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National Current Affairs and Events-

Name the scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which aim to cover all households in the country with banking facilities, ensuring a bank account for each household?	Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
Name the Governor of Manipur who resigned recently?	Vinod Kumar Duggal
Who has been roped in as an Ambassador of Interpol's 'Turn Back Crime' campaign?	Shah Rukh Khan
Name the domain which was recently unveiled by Telecommunications and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad?	dot Bharat
Name the banks against which forensic audit was ordered by the Union finance ministry?	UCO Bank, Dena Bank and Oriental Bank of Commerce
Who was appointed as the first President of Indian Steel Association (ISA)?	C S Verma
What is the name of first Indo-Russia aerial exercise started at Astrakhan region, near the Caspian Sea in Russia?	Avia Indra - 2014
Who was appointed as the new chief of Joint Intelligence Committee, a body tasked to assess intelligence gathered by various intelligence agencies including IB and RAW??	R N Ravi
Rate of Interest announced by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for the year 2014-15?	8.75 %
Name the governor of Kerala who resigned recently?	Sheila Dikshit
Who was appointed as the governor of Goa?	Mridula Sinha
Who was appointed as the governor of Karnataka?	V Rudabhai Vala
Who was appointed as the governor of Maharashtra?	C Vidyasagar Rao
Who was appointed as the governor of Rajasthan?	Kalyan Singh
In which state first commercial seaplane service was launched?	Maharashtra (from Mumbai to Lonavala)
Who is the author of the book "Not Just an Accountant"?	Former CAG Vinod Rai
India's first Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST) was inaugurated by the President Pranab Mukherjee at?	Shibpur, West Bengal





India's first Ethanol-run bus was launched in which state?	Nagpur
Name of India's first indigenously-built stealth anti-submarine warship which was commissioned into India Navy?	INS KAMORTA
Name of the irrigation scheme which was recently launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Seenchayi Yojana
Which company replaced software major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) as India's most admired company in Forbes' list of 'India's Most Admired Companies for 2014'?	ITC Limited
Name of the noted Kannada writer and Jnanpith awardee, who died recently?	U R Ananthmurthy
Who was elected as Chairman of Indian Banks Association (IBA)?	T M Bhasin
2014 Rashtritya Khel Protsahan Puraskar (RKPP) was awarded to?	Guru Hanuman Akhara
The Union Cabinet approved the Metro Rail Project in?	Nagpur
Who was appointed as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC)?	K V Thomas
Which is the first bank in India to launch EMI facility on debit cards schemes?	ICICI
Who is the author of the book "Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi: An Inside Job"?	Faraz Ahmad
What is the name of India's largest indigenously built warship recently inducted into the Indian Navy?	INS KOLKATA
Which Indian state will host the Football Federation Cup in 2015?	Jammu and Kashmir
Which former Indian cricketer was appointed as the director of Indian cricket team?	Ravi Shastri
Which insurance scheme was relaunched by the Union Government which will provide monthly pension ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 5,000 to senior citizens of the country?	Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana (VPBY)
Who was appointed as the new chairman of Union Public Service Commission?	Rajni Razdan
For which state the Union Cabinet has given its approval for four highway projects for all-weather connectivity and also enhanced fund allocation by over Rs 8,000 crores to around Rs 28,324 crores under the National Highways Development Project?	Jammu and Kashmir
The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to have an ad hoc capital at?	Vijayawada
Which Indian state has become the most favoured destination of foreign tourists in the north-eastern states of the country?	Sikkim
Name the sports-person who became the first Indian player to reach semi-final of World Junior Squash Championship?	Kush Kumar
Name the Indian-origin academicians who was awarded the Fields Medal, known as the "Nobel Prize of mathematics"?	Manjul Bhargava





Which Indian state will host India's first Para-Gliding World Cup in 2015?	Himachal Pradesh
Who will head the Expenditure Management Commission recently set up by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi?	Former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan
There was no nomination for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2014, True or False?	True
Name the politicians who were conferred Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards?	Arun Jaitley, Karan Singh and Sharad Yadav
Name the veteran politician and a member of the country's first Lok Sabha from undivided Madhya Pradesh who died recently?	Reshamlal Jangade
Which Indian authority issued KYC Registration Agency (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2014?	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Which bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 11, 2014 by the Minister of Law and Justice, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad recommending persons for appointment as Chief Justice of India and other Judges of the Supreme Court (SC), and Chief Justice and other Judges of High Courts (HC)? -	The National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2014
Which Indian cricketer was ranked number one Test all-rounder in ICC Test team rankings released recently?	R Ashwin
Who was appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?	K V Chowdary
Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 45 MW Nimoo-Bazgo hydro-electric power project and Chutak hydro project. In which state these two projects are based?	Jammu and Kashmir
What is the name of the joint venture between India's Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines?	Vistara
BJP President Shri Nitin Gadkari recently released a book titled "Innovative Water Management in Gujarat". Who is the author of the book?	Sriram Vedire
Which medal is won by the Deepika Kumari-led women archers' recurve team after defeating Mexico 6-0 in the Archery World Cup Stage IV in Wroclaw, Poland?	Gold
Who is the author of the biography of former prime minister Manmohan Singh "Strictly Personal-Manmohan and Gursharan"?	Daman Singh, daughter of Manmohan Singh
Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Dronacharya Award Selection Committee?	Former Hockey Captain Ajitpal Singh
Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Arjuna Awards Selection Committee?	Cricketer Kapil Dev
For which payment system the Reserve Bank of India has issued Draft Guidelines for Implementation?	Bharat Bill Payment System
India now jointly hold the record for highest number of ducks (6) in an innings of a test match along with Bangladesh and _____?	South Africa





