



### Latest Current Affairs

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1. ▶ Television journalist Karan Thapar has won the International Press Institute (IPI) India Award for Excellence in Journalism.
2. ▶ India and Canada signed an audio-visual co-production deal. The deal was signed by Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Bimal Julka and the Canadian High Commissioner to India Stewart Beck.
3. ▶ 1 Oct - World Vegetarian Day.
4. ▶ 67th BAFTA (British Academy Film and Television Arts) awards 2014
  - ▶ Best Film - 12 Years a Slave
  - ▶ Best Director - Alfonso Cuarón (Gravity)
  - ▶ Best Actor - Chiwetel Ejiofor – 12 Years a Slave
  - ▶ Best Actress - Cate Blanchett (Blue Jasmine)
  - ▶ Best Supporting Actor - Barkhad Abdi – Captain Phillips
  - ▶ Best Supporting Actress - Jennifer Lawrence – American Hustle
5. ▶ A Committee headed by RBI Deputy Governor Urjit Patel gave its recommendations on strengthening the Monetary Policy Review Process of RBI and succeeded to adapt the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) (combined) as the key measure of inflation instead of Wholesale Price Index (WPI). Also, RBI Decided to conduct Bi - Monthly Monetary Policy Reviews (Every 2 Months) from Now Onwards as compared to current practice of eight Reviews
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8. ▶ Government approved minimum monthly pension of Rs. 1,000 under EPS-95 scheme run by retirement fund body EPFO and it will benefit 28 lakh pensioners who get less than this amount currently.
9. ▶ Hun Sen is re-elected as Prime Minister of Cambodia.
10. ▶ In the 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking of 189 economies, India has dropped from 131 spot last year to 134 This Year while Singapore continues to remain at the top, according to a recent report by World Bank.
11. ▶ India's Gaganjeet Bhullar has won the Indonesian Open Golf Tournament 2013.
12. ▶ India's Metroman E Sridharan who directed several tough projects such as Konkan Railways and Delhi Metro has been honored by "For the sake of Honor" Award given by Rotary International.
13. ▶ Michel Djotodia is appointed as new President of Central African Republic, a country in central Africa.
14. ▶ National Food Security Scheme launched on birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi. Salient Features are
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  - ▶ Public Distribution System (PDS) will provide rice @ Rs. 3/KG, Wheat @ Rs 2/KG and Coarse Grains @ Rs. 1/KG.
  - ▶ The Bill has been deemed to come into force from July 5, 2013 when national Food Security Ordinance came into force.
  - ▶ At the current terms of the bill, about 612.3 Lakh tonnes of foodgrains will be required and corresponding estimated subsidy for its implementation will be About 1.25 Lakh Crores.
15. ▶ Serve To Win is written by Novak Djokovic.
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18. ▶ The Lonely Monarch is written by Sunil Gangopadhyay .
19. ▶ US Scientists have built a modified yeast Synthetic chromosome Named SYN11.1 from scratch, to make the world's first synthetic yeast genome, that would lead to new strains of the organism to help produce industrial chemicals, medicines and biofuels.
20. ▶ "An Uncertain Glory : India and its Contradictions" is written by Jean Breeze and Amartya Sen .
21. ▶ "Making Peace with the Earth" is written by Vandana Shiva.
22. ▶ "My Chaplin " is written by Mranal Sen.
23. ▶ "One Life is Not Enough" is the autobiography of Natwar Singh, A former Union Minister of India.
24. ▶ "The Cuckoos Calling" is written by J.K. Rolling (Robert Galbraith) .
25. ▶ "The Lowland" is written by Jhumpa Lahiri.
26. ▶ Election Commission of India started a New technology called 'VVPAT' for Enabling voters to verify their vote after polling.
  - ▶ In this, after polling a paper will come out and voter will be able to see and verify his choice. In case of any error, the same will be rectified. It stands for Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail.
27. ▶ Kerala Government Started construction of a world Class Bio Sciences Park named *Bio 360* in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
28. ▶ Australia announced its support for India joining the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), the global cartel that controls the sale of nuclear materials, including fuel and technology to ensure that civilian nuclear exports are not diverted for military purposes.
29. ▶ Government honored Oriental Bank of Commerce with Rajbhasha Samman Award.
30. ▶ Indian Airforce Inducted its biggest Transport Aircraft *C - 17 Globemaster III* with a capacity of Carrying 80 Tonnes and 150 Troops.
31. ▶ 'SIMBEX 14' naval exercises between the Indian Singapore Navies, was held in the Andaman Sea.
32. ▶ 'World Congress of Agroforestry' meet held in Delhi with the theme of 'Tree for Life'.
33. ▶ 'World economic situation and prospects 2013(WESP)' report was released in the month of January 2013 by United Nations.
34. ▶ 02 April - World Autism Awareness Day.
35. ▶ 07 April is celebrated as World health Day.
36. ▶ 1 Aug is Friedship day.
37. ▶ 1 Dec - World Aids Day.
38. ▶ 1 July - National Doctors' Day.
39. ▶ 1 July - State Bank of India Foundation Day.
40. ▶ 1 Oct - China's National Day
41. ▶ 10 Dec - International Human Rights Day.
42. ▶ 10 Nov - Malala Day. United Nations decided to celebrate 10 Nov as Malala Day every year from 2012 Onwards to honor Pakistani

Child rights activist and social Reformer Malala Yousafzai

43. ▶ 10 November - *World Science Day* for Peace and Development.
44. ▶ 100th Indian Science Congress held in Kolkata, West Bengal.
45. ▶ 101st Edition of Indian Science Congress was held in Jammu University (Jammu & Kashmir).
46. ▶ 11 April - National Safe Motherhood Day.
47. ▶ 11 Dec - International Mountain Day.
48. ▶ 11 July - World Population Day (Theme - Investing in the youth).
49. ▶ 11 Nov - National Education Day. It is the Birth day of India's first Education Minister **Abul Kalam Azad** who was Posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna in 1992. He opposed formation of Pakistan and worked for Religious Harmony at the time partition of India and afterwards.
50. ▶ 11 Oct - United Nations' International Day of Girl Child.
51. ▶ 11 Oct -World Sight Day
52. ▶ 11th ASEM (Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM) Foreign Ministers Meeting was Held in New Delhi.
53. ▶ 12 Aug is World Youth Day.
54. ▶ 12 January - National youth day (birthday of Swami Vivekanand).
55. ▶ 12 June - World Day Against Child Labour.
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57. ▶ 12 Nov - National Public Service Broadcasting day. On 12 Nov 1947, M K Gandhi addressed Indian Public after the Partition of India through AIR (All India Radio).
58. ▶ 12th Laymen Global Meet Organized in New Delhi and more than 500 heart specialists from all around the world participate in the meet.
59. ▶ 13 Feb - National Women's Day, Celebrated in the Memory of Sarojini Naidu. Naidu served as the first governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh from 1947 to 1949, the first woman to become the governor of an Indian state.
60. ▶ 13 Feb- World Radio Day.
61. ▶ 13 March - World Kidney Day.
62. ▶ 13-year-old Indian Malavath Purna becomes youngest woman to scale Mount Everest.
63. ▶ 13th India Russian annual meet organized in New Delhi, Russian President Vladimir Putin visited India.
64. ▶ 13th Meet of Indian Ocean RIM Association (IORA) was held in Australia (Perth City). In this Meet, Australia took over the chairmanship of IORA from India and Indonesia became the vice-chair for a two-year period.

### • **Notes About Indian Ocean RIM Association (IORA)**


- ▶ The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an international organization with 20 member states. It was formerly known as the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation.
- ▶ It was established in Mauritius on March 1995 and was formally launched in March 1997 by the conclusion of a multilateral treaty known as the Charter of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation.

65. ▶ 14 Sep is declared as Hindi Day. Hindi was declared our National Language on 14 sep, 1949.
66. ▶ 14 Dec - National Energy Conservation Day.
67. ▶ 14 June - World Blood Donor Day.
68. ▶ 14 Nov - National Children's Day. It is the Birthday of India's First Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru.
69. ▶ 14 Oct - World Standards Day.
70. ▶ 14th World Athletics Championships were held recently in Moscow, Russia.
71. ▶ 15 Sep is celebrated as National Engineer's Day in memory of Famous Engineer M Vishwaraiya
72. ▶ 15 August - Independence Day
73. ▶ 15 January - Army Day (India).
74. ▶ 15 Mar - World Consumer Day.
75. ▶ 15 Years Old Yulia Lipnitskaya (Russia) became the youngest athlete to win an Olympic Gold Medal as she won a Gold Medal in figure skating in 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics , Russia.
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77. ▶ 15th IIFA (International Indian Film Academy) Awards -
  - ▶ Best Film - Bhaag Milkha Bhaag
  - ▶ Best Director - Rakesh Om Prakash Mehra (Bhaag Milkha Bhaag)
  - ▶ Best Actor - Farhan Akhtar (Bhaag Milkha Bhaag)
  - ▶ Best Actress - Deepika Padukone (Chennai Express)
  - ▶ Best Supporting Actor - Aditya Roy Kapoor (Ye h Jawaani Hai Diwani).
  - ▶ Best Supporting Actress - Divya Dutta (Bhaag Milkha Bhaag)
78. ▶ 16 Sep is celebrated as Global Ozone Layer Conservation Day.
79. ▶ 16 November - National Press Day.
80. ▶ 16 Oct - World Food Day.
81. ▶ 16th Lok Sabha Assembly Elections 2014 -
  - ▶ 9 Phases, Apr 7 - May 12, 2014

- 81.45 People Eligible Voters, 55.5 Crore Votes, 66.38% Voters Turnout
- Total 543 Seats, 272 Needed for a Majority.
- It was the largest-ever election in the world.
- A total of 8,251 candidates contested for the 543 Lok Sabha seats.
- The National Democratic Alliance, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, won a sweeping victory, taking 336 seats. The BJP itself won 31.0% of all votes and 282 (51.9%) of all seats. It is the first time since the 1984 Indian general elections that a party has won enough seats to govern without the support of other parties. Before It, in 1984 Elections the congress party got 414 Seats.
- The United Progressive Alliance, led by the Indian National Congress, won 58 seats, 44 (8.1%) of which were won by the Congress, that won 19.3% of all votes.
- BJP Got 171,459,286 Votes (31 %), Congress got 106,938,242 Votes (19.3%) and On the Third Place, Bahujan Samaj Party (22,946,182 Votes - 4.1%).
- Aam Aadmi Party led by Arvind Kejriwal, Turned out to set up a record of Loosing on Most seats ever. The Party contested 432 seats and won 4 seats and the party lost deposits on 413 seats.
- Narendra Modi went on to Become the 15th Prime Minister of India.
- Seats Tally by States -

State/Union Territory	Number of seats	Seats Position in LS Polls 2014
Uttar Pradesh	80	BJP+ - 73, SP -5, Cong - 02
Maharashtra	48	BJP+ - 44, NCP - 04
West Bengal	42	BJP - 2, TMC - 34, Cong - 06
Bihar	40	BJP+ - 31, RJD - 7, JDU - 02
Tamil Nadu	39	BJP+ - 2, AIDMK - 37
Madhya Pradesh	29	BJP - 27, Cong - 02
Karnataka	28	BJP - 17, Cong - 09, Others - 02
Gujarat	26	BJP - 26
Seemandhra	25	TDP - 17, YSR - 8
Rajasthan	25	BJP - 25
Odisha	21	BJP - 01, BJD - 20
Kerala	20	UDF - 12, LDF - 8
Telangana	17	TRS - 11, TDP - 4, Cong - 02
Assam	14	BJP - 7, Cong - 3, Others - 4
Jharkhand	14	BJP - 12, JMM - 2
Punjab	13	BJP+ - 6, AAP - 4, Cong - 3
Chhattisgarh	11	BJP - 11, Cong - 1
Haryana	10	BJP - 7, INE - 2, Cong - 1

NCT of Delhi	7	BJP - 7
Jammu and Kashmir	6	BJP - 2, PDP - 3, Others - 1
Uttarakhand	5	BJP - 5
Himachal Pradesh	4	BJP - 4
Arunachal Pradesh	2	BJP - 1, Cong - 1
Goa	2	BJP - 2
Manipur	2	Cong - 2
Meghalaya	2	BJP - 1, Cong - 1
Tripura	2	MAKPA - 2
Mizoram	1	Cong - 1
Nagaland	1	BJP+ - 1
Sikkim	1	SDF - 2
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	BJP - 1
Chandigarh	1	BJP - 1
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1	BJP - 1
Daman and Diu	1	BJP - 1
Lakshadweep	1	NCP - 1
Puducherry	1	BJP - 1

 Dushyant Chautala of India National Lokdal from Hisar Loksabha Constituency became MP at the age of 26, Youngest in History.

82. ▶ 17 April - World Hemophilia Day.
83. ▶ 17 June - World Day to Combat Desertification.
84. ▶ 17 Nov - International Students' Day.
85. ▶ 17 Oct - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
86. ▶ 18 April - World Heritage Day.
87. ▶ 18 Dec - International Migrants Day.
88. ▶ 18 July - Nelson Mandela International Day.
89. ▶ 18-year old Indian-American teenager Saumil Bandyopadhyay won Ingenuity award for His Outstanding Research in Nanotechnology.
90. ▶ 18th ICFFI (International Children's Film Festival India ) was Organized in Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), India. The Dutch film "Kauwboy" directed by Boudewijn Koole, won the golden elephant trophy for the best live action feature film at the ICFFI.
91. ▶ 19 Nov - International Men's Day / World Toilet Day.
92. ▶ 19 August - World Photography Day
93. ▶ 2 Dec - International Day for Abolition of Slavery.



94. ▶ 2 Feb - MGNREGA Day. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was started on 2 February 2006 with 200 Districts.
95. ▶ 2 Oct - Birth anniversary of Gandhi Ji and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji. Declared as International Day of Non-Violence by UN.
96. ▶ 20 August - National Sadbhavana Diwas (the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi).
97. ▶ 20 Dec - International Human Solidarity Day.
98. ▶ 20 Feb - Statehood Day of Arunachal Pradesh. It was given statehood on Feb 20, 1987.
99. ▶ 20 June - World Refugee Day.
100. ▶ 20 MARCH - World Sparrow Day.
101. ▶ 20 March - International Day of Happiness. It was established by United Nations General Assembly on June 28, 2012.
102. ▶ 20 March - World Oral Health Day.
103. ▶ 20 Nov - World Children's Day.
104. ▶ 20th Senior National Females Football Championship - Manipur won by Beating Odisha. Its 17th Title won by Manipur.
105. ▶ 21 April - National Civil Services Day.
106. ▶ 21 Feb - International Mother Language Day.
107. ▶ 21 March - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
108. ▶ 21 March - World Forestry Day with theme of 'Forest for sustainable development.
109. ▶ 21 March - World Poetry Day. It and was declared by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1999.
110. ▶ 21 Nov - World Television Day.
111. ▶ 21 September is International Peace Day.
112. ▶ 21st Rajeev Gandhi Sadbhavana Award has been given to Sarod Maestro Amjad Ali Khan.
113. ▶ 22 April - EARTH Day.
114. ▶ 22 Eminent Personalities honored in the Yash Bharati Samman 2014 Awards given by the Uttar Pradesh Government.
  - Yash Bharti Samman is one of the highest state level awards, conferred for excellence in literature, fine arts, folk music, classical music and sports. The award is a Samajwadi Party initiative with a cash prize of Rs 11 lakh to the recipient, with the condition that the person shortlisted belongs to Uttar Pradesh and has brought laurels to the state.
115. ▶ 22 March - World Water Day.
116. ▶ 22nd Meet of WEF (World Economic Forum) was held in DAVOS (Switzerland) with the theme of "Reshaping the world".
117. ▶ 22nd Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia ->

- ▶ Russia Topped the Medal Tally with total 33 Medals (13 Gold), Followed by Norway with 26 Medals (11 Gold) and Canada with 25 Medals (10 Gold).
- ▶ 88 Countries Participated in the Contest.
- ▶ India participated with Three Athletes who could not manage to grab a Medal.
- ▶ Next winter Olympics to be held in Pyongyang (South Korea).

118. ▶ 23 April - World Book and Copyright Day.
119. ▶ 23 Dec - Indian Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day).
120. ▶ 23 June - United Nations Public Service Day.
121. ▶ 24 September is International Girl Child Day.
122. ▶ 24 April - Panchayati Raj Day.
123. ▶ 24 Feb - Central Excise Day.
124. ▶ 24 MAR - World TB (Tuberculosis) Day.
125. ▶ 24 Oct - United Nations Day & World Polio Day
126. ▶ 24 Oct - World Polio Eradication Day.
127. ▶ 25 April - World Malaria Day.
128. ▶ 26 July - Kargil Vijay Diwas.
129. ▶ 26 June - United Nations Charter Day. 50 Countries signed the United Nations Charter on Jun 26, 1945 for creation of United Nations.
130. ▶ 27 September is world Tourism Day.
131. ▶ 27 June - Indian National Diabetes Day.
132. ▶ 27th Federation Cup Volleyball - Tamilnadu win in Males and Railway wins in Females Category.
133. ▶ 28 Feb - National Science Day. Prof. C V Raman was honored by Nobel Award for discovery of Raman effect on Feb 28, 1930.
134. ▶ 28 July - World Hepatitis Day.
135. ▶ 28th Surajkund International Crafts Mela held in Surajkund (Haryana).
136. ▶ 29 April - International Dance Day
137. ▶ 29 August - National Sports Day (Birthday of legendary hockey Player Dhaynchand).
138. ▶ 29 June - National Statistics Day.
139. ▶ 29th Junior National Athletics Championships were Organized in Bengalore. Kerala Emerged As the champion state with Tamilnadu at the second Spot.
140. ▶ 2nd Asian Youth Games were held in Nanjing, China and The host country, China was at the top of the Medal Tally. Kush Kumar won gold for India in Squash.

141. ▶ 3 Dec - International Day of Disabled Persons (Differently Abled Persons).
142. ▶ 30 July - International Day of Friendship.
143. ▶ 33rd Meet of Asian & Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators was held in Delhi.
144. ▶ 3rd BRICS International Competition Conference was held recently in New Delhi to discuss various issues and challenges in competition enforcement in BRICS countries.
145. ▶ 4 Dec - Indian Navy Day.
146. ▶ 4 Feb - World Cancer Day.
147. ▶ 4 July - United States of America's Independence Day.
148. ▶ 40th G7 Summit was held in Brussels (Belgium).
  - The G7 was Previously called G8 having 8 Developed countries as its members. Russia was removed from the Group after It forcibly annexed crimea from the Ukraine.
149. ▶ 43rd Dadasahed Phalke Academy Awards 2014 -
  - ▶ Best Actor - Farhan Akhtar (Bhaag Milkha Bhaag)
  - ▶ Best Actress - Juhi Chawla (Gulaab Gang)
  - ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award - Jitendra
  - ▶ Best Singer - Sunidhi Chauhan
150. ▶ 47th National Tiger Reserve has been created in Bor sanctuary, Maharashtra. It is 6th Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
151. ▶ 4th BRICS Countries' security meet organized in New Delhi.
152. ▶ 5 September is celebrated as India's national Teachers's Day. It is birthday of S Radhakrishnan , India's Second President.
153. ▶ 5 Dec - International Volunteer Day. It has been observed as the same by united Nations since 1985.
154. ▶ 5 June - World Environment Day.
155. ▶ 53rd Senior National Athletics Championships held in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
156. ▶ 6 Aug is Hiroshima Day (USA Bombed Japan's Hiroshima with nuke weapons on Aug 06, 1945).
157. ▶ 60th Meet of Panchsheel Treaty was held in China's Beijing. It is signed between India, China and Myanmar and has five principles of peaceful coexistence between These countries.
158. ▶ 61st National Film Awards -
  - ▶ Dadasaheb Phalke Award - Gulzar
  - ▶ Best Hindi Film - Jolly LLB.
  - ▶ Best Film - Ship of Theseus
  - ▶ Best Actor - Rajkumar Rao & Suraj Venjaramoodu
  - ▶ Best Actress - Geetanjali Thapa (Liar's Dice)

- Best Supporting Actor - Saurabh Shukla (Jolly LLB)
- Best Supporting Actress - Amruta Subhash & Aida El-Kashef
- Best Director - Hansal Mehta (Shahid)
- Best Feature Film on National Integration - Thalaimuraigal Tamil

159. ▶ 61st National Squash Championship was organized recently in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Aaurav Ghoshal in Men's Category and Joshna Chinappa in Women's Category won the title.
160. ▶ 64th National Basketball - Chhattisgarh won in female category by Beating Railways and Tamilnadu won in Males by beating Punjab.
161. ▶ 67th Cannes Film Festival -
- Best Film (Palm d'Or Award) - Winter Sleep (Nuri Bilge Ceylan (Turkish))
  - Best Director - Bennett Miller for *Foxcatcher*
  - Best Actor - Timothy Spall for *Mr. Turner*
  - Best Actress - Julianne Moore for *Maps to the Stars*
162. ▶ 6th BRICS Meet -
- It was held in Brazil's Fortaleza.
  - A document was signed to form BRICS Development Bank of US\$100 billion Capital and a reserved currency pool worth over another US\$100 billion to be used by BRICS Countries and as a Rival to IMF and World Bank.
  - It is grouping of major emerging economies that includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
  - The BRICS-UNASUR summit was also held at the same time. UNASUR is Union of South American Nations.
163. ▶ 7 Dec - International Civil Aviation Day and Indian Armed Forces Flag Day.
164. ▶ 7th Asian Archery Grand Prix in Bangkok (Thailand) - Indian Players Performed well with three Gold Medals and a Silver. Pooja Ghatkar won a Gold on Opening Day.
165. ▶ 7th South Asian Judo Championship - Indian judokas won 12 medals at the seventh South Asia Judo Championships held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The 12 medal haul included 10 Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medal.

#### Men

Name	Category	Medal
Navjot Chana	60Kg	Gold
Irom Sanju Singh	66 Kg	Gold
Navdeep Chana	73 Kg	Gold
Vikender Singh	81 Kg	Gold

Avtar Singh	90 Kg	Gold
Gold Khaidem Yaima Singh	100 Kg	Silver

### Women

Name	Category	Medal
Angom Anita Chanu	52 Kg	Gold
Suchika Tariyal	57 Kg	Gold
Garima Chaudhary	63 Kg	Gold
Huidrom Sunibala Devi	70Kg	Gold
Ch Jina Devi	78 Kg	Gold
Rajni Bala	48Kg	Bronze

166. ▶ 8 Sep is International Literacy Day as declared by UNESCO.

167. ▶ 8 June - World Oceans Day.

168. ▶ 8 March - International Women's Day. On this occasion, President Pranab Mukherjee gave Stree Shakti Puraskar 2013 to 5 Females and 1 Male. Under these Awards, M. Venkaiah became first Male to get the Rani Rudramma Devi award.

169. ▶ 8 March - International Women's Day. On this occasion, President Pranab Mukherjee gave Stree Shakti Puraskar 2013 to 5 Females and 1 Male. Under these Awards, M. Venkaiah became first Male to get the Rani Rudramma Devi award.

170. ▶ 8 Oct - Indian Airforce Day

171. ▶ 86th Oscar Awards (Academy Awards 2014)

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- ▶ Best Supporting Actor - Jared Leto (Dallas Buyers Club)
- ▶ Best Supporting Actress - Lupita Nyong'o (12 Years a Slave)
- ▶ Most Nominations - American Hustle and Gravity (10)

172. ▶ 8th Asia Gas Partnership summit was held in New Delhi. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Inaugerated the Dabhol - Bengaluru Gas

Pipeline during This Summit.

173. ▶ 8th G - 20 Countries' Meet organized in St. Petersburg, Russia.
174. ▶ 9 Aug is Nagasaki Day (USA Bombed Japan's Nagasaki with nuke weapons on Aug 09, 1945).
175. ▶ 9 Dec - International Anti Corruption Day.
176. ▶ 9 Nov - National Legal Services Day. On 9 Nov, 1995 the Legal Services Authority act was started.
177. ▶ *1283 (One two Eight Three)* has been written by Pele (Brazilian Football Player).
178. ▶ *24 Akbar Road* has been written by Rashid Kidwai.
179. ▶ *A Bad Character* has been written by Deepti Kapoor.
180. ▶ *A Stamp is Born* has been written by C R Pakrashi.
181. ▶ *Adultery* has been written by Paulo Coelho.
182. ▶ *Afghanistan : A Distant War* has been written by Robert Nickelsberg.
183. ▶ *Akbar the Aesthete* is written by Indu Anand. (Aesthete Means a person who is appreciative of and sensitive to art and beauty).
184. ▶ *Ambedkar: Awakening India's Social Conscience* is written by Dr. Narendra Jadhav (Member of Planning Commission of India).
185. ▶ *Arctic Summer* has been written by Damon Galgut.
186. ▶ *Bhavishya Nahi Vartman hai* has been written by Vijay Ratan Shankar.
187. ▶ *Birth of Cinema* has been written by N Gopal Krishna. It was Inaugerated during 18th ICFFI (International Child Film Festival of India) in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
188. ▶ *Blood Feud : Obama Vs Clinton* has been written by Edward Klein.
189. ▶ *Courage and Convictions* is the Autobiography of Ex- Army Chief V K Singh.
190. ▶ *Crusader or Conspirator ? Colgate and Other Truths* has been written by India's Former Coal Secretary P C Parekh.
191. ▶ *Development Misplaced* has been written by Krishan Bir Chaudhary
192. ▶ *Fantastic Beasts & Where To Find Them* is written by - J.K.Rowling.
193. ▶ *Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw : The Man and His Times* has been written by Behram M. Panthaki and Mrs Zenobia Panthaki.
194. ▶ *Fly on the wall and Other Stories* is written by Shubha Sharma.
195. ▶ *Gandhi Before India* has Been written by Ramachandra Guha.
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197. ▶ *Hard Choices* has been written by Hillary Clinton (USA)
198. ▶ *Heartbleed* a new Cyber Security Breach was discovered in Open SSL Software (Secure Socket Layer) that could Potentially Affect security of Data of Millions of Internet Users.

199. ▶ *How Neighbours Converge : The Politics and Economics of Regionalism* has been written by I P Khosla.
200. ▶ *Hydro Biology & Fishery Productive Potential* has been written by Anuradha Shukla.
201. ▶ *IB Commercial Pvt Ltd.* has bought the Decommissioned Indian Navy Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant.
202. ▶ *India Junction : A Window to the Nation* has been written by Arunendra Kumar.
203. ▶ *India and Malaysia : Interwined Strand* is written by Veena Sikri
204. ▶ *India at Risk* has been written by Jaswant Singh.
205. ▶ *India at Risk* has been written by Jaswant Singh.
206. ▶ *India's Nuclear Energy Programme : Future Plans, Prospects and Concerns* is Book written by R Rajaraman and released by Vice President Hamid Ansari.
207. ▶ *India's Political and Foreign Relation with the Gulf Region* is written by A K Pasha.
208. ▶ *Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah* is appointed as new Prime minister of western Asian country Kuwait.
209. ▶ *Journalism Ethics and Responsibilities* has been written by Seema Mustafa.
210. ▶ *Kanoon Lugat*, the first Urdu law dictionary in India has been released.
211. ▶ *Lesson in Leadership* is written by Pawan Chaudhary and is related to Lal Bahadur Shastri.
212. ▶ *Life and Times of Unborn Kamla* has been written by K K Varma.
213. ▶ *M G R : A Biography* has been written by Shreekanth Veeravalli.  
▶ Marudhur Gopalan Ramachandran popularly known by his initials MGR, was an Indian film actor, director, producer, and politician who also served as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu successively for three terms.
214. ▶ *Mahi : The story of India's Most Successful Captain* is the Biography of Indian Cricketer M S Dhoni and Has been written by Shantanu Guha.
215. ▶ *Manjar Dar Manjar : The essence Of My Spirit* has been written by Mahesh Manjar.
216. ▶ *My Brief History* is the autobiography of Renowned Physicist Stephen Hawking.
217. ▶ *My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions* is written by Abdul Kalam.
218. ▶ *Narendra Modi, A Political Biography* is written by Andy Marino, a British writer.
219. ▶ *Naushadnama : The Life and Music of Naushad* is written by Raju Bharatan Hay.
220. ▶ *One Life is Not Enough* has been written by Natwar Singh.
221. ▶ *Politics in India* is written by Rajni Kothari.
222. ▶ *Post Haste: Quintessential India* has been written by B G Verghese.
223. ▶ *Prem Tirth* is a short Stories collection written by Narendra Modi.

224. ▶ *Prem nam hai Mera (Biography of Prem Chopra)* has been written by Rakita Nanda.
225. ▶ *Public issues before parliament* has been written by Vijay Darda.
226. ▶ *Rationalized Roman for Kashmiri* has been written by R L Bhatt.
227. ▶ *Raunak* is the Poetry collection written by Kapil Sibbal and composed by A R Rehmaan.
228. ▶ *Redesigning the Aeroplane while Flying : Reforming Institution* has been written by Arun Maira (Member of Planning Commission).
229. ▶ *Reflections on Contemporary India* has been written by Shekhar Dutt.
230. ▶ *Religion, Patriarchy and Capitalism* is written by Jayanti Alam.
231. ▶ *Resurgent India: Glimpses of Rajiv Gandhi's Vision of India* is written by P D T Acharya.
232. ▶ *Revolution From Above* is written by Deepankar Gupta.
233. ▶ *Science and Technology in China* is written by Maharaja Krishna Rasgotra.
234. ▶ *Shivaji The Real Hero* has been written by Babasaheb Purandare.
235. ▶ *Single Man : The Life and Times of Nitish Kumar of Bihar* has been written by Sankarshan Thakur.
236. ▶ *Subalternity Exclusion and Social Change in India* has been written by Ashok K. Pankaj & Ajit K. Pandey.
237. ▶ *Sunrise in Slums* has been written by Padamshri Dr. Ravindra Nath Shrivastava 'Rajhans'.
238. ▶ *The Accidental Prime Minister : The Making and Unmaking of Manmohan Singh* has been written by Sanjay Baru who has been Manmohan Singh's Media Advisor between 2004 - 2008.
239. ▶ *The Americans : A Novel* has been written by Chitra Viraraghavan.
240. ▶ *The Americans : A Novel* has been written by Chitra Viraraghavan (Grand Daughter of Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan).  
▶ Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan was the First Vice President of India and the second President of India (1962 - 1967).
241. ▶ *The Ashes Diary* has been written by Australia Cricketer Michael Clarke.
242. ▶ *The Descent of Air India* is written by Jitender Bhargava.
243. ▶ *The Email Revolution : Unleashing the Power to Connect* has been written by V A Shiva Ayyadurai.
244. ▶ *The Good, The Bad and the Ridiculous* has been written by Khushwant Singh.
245. ▶ *The Hindus : An Alternative History* is a controversial book written by American writer Wendy Doniger.
246. ▶ *The Last Word* has been written by Hanif Kureishi.
247. ▶ *The Life and Times of K Kamaraj* has been written by Bala Jayaraman.  
▶ Kumarasami Kamaraj, better known as K. Kamaraj, was an Indian politician from Tamil Nadu widely acknowledged as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics during the 1960s.
248. ▶ *The Light Within* has been written by Sipra Das.



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250. ▶ *The Moonballer* is written by Nirupama Sanjeev.
251. ▶ *The Oath of the Vayuputras* by Amish Tripathi.
252. ▶ *The Past as Present : Forging Contemporary Identities Through History* has been written by Romila Thapar.
253. ▶ *The Political Economy of Energy and Growth* is written by Najeeb Jung (Lieutenant Governor of Delhi).
254. ▶ *The Shadow of The Crescent Moon* has been written by Fatima Bhutto.
255. ▶ *The Substance and the Shadow* has been written by Uday Tara Nayar.
256. ▶ *The Unbreakable* is the Autobiography of **M C Mary kom**.
257. ▶ *The Virgins* is written by Siddarth Tripathi.
258. ▶ *Third Curve* has been written by Mansoor Khan.
259. ▶ *Tiger Fire* has been written by Valmiki Thapar.
260. ▶ *To Dad with Love* has been written by Sunaina Roshan.
261. ▶ *Upbhog ki lakshman rekha* is written by Ramchandra Guha.
262. ▶ *Urban Villager* has been written by Vandana Vasudeva.
263. ▶ *What a Loser* has been written by Pankaj Dubey.
264. ▶ *What i Know for Sure* has been written by Oprah Winfrey.
265. ▶ *Why India Votes* is written by Mukulika Bannerjee.
266. ▶ *Wind Horse* has been written by Kaushik Barua.
267. ▶ Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni wins 2014 Asian award for outstanding achievement in sports.
268. ▶ Country's largest Bank (SBI) has launched a financing scheme for women fashion boutique owners. Labelled 'boutique financing', the scheme is designed to offer working capital expenses as well as term loan for boutique owners. The bank would give loans at a concessional interest rate and the maximum loan to be made available would be Rs 50 lakh for a period of seven years.
269. ▶ Legendary Indian Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has been named as UNICEF's First Brand Ambassador for South Asia and will work on Promoting Hygiene and Sanitation in the Region.
270. ▶ Sammakka Saralamma Jatara or Medaram Jatara, a tribal festival of honouring the goddesses was celebrated in the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh, India.
271. ▶ **Interim Rail Budget 2014** - Presented by Rail Minister Mallikarjun Kharge on Feb 12, 2014. Total Expenditure is 30223 Crore and Validity 4 Months due to It is last year of Current UPA Government.
  - ▶ New Class of Premium AC Trains called *Jai Hind* is to be started.


- ▶ 72 New Trains to be started.
- ▶ FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) has been permitted into Railways.
- ▶ Railway Tariff Authority is to be set up to advise the government on fixing of fares and freight for bringing transparency in fare decision.

272. ▶ **Interim Union Budget 2014** - Finance Minister P Chidambaram presented Interim Union Budget on Feb 17, 2014. It was the Eighth time Mr. Chidambaram presented the Union Budget. Main Points are -

- ▶ Cars, Mobiles and two-wheelers will become cheaper as the government reduced excise duty on automobiles. The Excise Duty has been reduced by 4% for Various Classes Vehicles ranging between 4 - 6 %.
- ▶ Planned Expenditure for 2014 - 15 is 555322 Crores, Non-Planned Expenditure - 1207892 Crores (Total 1763214 Crores).
- ▶ Interest rate on Agricultural Sector Loan has been reduced by 2%.
- ▶ Privatisation - Target from stake sale in state run firms for 2014/15 is set to 569.25 billion rupees.
- ▶ \$15 billion addition to foreign exchange Reserves in 2013-14

▶ **Estimates of various Deficits -**

- ▶ Fiscal Deficit (*Rajkoshiya Ghata*) to be 4.1 % of GDP

▶ **Defence Expenditure** - 224000 Crores (10.1 % )

▶ **Subsidies** - 250000 Crores ( of 8 % from 2013 - 14).

▶ Food Subsidy Increased to 115000 Crores.


▶ Fertilizer Subsidy - 67971 Crores

▶ Petroleum Subsidy - 63427 Crores

▶ Education Loan Subsidy - Government announced a moratorium (LAW) period for all education loans taken up to March 31, 2009 and outstanding at December-end 2013.

- Nearly 9 lakh student borrowers will benefit of approximately Rs 2,600 crore due to the Law period. The Government will take over the liability for outstanding interest as on December-end 2013, but the borrower would have to pay interest for the period after January 1, 2014. At the end of December 2013, public sector banks had 25,70,254 student loan accounts and the amount outstanding was Rs 57,700 crore.

▶ **Schemes and Expenditure -**

▶ Rural Development - 88202 Crores ( of 10 %)


▶ Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) - 34000 Crores ( of .33 %)

▶ Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana - 13152 Crores (36 % )

▶ Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission - 7060 Crores (50 % )

▶ Drinking Water and Sanitary - 11 000 Crores (27 % )

▶ Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan - 27635 Crores (.1 % )

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- ▶ ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) - 18691 Crores (5 % ↑)
- ▶ Modernization of Postal Department - 4999 Crores (839 % ↑)
- ▶ Skill Development Programme - 1000 Crores
- ▶ Nirbhaya Nidhi for Women Empowerment of 1000 Crores.
- ▶ Funds for PSU banks - 11 200 Crores (30 % ↓)
- ▶ Expenditures on Centre Sponsored Schemes for the states is to be increased to 338566 Crore Rupees from 136254 Crores in the Last Fiscal.
- ▶ North - East States, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand to get an Additional development Fund of Rs. 1200 Crore.

### Others

- ▶ Scheduled Castes Development Sub-Schemes to get 48638 Crores and Scheduled Tribes to get 30726 Crores.
- ▶ A new small Industries encouraging Fund of Rs. 200 is set up for SC/ST.
- ▶ Agricultural sector Loans target to be increased to 8 Lakh Crores from 7 Lakh Crores in Previous Fiscal.
- ▶ 11000 Crores for Modernisation of Central Police Forces.
- ▶ Indian economy now stands 11th Largest in the world.
- ▶ One rank One Pension scheme is to be deployed for Armed Forces Personnel.

- It Basically means to demands equal pensions for those of who've retired in a particular year, whilst holding the same position as those who've retired in another year. For Example, a sepoy who retired in 1995 should be paid the same amount of pension as the one who retired later. However, so far, that has not been the case. While every pay commission bumps the salaries of government servants, pensions of ex-servicemen remain unchanged. Now Government's Decision is to bring satisfaction for many retired armed forces personnel.

273. ▶ **Bharat Ratna 2014** - Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and Chemistry Scientist C N R Rao have been Honored By Bharat Ratna Samman. They will be honored by the same on Jan 26, 2014.

### ● Notes About Bharat Ratna Award

- ▶ Bharat ratna Award was Started in 1954. First Three recipients were Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan (India's First Vice President, C. Rajgopalachari (India's Last Governor-General) and Dr. C V Raman (Famous Physicist and Nobel Prize Winner in 1930)).
- ▶ Bharat Ratna awardees are seventh in Indian Order of Precedence.
- ▶ Till now, total 43 Persons have been honored by India's Highest civilian honor, Bharat Ratna.
- ▶ First Posthumous (After Passing Away) Bharat Ratna Samman was Given to Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri in 1966. Till no, 12 Posthumous Bharat Ratna awards Have been given.
- ▶ Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was accorded Bharat Ratna but it was withdrawn in 1992. It is the Only case till date of Bharat Ratna being withdrawn.
- ▶ Till Now, 2 Foreign people have been honored by Bharat Ratna. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan (1987) & Nelson Mandela (1990).

