

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF OCTOBER 2015

### NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the <b>Indian Railway</b> scheme under which waitlisted passengers can get confirmed accommodation in next alternative train if they opt for the option while booking their tickets online?	<b>Vikalp</b>
In a welcome move for future government job aspirants, Prime Minister <b>Narendra Modi</b> on his radio programme 'Mann ki Baat' announced that from ....., there will be no requirement of interview for <b>Group B, C and D posts</b> in central government?	<b>1st January 2016</b>
According to the recently released <b>World Bank report</b> , India move up by 12 spot in terms of ease of doing business. What is India's Rank in ease of doing business as per the report?	<b>130</b>
Which state recently launched <b>Annapurna Bhandar Yojna</b> for providing multi-brand products of daily consumption at fair price shops (FPS) in the state?	<b>Rajasthan</b>
Name the institution which has allowed <b>Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)</b> to subscribe to the <b>National Pension System (NPS)</b> governed and administered by the <b>Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)</b> ?	<b>Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b>
Which Indian Airport won the <b>World Quality Commitment (WQC)</b> award from Spain based <b>Business Initiative Directions (BID)</b> ?	<b>Mangaluru International Airport</b>
In which year India will host the <b>Asia Cup</b> ? (Bangladesh will the host the Asia Cup in 2016.)	<b>2018</b>
According to the World Bank report what will be the <b>GDP</b> of India for the financial year 2015-16?	<b>7.5%</b>
Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of <b>Air India</b> recently?	<b>Mike Chew</b>
Which bank won the <b>Banking Technology Excellence Award</b> instituted by the Hyderabad-based Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)? (The bank was feted for the introduction of high-tech services including mobile banking app KGB mPay; the Agri Card; an Aadhaar-enabled payment system; IMPS (immediate payment service); and SMS alerts.)	<b>Kerala Gramin Bank</b>
How many new heritage sites of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh region have been identified by the State Government for preservation and listing under	<b>27</b>

<b>J&amp;K Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act 2010?</b>	
Name the anti-diabetes herbal drug jointly developed by two CSIR laboratories, <b>National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI)</b> and <b>Central Institute for Medicinal and Aromatic Plant (CIMAP)</b> for treatment of <b>type-II diabetes mellitus</b> ?	<b>BGR-34</b>
Name the operation launched by Delhi police to create awareness among children about abuse and molestation?	<b>Operation Nirbheek</b>
In which state India's first <b>Dolphin Community Reserve</b> will be established?	<b>West Bengal</b>
Which state has launched <b>e-Pragati</b> for <b>e-Governance</b> recently?	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
What is the name of <b>National Management Project</b> assisted by World Bank and recently approved by the <b>Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)</b> ?	<b>Neeranchal</b>
Name the young Indian gymnast from Agartala who made history by becoming the first ever Indian to qualify for the finals of <b>World Gymnastics Championships</b> ? (In 2014 Commonwealth Games, she won bronze medal in the same event, becoming the first Indian woman Gymnast to do so.)	<b>Dipa Karmakar</b>
Which state proposed for <b>Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)</b> Action Plans for 2015-16 recently?	<b>Telangana</b>
Which state will host India's first <b>Paragliding World Cup</b> ?	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>
Name the two Indian State, Naval area of which has been divided to make two separate headquarters to enhance operational and administrative organizational structure?	<b>Maharashtra and Gujarat</b>
Which country has offered a soft loan of \$15 billion to finance India's first <b>bullet train</b> at an interest rate of less than 1 percent?	<b>Japan</b>
Government of which state conducted raids on at least 270 traders across 16 districts who were found to be holding pulses in excess quantities and also decided to use <b>MCOCA law</b> against them?	<b>Maharashtra</b>
Name the retired Delhi High Court judge who has been appointed as the <b>Lokayukta</b> of Delhi?	<b>Reva Khetrpal</b>
What is the theme of <b>Vigilance Awareness Week</b> being held from 26th October 2015 to 31st October 2015?	<b>Preventive Vigilance as a tool of Good Governance</b>
What is the name of service launched by the <b>Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)</b> allowing passengers to order meals as per their choice, which will be delivered at stations from popular private caterers?	<b>Station-based e-catering service</b>
Who was crowned <b>Miss Diva 2015</b> ? (She will represent India at the Miss Universe 2015 pageant.)	<b>Urvashi Rautela</b>
The central government approved the induction of women fighter pilots in the	<b>2017</b>

