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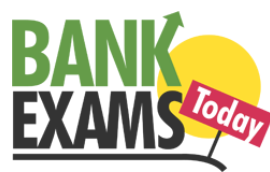
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Appointments

31 Aug - Manish Sisodia given additional charge of Law Minister of Delhi

Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi given the additional charge of Law Minister on 31st August 2015.

31 Aug - Raghav Chandra appointed as Chairman of NHAI

Raghav Chandra appointed as Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 31st August 2015.

31 Aug - Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Union Home Secretary

Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Union Home Secretary on 31st August 2015.

31 Aug - L.C. Goyal appointed as CMD of ITPO

L.C. Goyal appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Indian Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) on 31st August 2015.

31 Aug - Ratan P. Watal appointed as Secretary of Union Finance Ministry

Ratan P. Watal appointed as Secretary of Union Finance Ministry on 31st August 2015 while Shaktikanta Das appointed as Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs.

01 Sep - A.K. Jha appointed as Interim CMD of NTPC

A.K. Jha appointed as Interim Chairman and Managing Director of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) on 01st September 2015.

03 Sep - Vinod Dasari appointed as President of SIAM

Vinod Dasari appointed as President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on 03rd September 2015.

07 Sep - Brij Raj Sharma appointed as Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir

Brij Raj Sharma appointed as Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir on 07th September 2015.

09 Sep - J. Manjula became 1st woman Director General of DRDO

J. Manjula, became 1st woman Director General of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) as appointed on 09th September 2015.

11 Sep - Rakesh Sharma appointed as MD and CEO of Canara Bank

Rakesh Sharma appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canara Bank on 11th September 2015.

12 Sep - Retd. High Court Judge Justice Aryendra Kumar Saxena became head of one member commission

To probe the Petlawad explosion incident, Madhya Pradesh constituted one member commission headed by retd. High Court Judge Justice Aryendra Kumar Saxena. The incident held earlier on 12th September 2015 in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.

14 Sep - Hormusji N. Cama appointed as Chairman of PTI

Hormusji N. Cama appointed as Chairman of Press Trust of India on 14th September 2015.

18 Sep - P.V. Chandran appointed as President of Indian Newspaper Society

P.V. Chandran appointed as President of Indian Newspaper Society for 2015-16 on 18th September 2015.

21 Sep - Vikram Pawah appointed as MD of Harley Davidson's India

Vikram Pawah appointed as Managing Director of Harley Davidson's India on 21st September 2015.

21 Sep - John T. Chambers appointed as Chairman of USIBC

John T. Chambers appointed as Chairman of US-India Business Council on 21st September 2015.

23 Sep - Abdul Bari Siddiqui appointed as President of BCA

Abdul Bari Siddiqui, the senior leader of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) appointed as President of Bihar Cricket Association on 23rd September 2015.

23 Sep - Stuti Narain Kacker appointed as Chairperson of NCPCR

Stuti Narain Kacker appointed as Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on 23rd September 2015 as approved by Union Women and Child Development Ministry.

23 Sep - N. Chandrababu Naidu appointed as Head of NITI Aayog's Committee of Chief Ministers on Swachh Bharat Mission

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N. Chandrababu Naidu appointed as Head of NITI Aayog's Committee of Chief Ministers on Swachh Bharat Mission on 23rd September 2015.

24 Sep - Sourav Ganguly appointed as President of CAB

Sourav Ganguly, former Cricket Captain of India, appointed as President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) as Jagmohan Dalmiya died recently. The Headquarter of CAB is at Eden Gardens Stadium, Kolkata.

24 Sep - Arvind Panagariya appointed as Sherpa for G-20 Summit

Arvind Panagariya appointed as Sherpa for G-20 Summit on 24th September 2015 which will be held in Antalya, Turkey in November 2015.

25 Sep - Matthias Mueller appointed as CEO of Volkswagen AG

Matthias Mueller appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Volkswagen AG as Martin Winterkorn resigned recently.

25 Sep - S.K. Sharma appointed as Chairman of BBMB

S.K. Sharma appointed as Chairman of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) on 25th September 2015.

25 Sep -Rear Admiral Sanjay Mahindru appointed as Flag Officer Submarines

Rear Admiral Sanjay Mahindru appointed as Flag Officer Submarines on 25th September 2015. He will oversee the operations of INS Chakra S71 and also others.

28 Sep - V. Shanmuganathan gets additional charge of Manipur

V. Shanmuganathan, the Governor of Meghalaya gets additional charge of Manipur as Dr.Syed Ahmed died recently.

Politics

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New schemes

31 Aug - 'One Stop Centre' also known as 'Sakhi' inaugurated

The 'One Stop Centre' also known as 'Sakhi' inaugurated by the State Government of Haryana on 31st August 2015. It is 2nd Centre of India, the 1st one is in Chhattisgarh.

01 Sep - Railway Ministry of India launched three IT initiatives

Railway Ministry of India launched three IT initiatives developed by Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). The initiatives are: Paperless unreserved ticketing mobile application, Cash/Smart Card Operated Ticket Vending Machine (CCOTVM), Parichaalan, Real Time Decision Making in Freight Operations.

02 Sep - Indian Wind Resource Atlas launched

Indian Wind Resource Atlas launched by the Government of India on 02nd September 2015.

07 Sep - e-Pragati project launched by Andhra Pradesh

For the purpose of provide Integrated One Governance, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh launched e-Pragati project on 07th September 2015.

07 Sep - 'Amma Baby Care Kit' scheme launched

'Amma Baby Care Kit' scheme launched by the State Government of Tamil Nadu on 07th September 2015. The scheme also contained a Sowbhagya Leghyam for the mother. Earlier, in the year 1992, during his 1st tenure as CM, the government launched 'Cradle Baby' scheme.

09 Sep - DGFT launched 'Niryat Bandhu @ Your Desktop'

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) with the collaboration of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), launched the scheme 'Niryat Bandhu @ Your Desktop' on 09th September 2015 with the aim to complete the objectives of Digital India and Skill India.

09 Sep - DA increased by 6%

Dearness Allowance (DA) for the Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) pensioners hiked by 6% on 09th September 2015 which will be effective from 01st July 2015. With this increase, DA will go up to 113% to 119%.

10 Sep - National Web Portal launched

National Web Portal launched by Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani on 10th September 2015 for National Apprenticeship Scheme under the logo 'Sashakt Yuva, Samarth Bharat'.

10 Sep - Mumbai Dialogue: Towards a TB-Free India launched

'Mumbai Dialogue: Towards a TB-Free India' launched on 10th September 2015 by US Ambassador to India Richard Verma along with Amitabh Bachchan and Ratan Tata.

15 Sep - Victim Compensation Scheme launched by Government of Delhi

Victim Compensation Scheme launched by Government of Delhi on 15th September 2015. Under the scheme, the rape victims will be compensated with Rs.5 Lakh.

17 Sep - PMKKKY launched

Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) with the aim to welfare the people affected by mining.

18 Sep - IPDS launched

Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 18th September 2015 with the aim to provide 24x7 power supply to every hours till the year 2022.

21 Sep - Google, Tata Trusts and Udacity jointly launched Android Developer Nanodegrees programme

Google, Tata Trusts and Udacity jointly launched Android Developer Nanodegrees Programme on 21st September 2015 with the aim to educate Indians in Android development.

22 Sep - Mission 2022 launched by Indian Diaspora in USA

Mission 2022 launched by Indian Diaspora in USA on 22nd September 2015 partnered with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII).

24 Sep - Assembly of Youth inaugurated at by UNICEF

Assembly of Youth inaugurated at by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on 24th September 2015 at New York, USA. The UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador is David Beckham.

National Affairs

31 Aug - WCR eliminated ULCs

West Central Railways became 1st zone to eliminate Unmanned Level Crossings (ULCs) on 31st August 2015. Its Headquarter is situated in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

31 Aug - Palakkad, Kerala would soon be declared as 1st total HIV/AIDS literate district

The District Palakkad, Kerala would soon be declared as 1st total HIV/AIDS literate district in the country. The project titled as 'Jyothirgamaya' was implemented in the district to aware the people.

01 Sep - 2% reservation decided to given grandchildren of freedom fighters

On 01st September 2015, 2% reservation decided to given grandchildren of freedom fighters in government jobs as decided by the State Cabinet of Bihar.

01 Sep - India emerged as 8th largest tourism market for Australia

India emerged as 8th largest tourism market for Australia as announced on 01st September 2015 by Trade Minister of Australia Andrew Robb.

02 Sep - FMC to be merged with SEBI

Forward Markets Commission (FMC) to be merged with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) w.e.f. 28th September 2015.

02 Sep - Bengaluru overtaken Mumbai

For the first time, the city Bengaluru overtaken Mumbai in unsold housing units as reported by JLL India.

02 Sep - 2nd Australia-India Defence Ministers meet concluded

2nd Australia-India Defence Ministers meet concluded in New Delhi on 02nd September 2015. Defence Minister of Australia Kevin Andrews attended the event.

02 Sep - 4th India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks held

4th India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks held on 02nd September 2015 in New Delhi with the aim to review the progress of assisted projects of India in Bhutan.

03 Sep - High Court of Jammu and Kashmir ordered CBI probe into multi-Crore scam

High Court of Jammu and Kashmir ordered CBI probe into multi-Crore scam in the cricket association on 03rd September 2015. At that time, former Chief Minister of the State Farooq Abdullah was the President of the association.

03 Sep - HIV prevention drug PrEP showed positive results

On 03rd September 2015, HIV prevention drug PrEP showed its positive results. The drug will reduce the risk of contracting HIV.

03 Sep - R. Sampanthan became 1st Tamilian to lead opposition in Sri Lanka

R. Sampanthan became 1st Tamilian to lead opposition in Sri Lanka in past 32 years on 03rd September 2015.

04 Sep - Commemorative coins of Rs.125, 10 released

Commemorative coins of Rs.125, 10 released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 04th September 2015 in the honour of former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

04 Sep - Odisha renamed the Wheeler Island after A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

The State Government of Odisha renamed the Wheeler Island after A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Kalam called the island 'Theatre of Action'. Earlier, in the year 1993 Wheeler Island given away to DRDO on Kalam's request. At that time, the Chief Minister of Odisha was Biju Patnaik, now the Chief Minister is Naveen Patnaik. The Island is situated in Bhadrak District. Earlier, the Island named after English Commandant Lieutenant Wheeler.

05 Sep - One Rank One Pension will implement by Government of India

The Government of India will implement One Rank One Pension as announced by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on 05th September 2015.

05 Sep - Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Temple inaugurated

Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Temple inaugurated on 05th September 2015 which is renovated under India-Nepal Economic Programme, Tripurakot, Dolpa, Nepal.

07 Sep - Bihar recommended 'Nishads' and 'Nonias' into ST category

Just Ahead of the Bihar State Assembly elections, the State Government recommended the inclusion of the castes 'Nishads' and 'Nonias' into Scheduled Tribe (ST) category. The Chief Minister of Bihar is Nitish Kumar.

07 Sep - Haryana Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill 2015 passed

On 07th September 2015 Haryana became 2nd State in India after Rajasthan to fix the minimum educational qualification for election to Panchayati Raj Institutions. Minimum qualification for general candidates is 10th and for SC candidates 8th. For women belonging to SC category the qualification is 5th.

07 Sep - 7th session of India-Belarus Intergovernmental Commission held

7th session of India-Belarus Intergovernmental Commission held on 07th September 2015 at Minsk, Belarus with the aim to deepen the bilateral relations between the countries.

08 Sep - Organic Fair and Food Festival organized in Himachal Pradesh

Organic Fair and Food Festival organized by Himachal Pradesh on 08th September 2015 with the aim to boost organic farming in the State.

08 Sep - Digital version of Mahatma Gandhi's collected work launched

Digital version of Mahatma Gandhi's collected work launched by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Arun Jaitley on 08th September 2015.

08 Sep - PM held a meeting with 40 economists

On 08th September 2015 Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with about 40 industry economists under the agenda 'Recent Global Events – Opportunities for India'.

08 Sep - CCI imposed penalty on KFEF

Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed penalty on Kerala Film Exhibitors Federation (KFEF) on 08th September 2015.

08 Sep - New Production Facility launched by India in Kanpur

New Production Facility for producing prosthetic systems launched by the Government of India in Kanpur on 08th September 2015 under 'Make In India' scheme.

08 Sep - India set the target to 100% literacy in villages

Under the scheme 'Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana' on 08th September 2015 India set the target to achieve 100% literacy in villages by the end of March 2016 as announced by Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani. Tamil Nadu awarded with 'Best Performing State' under the scheme.

09 Sep - Uday Prakash will return Sahitya Akademi Award along with Rs.1 Lac cash

Uday Prakash, Hindi writer announced to return his Sahitya Akademi Award in the protest against the murder of M.M. Kalburgi. He was awarded with Sahitya Akademi Award in the year 2010-11 for his short story 'Mohan Das'.

09 Sep - Union Cabinet gave its approval for the Constitution of 21st Law Commission of India

The Union Cabinet gave its approval for the Constitution of 21st Law Commission of India on 09th September 2015 as 20th Law Commission ended on 31st August 2015. 20th Law Commission was headed by Justice Ajit Prakash Shah.

09 Sep - Godavari and Krishna linked by AP

On 09th September 2015, Andhra Pradesh linked two rivers Godavari and Krishna as water of Godavari river was diverted from Tadepudi reservoir to Krishna river. Almost 600 cusecs of water from Godavari diverted to Krishna.

09 Sep - Dates of Assembly elections in Bihar announced

The dates of Assembly elections in Bihar announced on 09th September 2015. The elections will be held in Five stages i.e. on October 12, 16, 20 and November 1 and 5 however the result will be declared on 08th November 2015. Bihar Assembly has 243 member seats. The Governor of Bihar is Ram Nath Kovind.

09 Sep - INS Vajrakosh commissioned

Indian Naval Station (INS) Vajrakosh commissioned by Defence Ministry at Karwar, Karnataka on 09th September 2015.

09 Sep - National Offshore Wind Energy Policy 2015 approved by Cabinet

National Offshore Wind Energy Policy 2015 approved by the Government of India on 09th September 2015 to harness offshore wind energy potential in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

10 Sep - Virat Kohli became co-owner of IPTL

Virat Kohli became co-owner of International Premier Tennis League (IPTL)'s franchise UAE Royals on 10th September 2015. UAE Royals will be led by Tennis player Roger Federer of Switzerland. The league was established in the year 2013 by Mahesh Bhupathi sponsored by Coca-Cola and Qatar Airways.

10 Sep - 1st Global Investors Meet held in Chennai

1st Global Investors Meet held in Chennai on 10th September 2015 with the aim to boost the investors to invest in the State of Tamil Nadu.

11 Sep - Rajasthan became 1st State to submit Annual Action Plan under Atal Mission

Rajasthan became 1st State to submit Annual Action Plan under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) on 11th September 2015. AMRUT projects are proposed to be taken up in 13 of 28 AMRUT cities in the State.

11 Sep - MBMC imposed the ban on sale of meat

Mira-Bhayander Municipal Corporation (MBMC) of Mumbai imposed a ban of sale of meat during the period 11th September to 18th September due to 'Paryushan Parva'.

11 Sep - New terminal of Chandigarh Airport inaugurated

On 11th September 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal of Chandigarh Airport as operated by Chandigarh International Airport Ltd. Punjab and Haryana will have equal stake in CHIAL. The new terminal costs about Rs.939 Crore. Airports Authority of India has 51% stake in the project while Punjab and Haryana have 24.5% each.

11 Sep - Spice Jet became first ever civil airliner to make night landing in Port Blair

Spice Jet became first ever civil airliner to make night landing at Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair on 11th September 2015.

11 Sep - India approved the purchase of 10 Heron TP Drones from Israel

On 11th September 2015, Government of India approved the purchase of 10 Heron TP Drones from Israel with \$ 400mn.

12 Sep - Constituent Assembly rejected the proposal to declare Nepal as a Hindu country

Constituent Assembly rejected the proposal to declare Nepal as a Hindu country. Earlier, in the year 2007 Nepal declared as secular country.

12 Sep - Cyrus Poonawalla purchased 'Lincoln House' for Rs.750 Crore

Cyrus Poonawalla, the famous businessman purchased the iconic 'Lincoln House' situated in Mumbai for Rs.750 Crore.

12 Sep - BSF and Pakistan Rangers held a meeting in New Delhi

To discuss the issues related to border cooperation, Director General of Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers held a meeting in New Delhi during period 09th to 12th September 2015. DG of BSF is D.K. Pathak and Pakistan Rangers Major General is Umar Farooq Burki.

13 Sep - 1st India-Australia maritime exercise 'AUSINDEX15' begins in Visakhapatnam

1st India-Australia maritime exercise 'AUSINDEX15' begins in Visakhapatnam on 13th September 2015 between Royal Australian Navy and Indian Navy. The exercise will train Indian Navy Ships Ranvijayi, Shivalik and Shakti along with P-8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

13 Sep - Tamil Nadu Fibernet Corporation will be established in the State

Tamil Nadu Fibernet Corporation will be established in the State as announced Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha on 13th September 2015.

13 Sep - EKUVERIN 2015 concluded

6th India-Maldives joint military training exercise 'EKUVERIN 2015' concluded on 13th September 2015 held at Pangaode Military Station, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

13 Sep - India Rapid Reaction Cell inaugurated

First ever country special cell at Pentagon established to boost the US defence ties with India. The cell called as 'India Rapid Reaction Cell'.

15 Sep - Shauryanjali Exhibition on Indo-Pak War 1965 inaugurated

Shauryanjali Exhibition on Indo-Pak War 1965 inaugurated on 15th September 2015 to celebrated the victory of India over Pakistan.

16 Sep - Solar power generation facility made mandatory by Tamil Nadu

On 16th September 2015 the State of Tamil Nadu made mandatory for all high rise buildings to have solar power generation facility in the State.

16 Sep - SPMRM approved by Govt. of India

Shyama Prasad Mukherje Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for rural development approved by the Government of India on 16th September 2015 with the aim to boost the social, economic and infrastructure development in rural areas.

16 Sep - 4th meeting of India-Kuwait Joint Working Group on Hydrocarbons held in New Delhi

4th meeting of India-Kuwait Joint Working Group on Hydrocarbons held in New Delhi on 16th September 2015 to discuss the areas of bilateral cooperation. It is important to noting that during 2014-15 Kuwait was 4th largest supplier to India after Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Venezuela.

16 Sep - 150 days employment under MGNREGA approved

150 days employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the drought hit areas approved by Government of India on 16th September 2015.

17 Sep - Supreme Court has stayed the implementation of Haryana Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 2015

Supreme Court has stayed the implementation of Haryana Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 2015, the bench headed by Justice J. Chelameswar.

17 Sep - Krishna and Godavari interlinked

On 17th September 2015, Krishna and Godavari interlinked by the State Government at Village Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada. The ceremony called as 'Krishna-Godavari Pavitra Sangamam'. It is the idea of Kanuri Lakshmana Rao who also called as Father of Indian Irrigation System.

17 Sep - NSCN-K banned by India

Government of India banned National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang (NSCN-K) on 17th September 2015 under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

17 Sep - Joint Challenged Coin released by India and USA

Joint Challenged Coin released by India and USA on 17th September 2015 with the aim to symbolize their partnership for the next generation aircraft carrier for Indian Navy.

18 Sep - Diclofenac banned by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare banned the sale of 'Diclofenac' in multidose vial for human use on 18th September 2015. It is nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

18 Sep - Perumanna Grama Panchayat, Kerala became 1st to declare Water Policy

Perumanna Grama Panchayat, Kozhikode, Kerala became 1st to declare Water Policy on 18th September 2015.

19 Sep - E. Sreedharan to serve UN High Level Advisory Group

E. Sreedharan, also called as Metro Man, invited to UN High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport on 19th September 2015.

19 Sep - Harvinder Singh Phoolka resigned from all posts

Harvinder Singh Phoolka, the Senior Advocate of Supreme Court and Member of Aam Aadmi Party, resigned from all posts on 19th September 2015.

19 Sep - Jammu and Kashmir banned the sale of Ambuja Cement

The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir banned the sale of Ambuja Cement on 19th September 2015. Ambuja Cement was formerly known as Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd.

20 Sep - Indian Railways developed Hybrid Vacuum Toilets

Indian Railways developed Hybrid Vacuum Toilets and became 1st in the World to do it. It will help to maintain cleanliness in toilets.

21 Sep - West Bengal declassified the 64 files related with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

West Bengal declassified the 64 files related with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose containing 13000 pages and made accessible to the public on 21st September 2015. These files were kept for 70 years in Kolkata Police Museum.

21 Sep - Flag Meeting ceremony between India and Pakistan held

Flag Meeting ceremony between India and Pakistan held on 21st September 2015 to defuse the situation on LoC at Chakan-da-Bagh in Poonch sector. It is important to note that it is 1st meeting between the countries at Brigadier level from last 20 days. Brigadier H.S. Sareen from India and Brigadier Osman from Pakistan attended the ceremony.

21 Sep - Dr.P. Sivakumar has been elevated as Distinguished Scientist

Dr.P. Sivakumar has been elevated as Distinguished Scientist by Union Defence Ministry.

22 Sep - Gurgaon will observe car free day on every Tuesday between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On 22nd September 2015 Gurgaon started the event to observe a car free day on every Tuesday between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

22 Sep - Department of Electronics and Information Technology issued new guideline

According to the New Encryption Policy, all messages must be mandatorily stored for almost 90 days through messaging services like WhatsApp, Viber, Line, Google Chat, Yahoo SMS, e-mail etc.

22 Sep - Marathi film 'Court' selected as India's official entry to Best Foreign Language category

Marathi film 'Court' selected as India's official entry to Best Foreign Language category at 88th Academy Awards 2016 (Oscar Awards). The film has also won Best Feature Film Award in 62nd National Film Awards in 2015.

22 Sep - Rajasthan passed two bills on reservation

Rajasthan passed two bills on reservation i.e. Rajasthan Special Backward Classes Reservation Bill, 2015 and Rajasthan Economically Backward Classes Reservation Bill, 2015 in 9th Schedule of the Constitution. Now, the State will provide 68% reservation instead of 49.5%.

22 Sep - India will set up India Sign Language Research and Training Centre

The Government of India approved to set up India Sign Language Research and Training Centre under Societies Registration Act, 1860 situated at Institute for Physically Handicapped, New Delhi.

22 Sep - Korea Caravan 2015 held in Vishakhapatnam

Korea Caravan 2015 held in Vishakhapatnam organized by Korea-Andhra Pradesh Friendship Forum on 22nd September 2015.

22 Sep - 'Heritage Flying Expedition' held to commemorate 1965 Indo-Pak war

'Heritage Flying Expedition' held on 22nd September 2015 to commemorate 50 years of 1965 Indo-Pak war as organized by South Western Command.

23 Sep - PM Narendra Modi visited Ireland

Prime Minister Narendra Modi became 1st to visit Ireland in last 59 years as Jawahar Lal Nehru visited Ireland in the year 1956. The Prime Minister of Ireland is Enda Kenny. Capital and Currency of Ireland is Dublin and Euro respectively.

23 Sep - Uninor re-branded as Telenor India

Uninor re-branded as Telenor India on 23rd September 2015. Now it is known as Telenor India Communications Pvt. Ltd. headquartered in Oslo, Norway.

23 Sep - Haryana increased the pension of World War I and II Soldiers

The State Government of Haryana decided to increase the pension of World War I and II Soldiers on 23rd September 2015. The pension increased from Rs.3000 to Rs.4500 per month.

23 Sep - UNDP will support Arunachal Vision 2030

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will support Arunachal Vision 2030 with the aim to ensure the development in the State as announced on 23rd September 2015. Chief Minister of the State is Nabam Tuki and head of UNDP India is Dr.Jaco Cilliers.

24 Sep - Special Assistance of Rs.1000 Crore approved to Andhra Pradesh

Special Assistance of Rs.1000 Crore approved by the Government of India to the State of Andhra Pradesh on 24th September 2015 for the purpose of development projects.

25 Sep - Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 also applies on Muslims

As per ruling made by Gujarat High Court on 25th September 2015, guidelines of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 also applies on Muslims as announced by Justice J.B. Pardiwala.

28 Sep - Mitra Shakti 2015 held at Aundh Military Station, Pune

3rd edition of Mitra Shakti 2015, the joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka started at Aundh Military Station, Pune on 28th September 2015.

International Affairs

28 Aug - Mount McKinley of Alaska renamed as Denali

Mount McKinley of Alaska renamed as Denali on 28th August 2015. Earlier, in the year 1896, the peak was named as Mount McKinley after the name William McKinley who was the champion of Gold standard.

29 Aug - IGAD-Plus brokered peace agreement came into effect

IGAD-Plus brokered peace agreement came into effect in South Sudan on 29th August 2015 with the aim to end inter-ethnic Dinka-Neur conflict. Four years back, in the year 2011, the country came into existence and Salva Kiir Mayardit became the President.

30 Aug - Palmyra's Temple of Bel destroyed by ISIS

Palmyra's Temple of Bel destroyed by Islamic State for Iraq and Syria (ISIS) on 30th August 2015. It was UNESCO's World Heritage Site.

30 Aug - Mount McKinley renamed as Denali

Mount McKinley renamed as Denali which was renamed after the name of 25th President of USA William McKinley. The mountain is at an altitude of about 20,310 feet. This is the tallest mountain in North America.

02 Sep - French proposal rejected by Russia

French proposal to limit veto power of United Nations Security Councils (UNSC)'s permanent members, rejected by Russia on 02nd September 2015.

3 Sep - 3.04 trillion trees available there in the World

According to the report of T.W. Crowther, there are 3.04 trillion trees available in all over the World.

03 Sep - Marvan Atapattu resigned as Head Coach of Sri Lanka Cricket team

Marvan Atapattu resigned as Head Coach of Sri Lanka Cricket team on 03rd September 2015.

03 Sep - China celebrated its Victory Day Parade over Japan

On 03rd September 2015, China celebrated Victory Day Parade to commemorate its victory over Japan in World War-II.

03 Sep - Barack Obama crossed the Arctic Circle to go to Alaska

Barack Obama became 1st sitting President of USA to cross the Arctic Circle to go to Alaska on 03rd September 2015. He visited Kotzebue.

03 Sep - Jagdeep Grewal became 1st female postmaster in Sacramento, California

Jagdeep Grewal, an Indian-American became 1st female postmaster of Sacramento, California on 03rd September 2015 after about 166 years.

05 Sep - Germany and Austria opened their borders

Germany and Austria opened their borders on 05th September 2015 for the exhausted refugees.

06 Sep - National Reform Council of Thailand rejected the controversial new drafted constitution

National Reform Council of Thailand rejected the controversial new drafted constitution. The Council was appointed by military of Thailand.

07 Sep - Global Waste Management Outlook released by UNEP

Global Waste Management Outlook released by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) on 07th September 2015 with the aim to bring awareness on waste management.

08 Sep - South Korea and North Korea agreed to family reunions

To improve the bilateral relations between the countries, South Korea and North Korea agreed to family reunions during the period of 20th to 26th October 2015.

08 Sep - Supreme Court of Pakistan ordered adoption of Urdu as official language

On 08th September 2015, Supreme Court of Pakistan ordered adoption of Urdu as official language.

09 Sep - Queen Elizabeth II became longest reigning monarch in Britain

Queen Elizabeth II became longest reigning monarch in Britain. Before her, Queen Victoria remained at the throne for about 63 years 7 months (1819-1901). She was great-great-grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II.

09 Sep - Russia joined the ongoing war in Syria

On 09th September 2015, Russia joined the ongoing war in Syria by backing President Bashar al-Assad's forces as the information disclosed by the sources of Lebanon.

10 Sep - Palestine got the approval from United Nations General Assembly

Palestine got the approval from United Nations General Assembly on 10th September 2015 to get fly its flag at the Headquarter of UN New York. Earlier, in the year 2012, UN approved the de facto recognition of the sovereign state of Palestine. Almost 119 votes registered in favour the resolution out of 193.

10 Sep - UNGA approved the resolution on raising flags of non-member observed states

United National General Assembly (UNGA) approved the resolution on Raising of Flags by non-member observed states on 10th September 2015 as introduced by Iraq as President of Arab Group. Now, Palestine and Vatican countries would be flying their flags at UN Headquarter New York.

12 Sep - People's Action Party of Singapore won Parliament General Elections

People's Action Party of Singapore won Parliament General Elections on 12th September 2015 for record 12th time. Lee Hsien Loong remained the Prime Minister of Singapore. The founder of Singapore is Lee Kuan Yew.

14 Sep - World's longest Continental Volcanic Chain discovered in Australia

World's longest Continental Volcanic Chain discovered in Australia on 14th September 2015 by the team of scientists led by Rhodri Davies.

14 Sep - Ashok-Alexander Sridharan became 1st Person of Indian Origin (PIO)

Ashok-Alexander Sridharan became 1st Person of Indian Origin (PIO) mayor of Bonn, Germany on 14th September 2015 and he related to Christian Democratic Union of Germany.

14 Sep - Malcolm Turnbull became Prime Minister of Australia

Malcolm Turnbull became 29th Prime Minister of Australia as Tony Abbott lost the leadership ballot by members of his party on 14th September 2015. He related to the Liberal Party. He became 4th PM of Australia since 2013 the three were Julia Gillard, Kevin Rudd, Tony Abbott.

16 Sep - Hungary declared state of emergency over refugee influx

Hungary declared state of emergency over refugee influx on 16th September 2015 in its two regions Csongrad and Bacs-Kiskun as announced by Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orban. Capital and Currency of Hungary is Budapest and Forint respectively.

16 Sep - Chile struck by an 8.3 magnitude earthquake

South American Country 'Chile' struck by 8.3 magnitude earthquake on 16th September 2015.

17 Sep - Nepal approved its newly formed Constitution

Nepal approved its newly formed Constitution on 17th September 2015 as drafted by 2nd Constituent Assembly which was elected in the year 2013. The Chairman was Constituent Assembly was Subash Nemwang. 1st Constituent Assembly was established in the year 2008.

17 Sep - 2000 years old Nangchen Stupa with Lord Buddha's relics restored and renovated in Qinghai, China

2000 years old Nangchen Stupa with Lord Buddha's relics restored and renovated on 17th September 2015 in Qinghai, China. The relics were sent by Emperor Ashoka.

17 Sep - Burkina Faso faced military coup

The West African country 'Burkina Faso' faced military coup with its military officers overthrowing the govt. on 17th September 2015.

19 Sep - Parliament of Japan passed the Bill

On 19th September 2015, the Parliament of Japan passed the Bill. Under the guidelines of Bill, military of Japan allowed to fight abroad for the 1st time since World War II.

20 Sep - Nepal adopted newly formed Constitution

Nepal adopted newly formed Constitution on 20th September 2015 as unveiled by President Ram Baran Yadav. The Constitution drafted under 2nd Constituent Assembly which was elected in 2013, the Chairman was 2nd CA was Subash Nemwang. It is the full Democratic Constitution of Nepal. Earlier, Nepal enacted its Constitution four times in the years 1959, 1962, 1990 and 1999. Now, the country splits into 7 federal provinces.

20 Sep - Sherif Ismail became Prime Minister of Egypt

Sherif Ismail became Prime Minister of Egypt on 20th September 2015 while the President of Egypt is Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi. Currency and Capital of Egypt is Pound and Cairo respectively.

20 Sep - Cow declared as National Animal of Nepal

Cow declared as National Animal of Nepal on 20th September 2015 as the newly formed Constitution unveiled on 20th September 2015 by President of Nepal Ram Baran Yadav.

21 Sep - Alexis Tsipras led left-wing Syriza Party won General Elections of Greece

Alexis Tsipras led left-wing Syriza Party won General Elections of Greece on 21st September 2015. Earlier in August 2015, the party lost its majority in the Parliament. The election held under caretaker govt. led by 1st female Prime Minister of Greece Vassiliki Thanou.

21 Sep - India-US Ministerial Energy Dialogue 2015 held in Washington

India-US Ministerial Energy Dialogue 2015 held on 21st September 2015 in Washington. Minister of State for Power Piyush Goyal attended the meet.

24 Sep - 6.6 magnitude earthquake hits off East Indonesia (Papua)

6.6 magnitude earthquake hits off East Indonesia (Papua) on 24th September 2015. Indonesia is World's largest archipelago falls and called as region of Pacific Ring of Fire.

24 Sep - 1st conference on contemporary relevance of Bhagvad Gita held in London, UK

1st conference on contemporary relevance of Bhagvad Gita held in London, UK on 24th September 2015 by Indian Council of Cultural Relations and High Commission of India collaborated with Department of Study of Religions at University of London.

25 Sep - 'Transforming Our World: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' adopted by UNGA

'Transforming Our World: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' adopted by United Nations General Assembly on 25th September 2015 with aim to end the poverty. At present UN have 193 member countries. The project contained 17 broad goals and 169 specific targets.

24 Sep - Permila Tirkey won 'discrimination based case'

Permila Tirkey, Indian tribal woman won 'discrimination based case' on 24th September 2015 against Ajay Chandhok and Pooja Chandhok. She is working as maid in UK.

Agreements

01 Sep - India signed an agreement with United Nations Better Than Cash Alliance

India signed an agreement with United Nations Better Than Cash Alliance on 01st September 2015 with the aim to boost the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana scheme.

05 Sep - AP signed an agreement with TISS

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh signed an agreement with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) on 05th September 2015 for Students Employability Skill Development Programme (SESDP). The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh is N. Chandrababu Naidu.

06 Sep - Indian Railways signed an agreement with ISRO

On 06th September 2015, Indian Railways signed an agreement with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for mapping and communications to introduce Wi-Fi through the satellite system.

07 Sep - Doha Bank and Reliance ADA Group signed an agreement

Doha Bank and Reliance ADA Group signed an agreement on 07th September 2015 with the aim to generate business opportunities in Gulf Cooperation Council countries and also in India.

09 Sep - India signed an agreement with Indonesia

India signed an agreement with Indonesia to cooperate on criminal matters on 09th September 2015.

09 Sep - Tamil Nadu signed an agreement with Sun Edison

The State Government of Tamil Nadu signed an agreement with Sun Edison Inc. on 09th September 2015 to develop 2 gigawatts of wind and solar power projects in the State.

13 Sep - Indian Railways signed an agreement with Google Inc.

Indian Railways signed an agreement with Google Inc. on 13th September 2015 with the aim to provide free Wi-Fi services in 400 railway stations under the project Nilgiri.

17 Sep - India signed two agreements with Cambodia

India signed two agreements with Cambodia in Tourism under Mekong Ganga Project on 17th September 2015. Mekong Ganga Cooperation established in the year 2000 and comprised 6 countries included India, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

23 Sep - WADA signed an agreement Sports Minister of China

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) signed an agreement with Sports Ministry of China with the aim to crack down on the manufacture of Performance-enhancing Drugs (PEDS) in the country.

22 Sep - Telangana signed an agreement with Chhattisgarh for purchasing 1000 mw power

Telangana signed an agreement with Chhattisgarh for purchasing 1000 mw of power on 22nd September 2015 for next 12 years. The agreement called as 'Power Purchase Agreement'.

28 Sep - India signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB)

India signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for \$123.51 mn for the purpose of tourism infrastructure development for 3 States i.e. Punjab, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Headquarter and President of ADB is Manila, Phillipines and Takehiko Nakao respectively.

Festivals and Days held

29 Aug - National Sports Day observed on 29th August

National Sports Day observed on 29th August 2015. The day celebrated on the birth anniversary of former Hockey Player Major Dhyan Chand. Sania Mirza awarded with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2015. In the last year 2014, Shooter Ronjan Sodhi awarded with the award. Punjabi University, Patiala awarded with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy.

05 Sep - National Teacher's Day observed

National Teacher's Day observed on 05th September 2015 i.e. the birth anniversary of 1st Vice-President and 2nd President of India Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

08 Sep - International Literacy Day 2015 observed

International Literacy Day 2015 observed in all over the World on 08th September 2015 under the theme of 'Literacy and Sustainable Societies'. 1st Literacy Day was organized in the year 1966 as proclaimed by UNESCO in the year 1965. The Headquarter of UNESCO is in Paris, France.

09 Sep - 1st Telangana Language Day observed

1st Telangana Language Day observed in the State on 09th September 2015 on the birth anniversary of Kaloji Narayana Rao. He was famous poet of Telangana and is also called as 'People's Poet'. On the same day, the State decided to establish Kaloji Memorial Award. He was awarded with Padma Vibhushan in the year 1992.

10 Sep - World Suicide Prevention Day observed

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on 10th September 2015 under the theme 'Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives'.

14 Sep - Hindi Divas observed in India on 14th September 2015

Hindi Divas observed in India on 14th September 2015 with the aim to propagate the importance of Hindi language. President Pranab Mukherjee also presented Rajbhasa Awards. On 14th September 1949, Constituent Assembly India adopted Hindi written in Devanagari scripts as its official language.

11 Sep - UNGA adopted the resolution proclaiming 9 December as International Genocide Commemoration Day

On 11th September 2015, resolution proclaiming 9 December as International Genocide Commemoration Day adopted by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

14th and 15th Sep - 9th Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas observed on 14th and 15 September

9th Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas observed during 14th to 15th September 2015 in Los Angeles, California, USA.

16 Sep - International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer observed

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer observed in all over the World on 16th September 2015 to mark 30th anniversary of Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.

20 Sep - The Weeklong Ladakh Festival began at Leh

Ladakh Festival began at Leh on 20th September 2015. The festival is for one Week. The festival started in the year 1980 with the aim to promote tourism in region.

21 Sep - International Day of Peace observed on 21st September

International Day of Peace observed on 21st September 2015 in all over the World under the 'Partnerships for Peace-Dignity for All'.

22 Sep - World Rhino Day observed on 22nd September 2015

World Rhino Day observed in all over the World on 22nd September 2015. It is important to noting that there are 29000 rhinoceros in the World.

27 Sep - World Tourism Day observed on 27th September 2015

World Tourism Day observed on 27th September 2015 in all over the World under the theme 'One Billion Tourists, One Billion Opportunities'.

Reports

27 Aug - Forbes Asia's list of philanthropists released

Forbes Asia's list of philanthropists released on 27th August 2015, Out of 40 there are 13 Indians. Some names are Senapathy Gopalakrishnan, Nandan Nilekani, S.D. Shibulal, Rohan, Sunny Varkey, Suresh Ramakrishnan, Mahesh Ramakrishnan.

09 Sep - Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report 2015 released

Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report 2015 released by UN Inter-agency Group on 09th September 2015. According to the report, global under five mortality rate has dropped 53%.

09 Sep - 'Standard & Poor's' released the report

According to the Global rating agency 'Standard & Poor's', the Latin American country Brazil rating to junk grade on 09th September 2015. It is important to noting that Brazil is the largest economy in Latin America. The President of Brazil is Dilma Rousseff.

15 Sep - QS World University Rankings of 2015-16 released

According to QS World University Rankings of 2015-16, IIT Delhi and IISc listed in top 200 World Universities. IISc Bangalore and IIT Delhi ranked at 147th and 179th ranks respectively. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) of USA topped the list for 4th time.

17 Sep - 8th edition of Global Innovation Index 2015 released

According to the report of 8th edition of Global Innovation Index 2015, Switzerland topped the list which India ranked at 81st.

22 Sep - NSSO released the data

According to 68th Round Data on Status of Education and Vocational Training in India released by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on 22nd September 2015, there is male and female literacy rate in rural areas is 79.1% and 60.6% respectively while in urban areas it is 91.1% and 80.3% respectively.

23 Sep - Forbes Magazine India Rich List 2015 released

According to Forbes Magazine India Rich list 2015, Mukesh Ambani became richest person for 9th consecutive year in India followed by Dilip Shanghvi of Sun Pharma and Azim Premji of Wipro. Co-founders of Flipkart Sachin Bansal and Binni Bansal made their debut in the list at 86th position.

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Sports

Athletics

30 Aug - Mare Dibaba won women's Marathon in World Athletics Championship

Mare Dibaba of Ethiopia won women's Marathon in World Athletics Championship on 30th August 2015 and became 1st female of Ethiopia to win the event.

31 Aug - 15th IAAF World Championship concluded

15th IAAF World Championship concluded on 31st August 2015 in Beijing, China. Kenya ranked at No.1 position with 16 medals while Jamaica and USA stood at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Till date, India has won only 2 medals by Long Jumper Anju Bobby George in the year 2003 and 2005.

01 Sep - Yoga recognized as sports discipline by the Government of India

Yoga recognized as sports discipline by the Government of India on 01st September 2015 with the aim to encourage the practice of yoga.

05 Sep - Apurvi Chandela won Silver Medal in ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup

Apurvi Chandela won Silver Medal in ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup on 05th September 2015 while Ahmadi Elaheh of Iran won Gold Medal.

16 Sep - Manpreet Kaur, Shot Putter shattered 18 years old national record of Harbans Kaur

Manpreet Kaur, Shot Putter shattered 18 years old national record of Harbans Kaur on 16th September 2015 at 55th National Open Athletics Championship held at Kolkata, West Bengal and qualified for Rio Olympics 2016.

20 Sep - Mariko Kipchumba of Kenya won Beijing International Marathon

Mariko Kipchumba of Kenya won Beijing International Marathon on 20th September 2015 in Men's category while Betelhem Cherenet won in Women category.

22 Sep - Indian 'Wushu' team won 12 medals included one Gold medal

Indian 'Wushu' team won 12 medals included one Gold medal, at 5th International Pars Wushu Cup held in Tehran, Iran. L. Budhachandra Singh won Gold Medal. The championship held bi-annually.

27 Sep - Abhinav Bindra won Gold Medal in Asian Air Gun Championship

Abhinav Bindra won Gold Medal in Asian Air Gun Championship on 27th September 2015 held in New Delhi which Gagan Narang is at 4th position.

Cricket

01 Sep - India won the Test Series against Sri Lanka

India won the Test Series against Sri Lanka on 01st September 2015 under the captaincy of Virat Kohli. India won the Test Series against Sri Lanka after the long gap of 22 years. Earlier, in the year 1993, under the captaincy of Mohammad Azharuddin, India won the Test Series against Sri Lanka.

06 Sep - Shane Robert Watson retired from Test Cricket

Shane Robert Watson retired from Test Cricket on 06th September 2015 as announced by him. He also known as nickname 'Watto'.

21 Sep - Sania Mirza and Ajinkya Rahane awarded with Cricket Club of India's (CCI) Honorary Life Membership

Sania Mirza (Tennis) and Ajinkya Rahane (Cricket) awarded with Cricket Club of India's (CCI) Honorary Life Membership on 21st September 2015.

Commonwealth Games

02 Sep - XXII Commonwealth Games 2022 will be played in Durban, South Africa

XXII Commonwealth Games 2022 will be organized and played in Durban, South Africa as announced on 02nd September 2015 by Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). Now, South Africa became 1st African country to host the Commonwealth Games in 85 years history. Commonwealth Games 2018 will be held in Gold Coast, Australia.

09 Sep - Abitha Mary Manuel and Anamika Das won Bronze Medal in 5th CYG 2015

Abitha Mary Manuel won Bronze Medal in 800m race and Anamika Das won Bronze Medal in Shot Put in 5th Commonwealth Youth Games 2015 on 09th September 2015.

F 1

06 Sep - Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix title 2015 won by Lewis Hamilton

Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix title 2015 won by Lewis Hamilton of Britain on 06th September 2015. It is his 3rd Monza Circuit victory and 7th title in the year 2015.

20 Sep - Ferrari Driver Sebastian Vettel won Singapore Grand Prix Formula One 2015

Ferrari Driver Sebastian Vettel won Singapore Grand Prix Formula One 2015 on 20th September 2015. It is his 4th victory in Singapore Grand Prix and 3rd in the year 2015 after won Malaysian and Hungarian Grand Prix.

26 Sep - Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won Japanese Grand Prix Formula 1

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won Japanese Grand Prix Formula 1 on 26th September 2015. It is his 8th victory. Earlier, he won Australia, China, Bahrain, Canada, UK, Belgium and Italy Grand Prix titles 2015.

Boxing

05 Sep - Vikas Krishan Yadav won Silver Medal in Asian Boxing Championship 2015

Vikas Krishan Yadav, an Indian Boxer, won Silver Medal in Asian Boxing Championship 2015 in 75 kg category on 05th September 2015.

12 Sep - Floyd Mayweather Jr announced his retirement

Floyd Mayweather Jr, the famous Boxer of USA announced his retirement on 12th September 2015 after defeating Andre Berto in Welterweight World Championship. He played almost 19 years. With this win, he tied with Rocky Marciano. He remained Ring Magazine Fighter of Year for two times and won Boxing Writers Association of America Fighter of the Year Award in the year 2007, 2013.

Golf

07 Sep - Anirban Lahiri became 1st Indian Golfer to qualify for Presidents Cup

Anirban Lahiri became 1st Indian Golfer to qualify for Presidents Cup on 07th September 2015. Earlier, in the year 2014, he awarded with Arjuna Award. Presidents Cup 2015 will be held in Incheon, South Korea.

Tennis

12 Sep - Leander Paes and Martina Hingis won mixed doubles title of US Open

Leander Paes of India and Martina Hingis of Switzerland won mixed doubles title of US Open. The couple also won Australian Open and Wimbledon earlier this year.

13 Sep - 135th edition of US Open concluded

135th edition of US Open held concluded on 13th September 2015. Men's singles title won by Novak Djokovic of Serbia, Women's singles title won by Flavia Pennetta, Men's doubles title won by Pierre Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut, Women's doubles title won by Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis while Mixed doubles title won by Leander Paes and Martina Hingis.

26 Sep - Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis won women's doubles title of Guangzhou Open

Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis won women's doubles title of Guangzhou Open 2015 on 26th September 2015. It is 7th title of Sania Mirza in 2015.

Rio Olympics 2016

13 Sep - Narsing Pancham Yadav qualified for Rio Olympics 2016

Narsing Pancham Yadav, Wrestler of India qualified for Rio Olympics 2016. He won Bronze Medal in Men's 74 Kg freestyle category at World Wrestling Championship held at Las Vegas, USA.

Kalarippayattu

14 Sep - IKF granted recognition Kalarippayattu sport

Indian Kalarippayattu Federation (IKF) granted recognition Kalarippayattu sport as Regional Sports Federation (RSF) on 14th September 2015. The sport basically performed in the State of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Asian Games 2022

16 Sep - Asian Games 2022 will be held in Hangzhou, China

Asian Games 2022 will be held in Hangzhou, China as announced on 16th September 2015 by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). Asian Games 2018 will be held in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia while Asian Games 2014 held in Incheon, South Korea.

Badminton

20 Sep - Ajay Jayaram won Silver Medal in Men's singles category in Korea Open Badminton tournament

Ajay Jayaram won Silver Medal in Men's singles category in Korea Open Badminton tournament 2015 on 20th September 2015. He became 1st Indian Badminton player to win a medal in this tournament. He ranked 32nd in World rankings.

Football

24 Sep - U-14 sub-junior Subroto Cup Football Tournament won by Government Chawngfiang Middle School

U-14 sub-junior Subroto Cup Football Tournament won by Government Chawngfiang Middle School on 24th September 2015.

Hockey

23 Sep - Indian Air Force won Baba Farid Gold Cup Hockey 2015

Indian Air Force won Baba Farid Gold Cup Hockey 2015 on 23rd September 2015 played in Faridkot, Punjab after defeating Army XI.

Billiards

26 Sep - Pankaj Advani won IBSF World Billiards Championship

Pankaj Advani won IBSF World Billiards Championship 2015 on 26th September 2015 held in Adelaide, Australia. It is his 14th World title. He became 1st player in all over the World to win World titles in Billiards and Snooker also.

Business and Economy

30 Aug - USITC extended anti-dumping duty

United States International Trade Commission (USITC) extended anti-dumping duty on Indian preserved mushroom for the next 5 years on 30th August 2015. The District Solan, Himachal Pradesh is known as 'Mushroom City of India'.

31 Aug - SBI and ICICI identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks

State Bank of India and ICICI Bank identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks by RBI on 31st August 2015.

01 Sep - Google Inc. built the new logo design

Google Inc. built the new logo design of its iconic logo on 01st September 2015 for 5th time since started its operations in the year 1998.

03 Sep - Llyod's City Risk Index 2015-2025 released

According to Llyod's City Risk Index 2015-2025, Taipei, Taiwan topped the list with \$181bn while Mumbai has biggest risk in India with \$47bn. The report released on 03rd September 2015.

07 Sep - Maharashtra decided to abolish Local Body Tax

The State Government of Maharashtra decided to abolish Local Body Tax (LBT) on petrol and diesel as announced on 07th September 2015.

07 Sep - WFE released the report

According to the report of World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) as released on 07th September 2015, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has highest number of listed companies in all over the World. Till now, total 5689 companies listed with BSE in which one company is a foreign company while 1750 companies listed with National Stock Exchange of India (NSE). It is important to noting that BSE established in the year 1855 and is the oldest exchange in Asia.

09 Sep - Gold Monetization Scheme launched

Gold Monetization Scheme launched by the Government of India on 09th September 2015 with the aim to mobilize unutilized gold from the household and also from the institutions. Gold Deposit Scheme and Gold Metal Loan will run under this scheme. This process has 5 stages. To implement the scheme, banks will enter into a tripartite agreement with refiners and Purity Testing Centres (PTCs).

09 Sep - Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme approved

Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme approved by the Government of India on 09th September 2015 with the aim to reduce dependence on physical gold. It is important to noting that Indian Gold Coin will carry Ashok Chakra on its face.

11 Sep - 'LIME' lunched by Axis Bank

The App named 'LIME' launched by Axis Bank on 11th September 2015. It will allow its customers to compare and shop the products and transfer money also.

14 Sep - Gujarat tops in ease of doing business in India

According to the report of World Bank, Gujarat tops in ease of doing business in India. Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand topped the list respectively.

14 Sep - RBI cancelled the certificate of registration of Sahara India Financial Corporation Limited

On 14th September 2015, RBI cancelled the certificate of registration of Sahara India Financial Corporation Limited (SIFCL), the entity of Sahara Group.

14 Sep - 'Assessment of State Implementation of Business Reforms' report released

On 14th September 2015, according to World Bank report 'Assessment of State Implementation of Business Reforms', Gujarat emerged as most investor friendly state.

15 Sep - SBI launched 'Simply CLICK'

For the purpose of online shopping, State Bank of India launched 'Simply CLICK' card on 15th September 2015 partnered with Amazon India, Book My Show, Cleartrip etc.

15 Sep - New Tourism Policy 2015-20 started

New Tourism Policy 2015-20 started by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh with the aim to boost the tourism sector in the State as inaugurated by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

15 Sep - RBI signed an agreement with NRB

Reserve Bank of India signed an agreement with Nepal Rastra Bank for supervisory information exchange on 15th September 2015. Executive Director of Nepal Rastra Bank Narayan Prasad Paudel attended the inaugural ceremony.

16 Sep - RBI approved the licence of 10 small finance banks i.e.

- Au Financiers (India) Ltd.
- Capital Area Bank
- Disha Microfin Private Ltd.
- Equitas Holdings P Ltd.
- ESAF Microfinance and Investments Pvt. Ltd.
- Janalakshmi Financial Service Pvt. Ltd.
- RGVN (North East) Microfinance Ltd.
- Suryoday Micro Finance Pvt. Ltd.
- Ujjivan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Utkarsh Micro Finance Pvt. Ltd.

21 Sep - State of Broadband Report 2015 released by UN Broadband Commission

According to State of Broadband Report 2015 released by UN Broadband Commission on 21st September 2015, Republic of Korea has World's highest household broadband penetration with 98.5% followed by Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

23 Sep - Google launched new features in its Gmail service namely 'Block and Unsubscribe'

Google launched new features in its Gmail service namely 'Block and Unsubscribe' on 23rd September 2015.

24 Sep - European Union imposed anti-dumping duty on Indian steel pipes

European Union imposed anti-dumping duty on Indian steel pipes i.e. up to 31.2% of imports of sewage and water steel pipes for the period of six months.

24 Sep - 'Free Basics by Facebook' is the new name given to 'internet.org'

'Free Basics by Facebook' is the new name given to 'internet.org' on 24th September 2015.

24 Sep - Shivinder Mohan Singh resigned as Executive Vice Chairman of Fortis Hospitals Limited

Shivinder Mohan Singh resigned as Executive Vice Chairman of Fortis Hospitals Limited on 24th September 2015 Headquarter at New Delhi.

24 Sep - RBI relaxed change in ownership norms

Reserve Bank of India relaxed change in ownership norms of borrowing entities on 24th September 2015.

28 Sep - Google will provide Wi-Fi in 400 railway stations of India

Google will provide Wi-Fi in 400 railway stations of India as announced on 28th September 2015.

Awards and Books

31 Aug - Tejinder Pal Singh awarded with Australian of the Day

Tejinder Pal Singh awarded with Australian of the Day on 31st August 2015 by Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

01 Sep - India won UNESCO's Award of Excellence 2015

India won UNESCO's Award of Excellence 2015 on 01st September 2015 for conserving Sree Vadakkunnathan Temple situated in Kerala. The award is given in the category of UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

01 Sep - 'The Dules of the Himalayan Eagle: The first Indo-Pak Air War' released

The book titled as 'The Dules of the Himalayan Eagle: The first Indo-Pak Air War' written by Air Marshal Bharat Kumar, released on 01st September 2015.

02 Sep - 'Globalisation, Democratization and Distributive Justice' released

The book titled as 'Globalization, Democratization and Distributive Justice' released on 02nd September 2015. The author of the book is Mool Chand Sharma.

05 Sep - 'To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 Story' published

The book titled as 'To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 Story' written by Jairam Ramesh published on 05th September 2015. He is former Union Environment and Forest Minister (Independent Charge).

07 Sep - Black Mamba Anti-Poaching Unit of South Africa selected for UNEP Champions of Earth Award 2015

Black Mamba Anti-Poaching Unit of South Africa selected for UNEP Champions of Earth Award 2015 on 07th September 2015 for protecting wildlife in Balule Private Game Reserve.

07 Sep - 'Neither A Hawk Nor A Dove' published

The book titled as 'Neither A Hawk Nor A Dove' published on 07th September 2015. The author of the book is former External Affairs Minister of Pakistan Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri. The book depicts the matter of life of Sonia Gandhi and other misc. facts related with India and Pakistan. It is important to noting that the real name of Sonia Gandhi is Antonia Edvige Albina Maino.

07 Sep - Anupam Kher awarded with Honoured Guest of Texas Award

Anupam Kher awarded with Honoured Guest of Texas Award on 07th September 2015.

08 Sep - 'Two Years Eight Months and Twenty Eight Nights'

The book titled as 'Two Years Eight Months and Twenty Eight Nights' written by Salman Rushdie released on 8th September 2015.

09 Sep - Tambul Leaf Plates awarded with SEED Special Recognition Award

Tambul Leaf Plates, an Indian based organization, awarded with SEED Special Recognition Award on 9th September 2015.

12 Sep - Dr.G. Satheesh Reddy awarded with Silver Medal by Royal Aeronautical Society

Dr.G. Satheesh Reddy awarded with Silver Medal by Royal Aeronautical Society on 12th September 2015. This society is the oldest aeronautical society in all over the World.

14 Sep - National Geographic Society selected for UNEP Champions of the Earth Award

National Geographic Society selected for UNEP Champions of the Earth Award on 14th September 2015 as awarded by United National Environment Programme (UNEP) while Natura Brasil awarded with the award in entrepreneurial vision category.

15 Sep - Sheikh Hasina won United Nations Champions of the Earth Award

Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, won UN Award for Leadership on Climate Change on 15th September 2015 as announced by UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Bangladesh became 1st developing country to have a climate change strategy and action plan and also to set up its own Climate Change Trust Fund.

16 Sep - Swetha Prabakaran awarded with Champions of Change Award in USA

Swetha Prabakaran, an Indian-American awarded with Champions of Change Award in USA as selected by White House, USA. She is founder of non-profit body 'Everybody Code Now'.

18 Sep - Aqeela Asifi awarded with UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award

Aqeela Asifi, refugee teacher of Afghanistan awarded with UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award on 18th September 2015. The award established in the year 1954.

18 Sep - National Tourism Awards 2013-14 presented

On 18th September 2015, National Tourism Awards 2013-14 presented. Gujarat awarded with Best State/UT for Comprehensive Tourism Development, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh awarded with Best Heritage City, Kerala awarded with Most Innovative Use of Information Technology.

20 Sep - Shamim Hanfi awarded with Jnangarima Manad Alankaran Award of Bharatiya Jnanpith

Shamim Hanfi, the famous Urdu scholar awarded with Jnangarima Manad Alankaran Award of Bharatiya Jnanpith on 20th September 2015.

20 Sep - Game of Thrones won 12 awards at 67th Emmy Awards

Game of Thrones, the famous American drama t.v. series, won 12 Awards at 67th Emmy Awards on 20th September 2015 held at Los Angeles, California, USA.

22 Sep - Dr.Kamal Kishore Goenka awarded with Vyaas Samman 2014

Dr.Kamal Kishore Goenka, the famous Hindi writer awarded with 24th Vyaas Samman 2014 on 22nd September 2015 for his work 'Premchand ki Kahaniyon ka Kaal Kramanusaar Adhyayan'. The award was instituted by K.K. Birla Foundation in the year 1991.

22 Sep - Lalita Prasida Sripada Srisai awarded with Community Impact Award

Lalita Prasida Sripada Srisai awarded with Community Impact Award on 22nd September 2015 at the ceremony Google Science Fair. She is just 9th class student (13 years old) of Koraput, Odisha.

23 Sep - Indra Nooyi, Shobhana Bhartia awarded with Global Leadership Award 2015

Indra Nooyi, Shobhana Bhartia awarded with Global Leadership Award 2015 of US-India Business Council (USIBC) on 23rd September 2015 while Indian-American Artist Natvar Bhavsar awarded with Artistic Achievement Award.

24 Sep - Sardar Post titled as 'Sardar Post, Rann of Kutch: Known for the epic battle of 1965 Indo-Pak War fought by CRPF' released

The graphic booklet on Sardar Post titled as 'Sardar Post, Rann of Kutch: Known for the epic battle of 1965 Indo-Pak War fought by CRPF' released by Union Home Minister on 24th September 2015.

24 Sep - EPFO awarded with SKOCH Award

Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) awarded with SKOCH Award for Smart Government on 24th September 2015. It is 5th award won by EPFO in last 2 years. EPFO headquarter is situated in New Delhi.

27 Sep - SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2015 won by Dr. Jacob Tsimmerman of Canada

SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2015 won by Dr. Jacob Tsimmerman of Canada on 27th September 2015. The award named after Srinivasa Ramanujan, famous Mathematician of India. National Mathematician Day is observed on 22nd December.

Science and Technology

31 Aug - SERVIR-Mekong Hub launched by NASA and USAID

SERVIR-Mekong Hub launched by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on 31st August 2015 with the aim to serve the countries of Mekong river basin. The Hub is situated at Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok, Thailand. The Headquarter of NASA is in Washington D.C.

10 Sep - Anti-Tank guided Amogha-I missile test fired

Anti-Tank guided Amogha-I missile test fired on 10th September 2015 at Babina Army Range, Madhya Pradesh. The missile developed by Bharat Dynamics Ltd. and has maximum range of 2.8 kms.

20 Sep - Smaller version Long March-6 carrier rocket launched

Smaller version Long March-6 carrier rocket launched by China on 20th September 2015. The rocket is 29.3 meter in length.

21 Sep - 'ICGS Apoorva' and 'Interceptor Boat C-421' commissioned

'ICGS Apoorva' and 'Interceptor Boat C-421', two Indian Coast Guard ships commissioned on 21st September 2015. It is 14th vessel and 27th interceptor boat.

24 Sep - Mars Orbiter Mission completed its one year on Mars

Mars Orbiter Mission completed its one year on Mars on 24th September 2015. It is also known as Mangalyaan. For this success, ISRO awarded with 2014 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.

25 Sep - Carrier Rocket Long March-11 launched by China

Carrier Rocket Long March-11 launched by China on 25th September 2015 from Jiquan Satellite Launch Centre. It is 211th Long March series of China. Earlier on 20th September 2015, China launched Long March-6.

27 Sep - 'Astrosat' successfully launched by ISRO

1st dedicated satellite for astronomy research 'Astrosat' successfully launched on 27th September 2015 along with 6 foreign satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. It placed at altitude of 650 km and will be located at ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore. With this success, India became the nation having its own space observatory after USA, Japan, Russia and Europe.

Deaths

05 Sep - Aadesh Shrivastava died

Aadesh Shrivastava, the famous Composer and Singer, died on 05th September 2015.

05 Sep - Aadesh Shrivastava died

Aadesh Shrivastava, the famous composer of India, died on 05th September 2015. He has done his last work as Music Director in the recently released film 'Welcome Back'.

13 Sep - Kalamandalam Sathyabhama died

Kalamandalam Sathyabhama, the famous Classical Dancer form Mohiniyattam, died on 13th September 2015. Mohiniyattam is famous classical dance form of Kerala.

18 Sep - Bal Pandit died

Bal Pandit, the famous Marathi Cricket Commentator, died on 18th September 2015. He was awarded with Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Award in the year 1978.

19 Sep - Jackie Collins (Jacqueline Jill "Jackie" Collins) died

Jackie Collins (Jacqueline Jill "Jackie" Collins), British-American famous Novelist, died on 19th September 2015. She was awarded with 'Order of the British Empire' (OBE) in the year 2013.

20 Sep - Jagmohan Dalmiya died

Jagmohan Dalmiya, President of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), died on 20th September 2015. He became President of BCCI in the year 2001 and after that in March 2015. He also remained President of International Cricket Council (ICC) during 1997 to 2000 and became 1st Asian and Indian to head ICC.

23 Sep - Swami Dayanand Saraswati (Natarajan Gopala Iyer) died

Swami Dayanand Saraswati (Natarajan Gopala Iyer), the revered monk Hindu monastic order, died on 23rd September 2015. He was teacher of Advaita Vedanta and founder of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam and Acharya Sabha.

26 Sep - Dr.Syed Ahmad, the Governor of Manipur, died

Dr.Syed Ahmad, the Governor of Manipur, died on 26th September 2015. He was 16th Governor of Manipur. He wrote the autobiography named 'Pagdandi Se Shahar Tak'.

27 Sep - Frank Holmes Tyson died

Frank Holmes Tyson, the former Cricketer of England, died on 27th September 2015. He also called as nickname 'Typhoon'.

27 Sep - Viren Dangwal died

Viren Dangwal, the famous Hindi Poet, died on 27th September 2015. He awarded with Sahitya Academy Award in the year 2004 and also awarded with Shrikant Verma Puraskar etc.

RBI slashes Key Policy Rates

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its policy interest rate. Lets Know more about it.



- On Tuesday, The Reserve Bank of India cut its policy interest rate to a 4 - 1/2 year low of **6.75%**.
- It is deemed as bigger than expected move.
- By cutting 50 basis points to a four year low of 6.75%, the effect is that commercial banks to reduce their loan rates faster.
- This is the fourth cut rate since January 2015.

RBI Policy Rates		
	Current	Previous
Repo Rate	6.75% (w.e.f. 29/09/2015)	7.25% (since 02/06/2015)
Reverse Repo Rate	5.75% (w.e.f. 29/09/2015)	6.25% (since 02/06/2015)
Marginal Standing Facility	7.75% (w.e.f. 29/09/2015)	8.25% (since 2/6/2015)
Bank Rate	7.75% (w.e.f. 29/09/2015)	8.25% (since 2/6/2015)
CRR	4% (w.e.f. 09/02/2013)	4.25% (since 30/10/2012)
SLR	21.5% (w.e.f. 03/02/2015)	22% (since 09/08/2014)

Key Features:

New RBI Monetary Policy is seems to be better because following are some areas in which reforms has been seeking:

- After changes in RBI's monetary policy Global Growth has moderated especially in emerging market economies (EMEs),
- Further global trade has deteriorated
- Increment in downside risks to growth.
- Slowing global trade volumes, depressed commodity prices, weakening currencies and capital outflows in EMEs.
- It is expected that Exports will be grown up.

- Reduce Inflation.
- GDP decrease from 7.6% to 7.4% due to slower global growth, lack of investment in the private sector and constraints in bank lending etc.

ASTROSAT - 10 Things You Need To Know

ASTROSAT, India's first dedicated [multi wave length space observatory](#), was launched on [28 September, 2015](#) at [10 am](#) from the [space-port of Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh](#).



- India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C30), in its 31st flight carried ASTROSAT and six other satellites.
- The launch took place from the [First Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR \(SDSC Shar\) in Sriharikota](#), space port of India.
- In around 25 minutes after lift-off (22 minutes for ASTROSAT and subsequent 3 minutes for other six satellites) , PSLV-C30 injected the ASTROSAT and six other satellites into their respective orbit.
- The other six satellites are - four nano satellites from United States, a micro satellite from Indonesia and a nano satellite from Canada.

About ASTROSAT:

- ASTROSAT is a [cuboid shaped satellite](#) with a lift-off mass of about [1513 kg](#).
- It was first injected into a [650 km orbit \(at an angle of 6 deg to the equator\)](#), followed by other six satellites in the space.
- It is a [5 year astronomy mission](#) for the detailed understanding of the universe.
- It can perform multi-wavelength observations of various astronomical objects.
- The [Project Director](#) of ASTROSAT is [Mr K S Sarma](#).
- The cost of ASTROSAT is [Rs. 180 crore/ USD 27 million](#).

AIMS of ASTROSAT:

- It aims at understanding the high energy processes in binary star system containing neutron stars and black holes
- It will help in estimating magnetic fields of neutron stars.
- It helps to study star birth region and high energy processes in star systems lying beyond the Milky way galaxy.
- It also intends to detect new briefly bright X-ray sources in the sky, to perform a deep field survey of the universe in the ultra violet region.

ASTROSAT Five Payloads:

ASTROSAT carries **five payloads** :

1) **The Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope(UVIT)** - It is capable of observing the sky in the Visible, Near Ultraviolet and Far Ultraviolet regions of the electromagnetic spectrum.

- It is jointly developed by Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA),Bengluru and Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) of Pune in collaboration with Canadian Space Agency and ISRO.

2) **Large Area X-ray Proportional Counter(LAXPC)**- It is designed to study the variation in the emission of X-rays from sources like X-ray binaries, Active Galactic Nuclei and other cosmic sources.

- It is developed by Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai and Raman Research Institute (RRI),Bengluru.

3) **Soft X-ray Telescope (SXT)** - It is designed for studying how the X-ray spectrum of 0.3-8 keV range coming from distant celestial bodies varies with them.

- It is developed by TIFR in collaboration with the University of Leicester,UK and ISRO.

4) **Cadmium Zinc Telluride Imager (CZTI)**- functioning in the X-ray region, extends the capability of the satellite to sense the X-rays of high energy in 10-100 keV range.

-It is developed by TIFR and IUCCA in collaboration with ISRO.

5) **Scanning Sky Monitor (SSM)** - It is intended to scan the sky for long term monitoring of bright X-ray sources in binary stars, and for the detection and location of sources that become bright in X-rays for a short duration of time.

- It is jointly developed by ISRO satellite centre at Bengluru and IUCAA.

About Other Six Satellites:

- **Canada's NLS-14 nano satellite** - It is from the Space Flight Laboratory, University of Toronto Institute for Advanced Studies (SFL,UTIAS), Canada. It is maritime monitoring Nano satellite using the Next Generation Automatic Identification System.(AIS)
- **Indonesia's LAPAN-A2 micro satellite** - It is from the National Institute of Aeronautics and Space-LAPAN,Indonesia meant for providing maritime surveillance using AIS,supporting Indonesian radio amateur communities for disaster mitigation and carrying out Earth Surveillance using video and digital camera.
- **United States's four identical nano satellite** - Four LEMUR nano satellite is from Spire Global Inc. San Francisco (US) are non-visual remote sensing satellites focusing primarily on global maritime intelligence through vessel tracking via AIS, and high fidelity weather forecasting using GPS Radio Occultation technology.

About PSLV-C30:

- The 320 tonne, Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C30) is 45m tall.
- PSLV-C30 carried seven satellites together weighing about 1631 kg at lift off.
- PSLV is launched in its heaviest 'XL' version.
- PSLV has launched a total of 84 satellites including these seven satellites, out of which 30 successful flights during 1994-2015 period.
- The launch of six co-passenger satellites by PSLV-C30 was facilitated by Antrix Corporation Limited, the commercial arm of ISRO.

About ISRO:

- It was established on 15th August,1969
- It was founded by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- The current Chairman of ISRO is Mr A S Kiran Kumar.
- The headquarters of ISRO is in Bengluru.
- Motto of ISRO is Space Technology in the Service of Human Kind.

- ISRO has launched satellite for the US for the first time.

Sovereign Gold Bond scheme vs Gold Monetization Scheme

Government of India recently launched the Sovereign gold bond scheme aimed at discouraging people to invest in physical gold and encouraging them to invest in demat gold bonds to reduce the import of gold.



Objectives of Sovereign Gold Bond scheme

1. To reduce the demand of gold as India is biggest importer of gold .
2. To encourage people to invest in demat gold bonds.

Features Of Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme

In this scheme prices of gold bond is linked to actual gold prices prevailing in market that time and interest of 2 to 3% will be given by government. When one best buys a gold bond by depositing money he is issued a certificate by RBI on the behalf of Government of India which is equivalent to 10gm of physical gold .Prices of this gold bond is linked to prices of gold in market that time. **Gold bond will be issue in denomination of 2gm,5gm,10gm or other denominations. There is cap on maximum value of bonds allotted to per person should be 500gm.**

The tenor of gold bonds could be between 5 to 7 years, One can also take loans by pledging these gold bonds to bank. These bonds are easily traded on commodity exchanges .In first installment government has decided to issue bonds for 13,500 Crore equivalent to 50 tonnes of gold.

KYC for gold bonds is same as when we buy 50,000Rs above gold .Need identification proof like PAN card or Id card.

Capital gain tax is same as for physical gold.

GOLD MONETIZATION SCHEME

In other scheme launched by government of India known as Gold Monetization scheme in which a person can deposit his or her ideal gold in any foam with authorized dealer which would be melted and stored in bullion .Minimum of

30gms of gold can be deposited

Objective of Gold Monetization Scheme :-

1. To mobilize the ideal gold in country and put it to productive use .
2. To give customers a opportunity to earn interest on ideal gold .

In this scheme a person can deposit his or her ideal gold in any foam like jewellery to authorized dealer or bank which is melted and stored as bullion. Banks will pay interest on deposited gold. Both principal and interest will be value in gold .On maturity customer can take in foam of gold or in cash .Minimum deposit period will be 1 yr and thereafter multiples of one year.

Emmy Awards 2015 - Winners List

Emmy Awards are given for **excellence in Television Industry**. Lets know more about this award;



- Emmy Awards are related with American television industry. The awards are held once in a year.
- Emmy Awards covered under main categories of Primetime Emmys and Daytime Emmys.
- Other notable Emmy Awards honors the national sports programming, national news, documentary shows, national business and financial reporting, technological and engineering achievements in television. Time to time Regional Emmy awards are also conducted.
- Following organizations present the Emmy Awards:
 1. The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (ATAS)
 2. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS)
 3. The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (IATAS)
- Emmy Awards 2015 was **67th Emmy Awards**.

Date in 2015	Ceremony	Academy in charge
January 8	66th Technology and Engineering Emmy Awards	NATAS
April 26	42nd Daytime Emmy Awards	NATAS
May 5	36th Sports Emmy Awards	NATAS
September 20	67th Primetime Emmy Awards	ATAS
September/October	36th News and Documentary Emmy Awards	NATAS

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TBA		
November 23	43rd International Emmy Awards	IATAS

The Various Emmy Awards Winners are thoroughly written as under:

Outstanding Drama Series		
Nomination	Channel	Winner
Better Call Saul	AMC	
Downton Abbey	PBS	
Games of Thrones	HBO	Winner
Homeland	Showtime	
House of Cards	Netflix	
Made Men	AMC	
Orange is The New Black	Netflix	

Outstanding Comedy Series		
Nomination	Channel	Winner
Louie	FX	
Modern Family	ABC	
Parks and Recreation	NBC	
Silicon Valley	HBO	
Transparent	Amazon	
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt	Netflix	
Veep	HBO	Winner

Outstanding Lead Actor in Drama Series	
Nomination	For Show
Kyle Chandler	Bloodline
Jeff Daniels	The Newsroom
Jon Hamm	Mad Men (Winner)
Bob Odenkirk	Better Call Saul
Liev Schreiber	Ray Donovan
Kevin Spacey	House of Cards

Outstanding Lead Actress in Drama Series

Nomination	For Show
Claire Danes	Homeland
Viola Davis	How to Get Away with Murder (Winner)
Taraji P. Henson	Empire
Tatiana Maslany	Orphan Black
Elisabeth Moss	Mad Men
Robin Wright	House of Cards

Outstanding Lead Actor in Comedy Series

Nomination	For Show
Anthony Anderson	Black-ish
Louis C.K.	Louie
Don Cheadle	House of Lies
Will Forte	Last Man on Earth
Matt LeBlanc	Episodes
William H. Macy	Shameless
Jeffrey Tambor	Transparent (Winner)

Outstanding Lead Actress in Comedy Series

Nomination	For Show
Edie Falco	Nurse Jackie
Lisa Kudrow	The Comeback
Julia Louis-Dreyfus	Veep (Winner)
Amy Poehler	Parks and Recreation
Amy Schumer	Inside Amy Schumer
Lily Tomlin	Grace and Frankie

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series

Nomination	For Show
Jonathan Banks	Better Call Saul
Ben Mendelsohn	Bloodline
Jim Carter	Downton Abbey
Peter Dinklage	Games of Thrones (Winner)

Michael Kelly	House of Cards
Alan Cumming	The Good Wife

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series

Nomination	For Show
Joanne Froggatt	Downton Abbey
Lena Headey	Game of Thrones
Emilia Clarke	Game of Thrones
Christina Hendricks	Mad Men
Uzo Aduba	Orange is The New Black (Winner)
Christine Baranski	The Good Wife

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series

Nomination	For Show
Niecy Nash	Getting On
Julie Bowen	Modern Family
Allison Janney	Mom (Winner)
Kate McKinnon	Saturday Night Live
Mayim Bialik	The Big Bang Theory
Gaby Hoffmann	Transparent
Jane Krakowski	Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt
Anna Chlumsky	Veep

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series

Nomination	For Show
Andre Braugher	Brooklyn Nine – Nine
Adam Driver	Girls
Keegan-Michael Key	Key & Peele
Ty Burrell	Modern Family
Tituss Burgess	Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt
Tony Hale	Veep (Winner)

Outstanding Miniseries

Nomination	Channel	Winner
American Crime	ABC	

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American Horror Story: Freak Show	FX	
The Honorable Woman	Sundance	
Olive Kitteridge	HBO	Winner
Wolf Hall	PBS	

Outstanding Television Movie

Nomination	Channel	Winner
Agatha Christie's Poirot: Curtain, Poirot's Last Case	Acorn TV	
Bessie	HBO	Winner
Grace Of Monaco	Lifetime	
Hello Ladies: The Movie	HBO	
Killing Jesus	National Geographic	
Nightingale	HBO	

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie

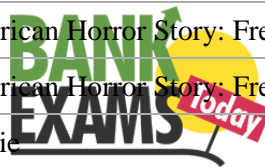
Nomination	For Show
Timothy Hutton	American Crime
Ricky Gervais	Derek Special
Adrien Brody	Houdini
David Oyelowo	Nightingale
Richard Jenkins	Olive Kitteridge (Winner)
Mark Rylance	Wolf Hall

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie

Nomination	For Show
Felicity Huffman	American Crime
Jessica Lange	American Horror Story: Freak Show
Queen Latifah	Bessie
Maggie Gyllenhaal	The Honorable Woman
Frances McDormand	Olive Kitteridge (Winner)
Emma Thompson	Sweeney Todd

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie

Nomination	For Show
Richard Cabral	American Crime
Denis O'Hare	American Horror Story: Freak Show
Finn Wittrock	American Horror Story: Freak Show
Michael Kenneth Williams	Bessie



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Sarah Paulson	American Horror Story: Freak Show
Angela Bassett	American Horror Story: Freak Show
Kathy Bates	American Horror Story: Freak Show
Mo'Nique	Bessie
Zoe Kazan	Olive Kitteridge

Outstanding Variety Talk Series

For Show	Channel
The Colbert Report	Comedy Central
The Daily Show	Comedy Central (Winner)
Jimmy Kimmel Live	ABC
Last Week Tonight	HBO
Late Show With David Letterman	CBS
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	NBC

Outstanding Writing For A Variety Series

For Show	Channel
The Colbert Report	Comedy Central
The Daily Show	Comedy Central (Winner)
Inside Amy Schumer	Comedy Central
Last Week Tonight	HBO
Late Show With David Letterman	CBS

Outstanding Directing For A Variety Series

For Show	Channel
The Colbert Report	Comedy Central
The Daily Show	Comedy Central (Winner)
Inside Amy Schumer	Comedy Central
Late Show With David Letterman	CBS
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	NBC

Outstanding Variety Sketch Series

For Show	Channel
Drunk History	Comedy Central
Inside Amy Schumer	Comedy Central (Winner)
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Portlandia	NBC
Saturday Night Live	NBC

The Voice	NBC (Winner)
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Outstanding Structured Reality Program	
For Show	Channel
Antiques Roadshow	PBS
Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Food
MythBusters	Discovery
Property Brothers	HGTV
Shark Tank" (ABC)	ABC (Winner)
Undercover Boss	CBS

Outstanding Unstructured Reality Program	
For Show	Channel
Alaska: The Last Frontier	Discovery
Deadliest Catch" (Discovery)	Discovery (Winner)
Intervention	A & E
Million Dollar Listing New York	Bravo
Naked and Afraid	Discovery Channel
Wahlburgers	A & E

Outstanding Host For A Reality or Reality Competition Program	
Nomination	For Show
Tom Bergeron	Dancing With The Star
Jane Lynch	Hollywood Game Night (WINNER)
Heidi Klum & Tim Gunn	Project Runway
Cat Deeley	So You Think You Can Dance
Anthony Bourdain	The Taste

Outstanding Variety Special	
Shows	Channel
Bill Maher: Live From D.C.	HBO
www.BankExamsToday.com The Kennedy Center Honors	CBS
Louis C.K.: Live At The Comedy Store	Louis CK .net
Mel Brooks Live At The Geffen	HBO



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Rachel Brosnahan	House of Cards
Cicely Tyson	How to Get Away with Murder
Allison Janney	Masters of Sex
Khandi Alexander	Scandal

Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series

Nomination	For Show
Mel Brooks	The Comedians
Paul Giamatti	Inside Amy Schumer
Bill Hader	Saturday Night Live
Louis C.K	Saturday Night Live
Bradley Whitford	Transparent (Winner)
Jon Hamm	Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt

Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series

Nomination	For Show
Christine Baranski	The Big Bang Theory
Gaby Hoffmann	Girls
Pamela Adlon	Louie
Elizabeth Banks	Modern Family
Joan Cusack	Shameless (Winner)
Tina Fey	Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt

Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series

Nomination	Nomination
The Americans	Do Mail Robots Dream of Electric Sheep (Joshua Brand)
Better Call Saul	Five O (Gordon Smith)
Game of Thrones	Mother's Mercy (David Benioff and D.B. Weiss) (Winner)
Mad Men	Lost Horizon (Semi Chellas and Matthew Weiner)
Mad Men	Person to Person (Matthew Weiner)

Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series

"Episodes" -- "Episode 409" (David Crane and Jeffrey Klarik)
"The Last Man On Earth" -- "Alive In Tucson (Pilot)" (Will Forte)
Don't Think Twice (Louis C.K.)
"Silicon Valley" -- "Two Days Of The Condor" (Alec Berg)
"Transparent" -- "Pilot" (Jill Soloway)



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"The Last Man On Earth" -- "Alive In Tucson (Pilot)" (Phil Lord and Christopher Miller)

"Louie" -- "Sleepover" (Louis C.K.)

"Silicon Valley" -- "Sand Hill Shuffle" (Mike Judge)

"Transparent" -- "Best New Girl" (Jill Soloway) (WINNER)

"Veep" -- "Testimony" (Armando Iannucci)

Outstanding Writing For a Limited Series, Movie or A Dramatic Special

"American Crime" - "Episode One" (John Ridley)

"Bessie" (Dee Rees, Christopher Cleveland, Bettina Gilois, Horton Foote)

"Hello Ladies: The Movie" (Stephen Merchant, Gene Stupnitsky, Lee Eisenberg)

"Olive Kitteridge" (Jane Anderson) (WINNER)

"The Honorable Woman" (Hugo Blick)

"Wolf Hall" (Peter Straughan)

Outstanding Directing For a Limited Series, Movie or A Dramatic Special

"Olive Kitteridge" (Lisa Cholodenko) (WINNER)

"Wolf Hall" (Peter Kosminsky)

"Houdini" (Uli Edel)

"Bessie" (Dee Rees)

"American Horror Story: Freak Show" (Ryan Murphy)

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Housing for All



The Government of India had launched housing for all by year 2022, now renamed as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. This scheme was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25th June 2015. Under this scheme 305 cities have been identified in 9 states to begin construction of houses for Urban poor with target of 2 Crore houses to be built for urban year by year 2022. This scheme will be administered by Ministry for Housing and Urban Poverty alleviation.

This scheme is one of the ambitious schemes launched for infrastructure development to meet the demand for housing. The target of this scheme is Economically weaker section, Low income group urban poor, Schedule Castes and Schedule tribes who don't own a house. 305 cities and towns in nine of these states have been identified for building houses for urban poor. These include –

States	No. Of cities In each state
Chattisgarh	36
Gujarat	30
Jammu & Kashmir	19
Jharkhand	15
Kerala	15
Madhya Pradesh	74
Odisha	42
Rajasthan	40
Telangana	34

Under this scheme government will provide financial assistance of 1lakh to 2.5 lakh depends on different component of scheme like redevelopment of slums, Credit linked Subsidy scheme on loan avails to construct houses by urban poor or Affordable housing project.

This scheme will be implemented in Three phases :-

Phase 1

from 2015-2017, 100 cities will be develop .

Phase 2

from 2017-2019 ,200 cities will be develop.

Phase 3

from 2019-2022, remaining cities will be develop. But there are many challenges associated with this scheme like co-ordination between central and state government and different implementing agencies and availability of land. So these challenges have to overcome for success of this scheme.

National Health Profile 2015

Sri J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has released the **National Health Profile (NHP)-2015** on **22 September, 2015**, which has provide detailed information related to health sector.



- NHP-2015 was prepared by **Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI)**
- **NHP-2015 is the 11th edition** which came up with **E-Book (digital version)** of the annual document, prepared for the **first time** (step towards Digital India).
- National Health Profile is being prepared by CBHI every year since **2005**.

Objective :

It helps the policy makers of the government to understand the goals, their strengths & weaknesses and to make strategies for effective implementations of schemes.

NHP-2015 - 6 Key Indicators:

- Demographic Indicators
- Socio-Economic Indicators
- Health-Status Indicators

- Health Finance Indicators
- Health infrastructure
- Human Resources in health sector

HIGHLIGHTS OF NHP-2015:

EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH

- India's public spending on health, as a percentage of GDP, is one of the lowest among South-Asian Eastern countries and lowest among BRIC nations.
- Kerala followed by Punjab spends maximum 'out of pocket' i.e maximum amount on medical facilities out of their own pockets. Kerala spend Rs.244 (rural) and Rs.275(urban) per capital per month while Punjab spend Rs.196(rural) and 197(urban) per capital per month.
- Sikkim, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland have higher per capita expenditure on health while Bihar and Jharkhand spent the least.

HUMAN RESOURCES IN HEALTH SECTOR

- Bihar and Maharashtra have worst doctor-patient ratio.11000 people are served by every government allopathic doctor.
- India has 9.4 lakh allopathic doctors, 1.54 lakh dental surgeons and 7.37 lakh AYUSH(Ayurvedic, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and homoeopathy) doctors.
- There is decline of number of qualified doctors registered with medical councils. The registered doctors in 2014 is 16000.
- An estimated 61,000 people in India served by every government hospital, with one bed for every 1833 people.
- In undivided Andhra Pradesh, over 3 lakh patients are served by every government hospital while Bihar have only one bed for every 8800 people.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- Pulmonary tuberculosis was the biggest communicable disease killer in India, caused 63000 deaths in 2014.
- Delhi recorded with highest number of cases(1418) of Diptheria, with 60 deaths followed by Haryana.
*Diptheria is the bacterial infection affecting membranes of throat and nose.
- Uttar Pradesh has been recorded with the highest number of cases of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome Cases, followed by Assam.
- Despite 10 lakh cases of death, deaths of malaria cases are recorded down over 500 annually.
- Dengue was recorded with 40000 cases in 2014, which caused death to 131 people.

NON- COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- There will be an increase of 19% in cancer among men and 23% in women by 2020 with mouth cancer among men and gall bladder cancer among women showing the sharpest increase. There will be 48% increase in prostate cancer, 31% increase in liver cancer and 22% increase in lung cancer.
- Gujarat has the most diabetics in India, 161578 cases.

Union Ministers: Departments and Constituency

In the union cabinet as of 28th August, 2015, there are 26 cabinet ministers apart from the Prime Minister, 13 Ministers of State with Independent charge and 25 Ministers of State. We will look into the important portfolios and the concerned ministers.

CABINET MINISTERS:

Name of the Minister	Department	Contituency
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1. Narendra Modi	Prime Minister Department of Personnel and Training, Public Grievances and Pensions, Space and Atomic energy	Varanasi (UP)
2. Rajnath Singh	Home Affairs	Lucknow (UP)
3. Arun Jaitley	Finance, Corporate affairs, information and broadcasting	Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)
4. Sushma Swaraj	External Affairs,	Vidisha (MP)
5. M. Venkaih Naidu	Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty alleviation	Karnataka (Rajya Sabha)
6. Nitin Gadkari	Transport and shipping	Nagpur (Maharashtra)
7. Suresh Prabhu	Railways	Haryana (Rajya Sabha)
8. Manohar Parrikar	Defence	Uttar Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
9. D V Sadananda Gowda	Law and Justice	Bangalore North (Karnataka)
10. Uma Bharti	Water resources, ganga rejuvenation	Jhansi (UP)
11. Najma Heptullah (oldest in the cabinet)	Minority Affairs	MP (Rajya Sabha)
12. Kalraj Mishra	Micro, small and medium enterprises	Deoria (UP)
13. Ramvilas Paswan	Consumer affairs, food and public distribution	Hajipur (Bihar)
14. Maneka Gandhi	Women and Child Development	Pilbhit (UP)
15. Ananth Kumar	Chemicals and fertilizers	Bangalore South (Karnataka)
16. Ravi Shankar Prasad	Communications and IT	Bihar (Rajya Sabha)
17. J P Nadda	Health and Family Welfare	Himachal Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
18. Ashok Gajapathi Raju	Civil Aviation	Vizianagaram (AP)
19. Anant Geete (only cabinet member of NDA ally Shiv Sena)	Heavy industries	Raigad (Maharashtra)
20. Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Food Processing	Bhatinda (Punjab)
21. Narendra Singh Tomar	Mines and Steel	Gwalior (MP)
22. Smriti Irani	HRD	Gujarat (Rajya Sabha)
23. Chaudhury Birender Singh	Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking water and sanitation	Resigned from Rajya Sabha in 2014
24. Jual Oram	Tribal affairs	Sundargarh (Odisha)

25. Radha Mohan Singh	Agriculture	Purvi Champaran (Bihar)
26. Thwar Chand Gehlot	Social Justice and Empowerment	MP (Rajya Sabha)
27. Harsh Vardhan	Science and Technology, Earth Sciences	Chandni Chowk (Delhi)

Name of the Minister	Department	Constituency
1. Santosh Gangwar	Textiles	Barielly (Uttar Pradesh)
2. Bandaru Dattatreya	Labour and Employment	Secunderabad (Telangana)
3. Rajiv Pratap Rudy	Skill development and Entrepreneurship	Saran (Bihar)
4. Shripad Naik	AYUSH	North Goa
5. Dharmendra Pradhan	Petroleum and natural gas	Bihar (Rajya Sabha)
6. Sarbanada Sonwal	Sports and youth affairs	Lakhimpur (Assam)
7. Prakash Javadekar	Environment and forests	MP (Rajya Sabha)
8. Piyush Goyal	Power, coal, renewable energy	Maharashtra (Rajya Sabha)
9. Jitendra Singh	North east development	Udhampur (J & K)
10. Nirmala Sitharaman	Commerce and industry	Andhra Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
11. Mahesh Sharma	Culture and tourism	Gautam buddha Nagar

Commonwealth Youth Games 2015

The **5th Commonwealth Youth Games, 2015** were held in **APIA, the capital of SAMOA**. In Samoa Commonwealth Games, 2015, about **1000 athletes** ranging between **14 to 18 years of age** from **63 nations and territories** had participated in **9 sports events**, to compete for **107 Gold Medals** for 5 days i.e. from 5 to 11 September, 2015.



EVENTS:

- Archery
- Athletic
- Boxing (Men Only)
- Lawn Bowls
- Rugby 7s (Men and Women)
- Squash
- Aquatic (Swimming)
- Tennis
- Weightlifting

GAMES VENUES - TWO VENUES:

1. **APIA** Sports Park (Athletics, Rugby 7s, and Tennis)
2. **FALEATA** Sports Complex (Boxing, Swimming, Squash, Weightlifting and Lawn Bowls)

INDIA ranked 5th at medal tally with overall 20 medals in 5th Commonwealth Youth Games, 2015

INDIA'S MEDAL TALLY:

- Aquatics - 1 (Silver)
- Archery - 3 (2 Gold and 1 Silver)
- Athletics - 6 (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze)
- Boxing - 3 (1 Silver and 2 Bronze)
- Squash - 2 (1 Silver and 1 Bronze)
- Tennis - 3 (3 Gold)
- Weightlifting - 2 (2 Gold)

TOTAL MEDALS = 20 (9 GOLDS, 5 SILVER AND 6 BRONZE)

TOP 5 RANKERS OF SAMOA CYG, 2015:

1. Australia - 62 medals (24 Gold, 19 Silver and 19 Gold)
2. South Africa - 35 (13 Gold, 7 Silver and 15 Gold)
3. England - 44 (12 Gold, 16 Silver and 16 Gold)
4. Malaysia - 17 (11 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Gold)
5. India - 20 (9 Gold, 5 Silver and 6 Gold)

LIST OF WINNERS OF INDIA:

• GOLD MEDALS

1. Tejaswin Shankar - Athletics (High Jump- Men)
2. Jamjung Deru - Weightlifting (56 kg -Men)
3. Deepak Lather - Weightlifting (62 kg -Men)
4. Mohd Hadeesh -Athletics (Javelin Throw-Men)
5. Mixed Team IND/CYP Prachy Singh(IND) and Thomas Pantelides(CYP) - Archery
6. Prachy Singh - Recurve Bow Individual Men
7. Sasikumar Mukund and Dhruvi Tatachar Venugopal - Tennis (Double Mix)
8. Dhruvi Tatachar Venugopal - Tennis (Singles Women)
9. Sasikumar Mukund - Tennis (Singles Men)

• SILVER MEDALS

1. Jisna Mathew - Athletics (400m Women)
2. Nishant Kumawat - Archery (Recurve bow Individual Men)
3. Velavan Senthil Kumar & Harshit Jawanda - Squash (Double- Mixed)
4. Gaurav Solanki - Squasg (52 Kg Men)

• BRONZE MEDALS

1. Chandan Bauri - Athletics (400m Men)
2. Velavan Senthil Kumar - Squash (Singles - Men)
3. Abhita Mary Manuel - Athletics (800m - Women)
4. Anamica Das - Athletics (Shot Put)
5. Leichombam Bhim Chand Singh - Boxing (49 Kg- Men)
6. Prayag Chauhan - Boxing (64 Kg- Men)

SOME RELATED FACTS:

- The first edition of Commonwealth youth games was started in 2000.
- The first country to host CYG,2000 is Edinburgh, Scotland
- The 2018 CYG Games to be held at Gold Coast City, Queensland in Australia (for the 5th time)
- The Commonwealth Games Federation, London is the organisation rights holder of the Commonwealth Youth Games.
- The Chairman of CYG,2015 was Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Saileli Malielegaoi.
- The Capital of Samoa is Apia
- Currency of Samoa is Samoan Tala
- Prime Minister of Samoa is Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Saileli Malielegaoi.
- President of Samoa is Malietoa Tanumafili II Tufuga Efi.

RBI : Subsidiary Organizations

Our all powerful [Reserve Bank of India](#) has got 3 subsidiaries i.e. RBI paid the whole paid up capital for these organizations. They are:

1. National Housing Bank
2. Deposit Credit and Guarantee Corporation
3. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited

1. National Housing Bank:

The idea was first thought of during the period of Seventh five year plan (1985-90) and a committee was set up under the chairmanship of Dr.C Rangrajan to develop the idea

- NHB came into existence on 9th July, 1988 as the apex body for housing finance in the country
- It aims to provide long term finance to all segments of the society so that everybody can own a house
- The organization is headquartered in New Delhi
- Apart from finance for housing, it gives money buying for housing materials, regulates the housing finance institutions, facilitates acquisition of land from public organizations
- Shri Sriram Kalyanraman has recently been appointed as the new MD & CEO of the bank

2. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation:

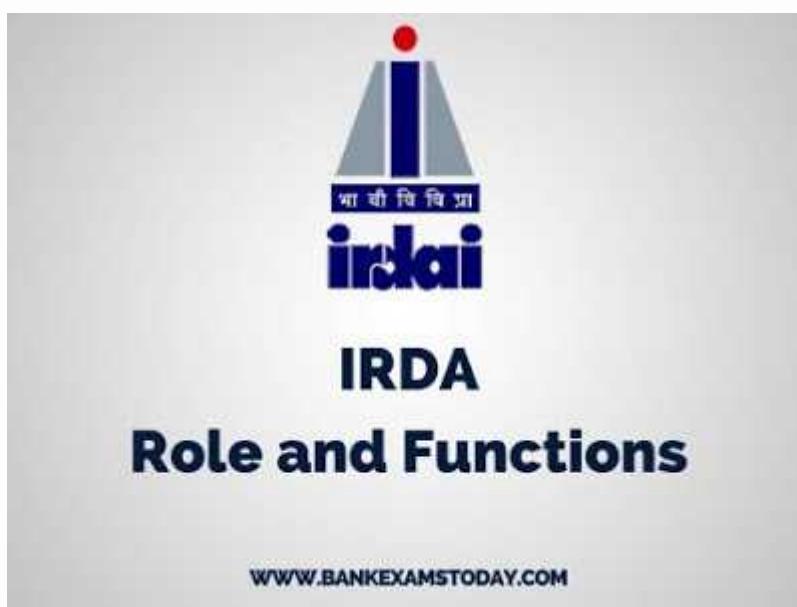
- Oldest of the three subsidiaries
- DICGC came into existence in 1978 after the Credit Corporation of India (formed in 1971) and Deposit Corporation of India (formed in 1961) were merged together
- It aims to provide insurance cover to all the deposits maintained in banks (both commercial and cooperative) up to a limit of 100000/- per individual.
- State/central govt deposits, Foreign govt deposits, interbank deposits are excluded. The banks pay the premium for the insurance cover
- It also provides credit guarantee to banks for giving loans to priority sector as notified by RBI (Housing loans are excluded)

- The corporation is headed by a governing body consisting of chairman (usually a deputy governor of RBI) and directors from RBI, Central govt nominated members. At present, R Gandhi is the chairman

3. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited :

- Established in 1995 by RBI
- The objective is to supply bank notes according to the demand of the public
- Headquartered in Bangalore and manages two presses: One in Mysore, Karnataka and another in Salboni, West Bengal
- The chairman at present is R Gandhi who is assisted by Kaza Sudhakar who is the MD of the company. Apart from that, there are directors from various fields in the governing body

IRDA - Role, Objectives and Functions



IRDA - Insurance Regulatory Development and Authority is the statutory, independent and apex body that governs and supervise the Insurance Industry in India.

