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NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Who was appointed as the Chairman of food safety regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for a period of three years?	Ashish Bahuguna
Coins of which denomination will be issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to commemorate International Day of Yoga? (One side of the coin will bear the logo of 'International Day of Yoga', with inscription 'Samanjasya avam Shanti ke Liye Yog' in Devnagri script and 'Yoga for Harmony and Peace' around the logo and design. The date '21 June' will be at the bottom of the logo. The inscription 'Antarrashtriya Yog Divas' in Devnagri script on left periphery and 'International Day of Yoga' in English on the right periphery would be written on this side of the coin.)	10 rupees coins
Union Cabinet recently approved setting up of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund. What will be the initial corpus of this fund?	2000 crore rupees
Name the cyclonic storm which formed deep depression over north-east Bay of Bengal recently and the MeT department made forecast of heavy to very heavy rains in Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha?	Komen
Name the first Tamil film to enter Venice film festival?	Visaarnai
Name the mutual fund company whose certification of registration was cancelled by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?	Sahara Mutual Fund
Name the 69 year old Dutchman who was appointed as coach of Men's national hockey team by Hockey India?	Roelant Oltmans
Name the Indian writer who has been long-listed for 2015 Man Booker Prize for her novel Sleeping on Jupiter?	Anuradha Roy
According to a study conducted by Everything About Water (EA Water) India's demand for water is expected to exceed all current sources of supply and the country is set to become water scarce country by _____?	2025
Name the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts convict whose plea seeking postponement of his hanging by 14 days was rejected by the Supreme Court?	Yakub Memon
Name the HIV researcher who passed away recently at the age of 76? (She was the first to bring to the world the prevalence of the HIV infection in India in 1986 and one who successfully led research into the treatment of the deadly virus.)	Dr Suniti Solomon
Name the Information Technology (IT) Secretary who was appointed chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) recently?	Ram Sevak Sharma

Name the former President of India who passed away recently? (He was the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, and studied physics and aerospace engineering.)	APJ Abdul Kalam
What is the full name of APJ Abdul Kalam?	Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam
Some of the famous books of APJ Abdul Kalam are?	Wings of Fire, Ignited Minds, India 2020, Target 3 billion, Turning Points, Indomitable Spirit, The Family and the Nation, Spirit of India and Beyond 2020: A Vision for Tomorrow
16th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas observed across the country on?	26 July 2015
In which city of Bihar Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana recently?	Patna
Who was appointed as the Director-General (DG) of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)? (He is currently working as the Director General of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).)	Ajay Mathur
What is the rank of India in terms of power generation from nuclear source as per data published in May 2015 by Power Reactor Information System (PRIS) of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)? (There are thirty one countries including India in the world which generate electricity from nuclear source. India, however, stood at 6th position in terms of number of reactors in operation country- wise, globally. The current installed nuclear power capacity of India is 5780 MW.)	12th
National Broadcasting Day was observed across the country on?	23rd July
High Court of which state ruled that a woman having a child through surrogacy is entitled to maternity leave?	Delhi High Court
In a landmark ruling, the high court of which state has said that the sovereignty of the state remains "legally and constitutionally" intact	Jammu and Kashmir

and cannot be challenged, altered or abridged?	High Court
With which bank of Sri Lanka, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed a Special Currency Swap Agreement under which the Sri Lankan Bank can draw up to US\$ 1.1 billion for a maximum period of six months?	Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Which American multinational technology firm is all set to boost Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India plan by introducing its newly-developed White-Fi technology, which uses the unused spectrum in frequencies utilised for broadcasting of television signals and can provide free WiFi connectivity to tackle the problem of last mile broadband connectivity in India?	Microsoft Corporation
Name the indigenously built Torpedo Launch and Recovery Vessel (TLRV) which was decommissioned after almost 31 years in service?	INS Astravahini
Name the committee which was approved to be set up by the Union Cabinet to classify Caste Census data, 2011?	Panagariya Committee. It will be headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya
The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the creation of an intra state transmission system in 7 States at an estimated cost of Rs 8548.68 crore with Government of India contribution from National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) of Rs 3419.47 crore (40 percent of the total estimated cost of project). Name the 7 states?	Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan
Which banks (CBS enabled) were permitted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue ATM cards/ ATM-cum-debit cards in tie-up with a sponsor bank having their own ATM network?	Cooperative Banks
A K Bhargava committee report on Net Neutrality was released by?	Department of Telecom (DoT)
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 671 crore on four public sector insurance companies for indulging in anti-competitive practices. Name these four insurance companies?	National Insurance Co, New India Insurance Co, Oriental Insurance Co and United India Insurance Co
The Reserve Bank has directed banks to ensure that their overall direct lending to farmers should not fall below the average of last	Three years