<p><b>Indian Air Force.</b> For the first time women would be in combat role in country's defence forces. In which year women fighter pilots would be inducted?</p>	
<p>Name the new capital of <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>, foundation of which was laid by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi recently? (The capital city is a dream project of <b>Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu</b>, whose TDP-BJP government was hoisted to power in state elections last year.)</p>	<b>Amaravati</b>
<p>Name the Indian Mountaineers who has created history after scaling an unexplored peak 6,180 metres high in Himachal's Spiti valley (near Bara Shigri glacier) and named it <b>Mount Kalam</b> in memory of late President of India APJ Abdul Kalam?</p>	<b>Arjun Vajpai and Bhupesh Kumar</b>
<p>Name the former Cabinet Secretary who has been appointed as the first male member of the <b>National Commission for Women (NCW)</b>, filling the fourth seat in the five-member body.</p>	<b>Alok Rawat</b>
<p>Union Cabinet approved amendments to <b>Payment of Bonus Act 1965</b> hiking bonus for Industrial workers. The wage ceiling for getting bonus had been increased from existing Rs 10000 per month to Rs 21000 per month. The bonus ceiling under the legislation was increased from Rs 3500 per month to Rs ..... per month?</p>	<b>Rs 7000</b>
<p>Name the autobiography of <b>Sam Pitroda</b> which was released recently? (He is also known as <b>father of Indian telecom revolution.</b>)</p>	<b>Dreaming Big: My Journey to Connect India</b>
<p>Name the Indian cricketer who has retired from all forms of International Cricket and Indian Premier League? (He is the only Indian batsman to score two triple centuries.)</p>	<b>Virender Sehwag</b>
<p>Name the renowned Kannada filmmaker, National Award winner and Padma Bhushan awardee, who died recently?</p>	<b>KSL Swamy</b>
<p>Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently inaugurated <b>IDFC Bank</b>. It is a subsidiary of the country's leading integrated infrastructure finance company ..... ?</p>	<b>IDFC Ltd</b>
<p>Name the veteran sports administrator who was named by the government as head of the <b>All India Council of Sports</b>, which will have a host of eminent sports persons, including cricket icon <b>Sachin Tendulkar</b> and chess wizard <b>Vishwanathan Anand</b>, as members?</p>	<b>VK Malhotra</b>
<p>According to the latest data from the Controller-General of Accounts (CGA), for the first time in 8 years, India's fiscal balance turned from deficit to surplus in the month of August. The fiscal deficit, the excess of the Centre's expenditure over its revenues, was Rs ..... ?</p>	<b>(-) Rs 15808 crore</b>

Name the mobile company which replaces PepsiCo Ltd as title sponsor for Indian Premier League (IPL) 2016?	<b>Vivo</b>
From which date sectoral regulator <b>Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)</b> made it mandatory for telecom operators to compensate consumers by one rupee for call drops? (The compensation will, however, be limited to three dropped calls in a day.)	<b>1st January 2016</b>
Name the top judicial authority of India which recently struck down the <b>National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)</b> and ordered revival of the SC-scripted two-decade-old 'judges-selecting-judges' collegium system?	<b>Supreme Court of India</b>
Name the birthplace of former President of India <b>Dr APJ Abdul Kalam</b> which was included as 498th town in <b>Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformatin (AMRUT)</b> for providing basic urban infrastructure?	<b>Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu)</b>
RBI announced merger of two funds - Financial Inclusion Fund and Financial Inclusion Technology Fund into a single Fund - Financial Inclusion Fund (FIF) to support 'developmental and promotional activities' for expanding reach of banking services. What is the total corpus of this fund?	<b>Rs 2,000 crore</b>
Name the Indian left-arm pacer who announced his retirement from international cricket recently?	<b>Zaheer Khan</b>
The navies of India, United States and Japan began five-day exercise on the eastern coast of Bay of Bengal, in which several warships, aircraft carriers and fast attack submarine would participate. What is the name of this exercise?	<b>Malabar exercise</b>
Name the place where <b>China</b> operationalised the largest hydropower station (dam) built on river <b>Brahmaputra</b> , raising concerns in India over the likelihood of disrupting water supplies?	<b>Tibet</b>
Name the four states for which National Executive Council (NEC) of the <b>National Mission for a Green India (GIM)</b> approved the Perspective Plans & Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) with a total financial outlay of Rs. 90,202.68 lakh?	<b>Mizoram, Manipur, Jharkhand and Kerala.</b>
Name the company of <b>Baba Ramdev</b> which has entered into an exclusive partnership with <b>Future Group</b> to make its entire range of products available in Big Bazaar outlets across the country?	<b>Patanjali Ayurved Ltd</b>
Name the veteran music director who passed away recently at the age of 71? (He had composed the music for blockbuster film like <b>Ram Teri Ganga Maili, Chitchor, Ankhiyon Ke Jharokhon Se, Geet Gaata Chal, Vivah</b> , etc. He also gave music to epic tv-serial Ramayana.)	<b>Ravindra Jain</b>
Name the renowned scientist who was appointed as the chairman of <b>Atomic Energy Commission</b> replacing <b>RK Sinha</b> ? (He is presently director of <b>Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)</b> and	<b>Sekhar Basu</b>