✦ Bharat Ratna is awarded for outstanding Contribution in any of Arts, Literacy, Science or Social Service. In December 2011, the Government of India modified the criteria to allow sportspersons to receive the award. Since then, the award may be conferred "for performance of highest order in any field of human endeavour.

✦ Till Now, Five Presidents, 6 Prime Ministers and 5 Chief Ministers Have been Honored By Bharat Ratna.

✦ **Presidents** - Rajendra Prasad, Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, V V Giri, Zakir Hussain, A P J Abdul Kalam.

✦ **Prime Ministers** - Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi, Rajeev Gandhi, Gulzari Lal Nanda and Moraji Desai.

✦ **Chief Ministers** - G B Pant (Uttar Pradesh), B C Rai (West Bengal), K Kmaraj (Tamilnadu), M G Ramachandran (Tamilnadu), Gopinath Bardolai (Assam).

274. ✦ **Eleanor Catton, New Zealand author of age 28 years has been honored by 2013 Man Booker Prize for her novel The Luminaries.** She has become youngest ever to win this prestigious literary honour.

275. ✦ **Nobel Awards 2013 ->**

✦ **Physics** - > Francois Englert (Belgium) & Peter Higgs (Britain).

✦ **Medicine** -> James E Rothman (USA) & Randy W Schekman (USA) & Thomas C Sudhof (Germany)

✦ **Chemistry** -> Martin Karplus (USA), Michael Levitt (USA-Israel), Arieh Warshel (USA-Israel)

✦ **Literature** -> Alice Munro (Canada)

✦ **Peace** -> Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Reason - Their Anti Chemical Weapons work in Syria, Headquarters is in The Hague, Netherlands)

✦ **Economics** -> Eugene Fama (USA), Robert J Shiller (USA), Lars Peter Hansen (USA)

276. ✦ **Recent Indian VIP Visits to Foreign Countries ->**

✦ Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Visited USA and Met USA President Barack Obama.

✦ Indian President Pranab Mukherjee Visited Belgium and Met Belgian Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo.

✦ Indian Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid Visited Brazil and Met Brazilian Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo.

✦ Indian President Pranab Mukherjee Visited Turkey and Met Turkish President Abdullah Gül.

✦ Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Visited Indonesia and Met Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

✦ Indian Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Japan Ashwani Kumar visited Japan and Met Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida.

277. ✦ **Tennis Tournaments**

✦ ATP World Tour Finals - Serbia's Novak Djokovic won by Beating Spain's Rafael Nadal.

✦ Swiss Open Indoor Tennis Championship - Argentina's Juan Del Potro won by Beating Swiss Roger Federer.

✦ Paris Masters - Serbia's Novak Djokovic won by Beating Spain's David Ferrer.

278. ✦ A Committee Headed by Raghuram G Rajan about allocation of funds to states in case of division of states submitted its report to Government. Note that Raghuram G Rajan is Currently 23rd Governor of RBI.

279. ✦ A 13-year-old boy from UK has become the youngest person ever to successfully carry out atomic fusion. Jamie Edwards built a

nuclear reactor before successfully smashing two hydrogen atoms together, making helium through nuclear fusion.

280. ▶ A 3330 Years Old Tomb Was Found in Egypt at the site of Abydos.
281. ▶ A 7 Feet statue of Mahatma Gandhi will be installed in America's Texas state.
282. ▶ A Ajay Kumar appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Iraq.
283. ▶ A Coal Satyagraha has been started In Hajaribagh district of Jharkhand to protest allocation of Coal Blocks and Mining Rights to Private Companies.
284. ▶ A Committee headed by Sitaram Yechury suggested the Civil Aviation Ministry to come out with a comprehensive Bill after revisiting the Aircraft Act, 1934 because it felt that the Act is too old to tackle the emerging problems in the aviation sector.
285. ▶ A Committee on Defence strategies analysis led by Raj Babbar submitted its report and mentioned great concerns over India's preparedness over Border Intrusion Issues from rivals like Pakistan and China.
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287. ▶ A Committee under the Chairmanship of **N K Sodhi** and Created by SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) submitted Its Report regarding Insider Trading Norms in India and Suggested that Public Servants and Persons Holding Statutory Positions be banned from Trading while They are in Possession of Unpublished Price-Sensitive Information.

#### ● **Insider Trading**

- ▶ Insider trading is the trading of a public company's stock or other securities (bonds, stock options) by Employees of Individuals who have access to Private information about the company.
- ▶ In various countries, insider trading is illegal because it is unfair to other investors who do not have access to the information and are paying the company for trading on their Behalf.

288. ▶ A Committee headed by T R Babu on matter of Delays in Execution of Railways Projects Suggested that if the Process of Land acquisition delays the Execution of various Railways Projects then the Railways Act 1989 may be amended accordingly to make the acquisition process easier.
289. ▶ A French cave containing the world's earliest and best preserved cave paintings carved on its walls more than 30,000 years ago has been inscribed on Unesco's World Heritage list.
290. ▶ A Government Internal Review Order (GIRO) headed by Umesh Bellur submitted Its Report to RBI about suggesting a mechanism for centralised bills payment system in the country.
291. ▶ A K Dubey has been appointed as Chief of Coal India Limited.
292. ▶ A RBI Committee on Financial Inclusion headed by Nachiket Mor suggested setting up a New set of Banks called 'Payment Banks' to widen the spread of payment services and deposit products to small businesses and low-income households in Asia's third-largest

economy, where about 40% of the population still do not have access to formal financial services. Such banks will have a minimum entry capital requirement of Rs.50 crore, one-tenth of what a full-service bank requires, since they will have a near-zero risk of default.

293. ▶ A Two-day meeting of health secretaries and senior advisors of BRICS Countries was held in January in New Delhi.
294. ▶ A USA Firm Media Development Investment Fund (MIDF) is planning to build an 'Outernet', which will be a global network of cube satellites broadcasting internet data to all the people around the world to offer free Internet access to all the people, regardless of location and bypassing all filtering mechanisms of censorship.
295. ▶ A committee Headed by Sam Pitroda has suggested to amend the Prasar Bharati Act 1990 and suggested complete transfer of Ownership and assets to prasar Bharati to make the organization administratively and financially autonomous of govt and setting up of a regulatory body to ensure public accountability of the Organization with respect to all content broadcast to its Television and Radio Network.
296. ▶ A committee has been formed under HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh to present a blueprint to finance the country's ambitious plan to build new infrastructure worth one trillion dollars during the Twelfth Five Year Plan soon after formation of New Government.
297. ▶ A committee headed by former Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairman M Damodaran was formed for Suggesting measures for increasing ease of doing business in India after a world bank report In 2012 ranked India at 132th place in world as far as Ease of business in India is Concerned. The Committee has suggested creation of an authoritative panel to study impact of Laws related to Companies and their Operations in India.
298. ▶ A foreign portfolio investor will now be allowed to buy additional shares in a company only if its holding is less than 10 per cent, according to norms for the new overseas investment regime starting in June 2014 issued by Market regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India).
299. ▶ A global report by the World Food Project (WFP) for 2013 on 169 countries has said that India has the largest school feeding programme in the world called **Mid Day Meal**, catering to over 11.4 Crore children. But it stands 12th among 35 lower-middle-income countries covering 79 per cent of its total number of school-going children
300. ▶ A granary (*Where Foodgrains are Kept*), with walls of mud-bricks in a remarkably good condition has been discovered in the Rakhigarhi village, a Harappan civilisation site in Haryana.
301. ▶ A meet of Directors of NITs (National Institutes of Technology) was Organized in New Delhi.
302. ▶ A meeting for Conservation of Child Rights in the Asia and the Pacific Region Countries was held in New Delhi, India having participants from 33 Countries.
303. ▶ A new Draft Constitution has been Created for African Middle East Country Egypt by a 50 Member Panel after Military Ousted occurred in the Country Recently.


304. ▶ A new Entity called Eurasian Economic Union has been created by a treaty signed between Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia. This would create a single economic market of 171 million people and a gross domestic product of 3 trillion U.S. dollars. Later on, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan may also join the organization.
305. ▶ A new Species named '*Mite*' have been found to be fastest Species on Earth with Speed 20 Times Faster than Tiger. Its Scientific Name is *Paratarsotomus macropalpis* and runs at a speed of 2092 KM / Hour.
306. ▶ A new rail freight route between Zhengzhou in China and Hamburg in Germany has seen the first train make the 10,214 km journey.
307. ▶ A new software app *Sandesh Pathak* has been developed to help the illiterate farmers. The app uses text-to-speech method to help the farmers and It supports five Indian languages – Hindi, Tamil, Marathi, Gujarathi and Telugu.
308. ▶ A non-profit group Vandana Foundation launched AQUATM in Mumbai, a water vending machine from which water can be purchased for a litre a rupee.
309. ▶ A peejay Surrendra Park Hotels' Chairperson Priya Paul has been conferred with the Chevalier de 1<sup>er</sup> Ordre National du Merite (National Order of Merit), a french honour for distinguish civil and military achievements.
310. ▶ A per a report by the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature, only 3,200 are left on Earth as compared to more than 100000 that Existed a Century Ago.
311. ▶ A special Postage Stamp was Issued by India Post to Honor the Legendary Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar On the Occasion of his 200th Test.
312. ▶ A student of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, Ambar Srivastava, has developed a mobile phone-size haemoglobin metre dubbed the TrueHb Hemometer - the first case of an innovation from the institute's biomedical engineering department actually getting productized.
313. ▶ A supervisory committee has been set up under L A V Nathan to raise the water storage level in Mullaperiyar reservoir to 142 feet, in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court.
314. ▶ A team of Michigan State University computer scientists with Indian Person Anil Jain have built the first three-dimensional model of a human fingerprint and have named it 'Fingerprint Phantom'.
315. ▶ A unique mineral unrelated to any of about 4000 others Known so far has been discovered at Lake Cowan in Western Australia. Name 'putnisite', the mineral has been declared unique by University of Adelaide after thorough analysis.
316. ▶ Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been appointed as new President of Egypt.
317. ▶ Abdelaziz Bouteflika has been appointed as the President of Algeria for the Consecutive Fourth Time.
318. ▶ Abdul Basit is appointed as Pakistan's New Envoy to India.
319. ▶ Abdulla Yameen Gayoom is the Newly Elected President of Maldives.

320. ▶ Abdulla Yamneen is appointed as the New President of Maldives.
321. ▶ Abhishikta S Shetty has won the Miss South India 2014 Title.
322. ▶ According to Ernst & Young's Latest Capital Confidence Barometer Report, India is the Most Attractive Investment Destination Surpassing China and USA.
323. ▶ According to a survey by GIREM (Global Initiative for restructuring Environment and Management), Bangalore (Also Known as Silicon City) is Commercially the most desirable Destination of India.
324. ▶ Ace discus thrower Vikas Gowda won the silver medal in the IAAF Diamond League Series in Doha. Gowda hurled the discus to a distance of 63.23m, finishing behind Poland's Piotr Malachowski, who took the top spot with a throw of 66.72m.  
▶ The Mysore-born Gowda won the 2010 Asian Games bronze and silver in the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games in the discus event. His personal best throw is 66.90 meters which is also the national record in discus throw, achieved in 2013.
325. ▶ Actor Aamir Khan has been selected by USA Organization America Abroad Media (AAM) for his television show 'Satyamev Jayate'.
326. ▶ Actor has been John Abraham honoured with Pride of the Nation award.
327. ▶ Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been appointed as the Maharashtra's horticulture ambassador.
328. ▶ Actor Arjun Kapoor has been appointed as National Ambassador for Earth Hour 2014 observed on Mar 29.
329. ▶ Actress Suchitra Sen has been posthumously given a lifetime achievement award at the inaugural edition of Filmfare Awards East.
330. ▶ Actress Waheeda Rehman has been honoured by the inaugural Centenary Award (*Shatabdi Award*) for Indian Film Personality of the Year at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
331. ▶ Aditi Khanna Has been appointed as the First woman president and General Secretary of London based Indian Journalists' Association.
332. ▶ Aditi Khanna has been elected as the first women President of Indian Journalists' Association (IJA) in London.
333. ▶ Aditi Khanna is elected as first woman president and secretary of Indian Journalists Association.
334. ▶ Aditya Mehta, the Professional Snooker Player of India won Gold Medal in World Games 2013 in Snooker discipline in Colombia.
335. ▶ Aditya Puri Committee on Credit Information submitted its report and recommended that customers must be provided with a copy of their credit report as it would help create awareness about the need to have credit discipline and help detect identity theft at an early stage.
336. ▶ Admiral Robin K Dhawan has been appointed as the New Chief of The Indian Navy,
337. ▶ Afghanistan Education Minister Abdullah Obaid Visited India.
338. ▶ Afghanistan Vice-President Karim Khalili Visited India.
339. ▶ Afghanistan for the first time qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.
340. ▶ Afghanistan for the first time sent trade objects directly to India Through Oceanic Route through the Chabahar Port.



341. ▶ Afghanistan won SAFF football championship 2013 after beating India.
342. ▶ African Countries have pledged to wage War on Boko Haram during a Special Meet held in Paris (France) led by French President Francois Hollande. Boko Haram is a militant Islamist group based in Nigeria who kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls in Nigeria Recently.
343. ▶ African Country Angola announced to put Prohibition on Islam Religion in The Country .
344. ▶ African Country Ethiopia has put a Ban on Its people going Abroad for work to protest their Harassing and Misuse in foreign countries.
345. ▶ African Country Gambia Decided to Leave Commonwealth of Nations. (The Commonwealth of Nations is an organisation of 53 member countries that were mostly territories of the former British Empire.)
346. ▶ African Country Kenya's parliament has passed a bill allowing Polygamy (men to marry multiple women).
347. ▶ African Union agreed to re-include Egypt as its member.
348. ▶ After launching accounts on Facebook and Youtube, the country's largest Bank SBI launched a twitter account at <https://twitter.com/TheOfficialSBI> .
349. ▶ After three years of hectic negotiations, India and France have agreed on the cost of power that will be generated by Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant (JNPP), clearing a major hurdle in the path of the project.
350. ▶ Agriculture Scientist M S Swaminathan, Badminton Player Saina Nehwal have been honored as Goodwill Ambassador by ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics).
351. ▶ Agriculture dependent population in India increased more than 50% between 1980 - 2010. It is most in the world in this time period. On second place, there is China with 33 % Increase in Agriculture Dependent Populcation and USA saw 37 % decrease in Agriculture Dependent Populcation due to heavy Industrialization in Agriculture sector.
352. ▶ Air Marshal SBP Sinha takes over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.
353. ▶ AirAsia India will install a security system to screen passengers' passports against Interpol's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database. It will make AirAsia the first airline globally to integrate Interpol's checkit (I-Checkit) with its own check-in system during the passenger check-in phase.
- ▶ The International Criminal Police Organization, or INTERPOL, is an intergovernmental organization facilitating international police cooperation.
  - ▶ Interpol has an annual budget of around €70 million most of which is provided through annual contributions by its membership of 190 countries. The organization's headquarters is in Lyon, France.
  - ▶ It is the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations by member states. In 2012, the Interpol General Secretariat employed a staff of 703 representing 98 member countries.
  - ▶ Its current Secretary-General is Ronald Noble.

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354. ▶ Airtel Digital TV, the DTH service arm of Bharti Airtel has launched 'Pocket TV', a mobile app that enables customers to watch their favorite TV programs while on the move.
355. ▶ Ajay Shriram is appointed as the new President of CII (Confederation of Indian Industries).
356. ▶ Ajeet Prakash Shah is the New Chief of the 20th Law Commission replacing DK Jain.
357. ▶ Ajmad Ali Khan has been honored with the doctorate by Jadhavpur University.
358. ▶ Alankit Assignments, A leading Indian Financial and health care service provider has tied up with UAE Exchange to offer Mahatama Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana Scheme in UAE.
359. ▶ Alexander Stubb, The commerce Minister of Finland Visited India.
360. ▶ All England Club announced an increase of 10.8 percent (Now 25 million Pound Total) in the total prize amount for 2014 Wimbledon. It is an increase of 2.4 million Pound over 2013.
361. ▶ Alok Sinha has been appointed as the new Chief of AAI (Airports Authority of India).
362. ▶ Ambient Air Pollution Report 2014 - Delhi is Most Polluted City in The world.  
 The 2014 version of the Ambient Air Pollution (AAP) database contains results of outdoor air pollution monitoring from almost 1600 cities in 91 countries. The national capital of Delhi has the highest concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> — particulate matters less than 2.5 microns— form of air pollution, which is considered most serious.
363. ▶ American Govt. started a scheme named Passport to India to encourage its youth to study in Indian universities.
364. ▶ American Newspaper Los Angles Times became First in the world to Publish news written by Robot who wrote the report in Three Seconds.
365. ▶ American Software Company Nvidia launched world fastest speed mobile processor Tegra -4.
366. ▶ American vice president Joe Biden visited of India.
367. ▶ Amit Shah has been appointed as Chief of BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party).
368. ▶ Amit Sharma has been appointed as Commander-in-Chief of Strategic Forces Command.
369. ▶ Amitabh Rao take oath as a chief justice of Rajasthan Height court.
370. ▶ Amnesty International has developed a Smartphone App called 'Panic Button' that can help people during emergency times and can send Notifications to Three Pre defined contacts on click of a Button.
371. ▶ Amrita Devi Bishnoi Wildlife conservation award 2010 has been given to Saurabh and Gaurav Gupta.
372. ▶ An Assamese thriller film, Ekhon Nedeekha Nadir Xipaare (As River Flows) has won the audience choice award in North Carolina film festival. The film starring Victor Banerjee is a socio-political thriller film set in river island of Majuli.

373. ▶ An Indian Origin of The Khan Academy, Salman Khan has been appointed as one among the Presidential Ambassadors for Global Entrepreneurship by USA.
374. ▶ An Israeli Company StoreDot unveiled its battery charging prototype that uses nanotechnology to charge a smartphone in 30 seconds.
375. ▶ Anand Kumar has been honored by Ramanujan Mathematics Award 2014. He is the founder of super 30 Classes.
376. ▶ Anand Sinha Committee for suggesting new Benchmark for Floating Interest Rates in Loans Submitted Its Report regarding bringing greater transparency in the pricing of credit. As per the report the Indian Banks Association (IBA) may develop a new benchmark for floating interest rate products, namely, the Indian Banks Base Rate (IBBR), which may be collated and published by IBA on a periodic basis.
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378. ▶ Anandiben Patel has been appointed as the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
379. ▶ Andaman and Nicobar's Shompen Tribal People voted in Indian General Elections for The First Time.
380. ▶ Andhra Pradesh Governor ESL Narsimham Released a Book Named 'Heritage Hyderabad' written by Malladi Krishnanand.
381. ▶ Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have been jointly conferred the National Tourism Award 2013.
382. ▶ Andhra Pradesh has Increased the Retirement age of Government Officials to 60 years (from 58 years).
383. ▶ Andrej Kiska has been elected as the new President of Slovakia.
384. ▶ Angela Merkel has been made Chancellor of Germany for historic third time.
385. ▶ Angela Merkel topped Forbes list of the world's 100 most powerful women for the fourth year in row.
386. ▶ Anirban Lahiri, an Indian Golfer has won the Indonesian Masters Golf Tournament.
387. ▶ Aniruddha Chakravarty is the New chief of National Cadet Corps.
388. ▶ Anne Hidalgo is appointed as the First Woman Mayor of Paris (France).
389. ▶ Anthony Lake has been appointed as Executive Director of UNICEF (United Nations international children's Emergency Fund).
390. ▶ Anup Wadhawan is the New Chief of PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority).
391. ▶ Anurag Jain is the New Chief of EXIM (Export Import) Bank of India.
392. ▶ Archana Ramasundaram became the first woman additional director of CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation).
393. ▶ Archana Ramasundaram is appointed as Additional Director in CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation).
394. ▶ Archery World Cup 2014 (Colombia) - India won 1 Silver and 1 Bronze (Atanu Das, Thupuvoyi and Sanjay Boro - Silver & Laishram

Bombayla Devi and Atanu Das - Bronze).

395. ▶ Argentina (South American Country) introduced new restrictions on Online shopping as part of efforts to stop falling of foreign currency reserves.
396. ▶ Arjun Bahadur Thapa has been appointed as the Secretary–General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
  - The Secretary General of SAARC, who is appointed by the unified concessions reached by the Council of Ministers from Member States of the South Asia in an alphabetical order for a three-year term. The Secretary General is assisted by eight directors from each nation on deputation who also resides in Kathmandu (Headquarter of SAARC).
397. ▶ Artist Ela Menon has been honored by Dayawati Modi Award 2013.
398. ▶ Arun Gupta is appointed as the Chief of Shipping Corporation of India (SCIL).
399. ▶ Arun Jaitley has been appointed as Leader of Upper House - Rajya Sabha and Ghulam Nabi Azad has been appointed as Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.
400. ▶ Arun Mishra, Adarsh Goel & R. Nariman have been appointed as Judges in the Supreme Court of India. Now the Number of Judges in Supreme Court has become 27 (Maximum Permissible is 31).
401. ▶ Arunachal Pradesh Capital Itanagar became second North East Capital after Guwahati (Assam) to be presented on Railway Map of India.
402. ▶ Arundhati Bhattacharya is the new chief of SBI (State bank of India).
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404. ▶ Arunima Sinha has been honored by the Amazing Indian Award. She became first Differently Abled Indian to scale Mount Everest Successfully.
405. ▶ Arup Raha is the New Chief of Indian Air Force.
406. ▶ Arvid Mayaram is appointed as the New Finance Secretary of India.
407. ▶ Arvind Mayaram (Revenue Secretary) committee on Clearly Defining and Distinguishing FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) and FII (Foreign Institutional Investors) submitted its report.
408. ▶ Arvind Mayaram committee submitted its report to the government regarding irregularities in operations of National spot Exchange Limited.
409. ▶ Arvind Mishra, a young assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering at Graphic Era University, broke the Guinness record of 121 hours in the non-stop lecturing category by logging logging 139 hours, 49 Mins and 42 Seconds.
410. ▶ Arvind Ranjan has been appointed as the Chief of The (Central Industrial Security Force).
411. ▶ As an Important step towards shedding banking secrecy practices, 47 nations including Switzerland and India, have agreed upon

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413. ▶ As per Market Regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) ,Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), a newly created class for overseas investors, will be able to invest up to \$81 billion (close to Rs 4 lakh crore) in government and corporate debt securities in India. This would include investments up to \$30 billion in government debt and up to \$51 billion in corporate debt securities.
414. ▶ As per New Stats, Cherrapunji in Meghalaya (India) Holds New Record for Max 48-Hour Rainfall.
415. ▶ As per Rating Agency CRISIL, Indian Economy is set to recover over next 5 Years and will grow at an Average Rate of 6.5%.
416. ▶ As per Recent Report by ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India), Maharashtra topped the Indian States in terms of Attracting Investment.
417. ▶ As per World Bank Projections, Indian Economy is expected to Grow at 5.7% During FY 2014 - 15.
418. ▶ As per a Recent Report by WGC (World Gold Council), China is the Biggest Gold Consumer Nation of the world. India has seen a huge decline in Gold Usage subject to limitation put by Indian Government on amount of Gold to be imported and that too on a high Import Duty rate as high as 10%.
419. ▶ As per a Report by World Bank, India stood at First Place in world in terms of Receiving Money from Non-Residents.
420. ▶ As per a recent World Bank Report, India is the Third Largest Economy in world after USA (1st) & China (2nd).
  - ▶ India has displaced Japan to become the world's third biggest economy in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), according to a World Bank report.
  - ▶ The 2011 round of the bank's International Comparison Program (ICP) ranked India after the US and China. The last survey in 2005 had placed the country on 10th place.
  - ▶ India's share in World GDP in terms of PPP was 6.4% in 2011 compared with China's 14.9% and the US' 17.1%. The survey covered 199 economies.
421. ▶ As per a recent report issued by senior economists, Gujarat is at the top of Indian states in terms of Economical Freedom.
422. ▶ As per a recent report, Sikkim is the only Indian State to increase its Forest Cover in the last Two Decades. It has also launched a new Rs. 31 Crore project to enhance its forest cover by 1000 Hectares in Next Five Years.
423. ▶ As per a report by USA based Committee to protect Journalists (CPJ) has named Syria as the Most Dangerous Country in the world for

Journalists.

424. ▶ As per a report by United Nations International Telecommunications Union, By end of 2014 the Number of Internet Consumers across the world will cross 3 Billion Mark.
425. ▶ As per reports, India's GDP Growth Rate in Quarter 2 (July - September) of 2013 stood at 4.8 % which is better than the Q1 (Apr - June) Growth Rate that was 4.4 %.
426. ▶ Ashok Chakra, the highest peacetime gallantry award has been given to Sub-Inspector K Prasad Babu of Andhra Pradesh's counter-Maoist force on occasion of 65th Republic Day. Mr Babu was honoured for an anti-Naxal operation during which he led an assault unit of Grey hounds (anti-Naxal force of Andhra Pradesh) near Andhra-Chhattisgarh border. He played a key role in neutralising nine Maoists and the next day helped rescue four commandos from a Maoist attack.
427. ▶ Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as New Governor of Manipur. Note that currently he is also the governor of Nagaland.
428. ▶ Ashwani Kumar is PM Manmohan Singh's Special envoy for Japan.
429. ▶ Ashwin B. Pandya, has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Water Commission & Ex-officio Secretary to the Government of India.
430. ▶ Asian Badminton Championships 2014 (South Korea)-  
▶ Men - Lin Dan (China) Beat Sasaki Sho (Japan)  
▶ Women - Sung Ji-hyun (South Korea) beat Wang Shixian (China)
431. ▶ Asian Development Bank (ADB) will give loan of USD 2 billion yearly for 5 years till 2017 to India to create jobs, improve investment reforms, and improve infrastructure.

● **Notes about Asian Development Bank**

- ▶ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 22 August 1966 to facilitate economic development of countries in Asia.
- ▶ ADB now has 67 members - of which 48 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- ▶ ADB has weighted voting system like World Bank where votes are distributed in proportion with member's capital subscriptions.
- ▶ By the end of 2012, both the United States and Japan hold the two largest proportions of shares each at 12.78%. China holds 5.45%, India holds 5.36%.
- ▶ ADB Headquarters is in Manilla, Capital of Phillipines.
- ▶ Japan's Takehiko Nakao is the Current Chief of ADB.

● **Notes about the World Bank**

- ▶ The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans to developing countries for capital programs. The World Bank's official goal is the reduction of poverty.

- ✦ The World Bank comprises two institutions: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD - 188 Countries) and the International Development Association (IDA - 172 Countries).
- ✦ World Bank is different from World Bank Group. Infact world Bank group has World Bank, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
- ✦ United States is the Largest shareholder in World Bank.
- ✦ WB's Headquarters is in Washington, United States of America.
- ✦ South Korea's Jim Yong Kim is the Current Chief of World Bank.

432. ▶ Asian Development Bank (Headquarters - (Manila (Philippines))) has Predicted 5.5 % GDP Growth Rate for India in FY 2014 - 15.
433. ▶ Asian Female Football 2014 (Vietnam) - Japan won by Beating Australia.
434. ▶ Asian Indoor Athletics Championship (Guangzhou, China) - India's Om Prakash Kahana won gold in Shotput Throw.
435. ▶ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is an international financial institution proposed by China and regarded as a rival for the IMF, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ✦ China has proposed doubling the registered capital of the bank from 50bn USD to 100bn USD and invited India to participate in the founding the bank.
436. ▶ Assam became first Indian State to Observe Child Protection Day.
437. ▶ At a recent summit in South Africa, Bill Travers of Born Free Foundation stated that Rhinoceros in the wild will be extinct by 2020 if poachers continue to hunt them at current rate. About 7000 Rhinos are present today in the forests and depleting at a fast rate.
438. ▶ Australia Gets Presidency of G 20 Summit to be held in 2014 in Brisbane city in Queensland state of Australia.
439. ▶ Australia and South Korea have formally signed off on a free trade agreement during a meeting in Seoul.
- ✦ A free-trade area is a theoretical concept where a trade bloc whose member countries have signed a free-trade agreement (FTA), which eliminates tariffs, import quotas, and preferences on most (if not all) goods and services traded between them.
  - ✦ If people are also free to move between the countries, in addition to FTA, it would also be considered an open border. It can be considered the second stage of economic integration. Countries choose this kind of economic integration if their economic structures are complementary. If their economic structures are competitive, it is likely there will be no incentive for a FTA, or only selected areas of goods and services will be covered to fulfill the economic interests between the two signatories of FTA.
440. ▶ Australia appointed Patrick Suckling as new High Commissioner to India.
441. ▶ Australia recently revealed its fastest super computer named Raijin.
442. ▶ Australia's Jason Day has won the world Cup Golf Cup Tournament held in Melbourne, Australia.
443. ▶ Australia's Law Trob University has started a PHD Scholarship in Name of Indian Legendary Actor Amitabh Bachchan.
444. ▶ Australian Super Series Badminton 2014 - Saina Nehwal (India) won by beating Carolina Marin (Spain).

445. ▶ Australian Women's Cricket Team beat England to win ICC T - 20 Women's World Cup Tournament in Bangladesh.
446. ▶ Axis Bank Launched Kisan Credit Cards aimed at Helping Farmers access Money when they need it at lesser Rates and Farmers can withdraw Upto 1 Lakh per Day from ATMs.
447. ▶ Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank has launched 'Asha Home Loan', a 30 year home loan product for first time home buyers in the lower income segment based on the family income.
448. ▶ B Ashok is appointed as the new chief of IOCL (Indian Oil Corporation).
449. ▶ B L Joshi has been appointed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh for second consecutive term.
450. ▶ BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) banned Sahara Group Endorsed Pune Warriors Team from Participating in IPL Championship Tournaments on grounds of Payment Defaults.
451. ▶ BCCI Chief India's N Srinivasan is appointed as ICC's (International Cricket Council) New Chief.
452. ▶ BNHS (Bombay Natural History Society), in association with Rio Tinto and BirdLife International, is set to establish a Vulture Safe Zone (VSZ) in the Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh.
453. ▶ BSF (Border Security Force) Appointed Virat Kohli as Its Brand Ambassador. Its first time that any armed force has made someone its brand ambassador.
454. ▶ Bal Shekhar is appointed as new Secretary General of the Lok Sabha replacing T K Vishwanathan.
455. ▶ Bal Thakre and the rising of the Shiv sena written by Vaibhav Purandare.
456. ▶ Balramji Das Tandon has been appointed as governor of Chhattisgarh.
457. ▶ Bangalore Centralized Processing Center (CPC), a record managing System was awarded 'ISO 15489-1: 2001' certificate by British Standards Institution (BSI). With this, CPC became the first organization in the world to receive this certification.
458. ▶ Bangladesh Developed its first Warship called - BNS Padma.
459. ▶ Bangladesh Government honored Former Indian President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and Prime Minister Guljari Lal Nanda with *Mukti Sangram Honor 2013* for their Contribution in Bangladesh Liberation war in 1971.
460. ▶ Bangladesh set up Guinness world record by singing group national anthem in capital Dhaka on the country's Independence Day. More than 250000 volunteers sang the national anthem simultaneously and the record was set up for the same.
461. ▶ Bangladesh's Mustafa Kamal has been appointed as President of ICC (International Cricket Council).
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463. ▶ Bank of India became first Indian Bank to start ITM (Instant Money Transfer) Service that enables to withdraw money from the ATM without having a Bank Account.
464. ▶ Bansagar Nahar Yojana in Uttar Pradesh given extension of two years.



465. ▶ Barclays Premier League Football Tournament 2014 has been won by Manchester City beating Westham United.
466. ▶ Bashar al-Assad has been re-elected as President of Syria.
467. ▶ Bashar al-Assad sworn-in as Syria's President for his third term.
468. ▶ Basketball (January 2013)
  - ▶ Uttarakhnad beat Punjab in 63rd Senior National Basketball Championship.
469. ▶ Beautician Babli Gambhir has been honored by National Outstanding Creative Adult Award 2013.
470. ▶ Belgium approved a new controversial law that will allow for chronically ill children to be euthanized.
471. ▶ Bengaluru - FC has won I - League Football Cup by Beating Dempo SC.
472. ▶ Beverages major Coca-Cola Appointed Indian Person Atul Singh as Company's Group president for Asia Region.
473. ▶ Beverages major Coca-Cola appointed Atul Singh as the Group president of Asia Region.
474. ▶ Bharati Airtel announced to acquire Mumbai Based Loop Mobile for Rs. 700 Crores.
475. ▶ Bharati Airtel, Indian Telecom Giant crossed the 20 Crore subscribers Mark in India. It has presence in over 20 Countries and is the fourth Largest Mobile Operator in the world in terms of number of subscribers.
476. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party launched Raksha, a free smartphone app intended for women safety. In case of emergency, a click on the app will send alerts to the selected ones with details about the location.
477. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party won in Vidhan Sabha Elections in Chattisgarh. Raman Singh to retain as Chief Minister for the Consecutive Third Term.
478. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party won in Vidhan Sabha Elections in Delhi. However, Arvind Kejriwal of Aam Aadmi Party to become Chief Minister of Delhi for the First Time in collaboration with Congress.
479. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party won in Vidhan Sabha Elections in Madhya Pradesh. Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan To remain as Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
480. ▶ Bharatiya Janata Party won in Vidhan Sabha Elections in Rajasthan. Vasundhara Raje To become Chief Minister of Rajasthan for the second Time.
481. ▶ Bharti Airtel signed an agreement with the UAE-based Etisalat to provide advanced data and wholesale services to its customers in West Asia and Africa and enhance in-region connectivity through Etisalat's regional network.
482. ▶ Bihar Election Commission has appointed Singer Sharda Sinha as Ambassador for Election Campaigns in Bihar.
483. ▶ Bihar's golfer Aman Raj won the individual title in the SAARC Nations' Golf Championship in Kolkata. India maintained their supremacy in the SAARC golf championship by beating Bangladesh 2-1 in this championship.
484. ▶ Bimal Jalan Committee on Issuing New Banking Licenses submitted Its Report. It examined applications for new banks and found that

RBI can issue new banking licenses to 3 - 4 Applicants. India currently has 27 Public Sector Banks , 22 Private Banks and 56 RRBs (Regional Rural Banks).

485. ▶ Blaise Compaoré has been re-elected as the President of Burkina Faso, a west african country .
486. ▶ Bolat akchulakov, the oil minister of kazakhstan visited India for 10th inter governmental meet of both countries.
487. ▶ Bolivia legalizes child labor for kids from age 10.
488. ▶ Book "Smritiyan" is written by Garima Sanjay.
489. ▶ Book "The New Bihar: Rekindling Governance and Development" is written by Lord Nicolas and N. K. Singh.
490. ▶ Bosnia and Herzegovina qualified to appear in the FIFA World Cup 2015 to be held in Brazil.
491. ▶ Brazilian Footballer Neymar chosen best Footballer of South America.
492. ▶ Britain Decided to re- open its Embassy in Iran.
493. ▶ Britain Legalized the sale of HIV Self-test Kit.
494. ▶ Britain decided to Honor The Indians Involved in the First World War.
495. ▶ Britain's Andrew Cotton has set up a New record for surfing on the Highest Wave by surfng over a 80 feet high Tidal Wave on a Beach in Portugal. He beat the Previous record of Garrett Mcnamara (78 Feet).
496. ▶ Britain's Kolin Philips set up a world record of Bungee Jumping for Continuous 24 Hours Jumping from 1000 Feet and Dived 151 Times during it.
497. ▶ Britain-based NRI Sunil Chopra has been elected as the Mayor of Southwark, an Administrative Division under London City.
498. ▶ British Indian billionaire brothers Srichand and Gopichand Hinduja have been presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions to UK's Asian community.
499. ▶ British Businessman of Indian origin Angad Paul has been given Youth Icon Award by London Based NRI Institute.
500. ▶ British Person Sean Conway Became the first Person to swim from North end of Britain (John O'Groats ) to south End (Land's End). Her completed 1407 KM Swim in 135 Days.
501. ▶ Bromine has been identified as the 28th essential chemical element for human life by Vanderbilt University Scientists in USA.
502. ▶ Brunei has become first East Asian Country to implement Islamic Sharia law into its national penal code on Its Muslims Citizens which are about 70% of the Total Polucation.
503. ▶ Burmese Human Rights Activist and Revolutionary Politician Aung San Suu Kyi has been honored by International Sakharov Award by European Union.
504. ▶ Business Standard Corporate Awards 2013 (Mumbai) -  
▶ Company of The Year - Sun harmaceuticals (CEO - Dileep Sanghavi).

- ▶ CEO of The Year - N Chandrasekaran (TCS)
- ▶ Innovative Company - Redbus.in
- ▶ Banker of The Year - Aditya Puri (HDFC Bank)
- ▶ Star MNC - Hindustan Unilever
- ▶ PSU of The Year - BSNL
- ▶ Star SME - Astral Polytechnik














505. ▶ C Rangarajan Led Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC) has predicted India's GDP Growth Rate to stay at 5.3% in FY 2013 - 14.
506. ▶ C Rangrajan Led PMEAC (Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council) has recommended to Cut Stake in Government Banks from 58 % to 51 % to help raise the Additional Capital Required to Implement the Basel III Norms.
507. ▶ CEAT Cricket Awards 2014 -
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509. ▶ CII-GEC, US Launches Environmental Rating Systems for Electronics called EPEAT, which stands for “Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool,” and rates products on a lifecycle basis.
510. ▶ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved new Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) under which the Indian textiles industry will become globally competitive by using environmentally friendly technology and create new processing parks. In this, 4 - 6 brown field projects and 3 - 5 green field projects addressing the environmental issues faced by textile processing units will be created with an allotment of Rs. 5 billion.
511. ▶ Cabinet committee of economy affair (CCEA) allow (National Investment fund) NIS to purchase share of various public sector company.
512. ▶ Cadbury India Limited, a subsidiary of Mondelez International Inc has changed its name to Mondelez India Foods Limited. The name will only be used at the back of the cover.

513. ▶ Cairn India, an Indian oil and gas exploration and production Company has been ranked as the fastest growing energy company in the world With a compound growth rate of 121 percent in past three years as per a report by Platts Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings.
514. ▶ Camel has been named as State Animal for Rajasthan.
515. ▶ Caparo Group founded by leading NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul has won the Year award 2014 at the Asian Business Awards Midlands in Birmingham.
516. ▶ Catherine Samba-Panza is Appointed as the First Woman President of Central African Republic and André Nzapayeké is the New Prime Minister of Central African Republic.
517. ▶ Central Aquacultural Pathology of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), became the first aquacultural pathology laboratory in the country to be accredited by NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories).
518. ▶ Central Board for Direct Taxes has constituted a committee under Rani S nair for the first time a six-member panel to examine the "efficacy" of the existing primary litigation mechanism in the Income Tax(IT) department.
519. ▶ Central Environment and Forest Ministry has approved Bhuwaneshwari Mining Yojana of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Odisha.
520. ▶ Central Government conferred a national award on Chhattisgarh state for publication of informative tourism literatures in seven different foreign languages other than English.
521. ▶ Central Govt. started a scheme named Bharat Mobile Scheme under which mobile phones will be provided to people working under MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act).
522. ▶ Central Human welfare minister MM Pallam Raju started annual report 'Annual State of Education Report (ASER)' for child education.
523. ▶ Central government formed a Committee called Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCI) under chairmanship of Manmohan Singh for quick approval for large investments proposals.
524. ▶ Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been presented Gandhi Peace Prize 2013 That was conferred to him in Feb 2014 for his contribution in Chipko Movement.
525. ▶ Chandigarh Has become India's First Slum Free City under Slum Free India Scheme after all the People Living in slum areas were given Flats made under Rajeev Awaas Yojana.
526. ▶ Chandra Babu Naidu (Telugu Desam Party) has been appointed as Chief Minister of Seemandhra and Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao has been appointed as Chief Minister of India's 29th State Telangana.
527. ▶ Chankaya's new manifesto written by Pawan Kumar Verma
528. ▶ Chattisgarh has been ranked on top in RBI's Report "State Finances - A Study of Budget of 2013 - 14" based on various Fiscal

Parameters.

529. ▶ Chhattisgarh has bagged the National Literacy Awards 2013. This is for the first time that state has received awards in all the three categories- state, district and panchayat.
530. ▶ Chhattisgarh First Indian State to pass legislation on food security.
531. ▶ Chief Justice Altamas Kabir appointed three new judges in Supreme Court - M Y Iqbal, V Gopal and Vikramajit Sen. Total number of judges in supreme court is now 27 (Max permissible 32).
532. ▶ Chief Justice of India P. Sathasivam constituted a Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) in the Supreme Court to receive and decide complaints against sexual harassment. It will be headed by Justice **Ranjana Desai**.
533. ▶ Children older than 10 years can now operate savings bank account on their own and no longer need the help of their parents or guardians to open and operate it. To boost financial inclusion, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said that banks were at liberty to allow minors above 10 years to independently open and operate savings bank accounts.
534. ▶ China Hosted Maritime Co-operation 2014 in Beijing on the Occasion of 65th Anniversary of Chinese Navy in which Frigates (Warships) from 8 countries participated. INS Shivalik was participant on India's behalf. Other Participant Countries were China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.
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536. ▶ China Open Tennis Tournament 2013 ->
- ▶ Novak Djokovic (Serbia) won in men's Category by beating Rafael Nadal (Spain).
  - ▶ Serena Williams (USA) won in Women's Category by beating Jelena Jankovic (Serbia).
537. ▶ China Started operations at World's Highest Civilian Airport named daocheng yading airport.
538. ▶ China Successfully tested its First Stealth Drone Fighter Called *Sharp Sword*.
- **Notes About Stealth Technology**
    - ▶ Stealth aircrafts are designed to avoid detection using a variety of advanced technologies that reduce reflection/emission of radar, infrared, visible light, radio-frequency (RF) spectrum, and audio, collectively known as stealth technology. Use of This Technology makes it tough to recognize Aircraft as it sails through the sky.
539. ▶ China ended the decades old One Child Policy and Allowed Couples to have Two Children.
540. ▶ China has appointed Wei Wei as new ambassador in India.
541. ▶ China increased its defence budget by 10 % to 80 Billion USD.
542. ▶ China started construction 4th generation nuclear plant.

543. ▶ China started its first official Population census after 30 years.
544. ▶ China started world's highest altitude civilian airport called highest Daocheng Yadin (At a height of 4411 metres).
545. ▶ China tested its largest transport aircrafts called Yun - 20 and Transport - 20.
546. ▶ China's Ding Junhui won Indian Open Snooker Tournament by Beating India's Aditya Mehta's in The Finals.
547. ▶ China's has developed a polar orbiting meteorological satellite "Fengyun-III" which will provide a three-dimensional view of the earth.
548. ▶ China Landed Its Moon Rover Chang'e 3 Carrying the Jade Rabbit Rover (Yutu) Successfully on Moon's Surface which was launched from Rocket Carrier Chang Zheng 3B.
549. ▶ Chinese Navy Inducted A new guided missile destroyer named "Kunming".
550. ▶ Chitra Magimairaj won Bronze medal in World Snooker Championships in Latvia.
551. ▶ Chuck Hagel appointed as Defence Minister of USA.
552. ▶ CitiBank Group decided to rule out its decision of setting up a Subsidiary in India. It might be due to new norms issued by RBI that stated that foreign Banks will be given unrestricted Branch access in India if they open a wholly owned subsidiary in India Provided that Their home countries allow Indian Banks to open branches without much restrictions.
553. ▶ Clifford Rayes Miranda was honored with the Dilip Sardesai Award for sports excellence for the year of 2013-14.
554. ▶ Coca Cola and Jain Irrigation have set up a Joint Project called Project Unnati to encash enhancing demand of Packaged Juice across the Country.
555. ▶ Committee Headed by Shantaram Niyak for personnel, public grievances & law and justice submitted its report to both the Houses of Parliament, and demanded that the bill seeking to constitute Commission for judicial appointments be given a constitutional status as soon as possible to bring Transparency and speed in appointments of Judicial Authorities. The Committee also demanded that the Right to Information act be amended to bring Political Parties out of the purview of RTI as they are not Public Authorities.
556. ▶ Committee formed under Justice J S Verma for review of law for women security.
557. ▶ Competition of Commission of India (CCI) cleared the proposed sale of 24% stake sale of India's Jet Airways to Abu-Dhabi-based Etihad Airways.
558. ▶ Congress won in Vidhan Sabha Elections in Mizoram. Lal Thanhawla to become Chief Minister of Mizoram.
559. ▶ Cooking on the run written by Boria Majumdar.
560. ▶ Corruption 2020 transforming business for tomorrow world written by Pavan Sukhdev.
561. ▶ Corruption Index Report issued by Germany's Transparency International -
  - ▶ Denmark and New Zealand are the Least Corrupt Countries.
  - ▶ India is at the 94th Place in total 177 Countries.

-  Somalia is the Most Corrupt Country as per the Report.
562.  Costlier vegetables, fruits and milk pushed up the CPI Based (Consumer Price Index) retail inflation to three-month high of 8.59 percent in April 2014.
563.  Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a target training system - DHVANI - for shooters of the Indian Army to help the Army develop shooting techniques for its combat personnel. Dhvani is Detection and Hit Visualization using Acoustic N-wave Identification.
564.  Country's First National Institute of Disaster Response (NIDR) to be Opened in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
565.  Country's largest Bank (SBI) has launched a financing scheme for women fashion boutique owners. Labelled 'boutique financing', the scheme is designed to offer working capital expenses as well as term loan for boutique owners. The bank would give loans at a concessional interest rate and the maximum loan to be made available would be Rs 50 lakh for a period of seven years.
566.  Country's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp has set up a joint venture with Bangladesh's Nitol Niloy group to invest around USD 40 million (over Rs 240 crore) in next five years and expand Business over neighbouring Country Bangladesh.
567.  Cricket (January 2013)
-   Australia Cricketer Michael hussey announces retirement from test cricket.
-   Mumbai beat Saurashtra to won Ranji trophy 2012 in mumbai.
568.  Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has been made UNICEF's brand ambassador for South Asia. UNICEF is United Nations Children's Rights & Emergency Relief Organization.
569.  Cyclone *Phailin* Hits Coastal Areas of odisha and affected several states of INDIA along with Nepal and Bangladesh.
570.  Czech Republic Won the Davis Cup Tennis 2013 Title Beating Serbia.
571.  Czech Republic's Jiri Menzel has been Given Lifetime Achievement Award at the 44th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) Organized in Goa.
572.  Czech Republic's priest and philosopher Tomas Halik has been honored by Templeton Prize 2014.
-  Templeton Prize is an annual award presented by the Templeton Foundation. Established in 1972, it is awarded to a living person who has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimensions of common beings. The prize is named after Sir John Templeton , an American-born British entrepreneur, who was given knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II in 1987 for his philanthropic efforts.
573.  D K Jain Appointed Chairman of 20th Law Commission.
574.  D K Jain Resigned as Chief of 20th Law Commission and now has been appointed as the Chief of NCDRC (National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission).
575.  D P Buch has been appointed as New Lokayukta for Gujarat State.

576. ▶ D. Bala Venkatesh Verma is appointed as India's permanent envoy for United Nation Disarmament Summit, Geneva.
577. ▶ DEFEXPO's Eighth meet started in New Delhi. It is One of Asia's largest Land and Sea Warhead Expo Meets.
578. ▶ DIPP (Department Of Industrial Policy & Promotion) has stated that Gujarat is at Top spot in Country in Terms of Resolving Environmental and Land Acquisition Issues.
579. ▶ DLW (Diesel Locomotive Works) Varanasi has been second in world in terms of Engines Manufactured in an Year. As per A report, DLW Varanasi made 311 Engines in 2013 - 14 as against its Target of 300 Engines. It is second Only to USA in the World.
580. ▶ DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) has Developed Optical Target Locator to identify Hidden Snipers.
581. ▶ DRDO Successfully Test ed Surface to Surface Missile 'Prithvi' and Its Naval Version called 'Dhanush'.
582. ▶ DRDO has built a 4-km long Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) Penta Rail Supersonic Track at the TBRL (Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory), Chandigarh which Provides India's own indigenous Testing capabilities for testing payloads for manned missions to space to critical fuses for missile warheads.
583. ▶ DRDO successfully tested K-15 missiles capable of launching from underwater submarines.
584. ▶ DRDO's Scientist Dr. Satish Reddy has been honored by Bhabha Memorial Award 2013.
585. ▶ Dalbeer Singh Suhaag is to be appointed as The New Army Chief of India. He will be 25th Army Chief of India and will succeed Bikram Singh who is current Army Chief of India.
586. ▶ Daya Ratnayake is New Chief of Sri Lankan Army.
587. ▶ Deepak Sandhu has become the First Female ever to be appointed on key post of Chief Information Commissioner of India.
588. ▶ Defence minister's technical adviser BK Sarswat awarded by Aryabhat Award 2011.
589. ▶ Delhi CM Sheila Dixit awarded Classical Singers Abdul Rashid Khan and Anjali Ila Menon with Lifetime Achievement Award 2013.
590. ▶ Delhi Metro's Principal Advisor and former Managing Director, Dr. E Sreedharan, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award by the government of Japan.
591. ▶ Delhi Police launched a new initiative to allow people to file FIRs (First Information Reports) online for crimes such as theft and forgery.
592. ▶ Delhi Waverides won the second version of Hockey India League by beating Punjab Warriors.
593. ▶ Delhi has been identified as India's First Kerosene Free city.
594. ▶ Delhi has been named as second Most Populous City across the world after Tokyo (Japan). Delhi currently has 2.7 Crore People Population and Tokyo 3.8 Crore. Delhi will surpass Tokyo by 2050.
595. ▶ Delhi's Former Chief Minister Sheila Dixit has been appointed as the Governor of Kerala.
596. ▶ Devendra Kumar Pathak Monday took over charge of the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).
597. ▶ Devendra Kumar Pathak is Newly Appointed Chief of BSF (Border Security Force).



598. ▶ Dileep Trivedi is the new chief of CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force).
599. ▶ Dilip Kumar's long-awaited autobiography "The Substance and The Shadow" has been launched.
600. ▶ Dinesh K Sarraf has been appointed as ONGC's New Chief (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation).
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602. ▶ Divya Goel awarded Edward Jenner Young Scientist Award 2012.
603. ▶ Dr K K Aggarwal President of Heart care Foundation of India will be awarded National Award for Outstanding Efforts in Science & Technology Communication in general for the year 2013.
604. ▶ Dr Vinod Prakash Sharma has been awarded with Gujar Mal Modi Award for Innovative Science & Technology 2013.
605. ▶ Dr. Rogers Prize for Excellence in Complementary and Alternative Medicine was awarded to Indian Person Dr. Sunita Vohra.
606. ▶ Dr. Keshav Rao Sadashiv Shastri Musalgaonkar given kalidas samman for his literature in Sanskrit.
607. ▶ Dr. Prakash Narayan of Jharkhand Became mayor of Cyprus city of America for the second time.
608. ▶ Dr. Ramsharan Gaur honoured with 15th Dr. Vishnu Shridhar wakankar national award.
609. ▶ Dr. U.D. Chaube has been named as the member of the CBWE and Labour & Employment Department.
610. ▶ Drohkal ka Pathik has been written by Rajesh Ranjan (Pappu Yadav).
611. ▶ Due to non achievement of financial targets Japanese Mobile Operator NTT DoCoMo plans to exit Tata Teleservices by selling its 26.5% stake in the joint venture with Tata Group.
612. ▶ E Sridharan has been honored by Lokmanya Tilak Award. E Sridharan is the man Behind Ambitious Delhi Metro and Konkan Railways Projects.
613. ▶ ESA (European Space Agency)'s Sentinel-1A satellite was Launched from French Guiana for Observing Climate Change in Europe.
614. ▶ Economic Analysis 2013 - 14
  - Fiscal Deficit stood at 4.5 % of GDP.
  - Wholesale Price Index based Inflation came down to 5.98 % of GDP.
  - Total Exports - 312.25 Billion USD.
  - Total Imports - 449.5 USD
  - Trade Deficit - 137.5 USD
  - Production Statistics -
    - Food Grains - 264.4 Million Tonnes
    - Oil Seeds - 32.4 Million Tonnes
    - Pulses - 19.6 Million Tonnes
    - Milk - 132.43 Million Tonnes
  - India First In Production of Grapes, Banana, Peas, Papaya & Cassava.

- Agricultural Sector Growth stood at 4.7 % and agricultural is 13.9 % of GDP of India.
  - Current Account Deficit dipped to 1.7% of GDP (\$ 32.4 billion) in FY2014 from 4.7% (\$ 87.8 billion) in FY2013.
615. ▶ Edward Snowden who leaked details of USA's secret surveillance program 'Prism' has been given 1 year political asylum by Russia.
616. ▶ Edward Snowden, (Former CII officer who leaked details of USA's National Surveillance Program) has been honored by Sam Adams Award by Sam Adams Association (An association of Ex-CII Personnel).
617. ▶ Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, was awarded for her lifetime contribution to the freedom struggle in South Africa. Ms. Gandhi was one of the three Indian-origin South Africans who was lauded among many veterans of the Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation)— the armed struggle wing of the African National Congress.
- ▶ She was also among the 13 recipients of Pravasi Bharatiya Awards 2014 earlier this year during Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Jan 7 - 9, 2014. Malaysia's Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Y B Datuk Seri Palanivel was the chief guest.
618. ▶ Election Commission of India has appointed Actor Aamir Khan as The Ambassador for Official Election Campaign for the General Elections in Apr - May 2014.
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620. ▶ Emerging Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan has been made Brand Ambassador by Canara Bank.
621. ▶ Eminent scientist Dr Raghunath Mashelkar was conferred the Dr Mohan Dharia Nation Building Award.
622. ▶ Emomali Rahmon has been re-appointed as the the President of Tajikistan. He has been president of Central Asian country Tajikistan since 1992.
623. ▶ Engineering and Construction firm Larsen and Toubro has received a Rs.4,510 cr order from Qatar Railways Company for the design and construction of the Gold Line of the Doha metro project.
624. ▶ England's Ronnie O Sullivan has been named as the World Snooker Player of the Year 2014.
625. ▶ Environment ministry initiated preservation of Kashmiri deer Hangul.
626. ▶ Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn appointed Chief of African Union for one year.
627. ▶ Europe's first cyber crime centre opened in the Hague, Netherland's capital.
628. ▶ European Commission has provided an 11 billion euro helping hand to cash-strapped Ukraine.
- European Commission (EC) is the executive body of the European Union responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the Union's treaties and day-to-day running of the EU.
  - The Commission operates as a cabinet government, with 28 members of the Commission (one member per member Country)
  - One of the 28 is the Commission President (currently José Manuel Durão Barroso) proposed by the European Council and elected by the European Parliament.

629. ▶ European Space Agency (ESA) has launched a Satellite telescope called GAIA from Kourou in French Guiana by a Russian Soyuz-Fregat rocket. Its main aim is to create a Never Before Like 3D Map of Our Galaxy Milky Way.
630. ▶ European Union member states decided to ban the import of five types of fruits and vegetables from India Included Alphanso Mangoes, after several batches were found to be contaminated by pests such as fruit flies.
631. ▶ European Union signed association accords with Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova to ease up process of trade and Co-operations in countries across europe.
632. ▶ Every Indian person has average foreign Debt of Rs. 21493 as per data released by Finance Ministry.
633. ▶ Ex-Loksabha Speaker P A Sangma Created a new Political party called "National People's Party".
634. ▶ FDI (Foreign Direct investment) Terms eased and limits extends in various sectors -
- ▶ Telecom sector - FDI Investment cap enhanced to 100%
  - ▶ Defence - 26 %
  - ▶ Single brand Retail - 100 %
  - ▶ Credit Rating Agencies - 74 %
  - ▶ Government now allowed investors to open multi brand retail stores in cities with population less than ten lacs
635. ▶ FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) from Mauritius has saw a decrease by Half in 2013 - 14 to 411 Million USD as compared to 2012 - 13's 817 Millionm USD due to GAAR (General Anti Avoidance Rule) and DTAA (Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement).
636. ▶ FICCI Sports Awards 2013 -
- ▶ Deepika Kumari (Archery) - Sportsperson of the Year
  - ▶ Rahul Dravid (Cricket) - Lifetime Achievement Award
  - ▶ P V Sindhu (Badminton) - Break Through Sportsperson of The Year
  - ▶ Yuvraj Singh (Cricket) - Most Inspiring Sportsperson of The Year
  - ▶ Devendra Jhajharia - Para Sportsperson of the year
  - ▶ All India Football Federation - National Sports Federation Award
  - ▶ Rani Rampal - Comeback of the year
637. ▶ Famous Agricultural Scientist M S Swaminathan has been honored by **28th Indira Gandhi National Integration Award 2012**.
638. ▶ Famous Agricultural Scientist William Dar has been Honored by Prestigious "Excellence in Agricultural Leadership Award". He is Director General of ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics).
639. ▶ Famous Businessman and Founder of Wipro, Azim Premji topped the List of Indian Donators with His Donations in various Social Welfare causes totalling to Rs. 8000 Crore in 2012 - 13.
640. ▶ Famous Hindi Poet Alok Srivastava Got the Prestigious International Hindi Samman 2013.
641. ▶ Famous Indian Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar Announced His Retirement From International Test Cricket.

642. ▶ Famous Physician Dr. Farokh Udwardia has been honored by the Karmayogi Award 2013.
643. ▶ Famous Poet *Nida Fajli* has been Honored by Shailendra Samman 2012.
644. ▶ Famous Sri Lankan Cricketer Mahela Jayawardene Retired from Test Cricket.
645. ▶ Famous Singer Zubin Mehta organized a Poet Meet in Srinagar called 'Ehsas - E - Kashmir'.
646. ▶ Female Hockey world Cup 2014 (Netherlands) - Netherlands won by beating Australia.
647. ▶ Fiji's President Ratu Epeli Nailatikau has given his assent to a new constitution for the country.
648. ▶ Filmfare Awards -
- ▶ Best Actor - Ranbir Kapoor,
  - ▶ Best Actress - Vidya Balan
  - ▶ Best Film - Barfi
  - ▶ Best Director - Sujoy Ghosh
  - ▶ Lifetime Achievement - Yash Chopra
  - ▶ Best Music Director - Pritam
649. ▶ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was appointed as India's representative on the board of governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
650. ▶ Finance Ministry Issued New coins of Rs. 20 & Rs.5 in memory of First Education Minister of Country, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Note that his Birthday, 11 Nov is also celebrated as National Education Day in India.
651. ▶ Finance Ministry approved a proposal for providing a minimum monthly pension of Rs 1,000 to workers in the organised sector, a move which would benefit 27 lakh pensioners immediately. The ministry has also approved a proposal for raising the basic wage ceiling under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme to Rs 15,000 from existing Rs 6,500 per month.
652. ▶ Finance and Economic minister of Sudan, Ali Mahamood Muhammad visited India.
653. ▶ First Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular & Peace Award 2013 presented to Shashi Tharoor.
654. ▶ First Global Summit for Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict was held in London.
655. ▶ First Katha Samman (2012-13) has been given to Indian Novelist Kiran Singh.
656. ▶ First Mahathir Global Peace Award has been given to Ex-South African President and Human Rights Activist Nelson Mandela.
657. ▶ First time Saudi Arabia has given to women a 20 per cent quota in Consultative Assembly.
658. ▶ Fish Farming has been given Status of Agriculture in Uttar Pradesh to attract more Investment into it and help it grow.
659. ▶ Food Ministry has issued a statement that Food Grains Productions in the country in 2013 - 14 will be 264.38 Million Tonnes, up from 257.13 Million Tonnes Last Year.
660. ▶ Football (January 2013)

- ▶ Argentina's football player Lionel messi honored AS FIFA Player of the Year.
- 661. ▶ For Increasing Liquidity, Reserve Bank India extended SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio) by 1.5% to 24.5% from 23% initially.
- 662. ▶ For its energy efficient measures, the Delhi Metro has become the first rail system in the world to be awarded the Gold Standard foundation – a globally accepted certification standard for carbon mitigation projects.
- 663. ▶ For the first time, scientists have generated a 3D model of the human malaria parasite genome at three different stages in the parasite's life cycle, an advance that could help identify new anti-malaria drugs. A research team led by University of California, Riverside has generated the first such 3D architecture during the progression of the life cycle of a parasite.
- 664. ▶ Forbes Magazine issued its annual List of richest person across the world and placed Microsoft founder Bill Gates at the top with his total worth being \$77.5 Billion.
- 665. ▶ Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) has approved UK-based TESCO's proposal to enter the Indian multi-brand retail segment in joint venture with Tata Group company with an initial investment of USD 110 million (about Rs 680 crore).
- 666. ▶ Foreign Leaders Visits to India.
  - ▶ Vietnam's Top leader (General Secretary of the Communist Party), Nguyen Phu Trong visit to India.
  - ▶ Vietnam's Public Security Minister Tran Dai Quang Visited India.
  - ▶ Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron Visited India.
  - ▶ Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah Visited India.
  - ▶ Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban Visited India.
  - ▶ Prince Charles of Britain Visited India and participated in Ganga Arti in Rishikesh.
  - ▶ Japanese Emperor Akihito and His Wife Empress Michiko Visited India.
  - ▶ Yun Byung-se, Foreign Minister of Korea Visited India.
  - ▶ Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop Visited India
- 667. ▶ Foreign Ministry allow Aadhaar card as a legal ID prove for Passports.
- 668. ▶ Foreign VIP Visits to India ->
  - ▶ Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov visited india and met Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.
    - (Sushma Swaraj is the First Indian Female External Affairs Minister).
  - ▶ Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin Visited India.
  - ▶ Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi Visited India.
- 669. ▶ Foreign VIP Visits to India ->
  - ▶ Sultan bin Rashid Al Khater, Under Secretary in the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Qatar visited India.
  - ▶ Deputy Chief of General Staff (Operation) of China
- 670. ▶ Foreign VIP Visits to India ->

- Prince of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdulaziz Visited India and India signed A defence deal with him to enhance Mutual Co-operation in defence sector.
- President of Germany, Joachim Gauck Visited India.
- The Foreign Minister of the Kyrgyzsta, H. E. Mr Erlan Abdyl daev visited India.
- Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe Visited India.
- Baharain's King, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah visited India.
- Canada's Governors General David Johnston Visited India.
- USFDA (US Food and Drug Administration) Commissioner, Margaret Hamburg Visited India.
- Namibian Commerce and Industry Minister Carl H G Schlettwein Visited India.

671. ▶ Foreign VIP Visits to India ->

- South Korean Foreign Minister *Yun Bying se* Visited India for seventh India - South Korea Joint Ministerial Meet.
- Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop Visited India.
- Secretary General of the League of Arab States, *Nabil Elaraby* Visited India.
- UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Zay es Al Nahyan Visited India.
- Japanese Emperor Akhito and His wife Michiko Visited India.

672. ▶ Foreign investment of 10% or more in a listed company will now be treated as FDI as per a statement by finance ministry.

673. ▶ Formation of Telangana has been approved by Government. It will have 10 Districts. Rest of Andhra Pradesh will have 13 Districts and will be known as Seemandhra Pradesh.

674. ▶ Former African President Bozize has taken Political Shelter (Asylum) in France after he was deposed from his country by Current President Michel Djotodia.

675. ▶ Former Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Rajiv has been appointed as Vigilance Commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

676. ▶ Former Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai is appointed as the India's New Envoy to Britain.

677. ▶ Former IAF chief NAK Browne has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Norway..

678. ▶ Former IPL Chief Lalit Modi has been appointed as President of Rajasthan Cricket Association.

679. ▶ Former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen has been Honored by Mother Teresa Award for Social Welfare Works.

680. ▶ Former Norwegian PM Gro Harlem Brundtland was named as the first recipient of the Tang Prize, treated as Asia's version of the Nobels, for her works of sustainable development.

681. ▶ Former SEBI Member M S Sahoo appointed as secretary in Institute of Company Secretaries (ICS).

682. ▶ Former Secretary of Marine Development Department Muthunyagam awarded by Aryabhat Award for 2010.

683. ▶ Former USA President George H.W. Bush has been named a recipient of the 2014 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

684. ▶ Former head of Russian department at the Kerala University, K Govindan Nair has won the Pushkin Award 2012 of Russian Federation.
685. ▶ Four senior scientists (Ravi Bhushan Grover, K Balrammurti, R Balasubramanyam, S. K. Sikka) awarded by Life Time Achievements Award by Nuclear Energy Department.
686. ▶ Fourteen new species of tiny “dancing frogs” have been discovered in the jungles of Western Ghats in India with scientific name *Micrixalus*.
687. ▶ France awarded its highest civilian award 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur' to Anjali Gopalan for her work on transgenders and HIV positive patients.
688. ▶ France's Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD) approved Euro 100 million Loan to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) for financing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency projects in India.
689. ▶ Franck Ribéry, a Spanish Footballer has been named as Europe's Best Footballer for 2012 - 13.
690. ▶ French Government Awarded Delhi Based NGO Chintan for Its Commitment to Human Rights and Environment.
691. ▶ French Open 2014 -  
▶ Males - Rafael Nadal (Spain) won by Beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic. It is the ninth French open title for Rafael Nadal.  
▶ Females - Russia's Maria Sharapova won by beating Romania's Simona Halep. It is the Second French open title for Maria Sharapova.
692. ▶ G - 20 Countries Finance Ministers and Central banks' Governors meet was held in Sydney (Australia). Indian Finance Minister P Chidambaram and Economic Affairs Secretary in Finance Ministry Arvind Mayaram Participated in it on India's Behalf.
693. ▶ G D Birla award for scientific research for 2013 has been given to Rajesh Gopakumar, a theoretical physicist at the Harish Chandra Research Institute in Allahabad for his contribution in the Quantum Field Theory and String Theory.
694. ▶ G K Pillai is the New Chief of MCX - SX, the Financial Technologies-promoted stock exchange.
695. ▶ G Rohini appointed as the first woman chief justice of Delhi High Court.
696. ▶ G-20 Countries' Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting was held in Sydney, Australia.
697. ▶ Gariphema village in Nagaland has been declared the country's first "tobacco-free village" by WHO (World Health Organization).
698. ▶ Gauhati High Court's ordered and declared the Central Bureau of Investigation or CBI as "unconstitutional" stating that it can not act as a Police Force. Supreme court has Put the decision on Stay till the Next Hearing.
699. ▶ Gauri Shanker Gupta is appointed as India's envoy for Trinidad and Tobago.
700. ▶ General Dalbir Singh has been appointed as 26th Army Chief of India.
701. ▶ Geological Survey of India Acquired Korean Origin Deep water exploration sea Called 'Samudra Ratnakar'.
702. ▶ German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been Chosen for Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development prize' 2013.

703. ▶ German Chancellor Angela Merkel received Israel's highest civilian honor for her "unwavering commitment" to the country.
704. ▶ Germany Beat France to win the Junior Hockey World Cup 2013 held in New Delhi.
705. ▶ Germany won European Women Football Cup for the sixth consecutive term.
706. ▶ Germany won the FIFA Football World Cup 2014 beating Argentina by 1 - 0. (FIFA 2014 World Cup Held in Brazil).
707. ▶ Germany's 23rd Marine Festival called Hanse Sail was organized recently.
708. ▶ Germany's F1 Racer from Red Bull Team, Sebastian Vettel has set up a Record by winning 8th Successive F1 Races. He also Equalized Michael Schumacher's Record of 13 Wins in an Year.
709. ▶ Germany's Thomas Bach has been appointed as new chief of IOC (International Olympics Committee).
710. ▶ Giorgi Margvelashvili is the New President of Georgia.
711. ▶ Girija Devi, who is known as 'Thumri Queen' has been honored by Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Award 2013.
712. ▶ Girish B Pradhan Is appointed as New chief of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.
713. ▶ Global Hunger Index Report 2013 (Presented by International Food Policy Research Institute)
  - ▶ India Ranked 63rd out of 120 Countries (Has Improved from 67 from Last Year)
714. ▶ Global average temperatures are on track to rise at least 4.8 degrees Celsius by 2100, and twice that by 2200 if carbon dioxide emissions are not reduced.
715. ▶ Global meet for control of Mercury uses named Minamata Treaty organized in Geneva, Switzerland.
716. ▶ Golden Globe Award 2012
  - ▶ Best Actor in - Daniel de Lewis
  - ▶ Best Actress - Jessica Michelle Chastain
  - ▶ Best Original - Life of PI
717. ▶ Goldman Sachs has issued a Report named *Indian Economic Outlook* and has expected Indian GDP to Grow at a rate of 4.3 % During 2013 - 14 & 5.5 % During 2014 - 15.
718. ▶ Google announced a new smartphone Tango, an Android-based phone with 3D sensors that can build a visual map of rooms using 3D scanning. The company believes the combination of these sensors with advanced computer vision techniques will open up new avenues for indoor navigation and immersive gaming, among many other things.
719. ▶ Google announced availability of indoor maps in India for users of Google Maps on Android, iOS and personal computers. Now, users can access the floor plans of 75 places in 22 Indian cities , Most of these are shopping malls but museums and convention halls are also in the list.
720. ▶ Google has launched Android One Program to provide Smartphones at lesser Price and make them more economically feasible to the



Common People.

721. ▶ Google launched 360 degree online view of Angkor Wat in Cambodia under Streetview project with the help of the Apsara Authority of the Kingdom of Cambodia which is created for the protection and maintenance of Angkor.
722. ▶ Google to Provide Internet Services via Small Satellites with and has decided to buy a Company called Skybox for 500 Million USD in the Process.
723. ▶ Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh will have longest railways platform in the world with its length of 1380 Meters. Second will be Khadagpur in West Bengal with length 1072.5 Meters.
724. ▶ Government enhanced import duty on Gold to 15 % from 10 % Initially.
725. ▶ Government has Submitted Delhi's bid for UNESCO World Heritage City status.
726. ▶ Government issued a New Postal Ticket in Memory of Famous Freedom Fighter and Writer Lala Jagat Narayan.
727. ▶ Government Allowed Appointment of Female Officers in Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
728. ▶ Government Appointed A P Shah (Former Chief of Delhi High Court) as chief of a Panel formed for evaluating measures for Road Safety.
729. ▶ Government Approved a Free Trade Agreement in Trade and services with ASEAN for Boosting the Movement of Indian Professionals into the 10-Nations Grouping ASEAN.
- **ASEAN**
    - ▶ Association of Southeast Asian Nations(ASEAN) is a political and economic organisation of ten countries in Southeast Asia, formed in 1967 it now has Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore Thailand, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.
    - ▶ Its aims are accelerating economic growth, social progress, cultural development among its members, protection of regional peace and stability.
  - **FTA (Free Trade Area)**
    - ▶ Free-trade area is a trade bloc whose member countries have signed a free-trade agreement (FTA) that eliminates tariffs, import quotas, and preferences on most goods and services traded between them.
    - ▶ In Addition to FTA, If people are also free to move between the countries then it will be considered an open border. It is the second stage of **Economic integration**.
    - ▶ Countries choose this kind of economic integration if their economic structures are complementary and Competitive.If the economic Structures are Competitive then it is likely that there will be no FTA between the Competing Countries.
730. ▶ Government Decided to Double the Amount to be given to Bihar under National Food Security Mission. Now Bihar would get 5.6 Million Tons of Foodgrains instead of 2.8 Million tons allotted previously.
731. ▶ Government Decided to transform swarn Jayanti Shahri Rojgar Yojana into National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM).

732. ▶ Government Increased Import Duty on sugar from 14 % to 40 %.
733. ▶ Government Owned Broadcasting Company Doordarshan decided to Rename its DTH (Direct to Home) Satellite TV Service to FREEDISH.
734. ▶ Government Started 'Jiyo Parsi' Scheme as An Attempt to Contain Parsi Population Decline in India.
735. ▶ Government accepted deployment of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) to help prevent Domestic Violence.
736. ▶ Government allowed increase in amount of Indira Awaas Yojana 45000 to 70000 (for general area) and 48500 to 75000 (for hill areas).
737. ▶ Government announced hike in Railways fares of 14.2% in passengers fares and .5% in the freight tariffs.
738. ▶ Government appointed Ashok Kumar Mathur as the Chief of the Seventh Pay Commission.
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740. ▶ Government appointed CISF chief Arvind Ranjan as the caretaker Director General of border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal.
741. ▶ Government approved 49 % FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) into Defence Sector after Increasing It from 26 %.
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743. ▶ Government approved President's Rule in Andhra Pradesh after Its chief Minister Kiran Kumar reddy resigned due to formation of New State 'Telangana'.
744. ▶ Government approved Setting up of World's largest Solar Power Project in SSL (SAMBHAR Salts Limited) in Rajasthan. It will have capacity of 4000 MW that will be highest in thw world for any solar Power Plant.
745. ▶ Government approved acceptance of Odia Language as the Sixth Classical Language of India Along with Tamil, Kannada, telugu, Sanskrit and Malayalam.
746. ▶ Government approved increasing the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in the insurance sector to 49% from 26%.
747. ▶ Government approved setting up of Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF) to facilitate upscaling livelihoods and Lives of Rural Households with special emphasis on women.
748. ▶ Government approved setting up of a Vidhan Parishad in Assam.

#### ● **Notes About Vidhan Parishad**

- ✎ Vidhan Parishad is the Upper House of the State Assembly which is analogous to Rajya Sabha at the National Level.
- ✎ Vidhan Parishad is Not Present in each State. There are total 8 States now in India Having a Vidhan Parishad.

States with a Vidhan Parishad are Uttar Pradesh, J & K, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan & Assam.

Assam is The Newest State in the List to exhibit a Vidhan Parishad in its Assembly.

749. Government approved setting up of an Oil Refinery Project in Badmer, Rajasthan. Large oil resources have been found in Rajasthan's Badmer Region Recently.
750. Government approved setting up of an Upper House (Vidhan Parishad) in Assam. It will be seventh state in the country to have a Vidhan Parishad along with Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
751. Government cleared formation of Rs 6,284.20 crore 6-laning project of Eastern Peripheral Expressway to accelerate development in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and ease traffic in the National Capital.
752. Government created a Committee under chairmanship of Arvind Mayaram for Clearly Distinguishing Between FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) & FII (Foreign Institutional Investors).
753. Government decided to deinvest its 9% Equity in Axis Bank, one of India's largest Private sector Banks.
754. Government decided to hike interest rates on fixed deposit schemes offered by post offices by up to 0.2 per cent. The interest rate on popular PPF (public provident fund) has, however, been kept unchanged at 8.7 per cent. New interest rates on small savings schemes will come into effect from April 1.
755. Government decided to implement Gujarat's Jyoti Gram Yojana across country. It is related to adopting various Measures to provide 24 hrs Electricity to all villages across country.
756. Government decided to keep Foreign Investment in Banks (FDI, FII & NRI) capped at 20%.
757. Government decided to refuse Meghalaya State Government's Demand for Introduction of Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Meghalaya saying that Indian Constitution does not Provide for Expanding the special Provision to New Areas.
- Inner Line Permit is an official travel document issued by the government of India to allow inward travel of an Indian citizen into a protected/restricted area for a limited period. It is obligatory for Indian citizens from outside those States to obtain permit for entering into the protected State. The document is an effort by the government to regulate movement to certain areas located near the international border of India. This is a security measure and it is applicable for the following States:
- Arunachal Pradesh — Issued by the secretary (political) of the government of Arunachal Pradesh. It is required for entering the Indian State of Arunachal Pradesh through any of the check gates across the inter-State border with Assam or Nagaland.
  - Mizoram — Issued by the government of Mizoram. It is required for entering the Indian State of Mizoram through any of the check gates across the inter-State borders.
  - Nagaland — It is mandatory for a mainland Indian citizen entering the State of Nagaland through any of the check gates across the inter-State borders.
758. Government extended import duty on Silver and Platinum to 10% and Gold to 15%. It is being done to discourage import of these

commodities and restrict Current Account Deficit within targeted and manageable limits (3.7 % of GDP).

759. ▶ Government formed **M P Bezbaruah Committee** to look into various kinds of concerns of the persons from the North Eastern States, who are living in different parts of the country.
760. ▶ Government has Instructed the states to mandate Insurance of Farmers' Crops Under NCIP (National Crops Insurance Programme).
761. ▶ Government has appointed Ila Patnaik as Principal Economic Advisor in Finance Ministry. She is columnist and RBI Chair Professor at the National Institute of Public Finance,
762. ▶ Government has appointed senior IPS officer Mahboob Alam as the new Additional Director General of the NDRF -- country's mainstay force for countering natural and man-made calamities.
763. ▶ Government has approved payment of 8.75 per cent rate of interest on PF deposits in 2013-14 for over five crore subscribers of retirement fund body EPFO as compared to 8.5 % interest paid in FY 2012 - 13.
764. ▶ Government has decided to set up a Central University for Himalayan Technology in Uttarakhand. Showing its keen interest for the Himalayas and exploring its rich biodiversity, BJP government will start a national mission on Himalayas and a Himalayan sustainability fund.
765. ▶ Government has formed a Nine Member Committee headed by A K Dubey, Additional secretary (Coal) To determine More Coal Blocks for Auction.
766. ▶ Government has formed a committee under K S Radha Krishna for keeping check on Road Accidents and suggesting measures for controlling the same by enforcing road safety Laws.
767. ▶ Government has formed a new panel under Suresh Prabhu to come up with an alternative mechanism for Gas Pricing Formula Across the Country.
768. ▶ Government has granted Navratna Status to Two Public Sector Undertakings - EIL (Engineers India Limited) & NBCC (National Buildings Constructions limited). Now India has 7 Maharatna and 17 Navratna Companies.
769. ▶ Government has launched a new scheme 'Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojna' for holistic development of tribals.
770. ▶ Government has launched an Exchange - Traded Fund of Central Public Sector Enterprises to raise Rs. 3000 Crores for Its Disinvestment Plan.
  - ▶ Disinvestment means the action of an organization or government selling or liquidating an asset or subsidiary.
  - ▶ A company or government organization will divest an asset or subsidiary as a strategic move for the company, planning to put the earnings from Disinvestment to better use to get a higher return on investment.
771. ▶ Government has launched the National Cloud, MeghRaj, in order to accelerate delivery of e-services in the country, while optimizing ICT spending of the Government. The project is being implemented by NIC. The initiative under MeghRaj was formerly known as GI

Cloud and it will ensure better development and deployment of eGov applications with better utilisation of the existing infrastructure.

772. ▶ Government has made a new committee under K C Sivaramakrishnan to determine new capital of Andhra Pradesh after its division into Telangana and Seemandhra Pradesh.
773. ▶ Government has reduced down the number of agricultural welfare schemes in the country from 51 to 11.
- ▶ Central Sponsered Schemes -
    - ▶ National Food Security Mission
    - ▶ National Mission for Sustainable agriculture.
    - ▶ National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm
    - ▶ National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology
    - ▶ National Horticulture Mission
  - ▶ Central Zone Schemes
    - ▶ National Crop Insurance Programme
    - ▶ Agricultural Co-Operation
    - ▶ Agricultural Marketing
    - ▶ Agricultural Commerce, Statistical Schemes
    - ▶ Economical Service Secretariat
  - ▶ State Level Schemes
    - ▶ Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (National Agriculture Development Scheme)
774. ▶ Government has set up a five-member committee headed by K Sivaramakrishnan to recommend capital of Seemandhra after Division of Andhra state in Seemandhra and Telangana.
775. ▶ Government made a committee under the direction of B.N. Krishna for creation of separate state Telangana by dividing Andhra Pradesh.
776. ▶ Government of India appointed Justice Vangala Eswaraiah, former Acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
777. ▶ Government permitted formation of a new state called Telangana by departing State of Andhra Pradesh. Telangana is India's 29th State..
778. ▶ Government proposed to form Urban Institute of India to facilitate inclusive and sustainable urban development and provide effective capacity building in the urban sector.
779. ▶ Government raised the workdays under its flagship Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) from 100 to 150 for tribals, a move that will benefit 14 lakh families.
780. ▶ Government sanctioned a total of 158 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for tribal students in 23 states under Art 275 (1) of

constitution.

781. ▶ Government set up a committee under Chairmanship of Prof. Virginius Xaxa to suggest measures to be taken for welfare of Scheduled Castes and Their Multidimensional development.
782. ▶ Government signed a \$125.2 Million Pact with ADB (Asian Development Bank) for improvement of roads across the North Eastern States.
783. ▶ Government started 'Saksham' scheme for the empowerment of adolescent boys by imparting education on gender sensitivity and moral behavior.
784. ▶ Government started 'Seekho aur Kamao' Scheme to encourage people belonging to minority Communities and their Skill Development to bring down unemployment rate among them.
785. ▶ Government started *You and Me* Program for alleviation of dengue from six Indian cities Under PPP (Public Private Partnership).
786. ▶ Government started Crime and Criminal Tracking and Network Systems (CCTNS) with aim of automating and bringing all police stations across the country in a network for ease of sharing information.
787. ▶ Government started a New Anti Tobacco Advertisement called 'The Price We Pay'.
788. ▶ Government to start 'Hamari Dharohar' Scheme for better preservation of Pharasi Community in the country as this community has been seeing decline in its population. As per a report, there were Over 114000 Pharasi People in India in 1947 and currently there are Only 55000.
789. ▶ Government will extend supply of Euro-IV grade petrol and diesel to 50 more cities by March 2015 in an attempt to cut vehicular pollution in major towns. Euro-IV / Bharat Stage-IV petrol and diesel are Ultra- low sulphur petrol and diesel meeting Euro-IV emission norms. Presently Euro-IV fuels are being supplied in 26 cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmedabad and Lucknow.
790. ▶ Govt approved plans for formation of a new \$US 240.7 Million rail coach factory at Kolar in Karnataka state.
791. ▶ Govt cleared proposal for setting up Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), a statutory body to check Discrimination of Minorities in Jobs and Education on the basis of a Committee headed by Justice Rajinder Sachar.
792. ▶ Govt formed a Committee under Former Home secretary G K Pillai for analysis of Formation of Bodoland by dividing State of Assam.
793. ▶ Govt inaugurated the National Centre for Good Governance in New Delhi to work towards resolution of key issues in Governance, develop action plans, support governance reforms and help developing synergy across various sectors.
794. ▶ Govt is planning to launch a Direct to Home (DTH) Scheme to send Wages and Other Entitlements directly to beneficiaries across the country. The scheme is planned after DBT (Direct Benefir Transfer) scheme that aimed to transfer such benefits to bank accounts of people. The DTH scheme at first is being Implemented in Andhra Pradesh.
795. ▶ Great Himalayan National Park (GHNP) of Himachal Pradesh has been nominated along with 11 other conservation sites from across

the globe for the natural World Heritage site status. The GHNP, which lost its chance to get selected as UNESCO-approved world heritage site last year, is located along the western Himalayas in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. It has, once again, made it to the nomination list of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which is the advisory body to the UNESCO Committee on Nature. It meets every year to take decisions on nominations and required conservation action for World Heritage sites.




796. ▶ Gujarat has announced to provide 33 % Reservation for Women in State's Police Force.
797. ▶ Gujarat to have 7 new districts, Taking total districts count in the state to 33.
798. ▶ Gujarat's Chief Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurated the 182 Metres Memorial of Sardar Vallab Bhai Patel named as "Statue of Unity".
799. ▶ Gujarati film 'The Good Road' has been nominated for Oscar awards in the best foreign Films Category.
800. ▶ Gulf Air, Bahrain's National Commercial Carrier, has appointed "Yasmeen Fraidoon" as its first female captain.
801. ▶ Gyan Correa has been given the 17th Gollapudi Srinivas National award 2013 for his Debut Film 'Good Road' as a Director.
802. ▶ H K Bhanwala has been appointed as the New Chief of NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture And Rural Development).
803. ▶ HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) received the 'Most Efficient Navratna 2013' award at the fifth Dalal Street Investment Journal Awards held in New Delhi.
804. ▶ HAL sets up Facility Chair at IIT- Kharagpur (West Bengal) to conduct applied research and tackle multi-disciplinary problems in the field of aerospace technology and its applications.
805. ▶ HCL Technologies announced USD 400 million strategic engagement with Norway's DNB Bank ASA to manage the IT infrastructure services and applications for all DNB businesses across that country and key international locations.
806. ▶ HDFC Bank has set up world Record of Collecting Blood in a Day and was registered in Guinness Book of World Records for The Same. There were 709 Camps set up across country and 61902 People Donated Blood across 1115 Blood Donation Shivirs.
807. ▶ HDFC Chairman Deepak Parekh has been honoured by Germany's prestigious 'Bundesverdienstkreuz' (Cross of the Order of Merit) award for his contribution to strengthen Indo-German relations over the years.
808. ▶ Halima Yakub, person of Indian origin appointed as ladies speaker of Singapore.
809. ▶ Harish Rawat has been appointed as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
810. ▶ Haryana CM Bhupendra Singh Hudda start UIDAI national data centre in Gurgaon.
811. ▶ Haryana Government has raised the retirement age of Anganwadi worker and helpers from 60 to 65 years. The government had also increased the honorarium of Anganwadi worker from Rs.5,000/- to Rs. 7,500/- per month and that of Anganwadi helpers from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.3,500/- per month.
812. ▶ Haryana Received Krishi Karma Award for 2nd Consecutive year.
813. ▶ Haryana State's first ethanol plant became operational in Panipat District.

814. ▶ Haryana government to set up two new universities in the state, one Chaudhary Bansi Lal University at Bhiwani and Chaudhary Singh University in Jind.
815. ▶ Health ministry has raised the criterion of annual income from Rs. 75,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/- to be eligible for the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG).
816. ▶ Hero MotoCorp has commenced its operations in Bangladesh under a joint venture with the Nitel Niloy Group.
817. ▶ Hery Rajaonarimampianina is the New President of Madagascar (An Island Country in Indian Ocean).
818. ▶ Hillary Mantel, a British Novelist won the Costa Book Award 2012 for her Novel *Bring Up The Bodies*. Note that she had earlier won the reputed Man Booker Prize 2012 also for the same novel.
819. ▶ Himachal Pradesh has become the second state after Haryana to introduce Centre's National Vocational Qualitative Framework ( NVQF) Scheme. The scheme is being implemented by the All India Technical Education Council and the National Skill Development Council for setting up skill development councils to impart employment Skills In Youth.
820. ▶ Himachal Pradesh recently launched helicopter service for remote tribal areas.
821. ▶ Hindi Litterateur Sanjeev has been honored by Srilal Shukl Smriti IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2013.
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824. ▶ Hindi Poet Ashok Vajpayee has been honored by Bene Merito Honor by the Poland Government.
825. ▶ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organization) have handed over to the Nation the 'Nabhratna' aircraft.
826. ▶ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited delivered the first Hawk Mk-132 advanced jet trainer aircraft to the Indian Navy in Bangalore.
827. ▶ Hiroshi Naka has been appointed as Vice President and Auditor General of the World Bank Group.
828. ▶ Hockey (January 2013)
- ▶ Haryana won 39th National women hockey championship after beating Uttar Pradesh.
  - ▶ Manipur create a new record after beating Maharashtra with 22 - 0 in 39th National Women Hockey Championship (Under 20).
  - ▶ Ranchi Rhinos win Hockey Indian League after beat to Delhi Waveriders.
829. ▶ Hockey India appoints Olympian Jude Felix as coach of senior men's national team.
830. ▶ Hockey Player Sardar Singh chosen as captain of Indian Hockey team for the upcoming Asia cup tournament 2013.
831. ▶ Hollywood Actress Angelina Jolie has been Honored by prestigious Governor's Awarad given by Academy of Motion Pictures, arts and Science.
832. ▶ Home ministry started 'Crime and Criminal Tracking Network (CCTN)' for connecting Police stations and chief Police officers across



country.

833. ▶ Human Rights Watch has published a report "They Say We're Dirty" on the exclusion of children from marginalised groups from accessing education in India.
834. ▶ IAF (Indian Air Force) Decommissioned Mig - 2 FL Fighter Aircrafts which were Included into IAF in 1963 and were very Influential in IAF Operations against Pakistan in Indo - Pak War of 1971 and made sure that India won over Pak.
835. ▶ IAF Commissioned Its First Modernised Air Field in Bathinda as part of Programme that will consist of Modernization of 30 IAF Airfields to enable Operations for Both Military and Civil aircrafts in poor Weather Conditions.
836. ▶ IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) Foreign Ministers' 10th Meet held during 68th Session of United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA.
837. ▶ ICC (International Cricket Council) announced to start Test Championship from 2017. First one will be organized in England.
838. ▶ ICC Awards 2013 - >
- ▶ Cricketer of The Year - Michael Clarke (Australia)
  - ▶ Test Cricketer of The Year - Michael Clarke (Australia)
  - ▶ One Day Cricketer of The Year - Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka)
  - ▶ Emerging Cricketer of The Year - Cheteswar Pujara (India)
  - ▶ People's Choice Award - Mahendra Singh Dhoni (India)
839. ▶ IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited) has appointed Balvinder Singh Nakai as its new Chairman.
840. ▶ IMF (International Monetary Fund) predicted Indian GDP to grow at a rate of 5.4 % during FY 2014 - 15.
841. ▶ INS Kamorta, the first anti-submarine warship indigenously built by India has been Included in to Indian Navy.
842. ▶ INS Sumedha, Third Offshore Patrolling vessel of Indian Navy has been commissioned. It has been made by Goa Shipyard Limited.
843. ▶ IRAN Allowed IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)'s Officials to inspect sites of its Disputed Nuclear Programme.
844. ▶ IRAQ (A Middle East Country), is a major supplier to Oil Consumers across the world and has been under threat by Sunni Extremists.
845. ▶ ISRO called off The launch of geo - stationary vehicle GSLV - D5 due to technical reasons. It is built by cryogenic rocket engine meant to take Communication satellite GSAT - 14 Into space.
846. ▶ ISRO successfully launched PSLV 23 with 5 Foreign satellites. Namely French Earth Observation Satellite SPOT-7 , AISAT (Germany), CAN-X4 and CAN-X5 (Canada ) and VELOX-1 (Singapore).
847. ▶ ISRO's (Indian Space Research Organization) Mars Orbiter Mission (**Mangalyaan**) successfully placed in Mars transfer trajectory.
- ▶ **Notes about India's MARS Mission**
    - ▶ India's Mars Orbiter Mission was launched from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh using a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rocket C25 on 5 November 2013.

-  The MOM probe spent about a month in Earth orbit before trans-Mars injection on 30 November 2013.
-  It is India's first interplanetary mission and ISRO would now become the fourth space agency to reach Mars, after the Soviet space program, NASA, and European Space Agency.
-  The current plan is for insertion into Mars orbit on 24 September 2014.

848. ▶ IT Major Infosys has appointed Parvatheesam Kanchinadham as its chief compliance officer.

849. ▶ IT Services Related Company Sony Decided to stop Manufacturing of Personal Computers.

850. ▶ IT major Infosys laid the foundation stone of its proposed SEZ (Special Economic Zone) in Indore (Madhya Pradesh) with an initial investment of Rs 400 crore.

851. ▶ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita is appointed as new president of East African Country Kenya.

852. ▶ Ibrahim Boubacar Keita is the New President of West African Country Mali.

853. ▶ Ibrahim Mahlab is appointed as Egypt's new Prime Minister.

854. ▶ Iceland topped the Global Peace Index for the year 2014 report of Institute For Economics and Peace (IEP). India was ranked at 143rd Position out of total 162 Countries with Syria At Last .

855. ▶ Ilham Aliyev is appointed as president of Azerbaijan. It is his Third term as President.



856. ▶ Implementation of GAAR (General Anti Avoidance Rule) differed for two year.

857. ▶ Import Tariff value on Gold has been raised from 404 to 421 Dollars per 10 Grams. Silver Import Tariff Value has also been increased to 663 Dollars Per Kilogram as compared to previous Value of 635 Rs./Kilogram.

-  Tariff is A tax imposed on imported goods and services and are used to restrict trade, as they increase the price of imported goods and services, making them more expensive to consumers. Tariffs may be fixed or variable based on item's value. Tariffs provide additional revenue for governments and domestic producers at the expense of consumers and foreign producers. They are one of several tools available to shape trade policy.
-  Governments may impose tariffs to raise revenue or to protect domestic industries from foreign competition, since consumers will generally purchase foreign-produced goods when they are cheaper. While consumers are not legally prohibited from purchasing foreign-produced goods, tariffs make those goods more expensive, which gives consumers an incentive to buy domestically produced goods that seem competitively priced or less expensive by comparison. Groups such as the World Trade Organization exist to combat the use of unreasonable amount of tariffs set by countries.

858. ▶ Import Tax on Gold and Platinum increased to 6 % from 4 % initially.

859. ▶ Important Appointments and New Council of Ministers -

-  Prime Minister, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions & Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space -  
*Narendra Modi*
-  Ajit Kumar Doval - *National Security Advisor*

- Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister - *Nripendra Misra*
- Home Ministry - *Rajnath Singh*
- External Affairs, Overseas Indian Affairs - *Sushma Swaraj*
- Finance, Corporate Affairs, Defence - *Arun Jaitley*
- Railways - *D V Sadananda Gowda* Urban Development Housing, Urban Poverty Alleviation, Parliamentary Affairs - *M Venkaiah Naidu*
- Road Transport, Highways Shipping, Rural Development - *Nitin Gadkari*
- Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation - *Uma Bharati*
- Minority Affairs - *Najma A Heptulla*
- Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution - *Ram Vilas Paswan*
- Women and Child Development - *Maneka Gandhi*
- Chemicals and Fertilizers - *Ananth Kumar*
- Law and Justice Minister of Communications and Information Technology - *Ravi Shankar Prasad*
- Civil Aviation - *Ashok Gajapati Raju*
- Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises - *Anant Geete*
- Food Processing Industries - *Harsimrat Kaur*
- Mines, Steel & Labour and Employment - *Narendra Singh Tomar*
- Tribal Affairs - *Jual Oram*
- Social Justice and Empowerment - *Thawar Chand Gehlot*
- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - *Kalraj Mishra*
- Agriculture - *Radha Mohan Singh*
- Health and Family Welfare - *Harsh Vardhan*
- Human Resource Development - *Smriti Irani*

860. ▶ In reply to an RTI Enquiry, RBI Revealed that India has 557.75 Ton Gold Reserve out of which 265.49 Ton is kept in India and 292.26 Ton Gold is Kept in foreign Countries.
861. ▶ In 19th screen awards -
- ▶ Pan Singh Tomar and Barfi - best film award
  - ▶ Yash Chopra - Life time achievement award.
  - ▶ Vidya Balan - Best Actress
862. ▶ In Kerala, Green technology solutions firm ACME has bagged a contract for constructing the national games villages.
863. ▶ In a landmark judgement, the Supreme Court for the first time gave *Right to Reject* and allowed voters to cast negative vote by pressing a button saying none of the candidates is worthy of his vote.
864. ▶ In a move to curb Black Money, RBI Decided to move out from circulation all Currency notes produced prior to 2005.

865. ▶ In an step towards better management of the government's borrowings, govt announced the readiness of Public Debt Management Agency Bill (PDMA) Bill and that the proposed agency will be established as a non-statutory body and will do the job of borrowing for government and will also reduce the conflict of interest for the central bank that can focus more on the inflation management.
866. ▶ In recent 'World Gender Gap Report' Issued by WEF (World Economic Forum), India has been given 101th Place which is better than 105th Place assigned to India in Last Year's Report.
867. ▶ In the Freshly Issued Ratings by ICC (International Cricket Council), India's Virat Kohli is the Best Bestman and R Ashwin is the Best Allrounder in the world Currently.
868. ▶ In the Global Hunger Index Report Issued by Wahington, USA Based IFPRI (International Food Policy Research institute), India has been ranked at 63rd Place. The ranking has slightly Improved from the Last Year (65th Rank), But still lags Much Behind The Other Emerging Economies.
869. ▶ Income Tax department has decided to set up a major data centre named Centralised Processing Cell-Compliance Management (CPC-CM) To speed up the process of identifying tax evaders (Non Fillers of Taxes).
870. ▶ Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) India submitted its report on Planning Commission and suggested abolishment of Planning Commission.
871. ▶ India Beat Malaysia to win Sultan of Johar Cup Hockey Tournament 2013 by beating Malaysia in Malaysia.
872. ▶ India Beat Pakistan to win the Kabaddi World Cup 2013 as India's Fourth Consecutive Kabaddi world Cup victory.
873. ▶ India China agree to hold joint military ex cercises. Xu Qiliang, Vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission Visited India..
874. ▶ India China decided to hold joint Military exercise called *Hand In Hand* after a gap of Five Years.
875. ▶ India Decided to End DTAA (Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement) with European Country Cyprus due to Non receipt of Enough Taxation Information from Cyprus as part of The Agreement.
876. ▶ India Planning to Buy 15 ShinMaywa US - 2 Amphibious Patrolling Aircrafts From Japan.
877. ▶ India Post issued a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Maulana Hasrat Mohani, a freedom fighter and Poet.
878. ▶ India Post launched instant electronic money transfer service in partnership with Wall Street Exchange, (a company of UAE's Emirates Post Group).
879. ▶ India Signed BDCA (Border Defence Co-Operation Agreement) with China to resolve border patrolling issues and other disputes related to Border between Two Countries.
880. ▶ India Signed a USD 360 Million Loan agreement with World Bank for Uttar Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project Phase - 2.
881. ▶ India Signed an Agreement with Nepal to allow import of various trade commodities from Various Neighbouring Foreign Countries through Nepal.

882. ▶ India Successfully Tested Nuclear Capable Prithvi -2 Missile with about 350 KM Range.
883. ▶ India Win Female Kabaddi World Cup 2013 Hosted by India by beating New Zealand in Final.
884. ▶ India and Bangladesh decided to work fast on rail link scream called maitree express.
885. ▶ India and Bangladesh signed Exchange Treaty. Persons - Sushil Kumar Shinde (Home Minister, India) and M K Alamgir (Home Minister, Bangladesh)
886. ▶ India and China completed Joint Anti Terrorism Exercise called Hand in Hand 2013 in Chengdu city of China.
887. ▶ India and China held a Bilateral defence dialogue and agreed on joint Military Exercises after as Long Time.
888. ▶ India and France Air Forces held their Joint Exercise called 'Garuda - V'.
889. ▶ India and France Held their First Technology Meet which was attended by Francois Richier (French Ambassador to India) and Jaipal Reddy (India's Minister of Science and Technology).
890. ▶ India and Myanmar may soon start a bus service connecting the two countries through the north-eastern state of Imphal, aimed at improving people-to-people contact and bilateral relations.
891. ▶ India and Poland signed a pact to expand cooperation in the restoration and digitisation of cinema archives on the occasion of Poland's Secretary of State Margaret Omilanowska Visiting India.
892. ▶ India and Russia started Joint Military Exercise **Indra 2013** in Rajasthan's Thar Desert.
893. ▶ India and Singapore won the 2014 edition of the UN-Water "Water for Life" Best Practices Award for their sustainable practices of water resources.]
894. ▶ India and Sri Lanka held Meeting on a comprehensive civil nuclear cooperation agreement between two countries.
895. ▶ India and USA Completed Their Joint Naval Exercise Called **Malabar 2013**.
896. ▶ India and Vietnam sign a pact on Co-operation in Defence. Persons - Salman Khurshid (Foreign Minister, India) and Wu Wan Ninh (Vice Prime Minister, Vietnam)
897. ▶ India announced to contribute \$1 Million to anti Chemical weapons Organization named Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).
- **Notes about OPCW**
    - ▶ OPCW (Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) is the International organization aimed at controlling the use of chemical weapons across the world. It was honored by Nobel Prize for Peace in 2013 for its work in controlling use of Chemical weapons against general public in the Ongoing Syrian Civil War.
    - ▶ OPCW's Headquarters is in **The Hague**, Netherlands with 190 Member Countries Currently.
898. ▶ India became net steel exporter in 2013-14 after a gap of six years and is likely to maintain the momentum in 2014-15 as producers are looking to dock more overseas shipment to tide over subdued domestic consumption. India is currently Four Largest Steel Producer




in world with China, USA and Japan as Top Three.

















899. ▶ India become a permanent member of the Washington Accord, an elite international treaty on engineering studies that promotes the movement of engineers across signatory countries that includes the US, the UK and Australia.
900. ▶ India china issued first joint climate change report titled "India China Low Carbon Study".
901. ▶ India developed GSLV D - 5 Rocket based on the Cryogenic Rocket Engine Technology for launching communication satellite GSAT - 14.
902. ▶ India finished on top of the table with 52 medals at the second South Asian Junior Athletics Championships held in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
903. ▶ India has approved loan of 600 Crore for Salma Dam Project in Afghanistan.
904. ▶ India has become 17th Country that has been granted status as 'authorizing nation' under the International Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) to test and certify electronics and IT products with respect to cyber security.
905. ▶ India has become the first nation to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Blind, Visually Impaired, persons.
906. ▶ India has been elected for a second time to the UN body for safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage.
907. ▶ India has been given charge to host FIFA Under - 17 Football world Cup.
908. ▶ India has been ranked 155 out of 178 countries on the 2014 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) released by the Yale University. India has been a bottom performer on nearly every policy, with the exception of forests, fisheries, and water resources. Switzerland comes at the top of the EPI Report 2014 of Yale University.
909. ▶ India has been ranked at the bottom of the list of 25 countries in terms of its intellectual property Protection environment. According to the 2014 International Intellectual Property (IP) Index by the US Chamber of Commerce's Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC), India's percentage score has fallen from 25 per cent in 2012 to 23 per cent.
910. ▶ India has been second in Textile Products Exports. India has improved its ranking as per the recent data released by 'UN Comtrade' in Global Textiles as well as Apparel Exports. India now stands at second position beating its competitors like Italy, Germany and Bangladesh, with China still retaining its top position.
911. ▶ India has been the world's largest arms importer every year since 2010. The volume of major weapons imports more than doubled between 2004-08 and 2009-13 and India's share of the volume of international arms imports increased from 7% to 14%, according to the latest report released by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
912. ▶ India has signed a \$ 100 million loan with World Bank to help low-income families secure housing loans.
913. ▶ India has supported Myanmar in the UN on the issue of Human Rights Violation's against Myanmar in view of actions against Rohingya Muslim's in the country.

914. ▶ India hosted 31st Meeting of Health Ministers of Countries of the WHO (World Health Organization) South-East Asia Region.
915. ▶ India hosted the third NSA-level Trilateral Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation between Maldives, Sri Lanka and India. Participants were Indian National Security Advisor Shri Shivshankar Menon, Maldivian Minister of Defence Mohamed Nazim and Sri Lankan Secretary in Ministry of Defence Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
916. ▶ India is at the 83rd spot among 148 economies in terms of leveraging Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) for growth and well being, according to World Economic Forum report.
917. ▶ India is making world's largest solar park at bhadla in Jodhpur district in Rajasthan.
918. ▶ India launched an educational outreach programme in Pretoria, South Africa under which unemployed South African youths can benefit themselves from internships in India. The new academic programme has established a new academic bridge between the two countries. It has been launched under a partnership between Siva Sivani Institute of Management of Hyderabad and Ubuntu Institute of South Africa.
919. ▶ India nominated Rani-ki-Vav located in Patan, Gujarat and the Great Himalayan National Park (GHNP) in Himachal Pradesh for UNESCO's World Heritage Site Status for 2014.
920. ▶ India provided Rs. 4500 Crore Financial Aid to Bhutan for implementation of Bhutan's 11th Five Year Plan.
921. ▶ India qualified for World Cup Wrestling Tournament for the first time. World cup 2014 will be held in Uzbekistan.
922. ▶ India signed 51 Million USD Loan Agreement with International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for Tribal Empowerment of Tribal Communities in Jharkhand.
923. ▶ India signed Automatic Tax Information Exchange Agreement with Mauritius.
924. ▶ India signed DTAA (Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement) with FIJI (A country in South Pacific Ocean) for the First Time.
925. ▶ India signed Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) with Morocco. On India's Behalf, it was signed by Dr Sudha Sharma, Chairperson of Central Board of Direct Taxes and H.E. Mr. Larbi Reffouh who is Ambassador of Morocco signed it on behalf of Morocco.
926. ▶ India signed a US \$300 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for upgradation of 254 deteriorated highways in Bihar.
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928. ▶ India signed a pact of USD 300 Million with ADB (Asian Development Bank) for improvement of Roads Structure in State of Chhattisgarh.
929. ▶ India signed an agreement with Six East Asian Nations (Australia, Cambodia, Singapore, Brunei, New Zealand and Laos) for co-operation in renovation of Nalanda University.

930. ▶ India started 'Search for Gandhi' Portal in London to educate Indo - British Children about Ideologies of M K Gandhi.
931. ▶ India successfully launched its new advanced weather satellite called INSAT – 3D and placed it into its geosynchronous orbit.
932. ▶ India successfully test-fired an anti-ballistic missile capable of intercepting targets outside the earth's atmosphere, a major step in development of a missile defence system that is available to only a handful of nations. The missile dubbed as Prithvi Defence Vehicle (PDV) was launched from a ship in the Bay of Bengal and can engage targets in the exo-atmosphere region at more than 120km altitude.
933. ▶ India successfully test-fired the indigenously developed surface-to-air missile 'Akash' from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.
934. ▶ India successfully tested Indian Made (MBRL) Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher Called Pinaka.
935. ▶ India successfully tested indigenously developed nuclear-capable Agni-I ballistic missile in Night for the First Time with strike range of 700 km from a test range off Odisha coast.
936. ▶ India test-fired the indigenously developed surface-to-air Akash missile from the Integrated Test Range launch complex at Chandipur in Odisha. It can strike in range of 25 km and can carry a warhead of 60 kgs.
937. ▶ India tested its first indigenous air-to-air missile 'Astra' from a Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jet, marking a significant turning point in the decade-long developmental saga of the complex beyond visual range (BVR) weapon. Astra is to initially have a 44-km range with "high single-shot kill probability", while its Mark-II version will be able to hit enemy aircraft over 100 km away.
938. ▶ India to Host Hockey World Cup 2018 as per an announcement by FIH (International Hockey Federation).
939. ▶ India tops the list of countries of Poor Number of People according to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) report for 2014. Despite a decade of high economic growth, on key parameters like poverty, infant and maternal deaths and sanitation, the report's references to India are not very much Pleasing.
940. ▶ India will provide USD 100 million Loan to Namibia for taking up infrastructure projects.
941. ▶ India will set up languages labs in Sri Lanka for three-tier English Language Training System.
942. ▶ India Proposed to set up a JBWG (Joint Border Working Group) to settle border disputes with Myanmar and clear demarcation of border lines between two countries.
943. ▶ India's Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Argentina's Capital Market Regulator Called Comision Nacional de Valores (CNV) to Enhance Mutual Co-operation.
944. ▶ India's 44th International Film Festival was Held in Panji, Goa. The list of awards given at IFFI 2013 is as follows:
- ▶ Golden Peacock Award: Beatriz's War
  - ▶ Best Director: Kaushik Ganguli
  - ▶ Best Actor (Male): Alon Moni Aboutboul



-  Best Actor (Female): Boczarska Magdalena
-  Lifetime Achievement Award - Czech film director Jiri Menzel.
-  Centenary Award for Indian Film Personality of the Year - Actress Waheeda Rehman

945.  India's Ace women archer Deepika Kumari has been given the 'Best sportsperson of the year' by Tata Steel on occasion of the 175th birth anniversary of company founder J N Tata.
946.  India's Amit Kumar Won Silver and Bajrang Kumar won Bronze in World Wrestling Championships in Budapest city of Hungary.
947.  India's Andaman - Nicobar and Lakshwadeep Islands have been named as the new "hope spots" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for conservation of underwater habitats and wildlife.
948.  India's Anju Bobby George has now been conferred the Gold in World Athletics Championship in 2005 after Russia's Tatyana Kotova was disqualified after failing a dope test in January. Tatyana had won the gold with a leap of 6.83 metres while Anju was second with 6.75 metres.
949.  India's Army Chief Bikram Singh has been Honored by *Legion of Merit*, USA's Prestigious Defense Honor.
950.  India's Bharti Airtel has acquired 100 per cent stake in Wireless Business Services (WBSPL), a company founded by US chipmaker Qualcomm.
951.  India's Billiards Player Alok Kumar won Silver in World Billiards Championship.
952.  India's Billiards Player Chitra Magimairaj won the World women's senior snooker Title in Britain by beating Alena Asmolava from Belarus.
953.  India's Boxing Player Nikhat Zareen won silver in AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships being held at Bulgaria.
954.  India's CAD (Current Account Deficit) has come down to 1.2% of GDP in Second Quarter of FY 2013 - 14 (July - September). It is Mainly due to decline in amount of Gold Imports as RBI has made it costlier to Import Gold after putting up an Import duty of 15% on Import of Gold.
  -  Note that CAD was as high as 5% in First Quarter of FY 2013 - 14 (Apr - June). Now after taking Average of Both Quarters as of now, the CAD has come down to 3.1% of GDP.
  -  Note that India's GDP Growth rate has also Improved Over the second Quarter to 4.8% in comparison to First Quarter's 4.4%. Now Average growth rate of India so far in FY 2013 - 14 has come up to 4.6%.
955.  India's CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) Shashikant Sharma is appointed on United Nations' Board of Auditors.
956.  India's Cricketer Virat Kohli has become the Fastest in History to score 5000 runs in ODI.
957.  India's DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) displayed its newly developed Pragati surface-to-surface missile in the Seoul International Aerospace & Defence (ADEX - 2013) exhibition in South Korea's Capital Seoul.
958.  India's Deepika Pallikal Won World Squash Championship Beating Rachael Grinham from Australia.

959. ▶ India's First Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant is to be decommissioned as its operational time period is over.
960. ▶ India's First Monorail Service Started in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
961. ▶ India's First Rapid Metro Service Started in Haryana's Gurgaon City. It is first Metro Rail In country made on the Basis of Public Private Partnership.
962. ▶ India's First semi High Speed train was tested successfully as It covered distance of 178 KM between Delhi - Agra in 99 Minutes.
963. ▶ India's Five-times world Chess champion Viswanathan Anand won the Candidates chess tournament Beating Magnus Carlsen (Norway).
964. ▶ India's Former President and Missile Scientist AP J Abdul Kalam Honored **Famous Cartoonist R K Laxman** with Bharat Bhushan Award.
965. ▶ India's GDP growth Rate during the Third Quarter of 2013 - 14 (Oct - Dec) stayed at 4.7 %. Note that It was 4.4 % in First Quarter (Apr - June) and 4.8% in second quarter (July - Sep).
966. ▶ India's Gas supplier GAIL (India) Ltd has signed an initial pact with Japan's Chubu Electric Power Co. to explore the possibility of jointly procuring liquefied natural gas (LNG).
967. ▶ India's Largest Elephant Corridor is being Built in Jharkhand Dalma (Jamshedpur District). As per Government's Scheme a total of 12 Elephant corridors are to be built.
968. ▶ India's Largest Solar Power Plant started in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch District by Gujarat CM Shri Narendra Modi.
969. ▶ India's Manavjit Singh Sandhu won gold in the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Tucson (USA).
970. ▶ India's National Stock Exchange and Japan Exchange Group signed an agreement for Launching Nifty Futures, a representatives stock index of India on Osaka Securities Exchange.
971. ▶ India's P V Sindhu Won Bronze in World Badminton Championships organized in Guangzhou city of China.
972. ▶ India's Space Agency ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) has launched SARAL Satellite (Satellite with ARGOS and ALtiKa) Built in Collaboration with France. The PSLV-C20 rocket was used for launch from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
973. ▶ India's Srishti Rana won Miss Asia Pacific World 2013 in Seoul, South Korea. The contest was started in 2011.
974. ▶ India's Sun Pharma bought Ranbaxy for \$3.2 billion.
975. ▶ India's Suzlon group has bagged a contract for supplying wind turbines for projects in California and Illinois in the US.
976. ▶ India's Tata Steel and ONGC have been named among the world's most admired companies by Fortune magazine in a list topped by technology giant Apple. The two Indian companies however do not feature among the top 50 most admired companies in the world. The list ranks over 350 global companies from diversified fields across the world.
977. ▶ India's Tennis player Somdev Devbarman won the Delhi open tennis tournament by beating Oleksandr Nedovyesov of Kazakhstan.

978. ▶ India's Third Largest IT Company WIPRO announced to stop Manufacturing of Computers.
979. ▶ India's Trade Deficit (Import - Export) has narrowed to \$9.92 bn in Jan 2014 as compared to \$10.14 bn in Dec 2013.
980. ▶ India's biggest cultural festival in China held in Shanghai named "Glimpses of India".
981. ▶ India's candidate Chandrashekhar Dasgupta got re-elected to committee on Economics, Social and Cultural Rights for the term 2015-17.
982. ▶ India's candidate Jagjit Pavadia won the closely-contested election to the International Narcotics Control Board for the 2015-20 term.
983. ▶ India's exports grew by 3.98 percent to USD 312.35 billion in FY 2013-14 while imports dipped by 8.11 percent during the period. Imports declined to USD 450.94 billion, narrowing the trade deficit to USD 138.59 billion in the last fiscal..
984. ▶ India's external debt went up at \$426 billion including the government's debt of \$76.4 billion at the end of December. 2013.
985. ▶ India's first satellite developed exclusively for defence purpose GSAT-7 was successfully launched by European space consortium Arianespace's Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana to give a major push to the country's maritime security.
986. ▶ India's first 6 D Theatres IRIDO 6 is installed at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.
987. ▶ India's first ever indigenously built research ship 'Sindhu Sadhna' was launched and dedicated to the nation.
988. ▶ India's largest IT services exporter Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has signed a pact with Japan's Mitsubishi Corp to create a Japanese software services provider. Tata Consultancy Services Japan Ltd, Nippon TCS Solution Center Ltd and IT Frontier Corporation - a wholly owned unit of Mitsubishi - will be merged together to form a single entity. TCS will hold 51 percent while Mitsubishi will hold the remaining 49 percent of the entity, which will be operational from July 2014.
989. ▶ India's leading industrialist Ratan Tata has been conferred a honorary degree of Doctor of Business by a Singaporean university for his achievements as a visionary entrepreneur and a societal leader.
990. ▶ India's maiden inter-planetary mission to Mars "Mangalyaan" is on course and the orbiter would reach the Martian orbit on September-24.
991. ▶ India's per capita income is projected to increase 10.4 per cent to Rs. 74,920 in 2013-14 as India becomes a \$1.7-trillion (around Rs. 105 lakh crore) economy. Per capita income is calculated by country's national income by its population.
- ▶ However, the increase in per capita income would be only 2.8 per cent in 2013-14 if it is calculated on the basis of 2004-05 prices. Per capita income (at 2004-05 prices) would be Rs. 39,961 in 2013-14, against Rs. 38,856 in the previous fiscal year.
  - ▶ Based on 2004-05 Base prices, the Indian economy is projected to expand by 4.9 per cent in the 2013-14 fiscal year. This is higher than 4.5 per cent growth in 2012-13.
992. ▶ India Signed DTAA (Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement) with North European Country Latvia On occasion of Latvia's Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics Visiting India.

993. ▶ Indian Origin American Physician Kapil Prakash has been awarded Whitehouse Fellowship 2013 along with 11 other awardees.
994. ▶ Indian Person Justice V K Rajah is appointed as the eighth Attorney- General of Singapore.
995. ▶ Indian Social Activist Anna Hazare has been awarded inaugural Allard Prize for International Integrity by University of British Columbia in Canada.
996. ▶ Indian Writer Jhumpa Lahiri has been shortlisted for USA National Book Awards 2013 for her novel The Lowland.
997. ▶ Indian environmentalist Bunker Roy and Pakistan's teenage education activist Malala Yousufzai were declared winners of this year's of the prestigious 'Clinton Global Citizens Awards'.
998. ▶ Indian sand sculptor Sudarshan Pattnaik has won in double category at the World Cup of Sand Sculpting 2014.
999. ▶ Indian - American Person Rahul Jindal has been honored by Outstanding American By Choice Award 2013 for his contribution in USA's Medical Technologies Enhancements.
000. ▶ Indian Actor Shah Rukh Khan has been conferred with top French civilian award -- 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'.
001. ▶ Indian Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been awarded by Global Diversity Award by UK's House of Commons.
002. ▶ Indian Actor Shahrukh Khan has been made *Goodwill Ambassador* By South Korea.
003. ▶ Indian Air Force (IAF) mountaineering team climbed an unexplored peak of Mt Gorichen (5587 meters) in Arunachal Pradesh.
004. ▶ Indian Air Force landed its largest transport plane C-130J Super Hercules at the world's highest airstrip, Daulat Beg Oldie in Ladakh. It is being seen as a strategic respose to china's increasng number of chinese cease fire violations.
005. ▶ Indian Airline Air India Joined Star Alliance, the world's largest network of airlines with 27 members and now AI flyers will be able to access several benefits with better connectivity across the globe.
006. ▶ Indian American Akansha Patel has been honored by president's Volunteer Service award granted by the Prudential spirit of community awards in the USA.
007. ▶ Indian American political person Raj Mukherjee has won local body elections in the US state of New Jersey, becoming one of the youngest people to do so.
008. ▶ Indian Archery Team consisting of Deepika Kumari, Bombayla Devi & Rimil Buruli won Gold Medal in 4th Round of Archery World Cup Beating South Korea in Poland.
009. ▶ Indian Army Successfully tested 290 KM Range Nuclear Capable Supersonic Cruise Missile Named 'Brahmos'.
010. ▶ Indian Army and Air Force held a major field exercise, code named 'Sarvada Vijay' (Always Victorious) in the deserts of Rajasthan at Mahajan field firing range in Suratgarh area. The overall aim of the exercise is to practice conventional cross-border thrusts into enemy territory.
011. ▶ Indian Author Jhumpa Lahiri has been nominated for Prestigious Bailey's Women's Prize for Fiction for her Novel 'Lowland'.

012. ▶ Indian Aviation Academy (IAA) received International Arch of Europe Award 2014 for the outstanding contribution quality and technology in Gold Category. Business Initiative Directives Group (BIDG), Madrid (Spain) was the one who selected Indian Aviation Academy (IAA) for the International Arch of Europe Award 2014.
013. ▶ Indian Badminton Player Arvind Bhat won German Open Grand Prix tournament by defeating Denmark's Hans-Kristian Vittinghus.
014. ▶ Indian Badminton Player P V Sindhu won Bronze Medal in women's singles category in world badminton championships 2013 held in Guangzhou, China.
015. ▶ Indian Badminton Player P V Sindhu won the Macau Open Badminton Open Tournament in China.
016. ▶ Indian Chemistry Scientist and Bharat Ratna Awardee C N R Rao becomes first Indian Scientist to be Appointed as a Member in Chinese Academy of Science.
017. ▶ Indian Chess Player K B Adhban won silver medal at the Asian Continental Chess Championship held in Sharjah (Bangladesh).
018. ▶ Indian Chess Player Mary N Gomes has won the International Female Grand Master Chess Tournament in Chennai (Tamilnadu).
019. ▶ Indian Coast Guard (ICG) inducted an air cushion vehicle (ACV) H-195, a new generation hovercraft.
020. ▶ Indian Coast Guard Commissioned a New Patrolling Vessel C - 407.
021. ▶ Indian Coast Guard Commissioned a New Patrolling Vessel Ship called C - 404.
022. ▶ Indian Coast Guard Commissioned a New Patrolling Vessel Ship called ICGS Rajdhwaj.
023. ▶ Indian Coast Guard Started Operation Oliver As part of its annual mission to ensure the safe mid-sea sojourn of breeding Olive Ridley sea turtles.
024. ▶ Indian Council of Agricultural Research has banned Breeding and Research on Rabbits and their use as Lab Animals.
025. ▶ Indian Cricketer M S Dhoni has won the ICC People's Choice Award for the Year 2013.
026. ▶ Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni wins 2014 Asian award for outstanding achievement in sports.
027. ▶ Indian Cricketer Virat Kohli ranked Number one in world in ODI rankings of ICC (International Cricket Council).
028. ▶ Indian Doctor Jaswinder S Bamrah has been honored by Asian Lite Professional Excellence Award in UK's Manchester City.
029. ▶ Indian Drug Makers Cipla Ltd will acquire 14.6 per cent stake in US-based Chase Pharmaceuticals Corporation Inc for \$1.5 million.
030. ▶ Indian Drug maker Lupin Ltd has acquired Mexican ophthalmic drugs maker Laboratorios Grin SA for an undisclosed sum.
031. ▶ Indian Fashion Designer Rahul Mishra has emerged as the first Indian fashion designer to win the International Woolmark Prize (IWP). International Woolmark Prize is a fashion design award that identifies the world's foremost emerging designers and is given by Australian Wool Innovation.
032. ▶ Indian Female shooter Heena Sidhu created history by becoming the first from India to win a gold medal at the ISSF Shooting World Cup Held in Germany.

033. ▶ Indian Footballer Sunil Chettri has equalized Record of 43 International Goals of Former Indian Football Captain Baichung Bhatia.
034. ▶ Indian Geologist Rasik was elected the member of the United Nations Commission on the Limits of Continental Shelf (UNCLCS).
035. ▶ Indian IT Company Wipro received 15th NCPEDP-Shell Helen Keller Awards. NCPEDP stands for National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People.
036. ▶ Indian IT Services Company TCS (Tata Consultancy Services) has made place in Top 10 Global IT Services Companies of the World as per a recent Report.
037. ▶ Indian Industrialist Suhail Rizvi Bought 15.6% Stake in Famous Social Messages Sharing Website *Twitter* for \$3.8 Bn. He Invested in Twitter in 2011 and was Bought in spotlight after very successful IPO (Initial Public Offering) of Twitter in 2013 that resulted in worth of stake in twitter to rise exponentially upto \$3.8 bn.
038. ▶ Indian Infrastructure Company GMR Group signed an agreement with the Philippines' Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCAA) for expanding the Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCI).
039. ▶ Indian Journalist Shubhanshu Chaudhary has been honored by Digital Activist Award 2014.
040. ▶ Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team won Bronze medal in World Cup tournament Organized In Germany.
041. ▶ Indian Languages Hindi, Tamil, Gujarati, Telugu and Urdu will be reinstated in Curriculum of South African Schools after Two Decades of Ban.
042. ▶ Indian NAVY lost Russian made Submarine INS Sindhurakshak along with 18 Naval Personnel in a terrible blast in it.
043. ▶ Indian NGO SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) has been honored by Jacques Diouf award in 38th summit by United Nation's Food & Agriculture Organization.
044. ▶ Indian Navy Inducted Light Weight Helicopter Called ALH - Dhruv and Fourth Generation Advanced Jet Trainer Hawk - 132.
045. ▶ Indian Navy Inducted its Largest Offshore Patrolling Vessel Called 'INS Sunaina'.
046. ▶ Indian Navy Successfully Tested the K-4 Ballistic Missile From Under The Sea. It will be planted on Indigenously Built INS Arihant Submarine.
047. ▶ Indian Navy commissioned Asia's first 'Shore Based Test Facility' (SBTF) at INS Hansa, the Naval aviation station in South Goa for flight testing of Naval aircraft that operate from aircraft carriers.
048. ▶ Indian Navy inducted its first Indian Made Nuclear Submarine Called "INS Arihant".
049. ▶ Indian Navy inducted its new Indian made aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
050. ▶ Indian Navy's Largest War exercise Tropic 2014 completed at the Eastern Coast.
051. ▶ Indian Novelist Jeet Thayil won the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature in the Jaipur Literature Festival for His Novel *Narcopolis*.

052. ▶ Indian Novelist Salman Rushdie is to receive the 2014 PEN Pinter prize.
053. ▶ Indian Oil (IOCL) announced to set up a New Refinery in Gujarat through \$6 Billion Investment.
054. ▶ Indian Open Badminton Tournament -
  - ▶ Males - Li Chong Wei (China) Beat Chen Long (China)
  - ▶ Females - Shiqiang Wang (China) beat Li Xuerui (China)
055. ▶ Indian Ordnance Factory, Kanpur, has manufactured Nirbheek, a .32 bore light weight revolver, India's first firearm designed for women with name 'Nirbhik'.
056. ▶ Indian Origin Australian Student Amit Balgi has been named for Sir Don Bradman Scholarship 2014 in London. He will receive an allowance of \$5,000 a year for a maximum of three years to assist with tertiary study expenses.
057. ▶ Indian Origin Business Person Prem Vats signed an agreement to acquire Mobile Phone Maker 'Blackberry'.
058. ▶ Indian Origin Businessman Murli Kewalram Chanrai has been Honored by the Outstanding member of the South Asian Diaspora award By Singapore President Tonay Tan Keng Yam.
059. ▶ Indian Origin Doctor Vivek Reddy has reportedly developed world's first leadless pacemaker which is performing comparable to conventional pacemakers. It is 10 times less in size than conventional Pacemakers and has been successfully tested on 32 Patients.
060. ▶ Indian Origin Person Nina Daluvuri has won Miss AMERICA 2014 Contest. It is first time ever that any Indian has won Miss America contest since its inception in 1921.
061. ▶ Indian Origin Person Srikant Srinivasan appointed as Judge in district of Columbia circuit Court by Barack Obama.
062. ▶ Indian Origin Person Sujit Choudhry has been named dean of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.
063. ▶ Indian Origin Person Sunil R Kulkarni is appointed as Judge in California State court in USA.
064. ▶ Indian Origin Person Veerbhadran Ramnathan has been honored by Champions of the earth award by UNEP (United Nations Environmental Program).
065. ▶ Indian Origin Person, Meera Joshi has been appointed CEO of New York City Taxi and Limousine Agency.
066. ▶ Indian Origin Physics and Astronomy Professor Meera Chandrashekar has been honored by Prestigious Cherry Award for her exceptional Teaching Career.
067. ▶ Indian Origin Retired Stanford University Professor Joseph Paulraj has been honored by Marconi Prize 2014.
068. ▶ Indian Origin USA Chef Vikram sundaram has been honored by James Beard Award.
069. ▶ Indian Origin scientist Sadanandan Nambiar has been honored by MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA on the occasion of Australian Day on Jan 26.
070. ▶ Indian Person Hari Dutt Seth has been appointed the British Empire Medal (BEM) for founding the Indian Senior Citizens' Centre

(ISCC) to care for the elderly.

- o71. ▶ Indian Person Lord Swaraj Paul has been Honored by International Indian of the Decade Award 2013.
- o72. ▶ Indian Person M Madan Babu has been honored by UK's Protein Society's Young Investigator Award.
- o73. ▶ Indian Person Mr Murli Kewalram Chanrai was presented the Outstanding Member of the South Asian Diaspora award by Singapore President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam.
- o74. ▶ Indian Person Namita Taneja has been honored by *World of Difference* Award in USA.
- o75. ▶ Indian Person Neeraj Sahay is appointed as head of Rating department of the Famous International Credit Rating Agency Standard and Poor's (S & P).
- o76. ▶ Indian Person Sethuraman Panchanathan has been appointed to the U.S. National Science Board by President Barack Obama.
- o77. ▶ Indian Person Sim Bhullar has become the first player of Indian origin to join the National Basketball Association (NBA) in USA.
- o78. ▶ Indian Person Sumit Chugh has been honored by Simon Deck Award 2014 in USA.
- o79. ▶ Indian Person Vijay Singh was named recipient of 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers Environmental and Water Resources Institute (ASCE-EWRI).
- o80. ▶ Indian Person Viji Murali has been named chief information officer and vice provost of Information and Educational Technology at the University of California.
- o81. ▶ Indian Persons Recently Nominated at Key Posts in the US ->
  - ▶ Indian American *Kal Penn* appointed at Key administration Post of the Member of President's Committee on the arts and Humanities.
  - ▶ Vivek Murthy has been appointed for the Post of Surgeon General.
  - ▶ Kshama Sawant has been elected to Prestigious Seattle City Council.
  - ▶ Gargee Ghosh has been appointed as a Member of President Barack Obama's Global Development Council.
- o82. ▶ Indian Physicist Tejinder Virdee was given honorary Knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to the field of Science.
- o83. ▶ Indian Player Hina Sidhu and Chain Singh won gold in seventh Asian Air Gun Championships in Kuwait.
- o84. ▶ Indian Postal Department Issued a New Postal Ticket for INS Vikramaditya, The Russian Built Aircraft Carrier Commissioned into the Indian Navy recently.
- o85. ▶ Indian Postal Department opened its first ATM in Chennai (Tamil Nadu). Indian Postal Department plans to open 3000 ATMs and 1.35 Lakh Micro ATMs by Sep 2015.
- o86. ▶ Indian Premier League Champion Team *Mumbai Indians* won the Champions League T - 20 Tournament 2013.
- o87. ▶ Indian Premier League's 7th Edition Started in Abu Dhabi (UAE).
- o88. ▶ Indian President 'Pranab Mukherjee' has been honored by 'Award of Honor', Rotary International's Highest Award.



089. ▶ Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) launched E-Wallet Scheme to make payment process fast and to reduce transaction failures due to bank payment related problems. Under the scheme, user can deposit money in advance with IRCTC and the money can be used as payment option along with other payment options available on IRCTC website.
090. ▶ Indian Railways appointed Arunendra Kumar as chairman of Railway Board.
091. ▶ Indian Railways decided to enhance Max speed of Fastest Trains of India named Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duranto express to 200 KM/H from Existing 160 KM/H.
092. ▶ Indian Railways started a web based Electrical Energy Management System, RAILSAYER for reducing carbon foot print which is very important for addressing the challenges of global warming and sustainability of environment.
093. ▶ Indian Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s Governor Raghuram G Rajan has been honored by Deutsche Bank Prize for Economical Economics 2013.
094. ▶ Indian Sanjay Rajaram has been awarded the World Food Prize for contributions to global food security.
095. ▶ Indian Signed BIPPA (Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement) for Promoting Mutual Investment Opportunities on the Occasion of UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan Visiting India.
096. ▶ Indian Snooker Player Kamal Chawla won a bronze medal after losing his semifinal match to Chuan Leong Thor of Malaysia in the Asian Snooker Championship in United Arab Emirates.
097. ▶ Indian Software Services Firm WIPRO's Chief Ajeem Premji has been honored by Asian Business Leaders Award 2013 by London based Asia House.
098. ▶ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has decommissioned the Communication Satellite INSAT- 3E after it completed ten and half years in orbit as it had stopped working on March 29, 2014.
099. ▶ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched IRNSS-1B, the second navigation satellite among the seven satellites that will eventually constitute the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).
100. ▶ Indian Squash Player Joshna Chinappa beat Australia's former world champion Rachael Grinham to win the Richmond Open.
101. ▶ Indian Squash Player Joshna Chinappa won her first WSA World Tour title with the Winnipeg Winter Club Open trophy after beating Egypt's Heba El Torkey in Canada.
102. ▶ Indian VIP Visits To Foreign Countries :
  - ▶ Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Visited Moscow, Capital City of Russia and Met Vladimir Putin, President of Russia.
  - ▶ India's Revenue Secretary of the Ministry of Finance Sumit Bose visited India and Met Ghulam Hussain, Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) of Bangladesh.
  - ▶ Indian Vice President Hamid Ansari Visited Lima, Capital of Peru. He also Visited Britain and Cuba and Met Fidel Castro, Revolutionary Hero of Cuba (15th Prez and 16th PM of Cuba).

103. ▶ Indian VIP Visits to Other Countries ->
  - ▶ First Indian Female Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj Visited Bangladesh.
  - ▶ Indian Vice President Hamid Ansari Visited China.
104. ▶ Indian Won Sultan Johar Bahru Cup under - 21 Hockey Tournament beating Malaysia In Malaysia.
105. ▶ Indian Young Chess player Parimarjan Negi won Politiken Cup 2013 which was organized in Kopenhagen, Denmark.
106. ▶ Indian activist Bhanuja Sharan Lal (director of the Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan (MSEMVS)) has been honored with the 'Trafficking in Person Hero' award by the US for his work in the fight against human trafficking.
107. ▶ Indian airline SpiceJet has signed a deal with Jet Maker Boeing to buy 42 Boeing 737 MAX jets in a deal worth \$4.4 billion.
108. ▶ Indian and Nepali Army held Joint Military Exercise called Ex-Surya Kiran-VI.
109. ▶ Indian author Nikhil Chandwani, has become the first indian author to receive the "most promising talent" award of the UK Writer's Forum.
110. ▶ Indian engineer Anil Rajvanshi who excels in Renewable energy has been honored by Alumnus Award by the University of Florida for his efforts to provide sustainable energy for rural areas throughout India.
111. ▶ Indian environmentalist Ashok Khosla along with Malaysia's Jakir Abdul Hamid have been given the renowned honor Jayad International Award.
112. ▶ Indian female Hockey Team won bronze in Asia Cup Female Hockey tournament 2013 by beating China in Malaysia.
113. ▶ Indian gets 2014 New Frontiers Award by A leading Arab Travel industry for its efforts to rebuild infrastructure and its rural tourism economy after two disaster.
114. ▶ Indian origin Hiduja Brother's has been named as the one of the Richest Industrialist in Britain.
115. ▶ Indian origin person Vince Girdhari Chhabria is nominated by US Prez Barack Obama for District Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
116. ▶ Indian origin scientist Venkatesh Mannar awarded by Order of Canada by Canada Government.
117. ▶ Indian post office issued a New Postal Ticket in memory of Legendary Ghazal Singer Late Jagjit Singh.
118. ▶ Indian shooter and Soldier in Gorkha Regiment Jitu Rai achieved the world's number one ranking in air pistol event After winning three medals in the ISSF World Cups recently.
119. ▶ Indian swimmer Supriya Mondal qualified for the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympics by winning the gold at the first Dubai International Aquatic Championships.
120. ▶ Indian table tennis player Saumyajeet Ghosh won ITF world tour Brazil Open Table Tennis Tournament 2013 in.
121. ▶ Indian telecom equipment-maker Vihaan Networks Ltd (VNL) announced to start its solar-powered 'WorldGSM' mobile tower


architecture which is an environment-friendly and cost-effective mobile system in Ghana (A North African Country). It is meant to deliver affordable services in villages. Note that VNL is also powering such communications revolution in other African Countries, particularly in villages and remote locations, through its innovative, green mobile tower solutions.

122. ▶ Indian veteran golfer Jeev Milkha Singh has been given the Lowest Putting Average award at the 2013 Asian Tour Awards Night as the region's top performers were honoured. He was also nominated for the Player of the Decade (2004-13) award but lost out to Thai star Thongchai Jaidee.
123. ▶ Indian won The South Asian Handball Championship beating Pakistan.
124. ▶ Indian writer Pankaj Mishra is one of eight writers from seven countries winning a \$150,000 Yale University Literary prize.
125. ▶ Indian-American Indira Talwani has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a federal judge in Massachusetts, making her the first Asian Pacific American federal judge in this State.
126. ▶ Indian-American Manish Shah has been confirmed by the US Senate as a federal judge in Illinois, becoming the first South Asian federal judge in the 5th most populous state of America.
127. ▶ Indian-American Sanjeev Kulkarni has been appointed as the dean of the prestigious Princeton University Graduate School, becoming the latest addition to a long list of Indian-origin academicians assuming leadership roles at renowned global universities.
128. ▶ Indian-American cardiologist (Heart Specialist) Mitul Kadakia has been granted the 2014 Gregory Braden Memorial Fellow of the Year Award by the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions Foundation, USA.
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130. ▶ Indian-American professor Rajendra Singh was named as one of ten Solar Champions of Change by the USA because of the initiative taken by him in solar deployment across America.
131. ▶ Indian-American scientist Sangita Bhatia at the prestigious MIT has developed a simple, cheap, paper test that could improve cancer diagnosis rates and help people get treated earlier.
132. ▶ Indian-origin Dakshina Agrawal has won the second edition of 'Miss Marwadi Nepal 2014' title.
133. ▶ Indian-origin scientist Anil Kulkarni, has been awarded with the highly competitive Fulbright -Nehru Scholarship.
134. ▶ Indian IT Company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has achieved Rs 5 lakh crore mark in market capitalization, becoming the second most valuable IT services company in the world behind US's IBM.
135. ▶ Indians have topped the list of foreign investors in real estate in Dubai, pumping in \$1.6 billion during the first quarter of 2014.
136. ▶ India's biggest online retailer Flipkart has raised \$1 billion capital from investors and has become among the largest in Global E-Commerce Portals.

137. ▶ India's first Minority Cyber Village was inaugurated by the Minister for Minority Affairs K Rehman Khan in Chandoli in Alwar district of Rajasthan.
138. ▶ Indigo Rebellion has been written by Ananda Bhattacharya.
139. ▶ Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, the new office premises for Ministry of Environment and Forests is India's first new on site net zero building that can accommodate around 600 officials and is located in New Delhi. It uses innovative solar mechanisms for energy generation and has been built by using energy efficient building materials.
140. ▶ India's First Double Decker Flyover was Opened in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
141. ▶ Infosys Executive Chairman NR Narayana Murthy has been presented with the 2014 "Canada India Foundation Chanchalani Global Indian Award" here for his remarkable vision and leadership in the IT sector.
142. ▶ Indian-origin academician Rakesh Khurana has been appointed dean of the prestigious Harvard College, USA.
143. ▶ Injeti Srinivas has been appointed as chief of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.
144. ▶ Insurance regulator IRDA (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority) allowed insurance companies to invest in equity Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) with certain conditions as a move which would help boost inflows into the country's stock market.
  - An exchange-traded fund (ETF) is an investment fund traded on stock exchanges, much like stocks.[1][2] An ETF holds assets such as stocks, commodities, or bonds, and trades close to its net asset value over the course of the trading day. Most ETFs track an index, such as a stock index or bond index. ETFs may be attractive as investments because of their low costs, tax efficiency, and stock-like features. More..
145. ▶ Inter Parliamentary union and UN Women made the "The woman in politics map 2014" and ranked India at the 73rd Place in the world in terms of participation of Women in Politics out of total 188 Countries.
146. ▶ International Commonwealth Gymnastic Championship 2014 (Perth (Australia)) -
  - ▶ Indian Gymnasts won seven Medals (3 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze).
  - ▶ Ashish Kumar won 2 Gold and 2 Silver Medals.
  - ▶ Female Deepa Karmakar won 1 Gold Medal.
147. ▶ International Financial Agency Moody's Predicted India's GDP Growth Rate to stay at 5.5%.
148. ▶ International Gandhi Award 2013 has been conferred to Vijay Kumar Dongre and Guocheng Zhang.
149. ▶ International Monetary Fund (IMF) Predicted 5.4% Growth Rate for India in FY 2014 - 15.
  - ▶ IMF Began financial operations in March 1947 with Headquarters in Washington, D.C., United States. It has 188 Member with Christine Lagarde (France) as its Managing Director.
  - ▶ IMF Helps Countries having requirements for credit In various sectors to establish equipments of Public importance and Various Related Needs.
150. ▶ International Monetary Fund Approved to provide a financial rescue package for Ukraine worth 17.1 billion dollars, within two years, to

help the Troubled economy. Ukraine is under political and military Issues with neighboring Russia.

151. ▶ International Olympics Committee has decided to Retain Wrestling (*Kushti*) in Olympics Games 2020.
152. ▶ International Rating Agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) decided to Lower India's sovereign credit rating to **negative** (BBB-) and warned that the Rating May further get downgraded to **speculative** within a year if the low economic growth is not tackled Well from its current state.
153. ▶ International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has listed *The Great Indian Bustard* as an Endangered Species as there are now only 250 Birds in India Belonging to this Species.
154. ▶ Iran Tested its Gadar Missile of range 200 KM in bay of Oman.
155. ▶ Iran agreed to Limit Its Disputed Nuclear Program and signed a Pact with US and five other World Powers accepting restraints on Its Nuclear Program in Exchange for Partial Relief from strict sanctions made on it by other Countries.
156. ▶ Iran and Japan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for bilateral cooperation on environmental issues in Tokyo.
157. ▶ Iran and Pakistan conducted Joint Naval Exercises.
158. ▶ Iranian Navy Personnel detained Indian Crude Oil Carrying Ship MT Dese Shanti. Iran accused this Indian ship for allegedly polluting the sea.
159. ▶ Erna Solberg is appointed as New Prime Minister of Norway.
160. ▶ Israel launched a New Spy Observation Satellite named "Ofek 10" to keep check on Iran and Hostile Militant Groups in the Region.
161. ▶ Italy decided to call back its Envoy to India, Daniele Mancini due to delay in case two murder accused Italian Naval Personnel in Indian Custody.
162. ▶ Italy decided to send back its envoy Mr. Daniel Mancini to India, who was recently called off as a protest against India for not releasing two Italian Naval personnel.
163. ▶ Italy's Vincenzo Nibali has won the Tour de France, becoming the first Italian to win cycling's greatest race.
164. ▶ Iwao Hakamada, the Japanese boxer has been awarded with an honorary championship belt by World Boxing Council (WBC).
165. ▶ J & K cabinet enhanced age of retirement Government servants from 58 years to 60 years.
166. ▶ J N Choudhury is the new Chief of NSG (National Security Guard).
167. ▶ JAPAN decided to stop its Controversial Antarctic Whaling Programme after Instructions from United Nations Agency.
168. ▶ Jack Lew appointed as a United States Secretary of the Treasury.
169. ▶ Jacklyn Phillips is honored as the U.S. Embassy's Belize Woman of the Year Award 2014.
170. ▶ Jamaican racer Usain Bolt equaled the world record of eight gold medals.
171. ▶ Japan Open Badminton 2014 (Japan) -

 Males - Li Cong Wei (Malaysia) won by beating Yu Hun (Hongkong).

 Females - Li Xuerei (China) won by beating Tai Tzu Ying (Taiwan).

- ▶ 172. Japan Tested a new Talking Robot named Kirobo by sending it into space.
- ▶ 173. Japan Unveiled Its largest Warship Called Izumo.
- ▶ 174. Japan inducted a new technology to launch light Satellites and tested by launching Sprint A Satellite.
- ▶ 175. Japan recently boosted its defence budget for the First time in ten years.
- ▶ 176. Japan will issue multiple entry visas for short-term stay to Indians to help increase the number of Indian tourists to Japan and improve convenience in business activities, thus further developing bilateral exchanges between the two countries.
- ▶ 177. Japan's Tokyo City will Host 2020 Summer Olympics.
- ▶ 178. Japan's biggest brokerage Nomura Holdings has chosen a woman to head its banking arm, in what is believed to be a first for the country's male-dominated financial sector.
- ▶ 179. Jawaharlal Darda, an Indian Freedom Fighter has been posthumously conferred a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at UK's House of Commons for his contribution during India's independence movement.
- ▶ 180. Jean Claude Juncker has been appointed as 13th Chief of European Commission. He is from Luxembourg.
- ▶ 181. Jean Yves le Drian, the French defence Minister visited India.
- ▶ 182. Jenet Yelen has been appointed as new chief of USA's Central Bank - Federal Reserve.
- ▶ 183. Jharkhand Government Started Linking of Forests Scheme to check Conflicts of Elephants & Humans by providing them more forests to Live in.
- ▶ 184. Jharkhand Government awarded 11 ys Old Prasannata Shandilya with Uttam Jeevan Rakshak Padak.
- ▶ 185. Jharkhand Government to set up Large Handloom Cluster seeking opportunities in this sector in Jharkhand.
- ▶ 186. Jitan Ram Manjhi is appointed as the New Chief Minister of Bihar.
- ▶ 187. John Brennan appointed as chief of CIA (Central Intelligence Agency).
- ▶ 188. Joint Naval Exercise of 8 Nations Called 'Milan' in Bay of Bengal has been completed.
- ▶ 189. Joko Widodo has been elected as new President of Indonesia.
- ▶ 190. Jordan Has been Nominated as Temporary Member of United Nations Security Council.
- ▶ 191. Jordan diplomat Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini has been appointed as chief of United Nations Human Rights. He is the first Muslim and Arab to be appointed for this Post.
- ▶ 192. Juan Carlos Varela has been elected as the President of Panama.
- ▶ 193. Juan Manuel Santos has been re-elected as the President of Colombia.

194. ▶ Juergen Stock of Germany has been appointed as INTERPOL's New Chief (World's largest international police Information organization).
195. ▶ Justice Ajit Prakash Shah takes over as Chief of 20th Law Commission. The post of the Chairman of 20th Law Commission had fallen vacant due to the resignation of Justice D. K. Jain, who has taken over as the President, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
196. ▶ Justice Mansoor Agmad Mir has been appointed as the Chief of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
197. ▶ Justice N K Mehrotra has been included into Limca Book of Records due to his Lokayukt report that was acclaimed as most effective report about corruption activities between Dec-2010 to May-2013 in a state. The report caused exclusion of 11 ministers in Uttar Pradesh.
198. ▶ Justice Rajendra Mal Lodha, has been appointed as the 41st Chief Justice of India.
199. ▶ K K Birla Foundation's 23rd Bihari Award for Hindi/Rajasthani Literature has been Given to Famous Rajasthani Poet and Translator Chandra Prakash Deval for His Novel '*Hirna, Maun Sandh Van Charna*'.
200. ▶ K N Santkumar is appointed as New chief of Press Trust of India.
201. ▶ K R Nair has been appointed as the Chief of Material of Indian Navy.
202. ▶ K Rajendra has been appointed as New chief of Jammu and Kashmir Police.
203. ▶ Kanwardeep Singh has been appointed as chief of Indian Hocket Federation.
204. ▶ Kaptan Singh Solanki has been appointed as governor of Haryana.
205. ▶ Kapurthala based Rail Coach Factory (RCF) manufactured 1,701 last fiscal, the highest ever in its history.
206. ▶ Karim Massimov is appointed as the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan.
207. ▶ Karnataka Beat Railways to win the Vijay Hazaare Trophy Cricket Tournament.
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209. ▶ Karnataka government sent a proposal to include TULU language in eighth schedule of the constitution. Nearly one crore people in Karnataka speak Tulu Language.
210. ▶ Karnataka won Irani Trophy Cricket Tournament by beating Rest of India.
211. ▶ Karnataka won Ranji Trophy cricket tournament for the seventh Time by beating Maharashtra.
212. ▶ Kathleen Stephens has been appointed as Interim Ambassador of USA in India.
213. ▶ Kathy Cross (New Zealand) has become the First women to be included in ICC (International Cricket Council)'s Umpires' Panel.
214. ▶ Kautilya Pandit, the 6-year-old boy from Haryana, has been conferred the title of Bal Manishi by the Kashi Vidvat Parishad due to his exceptional memory and grasping power at such a young age.

215. ▶ Kavery Banerjee has been appointed as Secretary of Department of Posts.
216. ▶ Kedarnath Singh has been chosen for the prestigious 49th Jnanpith award for 2013.
217. ▶ Kenyan president "Uhuru Kenyatta" signed a bill into law that makes it legal for men to marry multiple women "Polygamy", even if it is without their wife's consent.
218. ▶ Kerala to Host 35th National Games in Jan - Feb 2015.
219. ▶ Kerala's Kannur District has been declared as first zero-landless district in country .
220. ▶ Kerala's Tourism Department has been awarded 'Ulysses Award' by by UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization.
221. ▶ Keshari Nath Tripathi has been appointed as governor of West Bengal.
222. ▶ Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has been appointed as new Chairperson of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.
223. ▶ Kirti Parekh Committee on determining Changes in Policies of Setting Prices of Petroleum Products submitted Its report and advised to hike Prices of Diesel and Petrol to end Rs. 72000 Crores of Subsidy on Prices of These Products.
224. ▶ Kodela Shivprasad Rao has been appointed as Speaker of Telangana Vidhan Sabha.
225. ▶ Kolkata Airport has won the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award by Airport Council International (ACI) in the category of the best improved airport in Asia Pacific Region.
226. ▶ Kolkata Knight Riders won Indian Premier League (IPL)'s 7th Title by beating Kings XI Punjab in the Final.
227. ▶ Konijeti Rosaiah has been appointed as the Governor of Karnataka.
228. ▶ Koraput District in Odisha has been conferred the national award under the schemes district award for effective initiatives in National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
229. ▶ Krishna Chaudhary is appointed as the new chief of RPF (Railway Protection Force).
230. ▶ Krishnaswamy VijayRaghavan has been elected a foreign associate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (USNAS). He is Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India.
231. ▶ Kulamani Biswal is the Newly appointed Director of NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation).
232. ▶ Kumar Ayyar is the India's new Vice-envoy to Britain.
233. ▶ Kunnath pharmaceuticals given Platinum Technology Award 2012.
234. ▶ Kush Kumar, the squash player who gave India its first Gold medal of second Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China.
235. ▶ Kush Sharma, 13 Year Old Indian Boy swon a spelling bee contest in US in an epic duel that lasted 95 Rounds.
236. ▶ LADEE, NASA's Moon Probe has been Reportedly Crashed Into Moon Lunar Surface.
237. ▶ Laimdota Straujuma has been elected as the First woman Prime Minister of Northern European Country Latvia.
238. ▶ Lakshdweep tops in Annual Education Development Index 2012 - 13 while Chattisgarh is at the Bottom. Lakshadweep is followed by



Puducherry (2nd), Tamil Nadu (3rd), Sikkim (4th) and Karnataka (5th).

239. ▶ Lakshmi Swaminathan has been elected president of Administrative Tribunal of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for three years. Swaminathan is the seventh president of the Tribunal and first Indian to Hold this Post.
240. ▶ Largest Bird Species' fossils have been found in North Carolina, USA with name *pelagornis sanders*.
241. ▶ Lata Mangeshkar has been honored with Yash Chopara Memorial Award 2013.
242. ▶ Latest GDP Growth Rate Predictions for India by Various Financial Agencies ->
  - ▶ Asian Development Bank - 4.7% (6% Previously)
  - ▶ World Bank - 4.7% (6.7 % Previously)
  - ▶ International Monetary Fund - 3.75% (5.7% Previously)
  - ▶ Credit Suisse - 6.0 % (6.5% Previously)
  - ▶ Crisil- 4.8 % (5.5 % Previously)
  - ▶ PMEAC (Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (Led by C Ranrajan)) - 5.5% (6.4 % Previously)
243. ▶ Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics visited India.
244. ▶ Laureus Sports Awards 2014 - German Formula One Racer Sebastian Vettel (Male) and USA's Swimmer Missy Franklin (Females) got the Sportrperson of The Year Awards.
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246. ▶ Lawreus Sports Awards 2014
  - ▶ Sportsman Of the year - Germany's **Sebastian Vettel**, the youngest four-time world champion (Formula One )
  - ▶ Sportswoman of the year - USA's Missy Franklin (Swimming)
  - ▶ Breakthrough of the Year - Spain's Marc Márquez (MotoGP)
  - ▶ Team of The Year - Germany 's Bayern Munich (Football)
  - ▶ Comeback of The Year - Spain's Rafael Nadal (Tennis)
  - ▶ Lifetime Achievement - Sebastian Coe from United Kingdom (Athletics).
247. ▶ Laxmi, a victim of acid attack and a standard-bearer for the movement to end acid attacks, has been selected by the US for the prestigious Inter national Women of Courage Award.
248. ▶ Leading NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul has been honoured with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by a UK-based business association for his outstanding contribution to the industry, education and philanthropy.
249. ▶ Lee Chong Wei (China) won the all England Badminton Championship by beating Chen Long (China).
250. ▶ Legendary Freedom Figter Bhagat Singh's house in Pakistan is to get Rs 8 Crore from Pakistan Government for restoration.
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255. ▶ Legendary Singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honored by First Ever Yash Chopra Memorial Honor 2013.
256. ▶ Liberian President Alan Johnson Sirleaf Visited India and was honored by Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development Award 2012.
257. ▶ Libya's Parliament voted out Prime Minister Ali Zeidan.
258. ▶ Lila Tretikov has been elected as the new executive director of the Wikimedia Foundation.
259. ▶ List of SAARC VIPs Visited India on the Occasion of Swearing In Ceremony of Narendra Modi as 16th Prime Minister of India -
  - ▶ Nawaz Sharif (Prime Minister - Pakistan)
  - ▶ Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapaksa
  - ▶ Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai
  - ▶ Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay
  - ▶ Nepal's Prime Minister Sushil Koirala
  - ▶ Maldives President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom
  - ▶ Bangladesh Parliament Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury
260. ▶ Listening in : the secret height house recording of John F. Kennedy written by Ted Widmer and Caroline Kennedy.
261. ▶ Lithuania to become 19th Country to adopt Euro as its Primary Currency.
262. ▶ Lok Sabha has passed the Whistleblower Bill which was passed in Rajya Sabha two years ago. The Bill is meant to protect people who raise their voice against issues related to corruption by identifying officials responsible for the same.
263. ▶ London-based firm OwnFone has released world's first Braille phone for Sale. The front and back of the phone is constructed using 3D printing techniques and can be customised.
  - ▶ The Braille system is a way of writing things. It is named after Louis Braille, the French man who invented it. The system is used by blind people to read and write. The Braille system uses a set of raised bumps or dots that can be felt with a finger. Each set of dots is a character in an alphabet, and the numbers and some punctuation.
264. ▶ Lucknow metro-rail project was started of as chief minister Akhilesh Yadav laid down the foundation stone and promised that it would be on track in Three Years.
265. ▶ Luis Suárez (Uruguay) has been named the Professional Footballers' Association player of the year for 2013-14, becoming the first non-European to win the award.

- ▶ 266. Lupita Nyong' named People's Magazine's most beautiful person of 2014.
- ▶ 267. M Balachandran is appointed as Chief of NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).
- ▶ 268. M. Subhashini appointed as India's envoy for Barbados.
- ▶ 269. MTNL (Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Limited) started video call facility.
- ▶ 270. MTV Movie Awards (Los Angles) -
  - ▶ Movie of the Year - The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
  - ▶ Best Male Performance - Josh Hutcherson - The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
  - ▶ Best Female Performance - Jennifer Lawrence - The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
  - ▶ Best Comedic Performance - Jonah Hill - The Wolf of Wall Street
- ▶ 271. Madhya Pradesh Sports Awards 2013 -
  - ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award - Ramlal Verma (Volleyball)
  - ▶ New Award Named Prabhas Joshi Award was started this year in Malkhamb Sport and the winner was Ajay Waktarita.
- ▶ 272. Madhya Pradesh government formed Samagra Kinnar Board for welfare for Kinnar Community People.
- ▶ 273. Madhya Pradesh was conferred three National Tourism Awards in the following categories: Best State, Award for Best Tourism Film-'Malang Hai' and Award for Best Civic Management of a Tourism Destination in India –Pachmarhi region.
- ▶ 274. Madras High Court gave relief to Handset Maker Nokia as it cancelled Rs. 2400 Crore VAT Demand Placed on Nokia by Tamilnadu Government.
- ▶ 275. Madrid Open Tennis 2014 -
  - ▶ Males - Rafael Nadal (Spain) won by Beating Kei Nishikori (Japan)
  - ▶ Females - Maria Sharapova (Russia) won by beating Simona Halep (Romania)
- ▶ 276. Mahamayi written by Chadrasekhar Kambar
- ▶ 277. Maharashtra became the first state in country to given Salaries to government employees via Bank Accounts attached with ADHAAR Card.
- ▶ 278. Maharashtra Govt.'s music award given to Classical Singer Pandit Jasraj.
- ▶ 279. Maharashtra State Cabinet decided to form a sugar cane control board in the State After farmers' organisations shown a violent agitation for t he same.
- ▶ 280. Maharashtra becomes first state in the country to pass a Anti Superstition Ordinace Bill
- ▶ 281. Maharashtra started Jeevan Amrut Yojana (blood-on-call scheme) across the state as an ambitious plan, aimed at facilitating blood supply to patients scheduled to undergo surgeries and medical procedures, at cheaper r ate by dialling a dedicated helpline number 104 in the state.

282. ▶ Maharatna Company "Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)" has won the "World Intellectual Property Organization award for innovative Enterprises" for its strong involvement in the use of the Patent system and its achievement in Research & Development (R&D).
283. ▶ Mahathir Global Peace Foundation of Malaysia has awarded Nelson Mandela with inaugural Mahathir Award for Global Peace.
284. ▶ Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Peace and Reconciliation 2013 is given to Brigalia Bam, former Chairperson of South Africa's election body.
285. ▶ Mahindra Group chairman Anand G Mahindra became the first Indian to receive the prestigious Harvard Medal.
286. ▶ Mahindra ShubhLabh Services enters into Joint Venture with Belgium based Fresh Produce Company UNIVÉG.
287. ▶ Mahindra and Mahindra Foundation Started a New award called 'Rise Prize ' of worth \$1 Million to honor Indian Innovators doing great work in solving basic issues like traffic stress and electricity shortages and Others.
288. ▶ Major Abup J. Manjali of the Rashtriya Rifles awarded by Kirtiy Chakra for his extraordinary bravery efforts in country terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir.
289. ▶ Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani education rights activist has been given 2013 Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award by Harvard University, UK.
290. ▶ Malala Awarded by Semon de Beber honour in Russia.
291. ▶ Malala Yousafzai (Pakistani Child Rights Activist) has been honored by World Children Prize.
292. ▶ Malala Yousafzai got Tipperary international peace prize by Ireland Government.
293. ▶ Malala Yousafzai has been awarded with Dutch Kids Rights Foundation's International Child Peace Award.
294. ▶ Malaya Mishra is appointed as India's envoy for Hungary.
295. ▶ Malayalam Film Colour of Sky got nominated for Oscar Awards 2012.
296. ▶ Malayalam Novelist A Arvindakshan has been given Hindi Ratan Samman 2013.
297. ▶ Malayalam writer C. Radhakrishnan has been given Moorti Devi Award for 2013 for his novel "Theekkadai Katanhu Thirumadhuram".
298. ▶ Maldives has been suspended from the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group - the most powerful panel of the Commonwealth body due to the recent developments in the country including the ousting of its President Mohamed Nasheed.
299. ▶ Male Hockey world Cup 2014 (Netherlands) - Australia won by beating Netherlands.
300. ▶ Mamnoon Hussain appointed as new president of Pakistan.
301. ▶ Manil Suri has been Honored by *Bad Sex in Fiction Award 2013* given by UK's Literary Review Magazine every year from 1993 Onwards.
302. ▶ Manila, Philippines Based ADB (Asian Development Bank) decided to provide \$ 18.4 million to Champion Agro to set up cold storage

facilities for fruits and vegetables focusing on Gujarat. It is ADB's first ever loan to private agri-business in India.

303. ▶ Manish Ranjan has been awarded National Trust Spandan Award. He is director of NRHM (National Rural Health Mission).
304. ▶ Manpreet Kaur, an Indian - American Person has been honored by International Radio award for her Documentary on Domestic Violence called 'The Enemy Within'.
305. ▶ Mansoor Ahmad Mir has been appointed as the Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal Pradesh.
306. ▶ Manuel Valls is appointed as the New Prime Minister of France.
307. ▶ Marathi Film, 'Killa' directed by Avinash Arun has been given the Crystal Bear award for Best Film in 64th Berlin International Film Festival.
308. ▶ March 23 - World Meteorological Day. World Meteorological Day is celebrated every year on 23 March to commemorate the entry into force in 1950 of the convention that created the World Meteorological Organization. Meteorology is the interdisciplinary scientific study of the atmosphere.
309. ▶ Marco Lambertini has been appointed as new Director General of WWF International (World Wide Fund for Nature).
310. ▶ Maria Gabriela Isler from Venezuela has won Miss Universe Title 2013 in a ceremony held in Moscow Russia.

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- 311. ▶ Maricheeka written by Rajan Kapoor
- 312. ▶ Marie Louise Coleiro Preca is appointed as President of Malta (Southern European country).
- 313. ▶ Marie-Louise Coleiro was sworn-in as President of Malta.
- 314. ▶ Mark Field's has been appointed as the new CEO of Ford Motor Company
- 315. ▶ Martha Dodray, a polio worker in Bihar was honoured by Global Leadership Award 2013 by United Nations Foundation for her work in protecting children from the Polio disease.
- 316. ▶ Martin Kaymer won US Open Golf 2014.
- 317. ▶ Martin Schulz has been re-appointed as Chief of European Parliament as results of European Parliament Elections 2014.
- 318. ▶ Mass Singing of 'Njanappana', a devotional poem written by the 16th century Malayalam poet Poonthanam, has found place in the Guinness Book of World Records in Thrissur, Kerala.
- 319. ▶ Matteo Renzi is appointed as Italy's New Prime Minister.
- 320. ▶ Max Baucus is appointed as USA's New envoy to China.
- 321. ▶ May 1 is International Labor Day.
- 322. ▶ May 1 is Maharashtra and Gujarat Day as these states were created on Aug 1, 1960 after dividing Bombay Presidency.
- 323. ▶ May 11 is National Technology Day. It is the anniversary of India's First Successful Nuclear Test on May 11, 1998.
- 324. ▶ May 12 is International Nurses Day.
- 325. ▶ May 15 is International Day of Families.
- 326. ▶ May 17 is World Information Society Day.
  - ✎ World Information Society Day was proclaimed to be on 17 May by a United Nations General Assembly resolution, following the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis.
  - ✎ The day had previously been known as World Telecommunication Day to commemorate the founding of the International Telecommunication Union in 17 May 1865.
- 327. ▶ May 18 - International Museum Day.

328. ▶ May 21 - Anti - Terrorism Day Across India. The day is celebrated as 23rd Death Anniversary of former Prime Minister of India Rajiv Gandhi.
329. ▶ May 22 is International Bio-Diversity Day.
330. ▶ May 28 World Hunger Day.
331. ▶ May 3 is world Press Freedom Day.
332. ▶ May 31 is No Tobacco Day.
333. ▶ May 8 is Red Cross Day.
334. ▶ May 9 is celebrated as Victory Day as it marks the surrender of Nazi Germany to the Soviet Union in the Second World War.
335. ▶ Meb Keflezighi has become first USA Athlete in Last Three Decades to win Boston Marathon.
336. ▶ Meena Kumari of Kansas State University wins award from Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America for study on alcohol abuse.
337. ▶ Meeting of trade ministers of the Group of Twenty (G20) nations was held in Australia. Nirmala Sitharaman attended on India's Behalf (Minister of State for Ministry of Commerce & Industry).
338. ▶ Megan Young From Philippines has won Miss world 2013 Title in a ceremony Held in Bali, Indonesia.
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340. ▶ Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh have been brought under Railway Network for the first time.
341. ▶ Mehdi Jomaa is the New Prime Minister of Tunisia (Northernmost country in Africa).
342. ▶ Michael Rogers is appointed as New Chief of USA's NSA (National Security Agency).
343. ▶ Michelle Bachelet has been elected as New President of South American Country Chile for the second Time.
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345. ▶ Microsoft Launched New version of its famous Operating System Software Called Windows 8.1
346. ▶ Milos Zeman become Czech Republic's first elected President Thought direct elections.
347. ▶ Milos Zeman is the New Prime Minister of Czech Republic.
348. ▶ Mines Ministry dedicated to the nation advanced light helicopter "Garuda Vasudha" of Geological Survey of India (GSI), equipped with modern sensors for exploring hidden mineral resources.
349. ▶ Ministry Of Youth Affairs And Sports Declared Hockey India As NSF (National Sports Federation) for Hockey and made it The Sole Body Responsible Towards Promoting Hockey In India.
350. ▶ Ministry of steel became first central government ministry to get ISO 9001 : 2008 certification status..
351. ▶ Ministry of Civil Aviation created a Committee under Ravindra Dholakia for analysis of Operations of Air India.

352. ▶ Ministry of Home Affairs inaugurated RAF Academy of Public Order in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh to train personnel of Rapid Action Force along with selected members of other paramilitary forces and civil police for riot control, crowd management and Other Simliar Situations.
353. ▶ Miss Nigeria, Obabiyi Aishah Ajibola has won Miss Muslimah world Contest 2013.
354. ▶ Miss Earth 2013 Title has been won by Miss Venezuela **Alyz Henrich** in Philipinnes. India's Sobhita Dhulipala won the Title of Miss Photogenic 2013 in the same Concert.

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355. ▶ Miss India Awards 2014 -
  - ▶ Koyal Rana - Miss India World 2014
  - ▶ Jhataleka Malhotra - Miss India Earth 2014
356. ▶ Miss Indian USA 2013 Pageant has been won by Monica Gill.
  - ▶ The Miss India USA is an annual pageant where young beauties of Indian origin from across several states in the US compete for the grand Miss India Worldwide crown.
357. ▶ Mithun Chakrabarty, Subbarami Reddy (Andhra) and Sanjay Singh (Assam) have been nominated as Members of Rajya Sabha.
358. ▶ Mizoram beat Railways to win the 68th National Football Championship (Santosh Trophy).
359. ▶ Mohan Peiris is the new Chief Justice of Sri Lanka.
360. ▶ Mohika Gupta, a 9 Yrs Girl from Delhi has been honored by Bharat Award under National Bravery Awards 2013 for saving her Brother from the Floods.
361. ▶ Monte Carlo Masters Tennis 2014 (France) -
  - ▶ Males - Stanislas Wawrinka (Switzerland) win by Beating Roger Federer (Switzerland)
362. ▶ Moussa Faki Mahamat who is Foreign Minister of Chad, visited India.
363. ▶ Ms. Lilianne Ploumen, Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development visits India.
364. ▶ Mukul Mudgal (Former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court) has been appointed as Chief of BCCC (Broadcasting Content Complaints Council).
365. ▶ Mukul Mudgal Committee Submitted Its Report on Governing Indian Cinema by reviewing Cinematograph Act, 1952.
366. ▶ Mukul Mudgal Committee on Analysing Spot Fixing in IPL submitted its report.
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368. ▶ Mukul Rohatgi is appointed as new Attorney General of India & Ranjit Kumar has been appointed as Solicitor General of India.
  - ▶ Attorney General of India is the Indian government's chief legal advisor and its primary lawyer in the Supreme Court of India. The Solicitor General of India is subordinate to the Attorney General for India. The Solicitor General of India is the secondary law officer of the country, assists the Attorney General.
369. ▶ Mulatu Teshome is appointed as New President of Ethiopia.
370. ▶ Multinational Company PepsiCo announced to Invest Huge amount of Rs. 33000 Crore in India till 2020 to Expand Its Ventures in India.
371. ▶ Mumbai Metro Rail Service was started and Mumbai becomes Fourth city in Country to have Metro Rail Service.
372. ▶ My Dear Bapu written by Gopal Krishn Gandhi.
373. ▶ My Tryst With Justice by P N Bhagwati.

374. ▶ Myanmar made its entry onto World Heritage List, with the inscription of its first site, Pyu Ancient Cities as the World Heritage.
375. ▶ Myanmar started off its first national Population census in three decades after 1983.
376. ▶ N Kumar Reddy resigned as Andhra Pradesh's CM after Govt decided to divide Andhra Pradesh and form India's 29th state Telangana. He formed a new party called "Jai Samaikyandhra Party".
377. ▶ N Ramachandran is elected as New Chief of Indian Olympics Association (IOA).
378. ▶ N Srinivasan has been appointed as First Chairman in the ICC Board of Directors. ICC - International Cricket Council.
379. ▶ NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) has sanctioned loans worth over 19000 Crores under RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund) to states for Agriculture and Allied Activities.
380. ▶ NALCO (National Aluminium Company Limited) has been given the EEPC (Engineering Export Promotion Council, Eastern Region)'s Gold Trophy as Top Exporter in the Large Enterprise Category for its outstanding export performance during the year 2011-12.
381. ▶ NASA announced to reactivate its Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) to service for three more years in September 2013. It was placed in hibernation after discovering and characterizing tens of thousands of asteroids throughout the solar system. And will be brought back to help in identifying the population of potentially hazardous Near-Earth objects (NEOs).
382. ▶ NASA has launched OCO - 2 Satellite (Orbiting Carbon Observatory) to study various factors about Carbon Dioxide Gas which is meant to be the main cause of rise in temperature across the earth.
383. ▶ NASA is set to send Drone (Human-less Satellites) to Titan (Saturn's Moon) to examine possibilities of Life There as It shows signs very much similar to earth's environment.
384. ▶ NASA's Unmanned Moon Mission, Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) spacecraft successfully put in its orbit around moon.
385. ▶ NASA's Satellite Cassini Recorded Birth of a New Moon of Saturn Planet which is named Peggy.
386. ▶ NASA's Voyager Spacecraft that was launched in 1977 has become first craft ever to cross Boundaries of Our Solar System and enter into interstellar space. It is still sending Clear Signals and expected to be operational since 2025.
387. ▶ NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) has cancelled all its Co-Operations with Russia owing to Russia's Annexing Crimea from Crisis Hit Ukraine.
388. ▶ NHPC (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) signed an agreement with Bihar Government for executing 1,320 MW thermal power project at Bhagalpur in Bihar.
389. ▶ NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) will construct a 2,640 MW Thermal power plant in Bareilly in Chattarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.
390. ▶ NTPC approves investment of Rs 14,366.58 crore for North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand.


391. ▶ Nabam Tuki to be Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for Second Term as Congress won Vidhan Sabha Elections in Arunachal Pradesh.
392. ▶ Nagaland Famous Hornbill Festival was Inaugurated by Prez Pranab Mukherjee in Kohima (Capital of Nagaland).
393. ▶ Nagaland and Assam became the first two states to be issued with Plastic Photo Identity Card for elections in India.
394. ▶ Narendra Kothari has been appointed as the Chief of NMDC (National Minerals Development Corporation).
395. ▶ Narendra Modi Visited Bhutan as his first Official Foreign Visit.
396. ▶ Narendra Modi of Bharatiya Janata Party has been Appointed as New Prime Minister of India.
397. ▶ Naresh Saxena and Om Thanvi awarded by Shamsheer Awaed.
398. ▶ Narmadada -Malwa - Gambhir Link Project has been started in Madhya Pradesh.
399. ▶ National Australia Bank has appointed Indian Person Peeyush Gupta to its board as a non-executive director.
400. ▶ National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) reduced the rate of interest by 20 basis points (bps) on their long term refinance facility to promote investments in agriculture.
401. ▶ National Bravery Awards on 67th Independence Day -
  - ▶ 1 Ashok Chakra (Prasad Babu (Sub Inspector in Andhra Pradesh))
  - ▶ Three Kirti Chakras (Mahesh Kumar, Abhilash Tomy, Lohit Soniwal)
  - ▶ 10 Shaurya Chakras
  - ▶ 21 Sena Medals
402. ▶ National Communal Harmony Award has been given to Mohinder Singh for His peace restoration efforts past 1984 Anti - Sikh Riots and Academecian Mr. N Radhakrishnan for His promotional works for Gandhian Values.
403. ▶ National Green Tribunal has banned all mining activities in 84 stone and marble quarries located inside and within 1 km radius of the Sariska tiger reserve and adjoining Jamuarangarh sanctuary at Sariska, Bhopal.
404. ▶ National Innovation Council and the Ministry of MSME has jointly launched Indian Inclusive Innovation Fund (IIIF) which seeks to create a new class of capital that helps set up and scale entrepreneurial skills to solve the problems of citizens.
405. ▶ National Institute of Ocean Technology started Integrated Marine Surveillance System to Provide Correct weather Forecast specially to aid Fishermans in their work.
406. ▶ National Integration Council's 16th Meet Held in New Delhi.
407. ▶ National Junior Hockey Tournament 2014 - Played in Chennai and Punjab Won by Beating Odisha.
408. ▶ National Sports Awards 2013 (Awards Committee headed by Mitchell Ferrera)
  - ▶ Rajeev Gandhi Khel Ratna Award - Ranjan Sodhi (Shooter)
  - ▶ 15 Arjun Awards (Notable are P V Sindhu (Badminton), Virat Kohli (Cricket))
  - ▶ Dronacharya Award (Best Coach) - Purnima Mahto (Archery), Mahavir Singh (Boxing), Narinder Saini (Hockey)

- ▶ Dronacharya Lifetime Award - K P Thomas (Athletics), Raj Singh (Wrestling)
  - ▶ Dhayanchand Award - Mary D'souza Sequeira (Athletics), Syed Ali (Hockey), Anil Mann (Wrestling), Girraj Singh (Parasports)
  - ▶ Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar - 4 Winners
409. ▶ National Teeka Express was launched by Government, aimed at protecting children from life - threatening childhood diseases.
410. ▶ National Tiger conservation Authority announced country's Fifth Tiger Reserve in Nagzira of Maharashtra State.
411. ▶ Naveen Patnaik of Biju Janata Dal is to be re-appointed as Chief Minister of Odisha for the Fourth Time.
412. ▶ Nearly 7000 years old caves that belonged to ancient humans have been found in Andhra Pradesh.
413. ▶ Nepal has been Given the Charge to Host the 18th SAARC Summit in Nov 2014.
414. ▶ Nepal's President Ram Baran Yadav Visited India.
415. ▶ Netherlands' Foreign Trade and Development Minister Lillianne Ploumen Visited India.
416. ▶ Netherlands' Dutch Kids Rights Foundation has honored Pakistani Child Rights Activist Malala Yousafzai with International Child Peace Award.
417. ▶ Netherlands' scientists have developed the world's smallest autonomous flapping drone, a dragonfly-like beast with 3-D vision that could revolutionise our Visual experience for wide range of everyday objects.
418. ▶ New Chief Justices of High Courts -
- ▶ Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar - Madhya Pradesh High Court
  - ▶ Rajesh Kumar Ararwal - Madras High Court
  - ▶ D V Chandrachud - Uttar Pradesh (Allahabad) High Court
  - ▶ R Banumathi - Jharkhand High Court
419. ▶ New Chief Justices of various high Courts in the country.
- ▶ Rajesh Kumar Agrawal - New chief justice of Madras
  - ▶ R Banumathi - New Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court
  - ▶ N V Ramana - New Chief Justice of Delhi High Court
  - ▶ P C Pant - New Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court
420. ▶ Nidhi Prakash, an eight year old Student Became writer at smallest age in the world with Her first Book Animation World beaing Published.
421. ▶ Nidhi Vasudeva is appointed as new chief of HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited).
422. ▶ Nigerian Poet Tade Ipadeola wins 2013 Nigeria Prize for Literature for His Novel 'The Sahara Testaments'.
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424. ▶ Nikhil Srivastava, a young Indian mathematician became the first joint winner of the prestigious George Polya Prize 2014. He was a part of a three member team which found a solution to the Kadison-Singer conjecture that pertains to the mathematical foundations of

quantum mechanics.

425. ▶ Nineteenth (19th) session of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP 19) was held in Warsaw, Poland. UNFCCC stands for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
426. ▶ North and West Zone collectively named as winners of Dileep Trophy Cricket Tournament.
427. ▶ Norway's former Prime Minister **Jens Stoltenberg** will be NATO's New secretary general.
- ▶ The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an intergovernmental military alliance based on the North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4 April 1949.
  - ▶ The organization constitutes a system of collective defence whereby its member states agree to mutual defense in response to an attack by any external party.
  - ▶ NATO's headquarters are in Brussels, Belgium, one of the 28 member states across North America and Europe.
  - ▶ Newest of Members is which, Albania and Croatia.
  - ▶ An additional 22 countries participate in NATO's Partnership for Peace program, with 15 other countries involved in institutionalized dialogue programmes.
  - ▶ The combined military spending of all NATO members constitutes over 70% of the global total. Members' defense spending is supposed to amount to 2% of GDP.
  - ▶ [More About NATO](#)
428. ▶ Norwegian Magnus Carlsen won the chess world championship beating India's Viswanathan Anand.
429. ▶ Noted Indian scientist Dr. CNR Rao has been conferred with China's Top science award for his important contribution in boosting Sino-India scientific cooperation.
430. ▶ Noted environmentalist and pioneer of the Chipko movement, Chandi Prasad Bhatt, has been selected for the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2013 For his contribution towards the environment and society through Gandhian philosophy.
431. ▶ Nouri al-Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq Visited India.
432. ▶ Novak Djokovic (Serbia) beat Roger Federer (Switzerland) to win Indian Wells ATP Masters title 2014.
433. ▶ Novak Djokovic (Serbia) has won Miami Masters Tennis by Beating Rafael Nadal (Spain).
434. ▶ Nripendra Misra has been appointed as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.
435. ▶ OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) has Predicted 4.9 % and 5.9 % GDP Growth Rate for India in Years 2014 & 2015 Respectively.
- ▶ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international economic organisation of 34 countries founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade. It is a forum of countries committed to democracy and the market economy, providing a platform to compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practices and coordinate domestic and international policies of its members.

 Its Based in Paris (France) and Secretary - General is José Ángel Gurría.

- 436. ▶ ONGC has agreed to supply natural gas to 101-Mw capacity Monarchak power plant being set up by government-run NEEPCO in western Tripura.
- 437. ▶ ONGC plans to invest over Rs 5,700 crore in redevelopment of its giant Mumbai High (North) oil and gas field off the west coast.
- 438. ▶ Odisha state has become the largest State in Fish Production with 381.83 million tonne (MT) of which 267.53 MT came from inland sources and 114.3 MT from marine sources.
- 439. ▶ Odia Litterateur Harprasad Das has been given Moortidevi Literary Award for His Nobel ' Wamasa'.
- 440. ▶ Odia Novelist Harprasad Das has been honored by 26th Moortidevi Award.
- 441. ▶ Odisha's Paradip port has been conferred the 'Major Port of the Year' award in recognition of its excellent performance in 2012-13.
- 442. ▶ Oil India's BN Talukdar is appointed as new Director General of Hydrocarbons.
- 443. ▶ Okavango Delta in Botswana has been named as 1000th site to be Included in UNESCO's world Heritage Sites' List.
- 444. ▶ Oleksandr Turchynov is appointed as Acting President of Ukraine after recent turmoil in the Country.
- 445. ▶ Olympic bronze medalist Yogeshwar Dutt became brand ambassador of Haryana Health Department.
- 446. ▶ Om Prakash Kohli has been appointed as governor of Goa.
- 447. ▶ Om Prakash Kohli has been appointed as the Governor of Gujarat.
- 448. ▶ Original Copies of Akbarnama (Biography of Mughal Emperor, Akbar and written by Abul Faisal) and Shahnama (Written by Firdausi) have been sold in London (UK).
- 449. ▶ Others (January 2013)
  -  ▶ Oldest Marathon Runner of world Fauja Singh (101 year old) retired after Hong Kong marathon.
- 450. ▶ Oxford Dictionaries has declared the word 'Selfie' as the word of the year 2013. It means a Self Portrait, typically on a Smartphone or Webcam.
- 451. ▶ P J Nayak Committee to suggest improve the governance structure of state-owned banks and also to help private sector banks attract more capital submitted Its Report. More..
- 452. ▶ P5 + 1 Countries met Iranian Diplomats in Vienna (Austria's Capital) regarding Negotiations related to Iran's Disputed Nuclear Program.
  - P5 + 1 is the Grouping of Five Permanent Members of UN Security Council and Germany.
- 453. ▶ PM Manmohan Singh launched the new PSU (Public Sector Enterprise) called NAWADCO (National WAQF Development Corporation Limited) to mobilise resources for developing WAQF Properties in agreement with Shahriah Laws.

454. ▶ PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates the Highly Awaited Katra - Udhampur Railway Line for easy travel to Vaishno Devi Shrine and Flagged Shri Shakti Express Train on this Route.
455. ▶ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 240-Megawatt Uri-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Baramulla district of Kashmir.
456. ▶ PM Narendra Modi launched "MyGov" web platform to gather ideas from citizens for better governance.
457. ▶ PMEAC (Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council) Led by C . Rangrajan has Predicted The GDP Growth Rate to stay at 5.3 % during the current Fiscal (FY 2013 - 14).
- ▶ Note that Indian Economy has grown at a Rate of 4.6 % in First Six Months so it needs to Grow at a rate of 6% in the Last Two Quarters of FY 2013 - 14 to meet the Expectations of PMEAC.
458. ▶ Padma Awards 2012
- ▶ Padma Vibhushan - Raghunath Mohapatra(sculptor), S Haider Raza (Painter), Yash Pal (Physicist), Roddam Narasimha (space scientist).
- ▶ Padma Bhushan - Sharmila Tagore, Rajesh Khanna, Jaspal Singh Bhatti, Rahul Dravid, Abdul Rashid Khan and 19 Others
- ▶ Padam Shri - total 80 recipients
459. ▶ Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya has been appointed as governor of Nagaland
460. ▶ Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya has been given charge of governor of Tripura.
461. ▶ Pakistan successfully test-fired a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile "Hatf III", capable of carrying nuclear and conventional warheads up to a range of 290 kilometres, that could cover parts of India.
462. ▶ Pakistan Child Rights Activist Malala Yousafzai has been honored by Sakharov Human Rights Honor by European Union.
463. ▶ Pakistan Social Activist Malala Yousafzai has been honored by Civil Society Award by Queen Rania of Jordan.
464. ▶ Pakistan Wins Asia Men's Hockey Championship Trophy By Beating Japan in Japan.
465. ▶ Pakistan successfully test-fired a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Hatf III, capable of carrying nuclear and conventional warheads up to a range of 290 kilometres.
466. ▶ Pakistan's first Cubesat satellite, iCUBE-1, was launched from Yasny launch base in Russia.
467. ▶ Pakistani Child Rights Activist Malala Yousafzai has been honored by United Nations Human Rights Award.
468. ▶ Pakistani Child Rights and Social Activist Malala Yousafzai has been Chosen for European Union's Prestigious International Sakharov Award 2013.
469. ▶ Pakistani Film 'Zinda Bhaag' based on Illegal Migration to other country is nominated for Oscar Awards. It is the first Pakistani Film in Last Fifty Years to get nominated for these Prestigious Cinema Awards.
470. ▶ Pakistani Navy inducted its First Aircraft Carrier Warship Named PNS - ASMAT.
471. ▶ Pakistani Social and Child Rights Activist Malala Yousafzai has been Honored by Mexico's Prestigious International Prize for Equality

and Non-Discrimination.

472. ▶ Pakistani child Rights and Girls Education Activist Malala Yousafzai has been honored by Liberty Medal from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.
473. ▶ Paleontologists have found Fossils of Largest Dinosaurs known so far in Argentina.
474. ▶ Palghar is to be Maharashtra's 36th district and is carved out of Thane District.
475. ▶ Pandit Haridutt Sharma Award 2014 has been conferred to Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas & Environment and Forests.
476. ▶ Parliament of Crimea voted in favor of adopting a new constitution that will make Crimea part of the Russian Federation. The constitution, consisting of 10 chapters and 95 articles, defines Crimea as a legal and democratic state within the Russian Federation and makes the nation's territory an inseparable part of Russia.
477. ▶ Pawan Chamling has been re-appointed as the chief Minister of State of Sikkim for the consecutive Fifth Term.
478. ▶ Peace Mission 2013 is Joint Military Exercise of China & Russia.
479. ▶ PepsiCo appointed DShivakumar as its Chief for India region.
480. ▶ Perihelion the recent cosmic incident in which the Earth came nearest to the sun.
481. ▶ Pesticides maker Dhanuka Agritech will invest Rs. 50 crore on a new manufacturing plant in Rajasthan.
482. ▶ Peter Mutharika has been appointed as new president of Malawi (Southeast Africa).
483. ▶ Petro Poroshenko is appointed as Fifth President of Ukraine.
484. ▶ Petroleum Minister Veerappa Moily Inaugurated Country's First Synthetic Rubber Plant in Panipat, Haryana.
485. ▶ Philippines and the United States signed an agreement to allow a bigger US military presence on Filipino territory, It will be a 10-year pact, which is seen as another element of Obama's effort to focus US military and economic attention more heavily on Asia.
486. ▶ Philippines Supreme Court Approved The *Birth Control Law* that requires government health centres to distribute free condoms and contraceptive pills to check Population Explosion.
487. ▶ Pinky Anand has been appointed as Additional Solicitor General.
488. ▶ Piramal Enterprises Ltd sold its 11% stake in Vodafone India Ltd to Prime Metals Ltd, an indirect subsidiary of Vodafone Group Plc, for Rs.8,900 crore, marking another milestone in the transformation of Ajay G. Piramal from a healthcare czar to one of India's largest financiers.
489. ▶ Poet Nida Fajli is awarded by Shailendra Samman 2013.
490. ▶ Poland has become twentieth Country in the world to eliminate death punishment.
491. ▶ Poonam Khetrpal Singh is appointed as WHO (World Health Organization)'s chief for South Asia Region.



492. ▶ Poonam Khetarpal has been appointed as World Health Organization's Chief for South-East Region.
493. ▶ Prafull Chandra Pant is appointed as the new Chief of Meghalaya High Court.
494. ▶ Prafulla Chandra Pant is the First Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.
495. ▶ Pramod Kumar Mishra has been appointed as an Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
496. ▶ Pratishtha Khanna was honoured with 'Champions of Change' by the White House for her exemplary leadership in her community.
497. ▶ Preeti Rajgopalan, An Indian climate change activist who works with local communities and governments for environmental change has been awarded the Commonwealth Youth Award.
498. ▶ Premlata Singh Has been honored by Best Teacher Award by IARI (Indian Agricultural Research Institute) for Her contribution in spreading awareness about various Modern technology related to Agricultural Science.
499. ▶ President Pranab Mukherjee presented National Communal Harmony Awards 2011 & 2012
  - ▶ For 2011, Odisha's MD Janab Haji Abdul Bari and Mizoram's Khamliana jointly.
  - ▶ For 2012, The award was given to Foundation for Amity and National Solidarity, Delhi in Organisational category.
500. ▶ President Pranab Mukherjee Inaugerated India's First Payment Gateway 'RuPay'.
  - ▶ RuPay is an Indian domestic card scheme conceived and launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
  - ▶ It was created to fulfill the Reserve Bank of India's desire to have a domestic, open loop, and multilateral system of payments in India.
  - ▶ RuPay facilitates electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions, and competes with MasterCard and Visa in India.
  - ▶ NPCI maintains ties with Discover Financial to enable the card scheme to gain international acceptance.
  - ▶ More..
501. ▶ President Pranab Mukherjee conferred gallantry awards, include three kirti and Nine Shaurya Chakra on 55 defence personnel for their distinguished service and bravery.
502. ▶ President Pranab Mukherjee gave the Prestigious Indira Gandhi National Scheme Best University Award 2012 - 13 to Mangalore University.
503. ▶ President conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian army on General Gaurav Shamsher Jung Bahadur Rana.
504. ▶ President of India conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards to 35 Nurses from across the country.
505. ▶ President of Liberia, Alan Sirleaf Johnson is the has been honored by Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development Award 2012 during Her Official Visit to India.
506. ▶ President started postal ticket for the honor of famous Islamic expert Mahmud Hassan.
507. ▶ President's Rule applied in Jharkhand after appeal of governor Saiyad Ahmad.
508. ▶ Prestigious M S Subbulakshmi Award went to renowned musician from Karnataka, Mathangi Sathyamurthy.

509. ▶ Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay, visited India.
510. ▶ Prof DK Bandyopadhyay, Former Vice-chancellor of Indraprastha University of Delhi has been Honored by Radhakrishna Award for His Excellent Contribution in the Field of Education.
511. ▶ Public sector general insurer New India Assurance announced a Health insurance cover New India Asha Kiran for girl child. Health insurance rate are cut by 50 per cent for the girl child under this scheme along with a personal accident cover for parents.
512. ▶ Pulitzer Literary Awards 2014 -
- ▶ Fiction - *The Goldfinch* by *Donna Tartt*
  - ▶ Drama - *The Flick* by *Annie Baker*
  - ▶ History - *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772–1832* by *Alan Taylor*
  - ▶ Biography / Auto Biography *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life* by *Megan Marshall*
  - ▶ Poetry - *3 Sections* by **Vijay Seshadri**
  - ▶ General Non-Fiction - *Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation* By *Dan Fagin*
  - ▶ Music - *Become Ocean* by John Luther Adams
  - ▶ Journalism -
    - ▶ Investigative reporting - Chris Hamby of The Center for Public Integrity, Washington, D.C
    - ▶ Public Service - The Washington Post
    - ▶ Feature Photography - Josh Haner of *The New York Times*
    - ▶ Breaking News Photography - Tyler Hicks of The New York Times
    - ▶ More..
513. ▶ Punjab Government has accepted Ghana (A Western African Country)'s Proposal to settle progressive farmers from Punjab to give a push to the agricultural sector in Ghana.
514. ▶ Punjab State Government created a Committee for suggesting reforms in agricultural sector for sustainable growth in agriculture sector. The committee will be Headed by G S Kalkat.
515. ▶ Punjab win Federation Cup hockey tournament by beating Uttar Pradesh.
516. ▶ Qamar Ahmad has been appointed chief of Delhi Minorities Commission.
517. ▶ Qatar Based Doha Bank has got Approval to Open Branches in India.
518. ▶ Qatar's Doha Bank will open its first branch in India in Mumbai.
519. ▶ Queensland Government has approved the proposed AUD 16.5 billion (USD 15.46 bln) coal development project of Indian major Adani Group in the Galilee Basin in the state's central region.
520. ▶ R Banumathi is the new chief justice of Jharkhand High Court.
521. ▶ R Chandrasekaran is Appointed as The New Chairman of NASSCOM.

522. ▶ R Gandhi is appointed as the New Deputy Governor of RBI (Reserve Bank of India). Other three DGs of RBI are Dr K C Chakrabarty, H R Khan and Urjit Patel.
523. ▶ R K Tiwari is appointed as the new chief of CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes).
524. ▶ R R Verma has been appointed as Chief of Civil Defence and Home Guards. Note that he is also Chief of National Crime Records Bureau.
525. ▶ R Sridharan has been appointed as Chief of ICSI (Institute of Company Secretaries of India).
526. ▶ R. Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the Chairman of software industry body for the year 2014-15
527. ▶ R.K. Malhotra has been appointed as chief of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.
528. ▶ R.S.T. Sai has been appointed as chief of NHPC (National Hydro Power Corporation).
529. ▶ RBI Directed all banks to ban zero Percent Interest Schemes saying that 0% interest is unconstitutional.
530. ▶ RBI (Reserve Bank of India) sets up an advisory group for national bill payment system.  
▶ RBI Will Constitute a GIRO Advisory Group (GAG) to implement a national GIRO-based Indian Bill Payment System such that households will be able to use bank accounts to pay school fees, utilities, medical bills and make remittances electronically. The nine members GAG will be headed by Umesh Bellur, a Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.
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532. ▶ RBI Created a committee Under Former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan to scrutinise the Applications for New Banking Licenses.
533. ▶ RBI Decided to Relax the terms on the Foreign investments by Indian Companies and allowed to invest up to 400 per cent of their net worth provided that the company has raised the funds through external commercial borrowings (ECBs).  
▶ **External commercial borrowings** - External commercial borrowing (ECB) is an instrument used in India to facilitate access to foreign money by Indian private and public sector companies and includes various forms of incoming money such as commercial bank loans, buyers' credit, suppliers' credit, securitized instruments such as floating rate notes and fixed rate bonds etc., credit from official export credit agencies such as International Finance Corporation (Washington), ADB, AFIC, CDC, etc. ECBs cannot be used for investment in stock market or speculation in real estate.
534. ▶ RBI Directed all Banks to Provide Loans to Women SHG (Self Help Groups) at less Interest Rates of 7% to make them gain in Interest Rates as per terms of Swarn Jayanti Gram Swaraj Yojana.
535. ▶ RBI Has Directed Banks to pay Interest on Savings and Fixed Term Deposits in 3 Months Instead 6 Months Earlier.
536. ▶ RBI Permitted urban co-operative banks with More than 750 Crores of Deposits to be converted into Scheduled Banks.
537. ▶ RBI Planning to introduce One Billion Notes of Rs. 10 on a Trial Basis.
538. ▶ RBI Stated that India's fresh Reserve of Foreign Capital has increased upto 277.3 Billion Dollars.

539. ▶ RBI allowed Kerala Government to start bank based on Islamic Trading Principles.
540. ▶ RBI allowed opening of Two New Banks by issuing New Banking Licenses to IDFC Limited and Bandhan Financial Services Private Limited.
541. ▶ RBI appoints Committee on Financial Inclusion (Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low-Income Households) under the chairmanship of Nachiket Mor.
542. ▶ RBI defer the implementation of CTS (Cheque Truncation System) till April 2013.
543. ▶ RBI formed a committee Under Deputy Governor Urjit Patel for revising and strengthening Monetary Policy.
544. ▶ RBI has allowed four non-bank entities - Tata Communications Payment Solutions, Muthoot Finance, Prizm Payment Services and Vakrangee Ltd to set up White Label ATMs (WLAs) in the country.
- Understanding the need to take banking to rural and under-penetrated areas of the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released guidelines in June 2012 for the introduction of white label ATMs (WLA).
  - These are essentially ATMs that are owned and operated by non-banking companies and do not display any bank's branding. They do have a sponsor bank that provides the cash for ATM Operations but it does not even have the logo of sponsor bank.
  - WLAs serve customers from all banks and will be interconnected with the entire ATM network in the country. The guidelines specified focuses on increasing rural accessibility of ATMs. Customers from any bank can withdraw cash from such white-label ATMs, with similar functioning as a bank ATM.
  - In terms of previous rules, only banks were permitted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up ATMs as extended cash delivery channels. But now with NBFCs (Non Banking Financial Companies) stepping into it, the reach of ATMs as extended cash delivery channels is expected to get widened.
  - TATA introduced the First White Label ATMs in the country with name 'INDICASH'.
545. ▶ RBI issued new regulations for Credit Default Swap (CDS) in corporate Bonds.
546. ▶ RBI postponed Basel - 3 implementation by three months to 01 April, 2013.
547. ▶ RBI sets up Expert Committee to revise and strengthen Monetary Policy Framework. Urjit Patel, Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India is the chairman of this committee.
548. ▶ Radha Dubey from Raysen District and Pandajheer village received 'Best Farmer Award'.
549. ▶ Rafiq Kathwari, an Indian-American Poet Won Ireland's Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award 2013. He has become the first Non-Irish to win this award.
550. ▶ Raghuram G Rajan is appointed as new governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a Three Years Term. He has taken place of ex-RBI Governor D V Subbarao.
551. ▶ Raghuram G Rajan Committee submitted its report regarding evaluation of backwardness of States and distribution of development funds. According to it, Goa is Most and Odisha is Least developed state in Country at present.

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553. ▶ Raheel Sharif is appointed as new Chief of The Pakistani Army.
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555. ▶ Railway Budget 2014 - 15
- Railway Minister Sadananda Gowda Presented the Railway Budget 2014 - 15.
  - Total Planned Expenditures - 158310 Crores
  - Total Planned Earnings - 164374 Crores
  - 4,000 women & 17000 Male constables to be recruited in RPF to ensure safety of passengers.
  - Proposal to start Bullet trains on Mumbai - Ahmedabad route.
  - High -Tech Online booking to support 7,200 tickets per minute; to allow 1.2 lakh users log in simultaneously.
  - Highest ever plan outlay of Rs. 65,455 crore for 2014-15.
  - 58 New Trains to be Introduced Including 27 Express trains.
556. ▶ Railway users can now get information on expected arrival and departure timings of a particular train on their mobile phones besides tracking its position on a real time basis through a new system implemented by Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). 'Spot Your Train' is an Interesting Feature of the app that tells exact location of concerned train on a real time basis.
557. ▶ Railways has launched Go-India Smart Card with upto 5000 Recharge Value for carrying out Reservations across country. It Initially covers 11 stations of the New Delhi-Mumbai and New Delhi-Kolkata sections spread over six Zonal Railways.
558. ▶ Railways to set up New MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) coach factory in Bhilwara, Rajasthan.
559. ▶ Rajan Gupta, presently Director General of the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), got the additional charge of the post of Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence & Home Guards (FSCD&HG).
560. ▶ Rajasthan's Governor Margret Alva honored Rajasthanl Writer Hari Ram Meena with Bihari Award 2012 for his Novel Dhooni Tape Teer, based on the century-old incident of killing of the tribals of Banswara by the British.
561. ▶ Rajasthan Based Mody University signed a Pact with USA's Stony Brook University to Enhance Co-operation in various Research Areas.
562. ▶ Rajasthan High Court has ruled out the Vidyarthi Mitra Yojana Started by Rajasthan Government stating that it is Unconstitutional.
563. ▶ Rajasthan state Govt decided to revoke Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Multibrand Retail. It has become second state after Delhi to revoke FDI In Multi Brand Retail.
564. ▶ Rajeev Suri has been appointed as the New Chief of Mobile Handest Maker Nokia.
565. ▶ Rajeev Takru appointed as finance secretary in Finance Ministry.

566. ▶ Rajendra Kumar appointed Chief of Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research (UPCAR).
567. ▶ Rajiv Mathur has been appointed as New Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.
568. ▶ Rajiv Rishi is appointed as Chief of Central Bank of India.
569. ▶ Rajiv Takru has been appointed as the revenue secretary in the ministry of finance.
570. ▶ Rajiv Topno has been appointed as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
571. ▶ Rajya Sabha Approved 120th Constitutional Amendment related to appointment of Judges on Key Judicial Posts such as Supreme Court and High Courts. Now the task to be handled by a Separate commission to be made by The Government.
572. ▶ Rakesh Mohan committee for promoting investment in Transport sector Submitted its report containing analysis and suggestions for the same. It suggested that To enable sustained high economic growth over the next two decades, investment in transport would need to increase from the current about 2.6 per cent of GDP to about 3.3 per cent in the 12th Plan, and then stabilise at about 3.7 per cent of GDP until 2032.
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  - ▶ It also suggested that the government should reduce its stake in Air India to 26% over Five Years.
574. ▶ Rakesh Sethi is the new chief of Allahabad Bank.
575. ▶ Ram Naik has been appointed as governor of Uttar Pradesh.
576. ▶ Ramesh Agarwal has been honored by Goldman Prize for Environmental Conservation activities done by him in Chhattisgarh against Illegal Coal Mining. The award is Most Acknowledged One in Field of Environmental Activities and is also Known as Green Nobel.
577. ▶ Ramon Magsaysay Award 2013 - Habiba Sarabi (Afghanistan's first woman governor), Myanmar civil society organiser Lahpai Seng Raw and Ernesto Domingo (Physician in Philippines).
578. ▶ Rangrajan Committee Report on Poverty submitted Its report and stated that -
- ▶ In Rural Areas, Those spending less than 972 Rupees / Month are considered Poor.
  - ▶ In Urban Areas, Those spending less than 1407 Rupees / Month are considered Poor.
  - ▶ In 2009 - 10, 38.2 % (45.4 Crore) of Total Population were Poor and in 2011 - 12 the Figure came down to 29.5 % (36.3 Crore).
579. ▶ Ratan Tata has been inducted as a member of the Board of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), a rare distinction for an Indian in the Chinese government-backed influential body.
580. ▶ Ravi Mathur, a 1979 Batch IAS Officer Appointed as Secretary in Disinvestment Department.

581. ▶ Recent VIP Visits to India ->

- ▶ United States Department of Energy Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz visited India to participate in INDO - USA Energy Dialogue.
- ▶ Maldivian Minister of Defence Mohamed Nazim Visited India for Third India, Sri Lanka and Maldives Maritime Security Dialogue.
- ▶ Sri Lankan Secretary in Ministry of Defence Gotabaya Rajapaksa Visited India for Third India, Sri Lanka and Maldives Maritime Security Dialogue.
- ▶ Sudan's Industry Minister Al Simah Al Siddiq Al Nour along with Magdi Hassan Yasin, state minister of Finance and National Economy visited India.
- ▶ USA's Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz Visited India.
- ▶ Sultan of Baharain, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Visited India.
- ▶ Deputy Chief of General Staff of the China Army, Lt Gen Wang Guanzhong Visited India for 6th India-China Defence and Security Dialogue.
- ▶ Poland's Secretary of State Margaret Omilanowska Visited India.

582. ▶ Reflecting the global popularity of Tirupati Balaji, the Government of Palau, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, is issuing a limited collectors' edition coin dedicated to the deity.

583. ▶ Reflections on Contemporary India has been written by Shekhar Dutt.

584. ▶ Reliance Power has commissioned the third 660 MW unit of its Sasan ultra mega power project in Madhya Pradesh.

585. ▶ Renowned Jurist and Supreme Court Lawyer Harish Salve has been Honored by Capital Foundations Award in the Field of Constitutional and Civil Law.

586. ▶ Researchers have discovered our planet's largest water reservoir 640 km beneath the surface - bound up in rock deep in the earth's mantle beneath North America, a likely signature of the presence of water at these depths in Large Amount.

587. ▶ Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan has been awarded the Fifth Deutsche Bank Prize for Financial Economics 2013, in recognition of his ground-breaking research work which influenced financial and macro-economic policies around the world.

588. ▶ Reserve Bank directed banks not to levy any penalty on individual borrowers for pre paying of Home loans with floating Interest Rates.

589. ▶ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Decided to Enhance the currency Swap Agreement with Bank of Japan from Existing \$15 Billion to \$50 Billion.

- ▶ A currency swap is a foreign-ex change agreement between two institutions to exchange aspects (principal or interest payments) of a loan in one currency for equivalent aspects of an equal in net present value loan in another currency.

590. ▶ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for exchanging pre-2005 currency notes to 1 January 2015 from 1 July 2014 earlier.

591. ▶ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hiked the trade related remittance limit from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per transaction amid increased number of transactions handled by Exchange Houses.

592. ▶ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stopped Andhra Pradesh government in restructuring of agricultural loans in the state.
593. ▶ Reserve Bank of India announced to close the **Special Window Scheme** for banks to meet the cash requirements of mutual funds (MFs).
594. ▶ Reserve Bank of India has increased the overseas direct investment (ODI) limit for the Indian Companies from 400% to 100% of the net worth of the Company.
595. ▶ Reuven Rivlin has been Elected as New President of Israel (10th).
596. ▶ Rhino DNA Index System has been started to save endangered species of Rhinoceros by identifying their DNA.
597. ▶ Richard Rustom Kharsedji Sorabji has been made a Knights Bachelor by Queen Elizabeth II for his service to philosophical scholarship.
598. ▶ Rina Mishra has been appointed as chief of National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (NICFS).
599. ▶ Robert Blake is USA's new envoy to Indonesia.
600. ▶ Robert Mugabe is reelected as president of Zimbabwe for seventh Term .
601. ▶ Robert S. Ford is USA's new envoy to Egypt.
602. ▶ Rogers Cup Tennis Tournament 2013 -
  - ▶ Men's - Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat Milos Raonic (Canada)
  - ▶ Women's - Serena Williams (USA) Beat Sorana Cîrstea (Romania)
603. ▶ Rohildev N, 23-year-old CEO of a start-up firm in Kochi would be one of the speakers at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain. Rohildev N is the founder of robotics startup RHL Vision Technologies, one of the firms incubated at Kochi-based Startup Village. RHL Vision's product 'Fin', a smart ring that can turn one's palm into a gesture interface to control multiple devices, has already evoked keen interest in the industry.
604. ▶ Romania seeks to give human Equivalent rights to Dolphins. It will make killing Dolphins as bad as Killing Humans.
605. ▶ Ruchira Kamboj is appointed as India's new envoy to UNESCO Paris.
606. ▶ Rural development agency NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) will start a new concept called Joint Liability Group (JLG) to provide institutional credit to small farmers like share croppers, oral lessees and agricultural labourers.
  - ▶ Conceived on the pattern of Self Help Groups (SHG), Nabard will provide refinance facility to banks for providing lending to small and marginal farmers who are normally deprived of finance.
  - ▶ As per Nabard CMD H K Bhanwala - A new concept called Joint Liability Group on the concept of SHGs is being Formed . Under this, credit needs of small and marginal farmers like share croppers, oral lessees will be taken care of.
  - ▶ JLG will be aimed at meeting the credit needs of share croppers and farm labourers who would form a group by joining together.
607. ▶ Russia has been suspended from G8 group after It annexed Crimea from Crisis Hit Ukraine and signed it in Russian Territories.
  - The Group of Eight (G8) was the name of a forum for the governments of a group of eight leading industrialised countries, that was



originally formed by six leading industrialised countries and subsequently extended with two additional members. Russia, which was invited to join as the last member, was excluded from the forum by the other members on March 24, 2014 as a result of its involvement in the 2014 Crimea crisis in Ukraine. Thus the group now comprises seven nations and will continue to meet as the G7 group of nations.


608. ▶ Russia presented the prestigious 'Order of Friendship' award to BrahMos chief A Sivathanu Pillai for his contribution towards Indo-Russian friendship.
609. ▶ Russia start our biggest navy training in Black ocean and Mediterranean Ocean.
610. ▶ Russian Made INS Vikramaditya has been Inducted into the Indian Navy as its Second Aircraft Carrier along with INS Viraat.
611. ▶ Russian Made India's Largest Warship INS Vikramaditya Started its journey from Russia to India for Inclusion In Indian Navy . It is expected to reach Karwar Port, Karnataka in India by end of January 2014.
612. ▶ Russian President Vladimir Putin signed up and finalized Inclusion of Crimea in Russian Territories.
613. ▶ S B Nayar has been appointed as the new Chief of IIFCL (India Infrastructure Finance Corporation Limited).
614. ▶ S P Yadav (Vice-Chief of National Tiger Conservation authority) has been honored by Rajeev Gandhi Wildlife Conservation award 2009.
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616. ▶ S Srinivasan is appointed as new chief of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) for the third term.
617. ▶ S Vardarajan is appointed as new chief of Bharat Petroleum Corporation.
618. ▶ SBI (State Bank of India) decided Not to provide Car Loan on anu annual income of Rs. 6 Lakhs.
619. ▶ SBI (State Bank of India) has raised Rs 8,032 crore by selling shares through qualified institutional placement, making it the biggest ever equity sale via this route.
  - QIP is a process which was introduced by SEBI so as to enable the listed companies to raise finance through the issue of securities to qualified institutional buyers (QIBs).
    - A qualified institutional buyer (QIB), is a purchaser of securities that is deemed financially sophisticated and is legally recognized by security market regulators to need less protection from issuers than most public investors.
  - Through QIP, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allows an Indian-listed company to raise capital from its domestic markets without the need to submit any pre-issue filings to market regulators.
  - Prior to the innovation of the qualified institutional placement, there was concern from Indian market regulators and authorities that Indian companies were accessing international funding via issuing securities, such as American depository receipts (ADRs), in outside markets. This was seen as an undesirable export of the domestic equity market, so the QIP guidelines were introduced to encourage Indian companies to raise funds domestically instead of tapping overseas markets.
620. ▶ SCO (Shanghai Co-Operation Organization)'s 13th Meet was held in Kyrgyzstan. SCO is a Grouping of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan as its members and Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Iran and India as its Observer States.

621. ▶ SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has eased up terms for attracting more Foreign Investment into the country by introducing a New class of Foreign Investors called FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investors). FPI is made by combining provisions of FII (Foreign Institutional Investors) & QFI (Qualified Foreign Investors) and Risk Factor has been reduced to attract more investment. The proposals are based on former Cabinet Secretary K M Chandrasekhar committee report.
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623. ▶ SPMCIL (Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India) has been Conferred the Engineering Excellence Award 2013.
624. ▶ SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd has received RBI approvals to set up minimum of 9,000 white labels ATMs in the next three years in the rural India.
625. ▶ SS Mundra has been appointed as RBI Deputy Governor. Other three are H R Khan, Dr Urjit Patel, R Gandhi.
626. ▶ Salvador Sanchez Ceren is the newly elected President of EL Salvador (Smallest and the most densely populated country in Central America).
627. ▶ Salvador Sanchez has been appointed as new President of El Salvador (A Central American Country).
628. ▶ Sam Kahamba Kutesa (Uganda) has been appointed as President of United Nations General Assembly's 69th session.
629. ▶ Sammakka Saralamma Jatara or Medaram Jatara, a tribal festival of honouring the goddesses was celebrated in the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh, India.
630. ▶ Samsung has been ordered to pay \$120 Million to Apple by San Jose Federal Court in California due to infringing Two patents of Apple by Samsung.
631. ▶ Samuel Santos Lopez, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Visited India.
632. ▶ Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2013 -
  - ▶ Akademi Ratan (Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship) - Kanak Rele, R Satyanarayan and Mahesh Elkunchwar.
  - ▶ Akademi Awards - Various Person awarded in Music, Dance and Theatre Profiles
633. ▶ Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship 2013 Award has been Given to Kanak Rele, R Satyanarayana and Mahesh Elkunchwar.
634. ▶ Sania Nehwal Led Hyderabad Hotshots won The First Indian Badminton League after Beating Awadh Warriors in the Final.
635. ▶ Sanjeev Bhatt awarded with Mother Teresa international award by harmony foundation.
636. ▶ Santhali Tribal People celebrated 160th Hull Divas to remember the 160th anniversary of Violent Protests in 1855.

637. ▶ Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak given to PK Vinita, Ramya Rajappan and Sangeeta Agrawal.
638. ▶ Satya Nadela has been appointed as IT Major MicroSoft's New Chief.
639. ▶ Satyanand Mishra is appointed as the Chief of Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX).
640. ▶ Saudi Arabia became the first country to reject a seat on the UN Security Council. It reportedly did so on grounds of Intransparency in Its Security measures.
641. ▶ Saudi Arabia decided to shut down its embassy in Libya.
642. ▶ Saudi Arabia, China, Cuba and Russia have been elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council.
643. ▶ Saumitra Chaudhuri Committee on Auto Fuel Vision & Policy 2025 estimated that upgrading refineries to produce Euro-V equivalent petrol and diesel will need an investment of Rs.80,000 crore. This cost can be met by the 75 paise levy on petrol and diesel.
644. ▶ Saurabh Chandra is appointed as India's new Petroleum Secretary.
645. ▶ Saurabh Gupta and Gaurav Gupta have been given the Amrita Bishnoi Wildlife Conservation Award 2010.
646. ▶ Saurabh Sarkar has been appointed as the new Chief of MCX - Stock Exchange.
647. ▶ Scientist of IIT Madras developed artificial blood.
648. ▶ Scientists Discovered Largest Volcano so far, named 'Tamu Massif' near East Japan Sea.
649. ▶ Scientists from the US Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) have successfully flown a radio-controlled airplane running purely on fuel derived from sea water.
650. ▶ Scientists have found a New Element 'Luminiphore' that can enhance performance of LED Bulb and make it emit Much More Natural Light.
651. ▶ Second International Child Film Festival organized in Kolkata, West Bengal.
652. ▶ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed new norms for 'crowdfunding' or collection funds through web-based platforms and social networking sites. This move is aimed to help start-up companies raise capital and also check misuse of such avenues. More..
653. ▶ Sedki Sobhi is sworn in as Egypt's new military chief.
654. ▶ Segolene Royal has been appointed French energy and environment minister.
655. ▶ Selvakumar has been appointed as director in Prime Minister's Office.
656. ▶ Senior BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi has been conferred Russia's highest civilian award for foreign nationals, "Order of Friendship", for his championing role in enhancing ties between the two countries.
657. ▶ Senior IRS officer *Parvinder Sohi* Behuria has been appointed as Secretary General of National Human Rights Commission.
658. ▶ Shah Rukh Khan Ranked First in Inaugural Forbes India 100 Celebrities' List.

659. ▶ Shah of Saudi Arabia nominated 30 Women in Shura Council for the First time.
660. ▶ Shalini Singh, a Deputy Editor of the Hindu has been awarded by Prem Bhatia Memorial Awards 2013 for Best Political Reporting in Year 2013.
661. ▶ Shambhunath Srivastava is the new Chief Lokayukta of Chattisgarh.
662. ▶ Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Prize 2013 for Scientific Research has been Given to 8 Prominent Scientists.
663. ▶ Sharad Kumar is the new chief of National Investigation Agency (NIA) replacing N R Vasan.
664. ▶ Shashi Kant Sharma, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Dasho Ugen Chewang, Auditor General of Bhutan signed a pact to strengthen bilateral cooperation for improving co-operation in the field of audit of public finances in Thimpu (Bhutan Capital).
665. ▶ Shashikant Das has been appointed as India's New Revenue Secretary.
666. ▶ Shigeru Ban (Japan) won the 2014 Pritzker Architecture Prize.
667. ▶ Shigeru Ban, a Japanese Architect has been honored by the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2014.
668. ▶ Shivendra Singh Dungarpur won Bimal Rai Award 2013 for his film Celluloid Man.
669. ▶ Shri Rahul Kulshreshth appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Turkey.
670. ▶ Sibi George, Indian Diplomat in Saudi Arabia won Third S.K. Singh award.
671. ▶ Siddharth Birla is the New Chief of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry).
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673. ▶ Sikkim government announced 12 percent reservation in all state government jobs in public sector undertakings for candidates living below poverty line.
674. ▶ Sikkim has been declared as the best state in the country for implementing Rural Tourism Project and has been conferred National Award 2012 - 13 for the same.
675. ▶ Sikkim has been declared to be the First Completely Clean and hygienic State as its surpassed the sanitation parameters set up the Clean India Mission.
676. ▶ Singapore Airlines Ltd's Indian joint venture with TATA Sons, TATA SIA Airlines Ltd will start flights in September 2014.
  - ▶ It is 49 per cent-owned by the Singapore carrier and 51 per cent held by India's Tata Group and plans to operate 87 flights a week Initially.
677. ▶ Singapore Open Super Series -
  - ▶ Males - Simon Santoso (China) Beat Chen Long (China)
  - ▶ Females - Wang Yihan (China) beat Li Xuerui (China)
678. ▶ Singer Jubin Mehta has been given Tagore Award 2013 for Promoting Cultural Harmony.

679. ▶ Sitaram Sharma is appointed as new chief of Kolkata's Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asean Studies.
680. ▶ Sixth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was held in Thailand.
681. ▶ Social Activist Anna Hajare has been honored by *Allard Award* in Canada for his fanous Anti Corruption in India.
682. ▶ Social Network Facebook launched FB Newswire, a Facebook page of hand-selected and journalist-verified news stories from across Facebook's platform. The key to FB Newswire is a partnership with Storyful, a news agency that aggregates news content shared on social networks. St oryful has three offices on different continents, including a team of journalists in each office that work to verify news as it is shared over social media.
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684. ▶ Social Networking company Facebook announced to buy Oculus in a \$2 Billion Deal. Oculus makes Virtual Reality Devices for Computer Games.
685. ▶ Social Networking website Facebook launched new search engine 'Graph Search'.
686. ▶ Social Worker Anna Hazaaare has been honored by 72nd Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award.
687. ▶ Software Company Microsoft Announced to Buy Cellphone maker Nokia in a 7.2 Billion Dollar Deal.
688. ▶ Solar Impulse - 2, a solar Energy Operated Plane which will circumnavigate the Earth in 2015 has been demonstrated in Switzerland.
689. ▶ Soma Mandal has been appointed as the first woman chief of NALCO (National Aluminium Company).
690. ▶ Sourav Kothari won in Males and Uma Devi won in Females Category in the National Billiard Championships held in Lucknow.
691. ▶ South Africa Won Under - 19 Cricket World Cup by beating Pakistan
692. ▶ South Africa's A B D Villiers has succeeded India's Virat Kohli to become ICC Rankings' No 1 Batsman in world.
693. ▶ South Africa's ruling African National Congress won the 2014 national election with 62.16 percent of the votes. Jacob Zuma to Continue as South African President.
694. ▶ South American Country Uruguay has Become The First Country To Legalize Marijuana Trade.  
 Cannabis, also known as marijuana (from the Mexican Spanish marihuana), is a preparation of the Cannabis plant intended for use as a psychoactive drug and as medicine.
695. ▶ South Korea Has won Asia Cup Hockey Tournament after beating India in the Final. It was Organized in Ipoh, South Korea.
696. ▶ South Korea and United States launched their joint military exercise called *Ulchi Freedom Exercise*.
697. ▶ South Korea won the Asia Cup Hockey Tournament after beating India in Malaysia.

698. ▶ Spain's Prince Felipe Spain's new king as King Felipe VI.
699. ▶ Spanish Rafael Nadal won the Rio Open Tennis tournament beating Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov.
700. ▶ Spanish Tennis Player Rafael Nadal has been honored as the Best Athlete so far in Spain's History by Spanish Government.
701. ▶ Sports Accessories Maker Adidas Unveiled *Brazuca*, The football to be used during 2014 Football FIFA world cup to be held in Brazil.
702. ▶ Sri Lanka Win ICC T-20 Cricket Tournament by Beating India.
703. ▶ Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup Cricket Tournament organized in Bangladesh by beating Pakistan.
704. ▶ Sri Lankan Cricketer Kumar Sangakkara has set up a New record for scoring fastest 11000 Runs in the History of Test Cricket. He beat Previous Best Brian Lara to accomplish the same.
705. ▶ Sri Lankan government formally rejected UNHRC resolution for request for international investigation regarding violent conditions in the country during Its home war.
706. ▶ Srilal shukla smriti IFCO sahitya samman has been Given to Writer Sanjeev. This award is given to writers who promote Solutions of Agricultural Issues.
707. ▶ Srinivasan Dwarkanath has been appointed as Airbus India's CEO and Charles Champion as its Chairman.
708. ▶ Star India has become New Sponsor of Indian Cricket Team.
709. ▶ State Bank of India (SBI) plan to set up 'by-invitation-only' branches under the 'Kohinoor' brand in 20 cities to serve uber-rich clients and NRIs.
710. ▶ State-owned power equipment maker Bhel has secured Rs 125 crore contract for setting up a 120 MW Hydro Electric Project in Uttarakhand.
711. ▶ StemCyte, a USA Based Company has started its Stem Cell Bank Service in India that would enable Depositing Placenta (Garbha Na) of Babies in Stem Cell Bank so that they can be used later for curing related Diseases.
712. ▶ Stockholm International Peace Reserach Institute (SIPRI) released Trends in world Military Expenditure Report 2013.
  - ▶ Total Defence Expenditure in 2013 for all the countries stood at 1.75 Trillion USD which is 1.9% less than that in 2012.
  - ▶ USA Topped The chart with \$640 Billion Defence Expenditure and followed by China at \$188 Billion.
  - ▶ India was at the Ninth Place with \$47.6 Billion Investment in Defence.
713. ▶ Stuart Parkin, a physicist who has enabled vast increase in digital storage, received the 2014 Millennium Technology Prize.
714. ▶ Subhash Goswami is the New Chief of ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police).
715. ▶ Subrahmaniam Jaishankar is appointed as India's New Envoy to USA. He was previously India's Envoy to China.
716. ▶ Sudharshan Seneviratne is appointed as Sri Lanka's New Envoy to India.
717. ▶ Sugatha kumari, a Malayalam poetess won prestigious Saraswati Samman 2012 for Her Poems collection Manalezhuthu (the Writings

on the Sand).

- 718. ▶ Sujata Singh is the new foreign secretary of India.
- 719. ▶ Sumit Bose is Appointed as the New Finance Secretary of India.
- 720. ▶ Sumitra Mahajan has been appointed as Speaker of 16th Lok Sabha.
- 721. ▶ Sunedison, a US-based solar energy firm announced to set up a solar park in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu of capacity 18 megawatt (MW).
- 722. ▶ Sunil Gavaskar has been appointed as the Chief of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India).
- 723. ▶ Sunil Lanba has been appointed as new Vice Chief of Indian Navy.
- 724. ▶ Supertech Chief S P Tripathi honoured with Bharat Jyoti Award 2012.
- 725. ▶ Supreme Court has cleared the way for construction of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor passing through Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai. The corridor from Vadodara to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust passes through the park and the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) cleared the project after a hearing under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- 726. ▶ Supreme Court Appointed Former CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General Of India) Vinod Rai to supervise special audit of property of Kerala's famous Sree Padmanabha Swamy temple (Thiruvananthapuram), which is facing charges of financial irregularities.
- 727. ▶ Supreme Court Stated that RTE (Right To Education) that makes Education compulsory and Free for Children between 6 - 14 Years of Age will not be applicable for Minority Educational Institutions Like Madrasa of Muslims.
- 728. ▶ Supreme Court allowed CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General of India) to audit Private Telecom Companies.
- 729. ▶ Supreme Court allowed Tamilnadu Government to Increase Water Level in Mullaperiyar Dam from 136 ft to 142 ft and declared as unconstitutional the law passed by Kerala in 2006, keeping the Dam Safety Authority from hiking the water level amidst safety Concerns.
- 730. ▶ Supreme Court appointed Michael Hudson McHugh, former judge of the High Court of Australia, as the third arbitrator to resolve the dispute between the Centre and Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries (RIL) on KG basin.
- 731. ▶ Supreme Court has allowed Justice Mukul Mudgal Committee to Investigate Cases of Spot Fixing during IPL Season - 6.
- 732. ▶ Supreme Court has banned *Jallikattu* in Maharashtra and Tamilnadu and *Bailgadi - Race* in Other Areas of Country stating that such acts are symbol of cruelty to the animals.
- 733. ▶ Supreme Court has created a SIT (Special Investigation Team) for Investigating Black Money with Retired Judge M B Shah as its Chairman.
- 734. ▶ Supreme Court has removed Ban on Mining Activities in Goa.
- 735. ▶ Supreme Court ordered abolition of manual scavenging in the country and directed all state governments and Union Territories to strictly implement the 2013 law for eradicating this practice and ensure efficacious rehabilitation of affected people.

736. ▶ Supreme court ordered government to take back necessity of AADHAAR card to avail various government services.
737. ▶ Suresh Arora has been appointed as the Chief of Punjab Police.
738. ▶ Suresh Kumar Reddy has been appointed as India's First Envoy to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) & East Asia Summit.
739. ▶ Sushil Koirala is appointed as the New Prime Minister of Nepal.
740. ▶ Sushma Singh has been Appointed as the fifth Chief Information Commissioner of India.
741. ▶ Sushmita Roy, an Indian American associate professor of English at the Delaware State University has received the prestigious NEH Award for Faculty. She is one of the eight recipients of the award out of 101 applications. She has received this award for her current manuscript which, is about the women writers of India during British rule (1757-1947). Roye has titled the book as "Mothering India".
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743. ▶ Switzerland Based World Economic Forum (WEF) released 13th Edition of the Global Information Technology Report 2014. India was ranked 83 among 148 economies in terms of leveraging information and communications technologies for growth and well being and Finland was ranked at the top.
744. ▶ TATA Communications Payment Solutions Limited Installed Its 1000th White Label ATM under the Name 'INDICASH'.
745. ▶ TATA Power Appointed Ramesh N Subramanyam as its Chief Finance Officer.
746. ▶ TR Zeliang to be Nagaland's new Chief Minister (Party - Nagaland People's Front).
747. ▶ Table Tennis (January 2013)
- ▶ Shomyajeet Ghosh win National Table Tennis championship award in men's category.
  - ▶ K. Shamini win National Table Tennis championship award in women category.
748. ▶ Tamilnadu Government started providing subsidized Salt in name of 'Amma Salt'.
749. ▶ Tassaduq Hussain is appointed as the new Chief Justice of Pakistan.
750. ▶ Tassaduq Jilani is Appointed as New Chief Justice of Pakistan Supreme Court.
751. ▶ Tata Group Former chairman Ratan Tata honoured with Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire (GBE), one of the highest civilian awards of Britain.
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753. ▶ Taukalina Finikaso, Foreign Minister of Tuvalu visited India. Tuvalu is a island nation located in the Pacific Ocean, midway between



Hawaii and Australia.

- 754. ▶ Tax Administration reform Commission (TARC), headed by Parthasarathi shome, submitted its first report to Finance Ministry.
- 755. ▶ Tejas, the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), has got Initial Operational Clearance (IOC II) From Defence Ministry. The aircraft is indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will be inducted into IAF squadrons shortly.
- 756. ▶ Tejbir Singh has been awarded UNWTO Ulysses Prize for the year 2013 for Excellence in the Creation and Dissemination of Tourism Knowledge.
- 757. ▶ Telangana, the proposed 29th state of India made after dividing Andhra Pradesh will come into existence from June 02, 2014.
- 758. ▶ Telecom services provider BSNL launched an internet ready phone for Rs 1,799 named as BharatPhone in association with Pantel Technologies.
- 759. ▶ Ten regional political parties in the north-east resolved to form a new political front – the North-East Regional Political Front (NERPF) to work together for developmental activities in the Region.
- 760. ▶ Tennis (January 2013)
  - ▶ Belarusian Victoria Azarenka win Australian Open in women's category after defeating Li Na in final.
  - ▶ Novak Djokovic wins World Tennis Championship in Abu Dhabi after defeating Nicolas Almagro.
  - ▶ Scottish Andy Murray Retains his Brisbane International Tennis Title after defeating the Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov.
  - ▶ Poland's Azarenka Radwanska beat Slovakia's Cibulkova to win Sydney Open Tennis Tournament 2012 in Sydney, Australia.
  - ▶ Serbian player Djokovic win Australian Open in men's category after defeating Scottish Andy Murray.
  - ▶ Serbia's Yanko Tipsarevic best Spanish player Roberto Bautista to win Chennai Open Tennis Tournament 2012.
  - ▶ Spain win Hopman cup Tennis Tournament by beating Serbia in Australia.
- 761. ▶ Tesco (British multinational grocery and general merchandise retailer) will set up a joint venture with a unit of India's Tata Group that will see it invest \$140 million and become the first foreign supermarket to enter the country's \$500 billion pounds retail sector.
- 762. ▶ Thailand's Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra decided to Dissolve Country's Parliament in view of Heavy Protests against Government.
- 763. ▶ Thailand's army chief Prayuth Chan-ocha declared himself acting prime minister of Thailand after Yingluck Shinawatra was removed from the Post.
- 764. ▶ The 16th Hindi Convention hosted by Internatinal Hindi Convention in Houston city of USA.
- 765. ▶ The 11th century Rai-Ki-Vav in Patan, Gujarat was included in the UNESCO heritage site list.
- 766. ▶ The 11th edition of MENOPE, the Middle East Natural & Organic Products Expo, was held in Dubai (UAE) with more global participation from 25 countries.
- 767. ▶ The 23rd Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 15 to 17 November 2013.

### • **Notes about SRI Lanka and Human Rights Violation Records**

- ▶ During CHOGM 2009 Meet in Trinidad and Tobago, Sri Lanka was slated to host the summit in 2011 but it was accused of committing Violation of Human Rights during the Sri Lankan civil war and the summit was instead held in Australia. Sri Lanka was given the 2013 summit instead.
- ▶ The leaders of Canada, Mauritius, and India boycotted the CHOGM 2013 summit in Sri Lanka due to alleged human rights violations by Sri Lanka against its Tamil minority during its Civil War.
- ▶ This was the first time in 40 years that the Head of the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth II, was not present at the CHOGM Meet.

- ▶ 768. The 9th WTO (World Trade Organization) Ministerial Conference (MC9) was held in Indonesia.
- ▶ 769. The Bharatiya Mahila Bank has launched 'Nanhi Kali', a recurring deposit scheme for the girl child upto the age of 13 years with minimum monthly investment of Rs.50 or a higher amount in exact multiples of Rs.50. Rate of Interest would stay the same and the scheme also includes an Accidental cover.
- ▶ 770. The Asian Development Bank and UK have pledged to provide USD 3.5 million to Nepal for the welfare of women and children in the country.
- ▶ 771. The Asian Squash Federation named Saurav Ghosal for the Dato Alex Lee Award after the Indian champion was adjudged Outstanding Asian Men's Player of the Year 2013.
- ▶ 772. The Australian National University is offering the world's first bilingual Hindi-English Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The 10-week course, *Engaging India*, is a partnership between the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and the global MOOC provider edX, which was founded by American universities Harvard and MIT.
- ▶ 773. The Belgian government has approved a list of safe-countries, that includes India for The First Time. A country is considered safe if over a period of time there has been no repression as defined in the Geneva Convention.
- ▶ 774. The Bengal Engineering and Science University (Besu) conferred an honorary DLitt Honor on Former Indian Cricketer Sourav Ganguly.
- ▶ 775. The CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Palampur has discovered an enzyme in *Potentilla aostrosanguinea* plant named Super Oxide Dismutase (SOD) that may be used to extend shelf life of fruits and vegetables and also useful during cryosurgery and preservation of organelles. The cryosurgery is an application of extreme cold to destroy diseased tissues.
- ▶ 776. The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal of continuation of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in the 12th year Plan.
- ▶ 777. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved The Green India Mission (GIM) to improve India's diminishing forest cover. This scheme envisages a total cost of 46000 crore rupees over the next 10 years and is one of eight missions under the National

Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).

- 778. ▶ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for reforming the state higher education system.
- 779. ▶ The Cabinet Committee on Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has identified four more states for Aadhaar Enrollment. These are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh and Uttarakhand. UIDAI will carry out the enrolment exercise in addition to the enrolment carried out by the Registrar General of India.
- 780. ▶ The Centre has accepted the Sahoo panel report that reviewed the depository receipts scheme framed in the year 1993. The key recommendations of the committee include allowing issuance of depository receipts against any underlying securities-equity or debt, by any issuer-listed or unlisted. More..
- 781. ▶ The Committee under M.P. Bezbaruah submitted its report regarding various concerns of persons hailing from the North Eastern States who are living in different parts of the country.
- 782. ▶ The Comptroller & Auditor General of India, Shashi Kant Sharma has been named as Member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a six year term upto June 2020.
- 783. ▶ The Cultural Minister from Senegal Mr. Abdul Aziz Visited India.
- 784. ▶ The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) ranked 80 countries on the basis of living standards. Switzerland is on the top of the list with Nigeria at bottom. India Ranked 66th in the list.
- 785. ▶ The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation will provide a permanent or universal account number (UAN) on the pattern of core banking services to its over five crore active subscribers by end of 2014.
- 786. ▶ The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) approved a spectrum usage charge (SUC) of 5 per cent of the annual gross revenue on all the new airwaves acquired in auction. Existing telecom operators will have to pay the weighted average of their existing SUC, and 5 per cent if they acquire new spectrum. The SUC for broadband wireless access (BWA) spectrum will continue to remain at 1 per cent as the government has not amended the existing contractual obligation. Government, at present, gets pan India average SUC of 4.8 per cent on airwaves allocated till date which has now been fixed at 5 per cent.
- 787. ▶ The Finance Minister P Chidambaram has given a statement "We must create at least 2-3 world sized banks".
- 788. ▶ The Financial Planning Standards Board India (FPSB), the professional standards setting body for financial planners, appointed B N Srikrishna, a retired Supreme Court judge, as its chairman.
- 789. ▶ The Five Day Centenary session of the Indian Science Congress was held in January 2013 at Kolkata.
- 790. ▶ The Foreign Investment Promotion Board allowed British telecom major Vodafone's proposal seeking approval for raising its stake in India unit to 100%. With this, Vodafone became first Telecom Company to opt for 100% FDI (Foreign Direct Investment).