_____ . This come in the wake of government expressing concerns over crop losses due to adverse weather conditions in recent months	
Champions League T20 was scrapped by the Governing Council (GC) of CLT20 consisting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Cricket South Africa (CSA) and Cricket Australia (CA). What is the reason for scrapping?	Limited public following
Name the scheme recently launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to create skilled manpower at grass-root level by providing them vocational, technical and skill development education?	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
Indian Scientists have found remnants of a historically important port on Zuari River which is expected to be amongst the oldest signs of human trade on the central west coast. Zuari River is located at which state?	Goa
Name the Indian artist who has been conferred with the highest French civilian honour, the Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour) for his peerless achievements? (This award was created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte. This award is given for outstanding service to France, regardless of recipients' nationality.)	Sayed Haider Raza
Which school won the 18th National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas? (Aiming at inculcating the spirit of self-discipline, tolerance of diverse opinion, righteous expression of views and other virtues of a democratic way of life, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organized National Youth Parliament Competition for school children across the country.)	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Churachandpur (Manipur)
Recently Manipur Legislative Assembly unanimously resolved to withdraw a bill. What is the name of this bill?	Manipur Regulation of Visitors and Migrant Workers Bill (MRVTMW Bill, 2015)
India's 1st railway line built under Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) model was inaugurated on 14th July 2015 in the State of?	Gujarat
Assembly of which Indian State passed the Guarantee of Public Services Bill, 2015?	Maharashtra
Indigenously developed helicopter-launched Nag missile was successfully test fired from?	Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)
Which award was won by Make in India, an initiative of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)?	Frost and Sullivan's 2015 Economic Development Innovation Award
The government has decided to cap the subsidy payout on kerosene at Rs ____ per litre. It will leave the extra burden of Rs 5,000-6,000	Rs 12

crore to state-run oil firms like ONGC and Oil India Ltd even as the retail prices will be maintained at the current level.	
Name the initiative launched by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and Facebook to recognize 100 women achievers of India?	#100Women Initiative
Name the scheme launched by the Union Ministry of Urban Development on 14 July 2015 for 12 cities in the country from Amritsar in Punjab? (The scheme seeks to preserve and rejuvenate the rich cultural heritage of India.)	National Heritage Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY)
By what margin India won 3-match ODI cricket series against Zimbabwe?	3-0
In which state Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Kumbh Mela began recently? Kumbh Mela is a mass Hindu pilgrimage of faith in which Hindus gather to bath in a sacred river.	Maharsashtra
Name the two IPL franchises which were suspended by the Lodha panel, which was appointed by the Supreme Court of India, for a period of two years in connection with the betting and spot-fixing scandals in the IPL?	Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals
Name the new system launched by the Income Tax Department which would completely eliminate the need of sending the paper acknowledgement, called ITR-V, through post to the I-T Central Processing Centre (CPC) based in Bengaluru?	One Time Password (OTP) based e-filing verification system
Who was appointed as Vice-Chief of Indian Army?	Lt General Man Mohan Singh Rai
Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, formally launched the GAGAN system. GAGAN is the first SBAS (Satellite Based Augmentation System) in the world certified for Approach with Vertical Guidance operating in the Equatorial Ionospheric region and the third SBAS to have achieved this feat, after WAAS of USA and EGNOS of Europe. GAGAN is a joint effort of Airport Authority of India (AAI) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). In the aviation field, GAGAN will support more direct air routes, reduce fuel consumption and improve safety. What is the full form of GAGAN?	GPS AIDED GEO AUGMENTED NAVIGATION
Name the Indo-Vietnamese pair which won the 2015 Wimbledon Boys' Doubles title?	Sumit Nagal and Nam Hoang Ly
Name the initiate of Ministry of Human Resource Development which aims to inculcate a spirit of inquiry, creativity and love for Science and Mathematics in school children and which was recently launched by the former President of India, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam?	Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA)