chief executive of the <b>Nuclear Recycle Board (NRB)</b> .)	
Name the British telecom major in favour of which the Bombay High Court has set aside an order of <b>Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT)</b> which had ruled that Income Tax had the powers to raise tax demand on the company in a Rs 8500 crore transfer pricing case?	<b>Vodafone</b>
Name the Academy Award-winning music composer who was chosen to receive <b>2015 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award</b> ?	<b>A R Rehman</b>
By which margin India loose the 3-match T-20 cricket series against South Africa?	<b>2-0</b>
<b>Indian Air Force (IAF)</b> celebrated the <b>83rd Indian Air Force Day</b> anniversary at the Hindon air base in Ghaziabad on?	<b>8th October</b>
The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the construction of a <b>National War Memorial</b> and a <b>National War Museum</b> at Princess Park, near India Gate, New Delhi in memory of all Indian soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country post-independence. What is the estimated cost of the project?	<b>Rs 500 crore</b>
The Union Cabinet cleared proposals to set up three new <b>All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)</b> under the <b>Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY)</b> at a cost of Rs 4,949 crore. At which places these 3 AIIMS will be set up?	<b>Nagpur in Maharashtra, Manglagiri in Andhra Pradesh and Kalyani in West Bengal</b>
At which place the <b>Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Conference 2016</b> will be held from 8 January to 10 January 2016?	<b>New Delhi</b>
Name India's first completely indigenous torpedo launch and recovery vessel (TRV) which has been commissioned into the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh?	<b>INS Astradharani</b>
Which programme has been launched by Central Government to make the lives of farmers more secure and comfortable against crop damage?	<b>KISAN Project and Hailstorm App</b>
<b>National Anti-Drug Addiction Day</b> was observed on?	<b>2nd October</b>
At which place <b>Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)</b> established the world's highest terrestrial centre at 17,600 feet above sea level?	<b>Changla near Pengong lake in Ladakh</b>
Who was appointed as the 29th President of <b>Board Of Control For Cricket In India (BCCI)</b> ?	<b>Shashank Manohar</b>
In a data released for the marketing year of 2014-2015, India has beaten which country to become the largest producer of <b>cotton</b> in the world? (According to the President of <b>Cotton Association of India</b> , Dhiren N. Sheth, India produced 6.51 million tonnes of the fibre in the cotton year 2014-15.)	<b>China</b>