791. ▶ The Ghat Ki Guni Tunnel that link Jaipur with the National Highway No. 11 to Agra was inaugurated by The Prime Minister.
792. ▶ The Government approved raising the height of the Narmada Dam by 17 meters, from 121.9 metres.
793. ▶ The Government has appointed R.V. Verma as a member of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.
794. ▶ The Gurkha Daughter written by Prajwal Parajuly.
795. ▶ The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati has made it to the world's top 100 university rankings, bringing India for the first time on the list. IIT-Guwahati is the only Indian educational institute in the 2014 league table of '100 Under 50' institutions released by the 'Times Higher Education' (THE) magazine.
796. ▶ The Indian Navy recently Commissioned INS Saryu, its largest Shore petrol vessel for maritime surveillance in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
797. ▶ The Indian Space Research organisation (ISRO) has slated its first launch of the year, the ocean study spacecraft SARAL, with the help of France.
798. ▶ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) has set up a 9-member panle to review the 14 non-legislative recommendations made by the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC) headed by Justice BN Srikrishnan.
799. ▶ The International Energy Agency (IEA) warned that oil supplies from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) may decline because of the conditions prevalent in Libya and Iraq.
- ▶ OPEC is group of 12 Petroleum Exporting countries. It Includes Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Qatar, Indonesia, Libya, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Nigeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Angola.
800. ▶ The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has approved a loan of about Rs. 674 crore for a forest project in Uttarakhand.
801. ▶ The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched a value added service from Bharat Petroleum called 'Dial Bharatgas Mini'. People desirous of availing a Bharatgas Mini (5 kg cylinder) can dial the toll free number 1 800224344 and order a new connection or a refill cylinder. For a new 5 kg connection customers will be charged Rs. 1 000/- plus applicable taxes for the cylinder and Rs. 250/- plus applicable taxes for regulator in addition to the cost of LPG which will be as per non domestic rates applicable in the market..
802. ▶ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation announced the establishment of the R.C.Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security in the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, at a cost of Rs. 115 crores in the 12th Five Year Plan Period.
- Raj Chandra Bose was an Indian American mathematician and statistician best known for his work in design theory and the theory of error-correcting codes in which the class of BCH codes is partly named after him.
803. ▶ The New South Wales-based University of Wollongong (UOW, Australia) has signed Memoranda of Understanding with Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur and Indian Institute of Technology Bombay for an alliance in the fields of research and teaching.
804. ▶ The Purshottam Express (Delhi - Puri) is slated to become the first train in the country to have a Braille-embedded AC coach for the

visually-challenged passengers.

- Braille is a tactile writing system used by the blind and the visually impaired. It is traditionally written with embossed paper. Braille-users can read computer screens and other electronic supports due to refreshable braille displays. They can write braille with the original slate and stylus or type it on a braille writer, such as a portable braille note-taker, or on a computer that prints with a braille embosser.

805. ▶ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has adopted the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) (combined) as the key measure of inflation. Earlier, RBI had given more weightage to Wholesale Price Index (WPI) than CPI as the key measure of inflation for all policy purposes.
806. ▶ The Reserve Bank of India has extended the timeline for full implementation of the Basel III capital regulations by a year to March 31, 2019. RBI also formed a New committee to analyze the terms of Basel III and its implementation procedure.
807. ▶ The Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, K. VijayRaghavan, has been elected a foreign associate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.
808. ▶ The Securities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2013 was passed in Lok Sabha to empower Capital Markets Regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India).
809. ▶ The Supreme Court banned all tourist movement in area of Jarawa Tribes' in Andaman and Nicobar Island.
810. ▶ The Supreme Court has stayed an order of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) putting on hold the 2400 MW Kudgi Super Thermal Power Project undertaken by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Bijapur district of Karnataka.
811. ▶ The Union Cabinet today gave its approval for signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) between India and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for establishing the IFAD Country Office in India to expedite co-ordination, facilitation and supervision by the IFAD team as well as best practices dissemination in India.
  - The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries. It was established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference. Its headquarters is in Rome, Italy and is a member of the United Nations Development Group. More..
812. ▶ The United Nations' gender equality body UN Women appointed British actress Emma Watson (Known for her role as Hermione in the "Harry Potter" film series) as a goodwill ambassador to advocate for the empowerment of young women.
813. ▶ The Vijay Kelkar Committee has suggested raising diesel and kerosene rates.
814. ▶ The World Bank has signed a US\$ 975 million loan agreement with the Indian government to set-up the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor that will help faster and more efficient movement of raw materials and finished goods between the Northern and Eastern parts of India.
815. ▶ The World Future Energy Summit (WFES) was held in the month of January in Abu Dhabi.

816. ▶ The World Record for 'largest number of cartoons published by a person (55,167)' has been achieved by Dr. Devendra Sharma from Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India.
817. ▶ The best film in Golden Globe Award 2012 - Argo
818. ▶ The biennial Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) hosted by China. India has participated in it with 22 other countries.
819. ▶ The chief Guest at India's Republic Day for the year 2013 was Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.
820. ▶ The committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary has cleared the proposal to grant Maharatna status for BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited).
821. ▶ The discovery of the periodic table's 117th element has been confirmed by scientists which is known as ununseptium.
  - It was originally discovered back in 2010 by a group of American and Russian physicists with the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR). However, it has taken years for the discovery to be replicated by another independent team, which the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) requires. Now the element, with the approval of the IUPAC, can be named and added to the periodic table, extending our understanding of transuranium elements.
822. ▶ The first meet of Highway Managers Forum was Held in NOIDA.
823. ▶ The first-ever north east International Tourism Mart was held in the month of January in Guwahati.
824. ▶ The government has decided to set up a committee under chairmanship of Ramakrishna Ramaswamy for recommending changes to the provisions of the universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012 and suggest a roadmap for future.
825. ▶ The government has decided to set up two new major ports, one each at Sagar in West Bengal and Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. These Ports are to be commissioned by 2020.
826. ▶ The government has set up a seven-member panel under the chairmanship of Parthasarathi Shome to revisit tax laws and recommend measures for putting in place a stable taxation system. It is called TARC (Tax Administration reforms commission) and its term is 18 months.
827. ▶ The govt has approved Increase in Fair and remunerative price (FRP) for Sugarcane by Rs. 10 per Quintal for FY 2014 - 15 to Rs. 220 Rupee per Quintal.
828. ▶ The island of El Hierro (one of Spain's Canary Islands off the coast of Africa) will become the first in the world to be fully powered by wind and water (Renewable Energy). The island uses hydroelectric power during low-wind periods, and wind farms provide the power required to pump water back into the reservoir located in a volcanic crater 2,300 feet above sea level.
829. ▶ The offshore investment limit in govt. securities has been enhanced by USD 5 bn to total limit of USD 30 bn. Provided there are some conditions imparted on FIIs to be eligible in this increase in Investment Cap.
830. ▶ The people of Falkland Islands chose the stay with Britain over Argentina.

831. ▶ The second ADMM (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting) Plus meeting was held in Brunei.
832. ▶ The statement 'Multiple roles of RBI create conflict' was given by IMF.
833. ▶ The waverider written by Ajeet Balkrishnan
834. ▶ The *27th Southeast Asian Games* took place in Naypyidaw, capital of Myanmar. 11 Countries Participated in it and Thailand stayed at the top with Host Myanmar at the second spot in Medal Tally.
835. ▶ Third BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit was held in Nay Pyi Taw, Capital of Myanmar. PM Manmohan singh joined in on India's Behalf.
836. ▶ Third BRICS International Competition Conference was Held in New Delhi.

● **Notes About BRICS**

- ▶ BRICS is the acronym for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. South Africa was Included in 2010.
- ▶ The five BRICS countries represent almost 3 billion people, with a combined nominal GDP of US\$16.039 trillion
- ▶ Presently, South Africa holds the chair of the BRICS group, having hosted the group's fifth summit in 2013.
- ▶ Sixth BRICS Summit will be held in 2014 in Brazil.

837. ▶ Third Nuclear Security Summit was held in The Hague, Netherlands, It was joined in by representatives from 58 Countries. Indian external Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid joined on India's Behalf. The next Nuclear Security Summit will be in 2016 and will be hosted by the United States.
838. ▶ Third generation anti - tank missile Nag evaluation trials conducted successfully in Pokharan. NAG missile is also called as "Fire and Forget" due to its intelligent targeting and attacking capabilities.
839. ▶ Thomas Cup Badminton 2014 (India) - Japan won by beating Malaysia.
840. ▶ Three Indian-Americans, Shekar Narasimhan, Ravi Chaudhary and Maulik Pancholy have been sworn in as members of a presidential commission charged with working to improve the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs).
841. ▶ Three women (Maxine Stiles, Alexandra Olsson and Penny Thackray) have become the first female submariners in the 110-year history of the Submarine Service of UK Navy.
842. ▶ To battle inflation, the government brought onions and potatoes under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, for one year to curb hoarding by imposing limits on the quantity that Individuals and Traders can stockpile.
843. ▶ To bring in more transparency, capital market regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has revised certain guidelines for alternative investment funds that are established for the purpose of pooling in capital from Indian and foreign investors for investing as per a pre-decided policy.
844. ▶ To check 'fixing' in sports, CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) has set up a dedicated 'Sport Integrity Unit' to look into cases of fraud,

including betting in any sporting event.

845. ▶ Toll-free helpline called "Khidmat" is started by Minority Affairs Ministry to provide information about welfare programmes for minorities.
846. ▶ Tom Albanese is appointed as new chief of Vedanta Resources.
  - Vedanta Resources is a global diversified metals and mining company headquartered in London, United Kingdom. It is the largest mining and non-ferrous metals company in India and also has mining operations in Australia and Zambia.
847. ▶ Tony Abbott is the New Prime Minister of Australia.
848. ▶ Toshimitsu Motegi (Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry) visited India.
849. ▶ Tourism Department Started A Scheme called *Working Tours* under Its Tourism Development Program "Incredible India".
850. ▶ Trinidad and Tobago have Qualified for FIFA Football World Cup 2014 to be held in Brazil. They will be areawise the shortest nation to participate in this tournament.
851. ▶ Tripigator.com, a travel planning engine has been launched in partnership with Incredible India of Ministry of Tourism. It eases up the task of Travel Planning by generating personalized travel Inputs and Other interesting Features.
852. ▶ Tripura bacame first state in country to introduce PVC Electoral Photo Identity Card (PVC EPIC) as mandated by the Election Commission of India.
853. ▶ Tripura maintained its top position for the fifth consecutive year by providing 87 person-days' rural jobs per household during the 2013-14 fiscal.
854. ▶ Turkey agreed to work with NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization ) army coalition.
855. ▶ Turkey did a test run of world's deepest rail tunnel with length of 13.4 KM and its 1.4 KM part is at deepest in the world depth of 56 Metres.
856. ▶ Turkey has put Ban on Video Sharing Website Youtube after an Important Military Video Leaked on Youtube.
857. ▶ Turkish investigative and journalist Ahmet Sik won 2014 UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
858. ▶ Turkish Journalist Ahmet Sik is to be awarded with the prestigious Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize by UNESCO.
859. ▶ Two All - women post offices inauguranted in Nagaland.
860. ▶ Two Indian Americans, Anand Srinivasan and Shaun Datta, placed in the top 10 of the Intel Science Talent Search. This contest was won by Eric Chen from USA.
861. ▶ Two Indian Doctors Abraham Vergese and Sanjeev Arora have been honored by 19th Heinz Awards.
862. ▶ Two days Chintan Shivir of Congress party organized in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
863. ▶ Two new Judges appointed in supreme court - Rajesh Kumar Agarwal and Venkat Raman. Now total number of judges in supreme



court is 31. Note that maximum number of Judges in supreme court is 31 Including the Chief Justice of India.

- 864. ▶ Typhoon Neoguri with Winds 190 KM / Hr Struck southern Japan.
- 865. ▶ U K Sinha's term as SEBI Chief (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has been renewed and extended till 2016.
- 866. ▶ U.S. Senate confirmed Indian Origin Person Vince Chhabria as a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of California. He is a deputy city attorney for San Francisco, and will be the first person of south Asian decent to serve as a federal judge in California.
- 867. ▶ UAE (United Arab Emirates) Made it Compulsory for every Young Citizens to Serve the Armed Forces.
- 868. ▶ UK (Britain) unveiled the largest Aircraft on earth called Airlander HAV - 304. It is made by Hybrid Air Vehicles Ltd., of Cranfield (UK).
- 869. ▶ UK Based Vodafone became the First Telecom Major whose Proposal to increase its stake in the Indian Equity to 100% was Cleared by CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs).
- 870. ▶ UK's Craig Reedie has been appointed as the Chief of WADA (World Anti Doping Agency).
- 871. ▶ UK's Mark Selby has won World Snooker Championships 2014 by beating Ronnie O'Sullivan (UK) in UK. It is Fifth world Snooker Title won by Mark Selbi.
- 872. ▶ UK's Royal Navy has Inducted women Officers for the First Time in its submariners Branch in the 110-year history of the Submarine Service.
- 873. ▶ UN General Assembly established the "United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize" as a tribute to the South African leader.
- 874. ▶ UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) issued report on FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) stats across the World.
  - ▶ In 2013, there was a significant improvement of 9% in FDI over 2012.
  - ▶ India stayed at 4th place in the world in terms of FDI by Multinational Agencies as compared to 3rd place it had in 2012.
  - ▶ India saw an Improvement of 17 % in FDI over 2012 (Total USD 28 Billion).
- 875. ▶ UNDESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs) launched its world economic situation and prospect 2013 report.
- 876. ▶ UNESCO Included India's Rani ki vav in Gujarat & Great Himalayan National Park in World Heritage Sites List. Indian now has 32 sites into UNESCO 's World Heritage sites List with 25 Under cultural and 7 Under Natural Sites Categories.
- 877. ▶ UNESCO has declared Incheon city of South Korea as World book capital of 2015. Note that Thailand's Bangkok is world book capital in 2013 and Nigeria's Port Harcourt will be world book capital in 2014.
- 878. ▶ UNESCO has suspended the voting rights of the United States and Israel after both countries stopped paying dues to the U.N.'s cultural arm, UNESCO to protest its granting full membership to the Palestinians. USA has 22 % Share in UNESCO's Budget and non Payment of these days has put UNESCO under threat of suspending its various activities and several of its employees may also lose their Jobs.

879. ▶ UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) reported that there are above 50 Million Refugees around the world today due to lot of violent activities going on across the world. There were Only 6 Million Refugees in 2012 across the world.
880. ▶ UNSC allowed International African Army for fight against Extremists and Alkayda supporters in Mali, Africa.
881. ▶ UPSC Has Notified Relaxation in number of attempts to be made in Civil Service Exams by candidates of all categories. Max age to appear in UPSC Civil Service Exam has been increased to 30 Years for a general Category Candidate. Relaxation of 5 Yrs for SC / ST and 3 Years for OBC is applicable accordingly. Therefore all candidates will now get two more chances.
882. ▶ US Open Tennis Tournament 2013
- ▶ Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain) has beaten Serbia's Novak Djokovic to win US Open 2013. It was his 13th Grand Slam Title.
  - ▶ Women's Singles - USA's Serena Williams beaten Czech Republic's Lucie Hradecká to win US Open 2013. It was Her 5th US Open and 17th Overall Grand Slam Title.
883. ▶ US Energy Information Administration (EIA) Informed that India will overtake Japan to become the world's third largest oil consumer behind the US and China by 2025. More..
884. ▶ US President Barack Obama has nominated Sunil Sabharwal, an Indian Born private sector investor, to become the next US Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
885. ▶ US President Barack Obama has nominated his current ambassador Stuart Jones, to Iraq to be his new envoy to Egypt.
886. ▶ US President Barack Obama rated Person of the year by US Magazine Time.
887. ▶ US Scientists have successfully Developed World's First Bionic Man called Frank Smithsonian.
888. ▶ US Senate approved appointment of Indian Origin Person Rani Ramaswamy as a member of US National Council on the Arts.
889. ▶ US Senate has confirmed an Indian-American Arun M Kumar as Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service at the International Trade Administration (ITA). It will make him responsible for foreign trade.
890. ▶ US has Removed ONGC Videsh Limited from Its List of Banned Companies due to having energy ties with Iran. Note that US has kept ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) into this List.
891. ▶ USA Based Car Maker Company Hennessey made world's Fastest Car at top speed of 435 KMH (270 MPH) with name 'Venome GT'.
892. ▶ USA Based Stanford University's Scientists have developed a Super Small Carbon Nano Computer Called Saidrik.
893. ▶ USA Former President George W. Bush has been honored by *John. F. Kennedy Profile in Courage* Award for His successful fight against Economical Deficit during his Stint as USA President.
894. ▶ USA Government decided to bring a Shutdown of 7 Days in Government offices to Cut Costs.
895. ▶ USA Planning to scale back the size of USA Army by 13% to 450000 Personnel from 520000 currently. It will be lowest size of USA Army since world war 2.

896. ▶ USA Successfully tested Anti Ballistic Missile System called 'Ground Based Midcourse Defence'in Pacific Ocean.
897. ▶ USA has named a Mountain in antarctica as Mount Sinha on the name of Famous Indian - American Scientist Akori Sinha.
898. ▶ USA warned China against setting up any new Air Defence Identification Zone over South China Sea.
899. ▶ USA will sell anti-ship Harpoon missiles to India at an estimated cost of \$200 million to strengthen India-U.S. strategic relationships.
900. ▶ USA's *Fortune* Magazine Prepared a List of Top 50 Females Industrialists across the world and has ranked India's Chanda Kochchar (CEO Of ICICI Bank) at the Fourth Place.
901. ▶ USA's Bubba Watson has won Augusta Masters Golf Tournament for second Time in 3 Years.
902. ▶ USA's Ethisphere Institute issued a List of Most ethical companies across the world and placed India's two companies TATA Power and Wipro in the List.
903. ▶ USA's Famous Magazine **Times** has Honored **Pope Francois** as the Times Person of the Year.
904. ▶ USA's Firm Social Progress Imperative has issued Social Progress Index Report 2014.
  - ▶ India Was Ranked at the 102nd Place out of Total 132 Countries.
  - ▶ New Zealand Topped the List with Chad at the Bottom of The List (132nd).
905. ▶ USA's Former Secret Agent Edward Snowden has been awarded by German Whistleblower Award 2013.
906. ▶ USA's John Stanmeyer has been honored as best in the 57th World Press Photo Contest - 2013.
907. ▶ USA's Michigan University Scientists figure hiw to make Clean Water from Cow's Dung. This technology is called Mclanahan Nutrient Separation System.
908. ▶ USA's National Engineering Academy Famous Indian Industrialist Ratan Tata as its Board Member.
909. ▶ USA's Scientists have discovered a new Element that was Named *Ununpentium*. It has been included into atomic table as the 115th element.
910. ▶ USA's Space Agency NASA launched Its Mars Mission Called ATLAS 5/MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evaluation). It is expected to reach The MARS Orbit Few Days before India's MARS Orbiter Mission called *Mangalyaan* in Sep 2014.
911. ▶ USA's Tennis Star Serena Williams has been named as WTA Player of The Year for the second Consecutive Year.
912. ▶ USA's Human Rights organization 'Amnesty International' has given its highest honor called Ambassador of Conscience Award 2013 to USA's Singer and Human Rights Activist Mary Belafonte and Pakistani Child Rights Activist Mala Yousafzai.
913. ▶ Uber Cup Badminton 2014 (India) - China won by beating Japan.
914. ▶ Udipi Ramchandra Rao awarded by Satellite Hall of Fame by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization).
915. ▶ Union Budget 2014 - 15

● **Basics**

- First Union Budget of Newly Formed NDA Government after the 16th Lok Sabha Elections held in Apr - May, 2014.
- The Budget presented by Arun Jaitley, the Union Finance Minister.
- Total estimated Expenditures - 17, 94, 892 Crore Rupees (12,19,892 Non Planned and 5,75,000 Crores Planned).
- GDP Growth Rate Targeted at 5.7 % in 2014 - 15,
- Fiscal Deficit Targets (As Percent of GDP) - 2014 - 15 -> 4.1 %, 2015 - 16 -> 3.6 %, 2016 - 17 -> 3 %,
- FDI in Defence and Insurance has been Hiked to 49 %.
- Expenditure Management Commission (EMC) is to be constituted to look into various aspects of expenditure reforms to be undertaken by the Government.
- A Sum of 240000 Crore to be infused into banks by 2018 by increasing shareholding in banks by general Public.
- **Various Plans / Schemes and Expenditures -**
  - **Mainstream Schemes**
    - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana to get Rs 1000 Crore.
    - PMGSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) to get 14389 Crores.
    - MNREGA To Continue with Rs. 33364 for this year.
  - **Minorities & Tribals -**
    - Rs. 50,548 Crore allocated for SC & 32, 387 Crores for TSP Categories.
    - Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana to be started for welfare of Tribal People with allocation of Rs. 100 Crore.
  - **Rural Areas and Farmers**
    - Rs. 8 Lakh Crore Agricultural Credit Target in 2014 - 15.
    - 500 Crore for Connecting Rural areas with Internet called 'Digital India'
    - Allocation for National Housing bank has been enhanced to 8000 Crore to Promote Rural Housing.
    - Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana to get 500 Crores.
    - Bank loans at 4% for women Self Help Groups to help them Grow under Ajeevika Mission.
    - 500 Crores for Price Stabilization Fund for combating Price Volatility in Agri. Sector.
    - "Start Up Village" Rural Entrepreneurship development Programme to be started with Rs. 100 Crore Allocation.
    - 6 New Textile Clusters to be Opened with Rs. 500 Crore.
    - Farmers to get Loans at 7 %, Kisan Vikas Patra and Kisan TV Channel to be Started.
    - Two Agricultural Research centres in Assam And Jharkhand at cost of Rs. 100 Crore.
    - Rs. 100 Crore for Agri - Tech Infrastructure Fund.
    - National Adaption Fund for Climate at Cost of Rs. 100 Crore.
    - Agriculture Universities in Andhra & Rajasthan and Horticultural universities in Telangana and Haryana at Rs. 200 Crore.
    - *Mitti Health Cards* to be issued to keep check on soil Productivity.
  - **Taxation**

- Income tax Exemption limit raised to 2.5 Lakh. For senior Citizens it has been raised to 3 Lakh.
- Income tax rates have been kept same.
- Income tax exemption on home loan Interest Payment has been raised to rs. 2 Lakh.
- **Defence & Safety**
  - Rs. 1000 for One Rank One Pension Scheme.
  - Rs 100 Crore for Technology Development fund for Defence.
  - Rs. 3000 Crore for State Police Forces Modernization.
  - Rs. 2259 Crore for Modernization of Border Infrastructure.
  - Defence Budget Hiked by Rs. 5000 Crore to Rs. 229000 Crores (2.5 % of GDP).
  - 50 Crores for Safety of women on Public Transport.
- **Students & Skill Development**
  - 5 New IITs, 5 New IIMs to be Started.
  - Rs. 28635 Crore for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
  - Rs. 4966 Crore for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan.
  - School assessment Program of Rs. 30 Crores to be started.
  - Rs. 500 Crore for Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya New Teachers Training Program.
  - 100 Crores for Setting up CLICK Virtual Classrooms (Communication Linked Interface for Cultivating Knowledge).
  - Jai Prakash Narayan National Centre of Excellence in Humanities to be set up in Madhya Pradesh.
- **Subsidies**
  - Total 2.51 Lakh Crore To be paid in terms of Various Subsidies.
  - Types of Primary subsidies are - Fuel (63427 Crore), Food (1.15 Lakh Crore) & Fertilizers (72970 Crore).
- **Health**
  - *Health for all* Program to be started for free Diagnostics and Drugs Service.
  - Four new AIIMS will be in AP, West Bengal, Vidarbha (Maharashtra) and Purvanchal (Uttar Pradesh) with sum of Rs. 500 crore.
  - 12 New Government medical Colleges to be set up, 15 Model Rural Health Research Centres for research in Rural Health Issues.
- **Others**
  - Goods and services Tax to be Implemented Soon to simplify taxation system in the country.
  - 8500 KM National Highways are to be created.
  - Rs. 3000 Crore for Providing Cleaned up drinking Water.
  - Rs. 500 Crore for Connecting Five Tourist Circles.
  - Rs. 100 Crore 'Hridya Pariyojana' for Preserving Historical Monuments.
  - Rs, 100 Crore for Solar Panels at River Banks.

- Delhi to get 200 Crores for Energy Needs.
- Every Family to get 2 Bank Accounts, House (By 2022).
- Ganga River to get complete rehaul with *Namami Gange* Cleaning Program of Rs. 2037 Crores.
- "Neelanchal" Program to be started with Initial allocation of Rs. 2142 Crores for Watershed development.
- 100 Smart Cities to be developed by Rs. 7060 Crore.
- Cities with Population more than 20 Lakh to get Metro Trains.
- Uniform Account Numbers to be Provided by EPFO, Min 1000 Rs. Monthly Wage as Pension to all workers under EPFO & Max Ceiling raised to 15000.
- 100 Crore for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana for welfare of Girl Child.
- Rs 6,000 crore for welfare of senior citizens.
- Good Governance Program to get Rs. 100 Crore.
- Rs. 100 Crores for Modernization of Madarsas.
- Rs. 100 Crore for setting up National Industrial Corridor Authority.
- Rs. 10000 Crore funds for Promoting Entrepreneurship Through MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises).
- Rs. 37880 Investment in NHAI (National Highways Authority of India) for rehaul of Roads. 3000 Crore is for North east States.
- RBI to form 6 New Debt Recovery Tribunals.
- Public Provident Fund (PPF) ceiling from the current Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 1.5 lakh in a financial year.
- Young Leaders Program of Rs. 100 Crore for Sports Enhancement.
- 100 Crore for National Centre for Himalyan Studies in uttarakhand.
- A Rs. 100 Crore scheme for North Eastern States called "Arun Prabha" is to be started.
- Aadhaar Nomination Program to get 2039 Crore.

1916. ▶ Union Cabinet cleared the proposal for constituting the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) for the execution of the Polavaram irrigation project worth Rs. 16010 Crore. Under This Project, Dam would be created on Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh for Irrigation and Other Purposes.
1917. ▶ Union Government created a separate Ministry for promoting entrepreneurship and skill development with Sarbananda Sonowal as its Minister.
1918. ▶ Union Petroleum Minister Veerappa Moily inaugurated first "Synthetic Rubber Plant" of the country at Panipat in Haryana.
1919. ▶ Union Sports Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the National Cycling Academy at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi with the purpose of boosting the cycling talent.
1920. ▶ United Nation General Assembly's 68th Session Started in New York with John W. Ashe as its President.

921. ▶ United Nations Chief Ban Ki-moon appointed Norway's Kristin Lund as UN's first female peacekeeping commander. She will go to Cyprus as part of UN Peacekeeping Mission.
922. ▶ United Nations appointed Sigrid Kaag (Netherlands) as Special Coordinator of the joint mission of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the United Nations in Syria, to restrict use of Chemical Weapons by Extremists.
923. ▶ United Nations has appointed Lecturer of Harvard University, Paul Farmer as special Advisor for Haiti.
924. ▶ United States, United Kingdom, France, China, and Russia signed the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone (CANWFZ) Treaty to prohibit the development and testing of nuclear weapons within Central Asia. Under the CANWFZ Treaty, the five Central Asian countries may not allow the stationing of nuclear weapons within their territories. These countries are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.
925. ▶ Upcoming Third Asian Hockey Championships to be held in Japan.
  - ▶ Ritu Rani is Chosen as the Captain of Indian Women's Hockey Team.
  - ▶ Manpreet Singh is Chosen as the captain of Indian men's Hockey Team.
926. ▶ Urban Development Minister Kamal Nath appointed as the new ex-officio Member of Planning Commission.
927. ▶ Urjit Patel appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI (Reserve Bank of India).
928. ▶ Usha Ananta Subrahmanyam is to be appointed as first Chief of Nation's first Women's Bank.
929. ▶ Usha Ananthasubramanian has been appointed as the First Chief Bharatiya Mahila Bank. First Bharatiya Mahila Bank Inaugerated in Mumbai.
930. ▶ Uttar Pradesh Started a new land fertilization program called "Bhoomi Sena" to fertilize the Infertile Land.
931. ▶ Uttar Pradesh government started E-Stamping Scheme for easing up process of submitting fee for registration of property.
932. ▶ Uttar Pradesh has enhanced Retirement age in State Election Commission to 68 Years from 65 Years.
933. ▶ Uttar Pradesh to have its second Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit. Note that currently Dudhwa National Park is the only Tiger Reserve in UP.
934. ▶ Uttar Pradesh's First Mega Food Park Opened in Jagdishpur of Amethi District.
935. ▶ Uttarakhand Government to start E-District Scheme across all its Districts to better manage various Public issues and Administrative tasks.
936. ▶ Uttarakhand Government started a new Metric named as Global Environment Product to include environment as a decisive index for analysis of developmental activities.
937. ▶ Uttarakhand became the first Indian State to create a special Mining Vigilance Force to stop Illegal Mining in State.
938. ▶ V. Somasundaram of Airports Authority of India (AAI) was conferred upon the prestigious Bharat Ratan JRD Tata Award instituted by Aeronautical Society of India (ASI) for the years 2013.

939. ▶ V. Sheshadri is appointed as director in Prime Minister's Office.
940. ▶ V.K.Gupta takes over as Member Engineering, Railway Board & Ex-officio Secretary to the Govt. of India.
941. ▶ VIP Visits to India ->
- ▶ Senior United States Senator John McCain Visited India.
  - ▶ Facebook's COO (Chief Operational Officer) Sheryl Sandberg Visited India.
  - ▶ Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague Visited India.
  - ▶ United States Deputy Secretary of State William J. Berns Visited India.
  - ▶ French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius Visited India.
  - ▶ Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin Visited India.
  - ▶ Canada's Immigration Minister Alexander visited India and announced to implementation of an easy - visa approval Policy for Indians.
  - ▶ Sri Lankan Foreign G L Peiris Minister Visited India.
942. ▶ Vadodara won Mushtaq Ali T - 20 Cricket Tournament by beating Uttar Pradesh.
943. ▶ Vadodra Beat Uttar Pradesh to win the Sayyed Mustaq Ali T-20 Cricket Tournament played in Mumbai.
944. ▶ Vandana Kumari has been appointed as the the new Secretary in Land Resources Department.
945. ▶ Various River Water related disputes in the Country -

Rivers	Disputes Between
Ravi - Vyas	Punjab, Haryana & Rajasthan
Kaveri	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu & Puducherry
Krishna	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra
Vasundhara	Andhra Pradesh & Odisha
Mahadayi	Goa, Karnataka & Maharashtra

946. ▶ Vice president Hamid Ansari visited Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam.
947. ▶ Vidhan Sabha Elections in Seemandhra, Odisha, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh :-
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- ▶ 949. Vidhya Subrahmaniam, associate editor of THE HINDU is honored by Ramanath Goenka excellence in Journalism Award for the best commentary and interpretative writing for 2010
- ▶ 950. Vietnam launched its first micro Satellite called "Pico Dragon".
- ▶ 951. Vijay P Singh, an Indian American professor of biological and agricultural engineering has been honored by Lifetime achievement award by the American Society of Civil Engineers Environmental and Water Resources Institute (ASCE-EWRI).
- ▶ 952. Viktor Orban Elected Prime Minister of Hungary for the Third Time.
- ▶ 953. Vinay Chandra Mishra is appointed as Advocate General of the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- ▶ 954. Vinod Kumar Duggal has been appointed as the Governor of Mizoram after Kamla Beniwal has been dismissed from this Post.
- ▶ 955. Vishal Sikka has been appointed as CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Infosys.
- ▶ 956. Vishwanath Tiwari has been honored by K K Birla Foundation's Vyas Samman for his creation 'Vyomkesh Darvesh'.
- ▶ 957. Vrindavan in Mathura District of Uttar Pradesh will soon have India's Tallest Temple with height of 210-metres.
- ▶ 958. WHO (World Health Organization) has Put ban of Travelling Abroad of People of Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon due to high risk of Polio Virus Infections in These Countries.
- ▶ 959. Wealth - X has Included Indian Entrepreneur and Founder of Sun Pharmaceuticals, Dileep Sanghavi into the List of 10 Richest Asians with his Rank at seventh and Net worth of \$13.2 Billion USD. Wealth - X is a global research organisation that tracks ultra-high-net-worth individuals.
- ▶ 960. Weight Lifting (January 2013)
  - ▶ Chandrakant Mali from defence services won 3 gold medals in national weightlifting championship 2012 and broke an eight years old record.
  - ▶ Manpreet Kaur wins Maiden National Title in National Weightlifting Championship.
- ▶ 961. West Bengal Government announced to start a new scheme called *Kanyasri Prakalpa* to encourage girls towards higher education. Under this, State Government would provide Rs 500 a year as scholarship to girls belonging to families with an annual income of Rs 50,000 and aid of Rs 25,000 would be provided when she became 18 years.
- ▶ 962. West Bengal's Jalpiraguri District would be bifurcated and Alipuduar would be the 20th district of the state.
- ▶ 963. Western Zone beat Northern Zone to win Deodhar Trophy Cricket Tournament for the Third Consecutive Time.
- ▶ 964. What Young India Wants by Chetan Bhagat.

965. ▶ Wilson Kipsang (Kenya) won the 34th London Marathon.
966. ▶ Wimbledon Tennis 2014 -  
▶ Males - Novak Djokovic (Serbia) won by beating Roger Federer (Switzerland).  
▶ Females - Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic) won by beating Eugenie Bouchard (Canada).
967. ▶ Women empowered in Kuwait to Become judges.
968. ▶ Women's Wing being trained in Syrian Army for the first Time.
969. ▶ World - 6 Red Snooker Championship 2014 - India's Pankaj Advani won by beating Poland's Kacper Filipiak. Pankaj has also become first to win in all forms of snooker world Championships.
970. ▶ World Aquatic Championships were held in Barcelona, Spain. In a close competition with China, USA stayed at the top of the Medal tally.
971. ▶ World Bank Decided to Double the Credits to be given to India, China, Brazil, Mexico and Indonesia.
972. ▶ World Bank Group (WBG) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Spring Meetings were Held in Washington D.C., USA.
973. ▶ World Bank accepted a \$37 million loan for a power transmission and trade project of India and Nepal.
974. ▶ World Bank approved US\$ 100 million for promoting Inclusive growth and Sustainable Development in Himachal Pradesh.
975. ▶ World Bank approved an aid of \$250 million for Rehabilitation Process in Uttarakhand.
976. ▶ World Bank released a report regarding Energy Reforms in India with Title - "More Power of India : The challenges of Distribution".
977. ▶ World Bank to Help India in curing TUBERCULOSIS by Providing 100 Million USD.
978. ▶ World Bank to provide \$USD121.20 Million Loan for Watershed Development Project in Uttarakhand.
979. ▶ World Blitz Chess Championship, 2014 (Dubai) has been won by Magnus Carlsen (Norway). India's Vishwanathan Anand stayed at Fifth Place.
980. ▶ World Champion Jamaican Athlete Usain Bolt Has Been Athlete of The year' for the Fifth Time in Last Six Years.
981. ▶ World Human Capital Index Report 2013 (Released by Geneva Based World Economic Forum) ->  
▶ Out of 122 Countries, Switzerland is ranked first in terms of Human Capital Index, Finland is the second.  
▶ India is Ranked at 78th Place out of 122 Countries.
982. ▶ World Press Freedom Index Report 2013 ->  
▶ French Organization Reports Without Borders issues This Report Annually.  
▶ In this year's Report, Syria has been ranked as the Most unsafe country in the world for the Media-Personnel.  
▶ Finland is ranked best in the world fourth time in a row in respect to press freedom.  
▶ There are total 180 Countries in This year's List. Newest to be included in this list is Belize and it has been ranked at the 29th place.

- India has been ranked at the 140th place due to some incidents against the media workers over the Past Year.
983. ▶ World Slavery Index Report 2012 (By Australian Walk Free Foundation)
- India is at the top in this report showing India has most slaves in world.
984. ▶ World bank along with Asian development bank (ADB) decided to donate \$ 400 mn to Uttarakhand , the huge natural Disaster hit state of northern india.
985. ▶ World bank approved US\$ 165 million loan for Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation program.
986. ▶ World bank approved assistance of US\$ 1006.20 million for Sarva Siksha Abhiyan III of India.
987. ▶ World bank predicted Indian economy will Grow at 5.5 % in FY 2014 - 15.
- World Bank predicted Indian Economy to grow at 6.3 % in FY 2015 - 16 and 6.6 % in FY 2016-017.
- World Bank suggested India to apply GST (Goods and service Tax) to Enhance GDP Growth Rate.
- World Bank also stated that world economy is expected to grow at 2.8% in 2014 - 15, 3.4 % in 2015 - 16 & 3.5 in 2016 - 17.
988. ▶ World bank to provide \$153 million (about Rs. 920 crore) Loan to India for Odisha Disaster Recovery Project.
989. ▶ World record-holder Heena Sidhu has become the first Indian pistol shooter to be ranked No. 1 in the world as she climbed to the top of the chart in women's air pistol ratings in the latest rankings released by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).
990. ▶ World's Costliest Blue Diamond has been auctioned in Geneva (Switzerland) by London Based Auction House Christie for a Price of 23.7 Million USD.
991. ▶ World's First Eco Friendly (Green) Helicopter has been tested successfully in Germany. It is completely Noise and Pollution Free and has been named as VoloCopter and has been made by German Company E-Volo.
992. ▶ World's First Electrically Operated experimental aircraft Named E-Fan developed by Airbus made its First Successful Test Flight.
993. ▶ World's First Paper - Less Library Biblotech is started in USA's Texas State.
994. ▶ World's Highest Rail Tunnel opened in China. Its 16.3 KM Long and at 3.6 KM Height In North - West China.
995. ▶ World's Largest 1000 MW Ultra Mega solar Power Project is to be set up in Rajasthan.
996. ▶ World's Largest Wi-Fi Internet Network has been deployed in Patna (Bihar) with coverage of 20 KM Area.
997. ▶ World's Oldest Sample Storage System found in Iran. It is about 5500 Years Old.
998. ▶ World's Tallest Tower is being Built in Saudi Arabia's Jeddah City with Height over 1000 Met res.
999. ▶ World's first malaria vaccine will be available in the markets by 2015 with name of RTS,S and made by Pharma company GSK.
1000. ▶ World's largest high speed rail line started in China.
1001. ▶ Writer Khushwant Singh has been honored by Lifetime Achievement Award for His Contribution in Literature.
1002. ▶ Writers Ramesh Dave (Hindi) and Gopichand Narang (Urdu) won the Kusumanjali Sahitya Samman 2013.
1003. ▶ Xavier Bettel is the Newly elected Prime Minister of Western European Country Luxembourg.