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched five satellites into orbit from the Sriharikota space port. These satellites belonged to which country? (The total weight of the satellites was 1440 kg, making this the heaviest commercial launch ever to be undertaken by ISRO.)	Britain
In which state India's 1st Earthquake Warning System (EWS) was successfully installed?	Uttarakhand
Professional boxing took its first steps in India with the launch of the first national governing body which will sanction professional matches and award national and subordinate championship titles. What is the name of this body?	Indian Boxing Council (IBC)
Which country will host the BRICS summit in 2016?	India at New Delhi
Who are the member countries of BRICS?	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
Name the initiative put forward by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing the BRICS summit in Ufa, Russia?	Dus Kadam: 10 Steps for the Future
Name the former Chief Economic Adviser to the Union Government who was appointed as the Chairman of Bandhan bank?	Ashok Kumar Lahiri
Who became the first Indian to win a Gold Medal at World University Games in Gwangju?	Inderjeet Singh
Uttarakhand police traced 44 missing children from various parts of the state in the past week, as part of a special operation, out of which 31 children were united with their families. What is the name of this operation?	Operation Smile
For which state the Union Home Ministry extended the 'disturbed area' status for one more year?	Nagaland
Youth Delphic Games in February 2016 will be held at? (Youth Delphic Games are held after every four years)	Goa
Union Railway minister Suresh Prabhu launched a new mobile ticketing application that will now facilitate hassle-free travel for around 35 lakh daily suburban railway commuters using the Western Railway. What is the name of this application?	utsonmobile
How many colleges across the India which are more than 100 years old were accorded Heritage status by the University Grants Commission (UGC)?	19
Federation of Film Societies of India (North Region) awarded Pritiman Sarkar Award to?	Jodhpur Film Society
National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) launched a mobile application that will recommend a balanced diet for cows and buffaloes to help boost dairy farmers' income by raising milk yield and cutting feed cost. What is the name of this application?	Pashu Poshan
Which bank launched the first MUDRA card based on the RuPay platform under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)?	Corporation Bank

Who did India defeated 93-44 to win the 2015 South Asian Basketball Championship held at Bengaluru?	Sri Lanka
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INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed across the world on?	30 July 2015
Which Chinese city was chosen to host 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics? (Beijing became the first city to host both the Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics. In 2008 Beijing hosted the Summer Olympics.)	Beijing
Microsoft launched new operating system in 190 countries, what is the name this operating system? (This new operating system will be armed with new innovative features like Cortana, an Xbox app and Microsoft Edge.)	Windows 10
Name the country which bans animal sacrifice at the 100 year old Gadhimai festival? (This move will save the lives of millions of animals.)	Nepal
Name the first post-apartheid captain of South Africa Cricket team who passed away recently?	Clive Rice
International Tiger Day was observed across the world on?	29th July
World Hepatitis Day was observed across the world with the theme 'Prevent hepatitis. Act now' on?	29th July
Which country was approved by the World Trade Organization's (WTO) General Council to join WTO as 162nd member?	Kazakhstan
Name the Team Sky cyclist of Britain who won the 102nd Tour de France? (He became the first Briton to win the Tour de France for the second time.)	Chris Froome
Name the world's largest flower which recently blooms in Tokyo for first time in 5 years?	Titan Arum (Amorphophallus titanum)
Who was awarded first-ever Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize?	Helena Ndume of Namibia and Jorge Sampaio of Portugal
NASA discovered a almost-Earth-sized planet which was found in the habitable zone of a star very similar to our Sun. What is the name of this planet?	Kepler 452b
Name the capital city of the Republic of Guinea which has been named as World Book Capital for year 2017 by UNESCO?	Conakry
Who was appointed as the Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF) succeeding Olivier Blanchard?	Maurice Obstfeld
World Youth Skills Day was observed across the world on?	15th July
By which margin Bangladesh won the 3-match ODI cricket series against South Africa?	2-1
Parliament of which country passed a bill to implement European Union mandated austerity measures which will allow it tap bailout funds provided by the European Union?	Greece
European Union gave in-principle approval for 86 billion Euro bailout	Greece