By which year India has pledged to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions intensity of its <b>GDP</b> by 33-35 per cent compared to 2005 levels?	<b>2030</b>
In a big jump, India has moved up 16 positions on <b>2015 Global Competitiveness Index</b> of the world's most competitive economies prepared by <b>World Economic Forum (WEF)</b> . According to the report what is India's current rank?	<b>55th</b>
Name the Indian-American environmental engineer at Columbia Engineering who has been named a <b>2015 MacArthur Fellow</b> and given a 'genius' grant of \$625,000 for working on a novel solution to the world's need for food, clean water and energy?	<b>Kartik Chandran</b>
Who sworn-in as the 17th Governor of <b>Manipur</b> ?	<b>V Shanmuganthan</b>
The <b>International Cricket Council (ICC)</b> today launched the official ICC Women's Team Rankings, which incorporate results in all three formats of the game into one rankings system. Australia is ranked number one in the ranking. What is the rank of Indian Women's Team?	<b>Fourth</b>
Name the commercial arm of <b>Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)</b> which was asked by International Court of Arbitration (ICA) to pay Rs 4,435 crore in damages to Devas Multimedia for terminating the Agreement in February 2011?	<b>Antrix</b>
Which company has joined hands with <b>Reliance Communications (RCom)</b> for trading and sharing of spectrum to launch fourth-generation (4G) mobile phone services by the yearend?	<b>Reliance Jio (RJIO)</b>
How much undisclosed foreign assets were disclosed in 638 declarations before the one-time black money compliance window of the Income Tax Department that closed on 30th September 2015?	<b>Rs 3,770 crore</b>

<b>Zaheer Khan's Cricket Career</b>	
<b>Test wickets</b>	311
<b>ODI wickets</b>	282



INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Which country has recently scrapped its 35 year old <b>One-Child</b> policy, allowing all couples to have two children as an active response to an ageing population?	<b>China</b>
With which country <b>Nepal</b> signed a historic deal to supply petroleum products ending a four-decade supply monopoly of the <b>Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)</b> ?	<b>China</b>
In which country <b>UEFA Euro 2016 World Cup</b> will be held?	<b>France</b>
Who was elected as the <b>38th Prime Minister of Nepal</b> ?	<b>KP Sharma Oli</b>
Name the South African cricketer who created world record by scoring <b>fastest 6000 runs</b> (in 123rd innings of 126th match) in One Day Internationals (ODI) recently? (He broke Virat Kohli's record (136th innings of 144th match) in the process.)	<b>Hashim Amla</b>
Recently <b>World Health Organisation</b> has recommended withdrawal of specific type of oral polio vaccine. What is the name of this vaccine?	<b>Trivalent</b>
Which country signed nuclear deal with <b>China</b> recently under which a nuclear plant will be built at Hinkley Point at Somerset coast?	<b>Britain</b>
According to the <b>United States Think Tank Report</b> which country will become the fifth largest nuclear power by 2025?	<b>Pakistan</b>
At what price hard drive manufacturing giant <b>Western Digital</b> is buying flash storage maker <b>Sandisk</b> ?	<b>US \$19 billion</b>
Name the powerful hurricane which recently struck Mexico's Pacific coast and forced thousands of people to flee homes?	<b>Patricia</b>
Name the President of Zimbabwe who was recently awarded Confucius Peace Prize (China's Nobel Peace Prize)?	<b>Robert Mugabe</b>
Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day was observed across the world on?	<b>21st October</b>
World Statistics Day was observed across the world on?	<b>20th October 2015</b>
Who was elected as the Prime Minister of Canada recently?	<b>Justin Trudeau</b>
<b>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</b> was observed across the world on? ( <b>2015 Theme:</b> Building a sustainable future: Coming together to end poverty and discrimination. The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed every	<b>17th October 2015</b>



year since <b>1993</b> , when the United Nations General Assembly, by resolution 47/196, designated this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries.)	
On which day <b>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</b> of the United Nations celebrated <b>World Food Day</b> with the theme " <b>Social Protection and Agriculture: Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty</b> "? (The 35th observance of World Food Day, which this year will commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of FAO, was celebrated at Expo Milano.)	<b>16th October 2015</b>
Who became the first Jamaican writer to win the <b>2015 Man Booker prize</b> for his fiction book - " <b>A Brief History of Seven Killings</b> "?	<b>Marlon James</b>
<b>World Egg Day</b> was observed across the world on? (World Egg Day is a unique opportunity to help raise awareness of the benefits of eggs and is celebrated in countries all around the world. World Egg Day was established at the IEC Vienna 1996 conference when it was decided to celebrate World Egg Day on the second Friday in October each year.)	<b>9th October 2015</b>
On which day <b>World Post Day</b> was observed across the world to commemorate the date for the establishment of <b>Universal Postal Union (UPU)</b> in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland?	<b>9th October</b>
Name the governing body of association football, futsal and beach football which suspended its president Sepp Blatter, secretary general Jerome Valcke and vice-president Michel Platini for 90 days over corruption allegations? (It is responsible for the organisation of football's major international tournaments, such as <b>World Cup</b> which commenced in 1930 and the Women's World Cup which commenced in 1991.)	<b>FIFA</b>
<b>World Sight Day</b> was observed across the world on? It's theme was <b>Eye care for all</b> . WSD is an international day of awareness about avoidable blindness and its prevention, marked on the second Thursday of October every year.)	<b>8th October 2015</b>
Name the South Korean economist who was elected as the new chairman of the <b>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)</b> ?	<b>Hoesung Lee</b>
Name the youngest ever Grand Master (GM) of Russia who won the <b>2015 FIDE World Chess Cup</b> ?	<b>Sergey Karjakin</b>
<b>World Habitat Day</b> was observed across the world on? (The theme of 2015 World Habitat Day is Public Spaces for All, an aim to recognize the challenges and issues around Public Spaces. It is observed every year on the first Monday of October throughout the world. It was officially designated by the United Nations and first celebrated in 1986. The	<b>5th October</b>