In which sector the Union Cabinet raised the Foreign Direct Investment limit from 26 percent to 49 percent?	Defence Sector
Which Bill was approved by the Union Cabinet to amend the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000? It is a comprehensive bill to tackle increasing crimes committed by youngsters between 16-18 years of age?	The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014
Name the Bill which was recently passed by the Lok Sabha by voice vote and which aims to further empower the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to check fraudulent investment schemes?	Securities Laws (Amendment) Bill 2014
Name the Governor of Mizoram who was removed from his post by the President of India?	Kamla Beniwal
Who was appointed as the Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA)?	Arvind Gupta
Name the Indian cartoonist, creator of comic character Chacha Chaudhary, who died recently?	Pran Kumar Sharma
Which Indian mobile brand toppled Korean giant Samsung to become the largest mobile handsets selling company in India during April-June quarter?	Micromax
Who was sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court?	Justice Manjula Chellur
Third Indian to win Gold medal in Badminton at Commonwealth Games 2014?	Parupalli Kashyap
Which bank has bagged the Core Banking System Initiative Award of the year 2014 by the Asian Banking and Finance - Retail Banking Awards 2014 at Singapore?	Bharatiya Mahila Bank Ltd
Name of India's first multi-sensor moored observatory which was successfully deployed in Kongsfjorden Fjord of the Arctic roughly halfway between North Pole and Norway?	IndARC
Name of the committee which was set up by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) to review the present status of University Grants Commission?	Hari Gautam Committee
India finished at which position in terms of medal tally in the recently concluded 2014 Commonwealth Games held at Glasgow, Scotland?	Fifth
Who has been selected for Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for his outstanding contribution towards the promotion of communal harmony, peace and goodwill?	Noted filmmaker Muzaffar Ali
Which club conferred its highest honour on Bachendri Pal, first Indian woman mountaineer to scale Mount Everest?	East Bengal Club
Name of the Deputy National Security Adviser who resigned recently?	Nehchal Sandhu
Name of the first Indian woman and second person from India who won a Commonwealth Games medal (bronze) in artistic gymnastics in women's vault?	Dipa Karmakar
An autobiography "One Life is Not Enough" written by?	Kunwar Natwar Singh





Who was appointed as the fourth Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?	S S Mundra
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International Current Affairs and Events-

Which country topped the medals tally at 2nd Summer Youth Olympics held in China?	China (65 medals)
To promote awareness and raising funds for a disease ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE was started world wide. What is the name of this disease?	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
Name the British Oscar winning director of the film Gandhi who died recently at the age of 90?	Richard Attenborough
Name of the American swimmer (Olympic gold medalist) who broke her own World Record in women's 1500 m freestyle category?	Katie Ledecky
World Humanitarian Day observed across the world on?	19th August
Which Iranian born mathematician became the first woman to win coveted Fields Medal?	Maryam Mirzakhani
Which drug was approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to fight Ebola virus?	ZMapp
Name the German striker, the all-time World Cup top scorer, who recently announced retirement from international football?	Miroslav Klose
World Elephant Day was observed across the world on?	12th August
Name the famous Hollywood actor and comedian who died recently at the age of 63?	Robin Williams
Which disease was declared by WHO as Global Health Emergency?	Ebola
Which country finished first in terms of medal tally in the recently concluded 2014 Commonwealth Games held at Glasgow, Scotland?	England
100 years of the outbreak of First World War (World War - 1) was observed across the world on?	4th August 2014





Commonwealth Games 2014, Glasgow (Scotland)

Medals Tally

Country	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total Medal
England	58	59	57	174
Australia	49	42	46	137
Canada	32	16	34	82
Scotland	19	15	19	53
India	15	30	19	64

2014 Ramon Magsaysay Awards

Awardee	Awarded for
Hu Shuli, China	She is being recognized for "her unrelenting commitment to truthful, relevant, and unassailable journalism, her fearless promotion of transparency and accountability in business and public governance, and her leadership in blazing the way for more professional and independent-minded media practices in China."
Saur Marlina Manurung, Indonesia	She is being recognized for "her ennobling passion to protect and improve the lives of Indonesia's forest people, and her energizing leadership of volunteers in SOKOLA's customized education program that is sensitive to the lifeways of indigenous communities and the unique development challenges they face."
Randy Halasan, Philippines	for Emergent Leadership. For his purposeful dedication in nurturing his Matigsalug students and their community to transform their lives through quality education and sustainable livelihoods, doing so in ways that respect their uniqueness and preserve their integrity as indigenous peoples in a modernizing Philippines.
Omara Khan Masoudi, Afghanistan	He is being recognized for "his courage, labor, and leadership in protecting Afghan cultural heritage, rebuilding an institution vital for Afghanistan's future, and reminding his countrymen and peoples everywhere that in recognizing humanity's shared patrimony, we can be inspired to stand together in peace."
Wang Canfa, China	He is being recognized for "his discerning and forceful leadership—through scholarly work, disciplined





	advocacy, and pro bono public interest litigation—in ensuring that the enlightened and competent practice of environmental law in China effectively protects the rights and lives of victims of environmental abuse, especially the poor and the powerless."
The Citizens Foundation, Pakistan	The organization is being recognized for "the social vision and high-level professionalism of its founders and those who run its schools, in successfully pursuing their conviction that, with sustained civic responsiveness, quality education made available to all—irrespective of religion, gender, or economic status—is the key to Pakistan's brighter future."

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