package to _____?	
World Population Day was observed with theme Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies on?	11th July
7th BRICS Summit was held at? (6th BRICS Summit was held at Fortaleza (Brazil) in 2014)	Ufa, Russia
Name the Russian cosmonaut who entered Guinness World Records for spending 804 days on International Space Station (ISS) breaking cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev's (Russian) record of 803 days, 9 hours and 41 minute?	Gennady Padalka
Name the South African cricketer who became only the second bowler to claim a hat-trick on his one-day international cricket debut?	Kagiso Rabada
Who was stripped of WBO Welterweight title he won against Manny Pacquiao?	Floyd Mayweather
Which country defeated Japan to win Women's FIFA World Cup 2015 for the third time?	USA
Which country defeated Argentina to win Copa America Cup Football tournament 2015?	Chile
Which place of France was granted World Heritage status by UNESCO recently?	Champagne vineyards
Who won the men's singles Wimbledon Championship 2015 defeating Roger Federer in the final?	Novak Djokovic
Who won the women's singles Wimbledon Championship 2015 defeating Garbine Muguruza in the final?	Serena Williams

HIGHLIGHTS OF WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015:

The 2015 Wimbledon Championships was a tennis tournament which took place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom, from 29 June to 12 July 2015. It was the 129th edition of the championships, the 48th in the Open Era and the third Grand Slam tournament of the year, played on **grass courts** and part of the ATP World Tour, the WTA Tour, the ITF Junior Tour and the NEC Tour. They were organised by the All England Lawn Tennis Club and the International Tennis Federation.

Event	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
Women's Singles	Serena Williams (USA)	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)
Men's Doubles	Jean-Julian Rojer (Netherlands) Horia Tecau (Romania)	Jamie Murray (UK) John Peers (Australia)
Women's Doubles	Sania Mirza (India) Martina Hingis (Switzerland)	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) Elena Vesnina (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	Leander Paes (India) Martina Hingis (Switzerland)	Alexander Peya (Austria) Tímea Babos (Hungary)

2015 Ramon Magsaysay Awards

The Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) today announced that this year five individuals from India, Laos, Myanmar, and the Philippines will receive Asia's premier prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award. The 2015 Magsaysay Awardees are:

Awardee	Awarded for
Kommaly Chanthavong, Laos	She is being recognized for "her fearless, indomitable spirit to revive and develop the ancient Laotian art of silk weaving, creating livelihoods for thousands of poor, war-displaced Laotians, and thus preserving the dignity of women and her nation's priceless silken cultural treasure."
Ligaya Fernando-Amilbangsa, Philippines	She is being recognized for "her single-minded crusade in preserving the endangered artistic heritage of southern Philippines, and in creatively propagating a dance form that celebrates and deepens the sense of shared cultural identity among Asians."
Anshu Gupta, India	He is being recognized for "his creative vision in transforming the culture of giving in India, his enterprising leadership in treating cloth as a sustainable development resource for the poor, and in reminding the world that true giving always respects and preserves human dignity."
Kyaw Thu, Myanmar	He is being recognized for "his generous compassion in addressing the fundamental needs of both the living and the dead in Myanmar -- regardless of their class or religion -- and his channeling personal fame and privilege to mobilize many others toward serving the greater social good."
Sanjiv Chaturvedi, for Emergent Leadership, India	He is being recognized for "his exemplary integrity, courage and tenacity in uncompromisingly exposing and painstakingly investigating corruption in public office, and his resolute crafting of program and system improvements to ensure that government honorably serves the people of India."

Established in 1957, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's highest honour and is widely regarded as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. It celebrates the memory and leadership example of the third Philippine president after whom the award is named, and is given every year to individuals or organizations in Asia who manifest the same selfless service and transformative influence that ruled the life of the late and beloved Filipino leader.

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