purpose of the day is to reflect on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter. It also aims to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the habitat of future generations.)	
The World Bank revised the <b>International Poverty Line</b> to?	<b>\$1.90 a day per person</b>
<b>International Day of Non-Violence</b> , the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, was observed across the world on?	<b>2nd October</b>
Which neighbouring country has turned to the <b>United Nations (UN)</b> over alleged obstruction of a key border trade point with India that has resulted in acute shortage of essential goods?	<b>Nepal</b>
<b>Germany</b> celebrated 25 years of reunification of West Germany and East Germany on 3rd October. On which day West Germany and East Germany got reunited?	<b>3rd October 1990</b>
Human rights and global crisis activists from Canada, Italy, Uganda, and the Marshall Islands have been named winners of the <b>2015 Right Livelihood Awards</b> . Name the winners? (Right Livelihood Awards carries prize money of 3 million kronor (\$358,500) and is also known as <b>Alternative Nobel Prize</b> .)	<b>Sheila Watt-Cloutier from Canada; Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera from Uganda; Gino Strada from Italy.</b>
Which country is in top of <b>2015 Global Competitiveness Index</b> of the world's most competitive economies prepared by World Economic Forum (WEF) for 7th year in a row?	<b>Switzerland</b>
<b>World Vegetarian Day</b> is observed annually across the world on?	<b>1st October</b>
<b>International Day of Older Persons</b> with the theme " <b>Sustainability and Age Inclusiveness in the Urban Environment</b> " was observed across the world on?	<b>1st October</b>



### Abbreviations in News:

1. **KISAN:** (K)rop Insurance using Space technology And geoiNformatics
2. **NPS:** National Pension System
3. **GDP:** Gross Domestic Product
4. **CEO:** Chief Executive Officer
5. **IDRBT:** Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology
6. **NBRI:** National Botanical Research Institute
7. **CSIR:** Council of Scientific & Industrial Research
8. **CCEA:** Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
9. **AMRUT:** Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
10. **MCOCA:** Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act
11. **IRCTC:** Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation
12. **IDFC:** Infrastructure Development Finance Company
13. **NCW:** National Commission for Women
14. **BARC:** Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
15. **ITAT:** Income Tax Appellate Tribunal
16. **AIIMS:** All India Institutes of Medical Sciences
17. **CGA:** Controller-General of Accounts
18. **BCCI:** Board of Control For Cricket In India
19. **ICA:** International Court of Arbitration
20. **WEF:** World Economic Forum



**LIST OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS 2015**

**Nobel Prize in Physics 2015**

**Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald**

"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"

**Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2015**

**Tomas Lindahl, Paul Modrich and Aziz Sancar**

"for mechanistic studies of DNA repair"

**Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2015**

**William C. Campbell, Satoshi Omura and Youyou Tu**

*William C. Campbell and Satoshi Omura "for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites" and Youyou Tu "for her discoveries concerning a novel therapy against Malaria"*

**Nobel Prize in Literature 2015**

**Svetlana Alexievich**

"for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time"

**Nobel Peace Prize 2015**

**Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet**

"for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011"

**The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2015**

**Angus Deaton**

"for his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare"