

## Latest National and International Current Affairs and Events:

### August 2015:

#### NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Who took over charge as the Chairman of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) succeeding Vijay Chhibber?	<b>Raghav Chandra</b>
Name the epic in respect of which a special digitally restored recordings produced by All India Radio was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently?	<b>Ramcharitmanas</b>
Who was appointed as Union Home secretary by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, succeeding L C Goyal?	<b>Rajiv Mehrishi</b>
Which team won the second edition of Pro Kabaddi League 2015 by defeating Bengaluru Bulls in final?	<b>U Mumba</b>
National Sports Day was celebrated on?	<b>29th August</b>
Which Indian State has decided to implement National Food Security Act recently?	<b>Tripura</b>
Name the Jain practice which was banned by Rajasthan High Court earlier and now the ban was stayed by the Supreme Court recently? (It is a practice of starving oneself to death in order to attain spiritual salvation)	<b>Santhara</b>
Name the online LPG service recently launched by Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry which will help consumers avoid hassles in getting new connections? (The new system will be available on the websites of each oil company and the government's LPG portal, Pahal.)	<b>SAHAJ</b>
Name the communication satellite which was successfully launched into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) by GSLV-D6?	<b>GSAT-6</b>
Name the eminent environment activist who was conferred with 2015 Stockholm Water Prize for his innovative water restoration efforts?	<b>Rajendra Singh</b>
Name the former India captain who was elected unopposed as the president of the Association of Indian Statisticians and Scorers of India?	<b>Dilip Vengsarkar</b>
Who was appointed as the Director General of Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)?	<b>Girish Sahni</b>
The Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India today released the data on Population by Religious Communities of Census 2011. The distribution is total population by six major religious communities namely,	<b>121.09 crores</b>

Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain besides "Other Religions and Persuasions" and "Religion not stated". The data are released by sex and residence up to sub-districts and towns. According to the report the total population of India in 2011 was?	
According to the report "Population by Religious Communities of Census 2011" the growth rate of population in the decade 2001-2011 was?	<b>17.7 %</b>
Which port was adjudged 'Major Port of the Year' for the year 2014-15 among the 12 major ports in India at the Gateway Award 2015 ceremony organised in Mumbai on August 21. The port received this award for increased cargo volumes, optimizing capacity utilization, growth in output per berth and customer satisfaction?	<b>Kolkata Port</b>
The Union government launched a telemedicine initiative _____ in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals to provide healthcare facilities in rural areas.	<b>SEHAT</b>
Name the Mauryan emperor in whose name the Union Government released Postal stamp?	<b>Ashoka</b>
Who was appointed as chairman of India's Oscar jury, which will select the country's official entry in the best foreign film category?	<b>Amol Palekar</b>
Name the Kolkata based Micro Financial Institution which started operation as commercial bank recently?	<b>Bandhan Financial Services</b>
Who became the first Indian to win the Ladies British Amateur stroke play golf championship?	<b>Aditi Ashok</b>
Himachal Pradesh government announced the launch of a new smartstreet lighting project, an efficient smart LED street lighting project which replace the older street lights?	<b>RISHTA (Rajiv Gandhi Illuminating Scheme for Hill Town Advancement)</b>
Who is the author the non-fiction book "Making India Awesome"?	<b>Chetan Bhagat</b>
Name the Co-Chairman of Hero Cycles Ltd and a leading industrialist of India who died in Ludhiana at the age of 87? (Hero Cycles was born as a company in 1956 with a small investment of Rs 50,000. What started with a small bicycle manufacturing unit has now a turnover of Rs 1,634 crore. Today the turnover of the Hero Cycles group companies pegged at Rs 2,222 crore.)	<b>Om Prakash Munjal</b>
Name the scheme which was acknowledged by the Guinness	<b>PAHAL</b>

Book of World Records as the largest cash transfer program (households)? (Government of India launched this Scheme in 54 districts of the country on 15.11.2014 and in remaining districts of the country on 1st January, 2015. As on 13.8.2015, 13.9 crore LPG consumers have joined this scheme. LPG consumers who join this scheme will get the LPG cylinders at market price and receive LPG subsidy (as per their entitlement) directly into their bank accounts.)	
Name the festival of Maharashtra which was granted the status of an 'adventure sport', in an effort to make it a safe activity and reduce the number of injuries associated with it? (The status will ensure that rules will now be associated with this sport and people involved will have to abide by the rules.)	<b>Dahi Handi</b>
Name the former Madhya Pradesh IAS officer who was appointed as new Election Commissioner of India? (Naseem Zaidi and Achal Kumar Joti are the other two members of the Election Commission.)	<b>OP Rawat</b>
Who became the second Tennis player to be recommended for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award? (The first tennis player to be named for the top award was Leander Paes who got this award in 1996 after winning bronze medal in the Atlanta Olympics.)	<b>Sania Mirza</b>
Who was sworn-in as Governor of Himachal Pradesh?	<b>Acharya Dev Vrat</b>
Who was elected as President of Gymnastics Federation of India?	<b>Sudhakar Shetty</b>
Who was presented the 24th Saraswati Sammaan for the year 2014 by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, for his Epic 'Sri Ramayana Mahanveshanam' written in Kannada?	<b>Dr. M Veerappa Moily, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)</b>
Which city has become the first city in India to be a member of Beijing-headquartered World Tourism Cities Federation (WTCF) Council, with the Kerala Tourism Department accepting the Council's invitation to join its league of leading tourism cities across the world?	<b>Kochi</b>
Name the mobile application launched recently by the Union Telecom Ministry to promote digital literacy in Bihar?	<b>Disha</b>
Name the senior India hockey player who was suspended for nine months for indulging in groupism and creating disharmony within the team?	<b>Gurbaj Singh</b>
Name the programme launched by the Union Environment	<b>School Nursery</b>