It was constituted by Parliament of India Act called **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA of India)** after the formal declaration of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2014, by the President of India Pranab Mukherjee on December 26,2014.

Establishment:

- IRDA Act was passed upon the recommendations of **Malhotra Committee report** (7 Jan,1994), headed by **Mr R.N. Malhotra (Retired Governor, RBI)**
- Main Recommendations - Entrance of Private Sector Companies and Foreign promoters & An independent regulatory authority for Insurance Sector in India
- In April,2000, it was set up as statutory body, with its headquarters at New Delhi.
- The **headquarters** of the agency were shifted to **Hyderabad, Telangana** in 2001.

Objectives of IRDA:

- To promote the interest and rights of policy holders.

- To promote and ensure the growth of Insurance Industry.
- To ensure speedy settlement of genuine claims and to prevent frauds and malpractices
- To bring transparency and orderly conduct of in financial markets dealing with insurance.

Organisational Setup of IRDA:

IRDA is a **ten member body** consists of :

- One Chairman (For 5 Years & Maximum Age - 60 years)
- Five whole-time Members (For 5 Years and Maximum Age- 62 years)
- Four part-time Members (Not more than 5 years)

The chairman and members of IRDAI are appointed by **Government of India**.

The present Chairman of IRDAI is **Mr T.S Vijayan**.

Functions And Duties of IRDA:

Section 14 of IRDA Act,1999 lays down the duties and functions of IRDA:

- It issues the registration certificates to insurance companies and regulates them.
- It protects the interest of policy holders.
- It provides license to insurance intermediaries such as agents and brokers after specifying the required qualifications and set norms/code of conduct for them.
- It promotes and regulates the professional organisations related with insurance business to promote efficiency in insurance sector.
- It regulates and supervise the premium rates and terms of insurance covers.
- It specifies the conditions and manners, according to which the insurance companies and other intermediaries have to make their financial reports.
- It regulates the investment of policyholder's funds by insurance companies.
- It also ensures the maintenance of solvency margin (company's ability to pay out claims) by insurance companies.

Related News:

- **FDI limit in Insurance Sector has been increased to 49% from 26%**, approved by The Union Cabinet. The proposal was made by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- **IRDAI has celebrated 19th April,2015 as Insurance Awareness Day at Hyderabad.** (came into existence in 2000)
- **IRDAI has imposed a fine of Rs.10 lakh on TATA AIA Life Insurance for violation of excess payment to corporate agents.** TATA AIA Life Insurance is joint venture company formed by Tata Sons Ltd. and AIA Group Ltd. CEO and MD of the company is Mr Naveen Tahilyani.
- **IRDAI has changed the norms related to cancellation and change of name of nominee.** The insurer will charge fee for any such modification. **The fee is up to Rs. 50 for policies obtained online and up to Rs.100 for others.**
- **IRDAI has imposed a fine of Rs.20 lakh on APPOLO MUNICH HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY for selling its policies through non-authorized insurance selling website makemytrip.com.** The CEO of APPOLO MUNICH HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY is Antony Jacob and the Chairman and CEO of makemytrip.com is Deep Kalra.

Indradhanush approach to revamp Public Sector Banks



Public sector banks play a vital role in development of our economy by providing finance to vital sectors of our economy like infrastructure and industries but these sectors faces various issues like delay in construction, regulatory approvals, hurdles in land acquisition which turn the loans of these PSB's in non-performing assets which effect the profits of PSB's and added up to NPA's of banks.

To solve these problems faced by PSB's, GOI has taken various steps to revitalize these PSB's:-

1. Appointments

In appointments for post of MD and CEO's of PSB's private candidates are allowed to apply and in subsequent process two MD & CEO of major PSB's was appointed from private sector and post of chairman has been separated from MD & CEO to bring transparency in the working of PSB's.

2. Bank Board Bureau

The **Bank Board Bureau(BBB)** will replace the **Appointment Board for the appointment of Directors and non executive chairman of PSB's**.The BBB will engage bank board of directors of various PSB,s and formulate policies for growth .

3. Capitalization

Government of India has provided adequate financial assistance to PSB's bank to meet Basel III norms and also taken steps to built capital buffer over and above basel norms Government has decided to allocate 70,000 cr to banks in four years. In current financial year i.e 2015-16 -25,000 cr will be infused by government and in 2016-17- 25,000cr, 2017-18- 10,000cr,2018-19- 10,000cr.

4. De- stressing

To distress public sector banks as major recipient of loans from PSB's are core infrastructure companies which faces regulatory issues in clearances of different project thus leading to NPA for banks. Thus government has set up Porject Monitoring Group within concerned ministries for speedy clearances of stalled or new project and flexible restructuring of long term project loans.

5. Empowement of PSB's

GoI has told PSB's that their will be no interference in their working so that they can take decision independently keeping the best interest of organization in mind and bringing accountability .Banks has been told to set up grievances redressal system for customers and staff.

6.Framework of Accountability

A new system has been developed **to measure the performance of PSB's now as Key performance Indicator (KPI)**.

KPI divided in four sections totaling 100 marks, 25 marks each allotted to efficient use of capital and business diversification.15 marks each allotted to NPA's and financial inclusion plans and remaining 20 marks reserved for

strategic initiatives .

The incentives and bonus to be paid to MD's and CEO linked to KPI.

7.Governance Reforms

Process of governance reforms started from Gyan sangam enclave in which various discussions was held on different issues face by PSB's.

RBI approved 10 entities to set up of Small Finance Banks

Recently Reserve Bank of India approved 10 entities to provide basic banking services. Lets know more about it.



On Wednesday, RBI as approved 10 entities to provide basic banking services to small farmers as well as micro industries.

- The **10 entities** are:

- 1) Au Financiers (Jaipur)
- 2) Capital Local Area Bank (Jalandhar)
- 3) Ujjivan Financial Services and
- 4) Disha Microfin (Ahmedabad)
- 5) ESAF Microfinance (Chennai)
- 6) Janalakshmi Financial (Bengaluru)
- 7) RGVN (North East) Microfinance(Guwahati)
- 8) Suryoday Micro Finance (Mumbai)
- 9) Utkarsh Micro Finance (Varanasi)
- 10) Equitas Holdings

- The approval will be valid for 18 months.
- The central bank had received 72 applications for setting up small finance bank licences.
- These small finance banks can provide basic banking services like accepting deposits and lending to the small farmers, micro business enterprises, micro & small industries and unorganized sector entities etc.
- Last Month two new entities IDFC and Bandhan have been given complete banking licence and also granted approval to 11 entities for launching Payment Banks, by RBI.

World Bank - Facts, Objectives and Functions

World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans to developing countries for development programs.



- World Bank was formed on **July 1944** at the **Bretton Woods Conference**.
- Headquarter of World Bank is located at **Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)**
- The main purpose of the world bank is "**Reduction of Poverty**".
- Current member nations of world bank are **188**.
- Now the president of the World Bank is **Jim Yong Kim**.
- World Bank is comprises of two institutions - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA).
- World Bank is member of the United Nations Development Group as well as World Bank Group.
- World Bank Group includes - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes.
- The president of the world bank comes from the largest shareholder. Members are represented by a Board of Governors.
- If a country wants to be a member of world bank, it has to purchase the shares of world bank group institutions as per agreement, rules and regulations set.
- The five largest shareholders are U.S. , U.K. , France, Germany and Japan.
- The largest shareholders nations has their own Executive Directors.

Objectives and Functions of World Bank

- To help in reconstruction and development of member countries.
- Spread peace all over the world regarding financial terms.
- Helps to the economies of those countries destroyed by wars.
- Helps to developing and less developed countries by crediting the finance.
- To promote private foreign investments.
- To promote long term balanced growth of international trade.
- Maintenance of equilibrium in balance of payments of member countries and also to increase the standard of living as well as labor conditions of developing and less developed countries.
- Investment of money in productive purposes only.
- World Bank provides various technical services to member countries. "**The Economic Development Institute**" and a "**Staff College**" has established by world bank in Washington.
- World Bank can grant loans to a member country up to **20%** of that country;s share in the paid up capital.
- The interest rate, quantities of loans and all any other terms and conditions are determined by world bank itself.

- The borrower nation has to repay either in reserve currencies or in the currency in which the loan was sanctioned.

Membership

- Any country can become the member of world bank if **75%** of the existing member countries approved the application.
- Any member nation can also resign from its membership voluntarily or if any country violates the rules of the world bank.

Management

- Management of world bank includes - Board of Governors, Board of Executive Directors, Loan Committee, Advisory Committee, President and other members of the staff.
- **Board of Governors** of the world bank includes one Governor (Finance Minister) and one alternate governor (governor of central bank) appointed by each member country for a term of **5 years**. Each governor has voting power in relation to its financial contribution to the capital of the bank. Board is required to meet at least once in a year.
- **Executive Directors** are **21** and out of this **6** are appointed by the six largest shareholders like USA, UK, Germany, France and Japan. The remaining 15 members are elected by the rest of member countries. It meets once a month to carry on daily routine work.
- **President** is appointed by board of executive directors.
- World Bank perform its functions with the help of **two committees** - Advisory Committee and the Loan Committee. Advisory Committee includes **7 experts** appointed by the Board of Governors. Loan Committee is constituted by the executive directors and loan is provided as per the economies of member countries.

Lending Procedures

- Loans out of its own funds
- Loans out of borrowed capital
- Loans through Bank's Guarantee

List Chief Ministers of various States of India

Chief ministers of various States as on 15 September 2015 :-

State	Chief Minister
Andhra Pradesh	Nara Chandrababu Naidu
Arunachal Pradesh	Nabam Tuki
Assam	Tarun Gogoi
Bihar	Nitish Kumar
Chhattisgarh	Raman Singh
Delhi	Arvind Kejriwal
Goa	Laxmikant Parsekar
Gujarat	Anandiben Patel

Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar
Himachal Pradesh	Virbhadra Singh
Jammu and Kashmir	Mufti Muhammad Sayeed
Jharkhand	Raghubar Das
Karnataka	Siddaramaiah
Kerala	Oomen Chandy
Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Maharashtra	Devendra Fadnavis
Manipur	Okram Ibobi Singh
Meghalaya	Mukul Sangma
Mizoram	Lal Thanhawla
Nagaland	T.R. Zeliang
Odisha	Naveen Patnaik
Puducherry	N. Rangaswamy
Punjab	Parkash Singh Badal
Rajasthan	Vasundhara Raje
Sikkim	Pawan Kumar Chamling
Tamil Nadu	J. Jayalalitha
Telangana	K. Chandrasekhar Rao
Tripura	Manik Sarkar
Uttar Pradesh	Akhilesh Yadav
Uttarakhand	Harish Rawat
West Bengal	Mamta Banerjee

Hindi Divas - All you need to know

14th September is celebrated as "**Hindi Divas**" in India. Lets know more about "**Hindi Divas**".



- Hindi language is one of the most oldest language around the world.
- Hindi language is written in "**Devnagari Script**".
- Hindi was adopted as the "**Official Language of India** on **14th September, 1949**.
- The usage of Hindi was legalized by the Indian Constitution. Constitution of India was came into effect on **26 January, 1950**.
- Hindi language written in Devnagari script was first adopted as the official language of India under the **article 343**.
- Not only Hindi but **English** is also recognized as an official language of India.
- **About 258 Million** people spoken Hindi as mother tongue.
- Hindi is **4th largest language** of the world.
- About **more than 65% of people** of India can speak or understand Hindi.

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US Open 2015 Winners List

List of US Open 2015 Grand Slam winners :-



US Open 2015 Winners list	
Men's Singles title	Novak Djokovic of Serbia
Women's Single title	Flavia Pennetta of Italy
Men's Doubles title	Pierre Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut of France
Women's Doubles title	Sania Mirza of India and Martina Hingis of Switzerland
Mixed Doubles title	Leander Paes of India and Martina Hingis of Switzerland

Gold Monetization Scheme - All you need to know

Recently, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley launched **Gold Monetization Scheme**.



- The main focus of this scheme is to **reduce the gold in physical form lying in households and any other entities.**
- Under the **Gold Bond Scheme**, Gold Bond will issue **500 grams per person per year** for the period of **5 - 7 years.**
- According to Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme, **to develop a financial assets as an alternative to Gold.**
- Gold Monetisation Scheme launched especially for channelize country's idle gold assets.

Working of Scheme

- The **RBI issue gold bonds on the behalf of the government.**
- Idle Gold can be deposit in banks for short, medium or long term. Depositories of Gold will earn interest on their metal accounts.
- **Quantity of Gold** to be credited in account will depend upon **purity of Gold.**
- Bullion as well as Jewellery, is acceptable for deposit.
- **Minimum Limit** for deposit of **Gold is 30gm.**
- The **RBI issue gold bonds on the behalf of the government.**
- The bonds will be issued in **2, 5, 10 grams of gold.**
- **Interest on Gold Bonds** to be decided by government from time to time.
- On maturity, redemption will only be **in rupees.**
- Redemption can be done through **NBFCs, Banks and Post Office.**
- Risk of Increase in Gold price will be **borne by Government.**
- The major benefit of this scheme would be that reduction in Imports of Gold because **India imports about 1000 tonnes of Gold.**
- **(Another important announcement is that 100% FDI in White Label ATM is allowed).**