. It's a platform where public and private sectors often sell their stakes to raise fund in order to feed their projects in hand. The assets under this market don't have any fixed maturity time. However, one can book one's profit at any point in time if the prices are volatile.

Capital market has been split into two clusters:-

Primary Market: - New issues called as IPOs (Initial Public Offerings) are made in primary market. An initial public offering (IPO) refers to the first time a company publicly sells shares of its stock in the open market. It is also known as "going public."

Secondary Market: - Sometimes referred as aftermarket. It is a financial market where the previously issued stocks, bonds, and futures to name a few are bought and sold.

When a company wishes to raise capital by issuing securities, it goes out to the primary market and raises fund by issuing financial securities. The secondary market consists of stock exchange where actual trading takes place. SEBI, **Securities and Exchange Board of India**, headquartered in Mumbai, has been empowered to monitor the functioning of securities market and the operation of intermediaries. So, it's equivalent to SEC (**Securities Exchange Commission**) of USA which is a regulator cum watchdog.

Security

One must be wondering what the hell that word security is. A security, in a financial context, is a certificate or other financial instrument that has monetary value and can be traded. Understanding a term after reading the whole definition is really a solace to the heart.

Money Market:-

A major platform in financial market where securities and financial instruments with short-term maturities are traded is called the money market. Financial assets like treasury bills, certificates of deposits, commercial paper and bankers' acceptance are some of the short-term debt securities traded in the money market.

Indian Financial Market-

The financial market in India at present is more advanced than many other sectors as it became organized as early as the 19th century with the securities exchanges in Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Kolkata. In the early 1960s, the number of securities exchanges in India became eight - including Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Kolkata.

Apart from these three exchanges, there was the Madras, Kanpur, Delhi, Bangalore and Pune exchanges as well. Today there are 23 regional securities exchanges in India.

The Indian stock markets till date have remained stagnant due to the rigid economic controls. It was only in 1991, after the liberalization process that the India securities market witnessed a flurry of IPOs serially. The market saw many new companies spanning across different industry segments and business began to flourish. Features of Indian "Capital Market" are herein.

India Financial Indices - BSE 30 Index, various sector indexes, stock quotes, Sensex charts, bond prices, foreign exchange, Rupee & Dollar Chart

Indian Financial market news

Stock News - Bombay Stock Exchange, NSE, BSE Sensex (Sensitive Index) 30 index, S&P CNX-Nifty, company information, issues on market capitalization, corporate earnings statements, CNBC

news channel etc.

Fixed Income - Corporate Bond Prices, Corporate Debt details, and Debt trading activities, Interest Rates, Money Market, Government Securities, Public Sector Debt, and External Debt Service. (Safest Investing Instruments with low returns)

Foreign Investment - Foreign Debt Database composed by BIS, IMF, OECD, & World Bank, Investments in India & Abroad

Global Equity Indexes - Dow Jones Global indexes, Morgan Stanley Equity Indexes

Currency Indexes - FX & Gold Chart Plotter, J. P. Morgan Currency Indexes

- National and Global Market Relations
- Mutual Funds (Low risk Category)
- Insurance
- Loans (A burden for a borrower and a headache for a banker)
- Forex and Bullion (Gold or silver in the form of bars)

The definitive decision of an investor always lies on one factor and that is risk. An investor has to seize of all the risks involved in the financial instruments in which he or she is going to invest. You need to read all the documents prudently pertinent to an asset segment before venturing into it as all your hard earn money are subject to market risk.