and Forests Ministry which would involve children in raising saplings in nurseries created inside their school campuses? (Ten thousands schools will be covered across the country under the scheme in next three years. The selected schools will receive grant of Rs 25,000 in the first year and Rs 10,000 per year for the subsequent two years.)	<b>Yojana</b>
Who was appointed as the Governor of Bihar?	<b>Ram Nath Kovind</b>
Name the Indian sociobiologist who was awarded Germany's highest civilian honour - the Cross of Order of the Merit? (He was bestowed with the honour for contribution in the field of behavioural ecology and sociobiology.)	<b>Raghavendra Gadagkar</b>
Name the unique initiative launched by the Alumni association of a reputed educational institution to honour family members of brave military men, who sacrificed their lives for the nation?	<b>The Param Tyag Chakra</b>
What is the name of global satellite for earth observation and disaster risk reduction which was proposed under the UN framework to be dedicated to A.P.J. Abdul Kalam as a tribute to the vision of the celebrated rocket scientist and former Indian president who died on July 27? (The 'GlobalSat for DRR' is a UN-driven global initiative on sharing space technology for disaster risk reduction.)	<b>GlobalSat for DRR</b>
India will boycott a Commonwealth Parliamentary Union (CPU) meeting in Pakistan next month to protest against Pakistan not inviting the Speaker of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. In which city of Pakistan this meeting will be held?	<b>Islamabad</b>
Which House passed the Negotiable Instruments (amendment) Bill, 2015, which provides for filing of cheque bounce cases at the place where a cheque is presented for clearance and not the place of issue?	<b>House of the People (Lok Sabha)</b>
Who inaugurated the first National Handloom Day at the Centenary Hall of Madras University in Chennai?	<b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b>
Name the 2nd World War hero who passed away recently? (He was officer-in-charge of the flag hoisting ceremony on the first Independence Day of India in 1947.)	<b>Colonel Harwant Singh</b>
Which telecom company of India became the first company to roll out the pan-India 4G network in 296 towns across India which is built on an open partner ecosystem model?	<b>Bharti Airtel</b>
Name the Indian mathematician of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai who won Ramanujan Prize for 2015 for his contributions in the area of algebraic K-	<b>Amalendu Krishna</b>

theory, algebraic cycles and theory of motives? (The prize is awarded jointly by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Italy, the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and the International Mathematical Union (IMU) to a person under 45 working in a developing country.)	
Name the programme launched by the Rural Development Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh which is a compilation of all schemes of both Union and State governments for Gram Panchayats?	<b>SAMANVAY</b>
Name the Hindi litterateur who was chosen for Bharat Bharti literary award 2014? (The award, given by UP Hindi Sansthan, carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh. His most famous novel is 'Kashi ka Assi', which captures the vibrant hues of Banaras. The novel has been adopted for the upcoming movie 'Mohalla Assi'.)	<b>Kashinath Singh</b>
First National Handloom Day was observed on?	<b>7th August 2015</b>

### INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the Ethiopian runner who won the women's marathon on the final day of competition at the world athletics titles in Beijing?	<b>Mare Dibaba</b>
In which country 15th IAAF World Championships in Athletics concluded recently?	<b>Beijing</b>
Who won the 200 meter title at 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing?	<b>Usain Bolt</b>
Name the Australian cricketer who announced his retirement from Test Cricket?	<b>Shane Watson</b>
Who broke Sourav Ganguly's record of fastest 8000 ODI runs in just 182 innings?	<b>AB de Villiers</b>
Name the Tennis Player who was appointed as Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF?	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>
Name the Sri Lankan cricketer who retired from International Cricket recently?	<b>Kumar Sangakkara</b>

Who won the 100 meter title at 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing?	<b>Usain Bolt</b>
By which margin England won the 2015 Ashes Test series against Australia?	<b>3-2</b>
Who sworn in as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka recently?	<b>Ranil Wickremesinghe</b>
Which country has become the first country in the world to receive funds from United Nations for its fast growing Solar Home Systems?	<b>Bangladesh</b>
World Humanitarian Day was observed across the world with the theme "Inspiring the World's Humanity"?	<b>20th August</b>
Which country recently unveils a \$8.5 billion Suez Canal expansion aimed at resurrecting the country's flagging economy?	<b>Egypt</b>
On which day the United Nations' (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population? (This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.)	<b>August 9</b>
What is the name of new parent company launched by Google Inc to separate its search and advertising business?	<b>Alphabet</b>
World Bio-Fuel Day was observed across the world on?	<b>August 10</b>
Name the Australian cricketer who announced his retirement from International Cricket? (He will play his last Test at the Oval, London, scheduled to be held from 20 August to 24 August 2015.)	<b>Michael Clarke</b>
In which city the 48th ASEAN foreign ministers meet was held between August 4 and August 6 of 2015? (The theme of this meet is "Our People, Our Community, Our Vision")	<b>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</b>