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### National Current Affairs and Events

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) has changed its name to?	<b>Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India</b>
Name the cricketer and captain of Indian team who recently resigned from Test cricket?	<b>Mahendra Singh Dhoni</b>
Who was sworn-in as the first non-tribal Chief Minister of Jharkhand?	<b>Raghubar Das of BJP</b>
Which day was observed as Good Governance Day by the Union Government?	<b>25 December</b>
Which Indian cricketer broke the world record of Kumar Sangakkara for most number of stumpings in international cricket after he effected his 134th dismissals in the third cricket Test against Australia?	<b>Mahendra Singh Dhoni</b>
Name the scheme launched by the Central Government that aims to cover all unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children by the year 2020, against seven vaccine preventable diseases?	<b>Mission Indradhanush</b>
Which team won the Indian Super League 2014 defeating Kerala Blasters in the final?	<b>Atletico de Kolkata</b>
National Consumers Right Day was observed across India on?	<b>24th December</b>
Name the highest civilian award of India which will be given to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (posthumously)?	<b>Bharat Ratna</b>
The deadline for exchanging pre-2005 currency notes of various denominations, including Rs.500 and Rs.1,000, has been extended by another six months by RBI till?	<b>30 June 2015</b>
HRIDAY scheme, a Rs 500 crore project, was recently launched by the Union Government to revive 7 heritage cities of India viz. Amritsar, Ajmer, Gaya, Kanchipuram, Mathura, Varanasi and Vellankani. What is the full form of HRIDAY?	<b>Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY)</b>
What is the theme of the Indian government's calendar for 2015 which was released	<b>Clean India Green India</b>





recently by the Information and Broadcasting Minister Arun Jaitley?	
Which former Indian cricketer was appointed ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 ambassador by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?	<b>Sachin Tendulkar</b>
Which day was celebrated as National Mathematics Day to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan?	<b>December 22</b>
Which country was defeated by the Indian men's and women's kabaddi team to win the Kabaddi World Cup 2014?	<b>Pakistan and New Zealand</b>
Name the Dehradun's twin sisters who became first ever siblings to scale seven tallest peaks in seven continents? (They reached the top of Mt Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mt Everest (Asia), Mt Elbrus (Europe), Mt Aconcagua (South America), Mt Carstensz Pyramid (Oceania), Mt McKinley (North America), and finally Mt Vinson Massif (Antarctica).)	<b>Tashi and Nungshi Malik</b>
ISRO successfully carries out human crew module experiment by launching?	<b>GSLV Mark-III</b>
Name the Marathi film which was nominated for Oscar Award in Best Picture Category?	<b>Kapus Kondyachi Goshta</b>
Name the female Indian boxer who was banned for one year and fined Swiss francs 1,000 by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) for refusing to accept her 2014 Asian Games bronze medal?	<b>Laishram Sarita Devi</b>
Vijay Diwas (Victory Day) was celebrated across India to marks its military victory over Pakistan in 1971 during the Indo-Pakistani War on?	<b>16th December</b>
Name the Indian music maestro who is among the final 114 contending scores from eligible movies released in 2014 to be considered for Original Score category for the 87th Oscars? (He is the lead contender with three songs from movies Million Dollar Arm, The Hundred Foot Journey and Kochadiyaan.)	<b>A R Rahman</b>
Who was appointed as the Director of Intelligence Bureau recently succeeding Syed Asif Ibrahim?	<b>Dineshwar Sharma</b>
Which National Award winning film has been nominated in the Oscar 2014 in two categories — Best Picture and Best Original Score?	<b>Jal directed by Girish Malik</b>
The Energy Conservation Act in India was implemented by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in the year?	<b>2001</b>
National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year in India on?	<b>14th December</b>





Who completed 20 years and became longest serving Chief Minister of any State in India?	<b>Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling</b>
Which bank launched India's first transparent credit card in association with American Express?	<b>ICICI Bank</b>
In a decision taken by the Central Government which section of the Indian Penal Code will be removed to decriminalizing "attempt to suicide"?	<b>Section 309</b>
Name the advanced version of the indigenously developed rocket which was successfully test-fired from a defence base in Odisha?	<b>Pinaka Mark-II</b>
Name the first Indian-American to be appointed as US Ambassador to India?	<b>Richard Rahul Verma</b>
Armed Forces Flag Day was observed across the nation on?	<b>7th December</b>
Name the Indian Communication Satellite which was launched successfully on board Arianespace rocket from Kourou space port in French Guiana recently?	<b>GSAT-16</b>
Mahaprinirvan Diwas of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, the father of Indian Constitution was observed on?	<b>6th December</b>
Name the film which was released recently and is based on Bhopal gas tragedy of December 1984 that left around 3700 people dead and countless others, incapacitated for life?	<b>Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain</b>
43rd Navy Day was celebrated on?	<b>4th December</b>
A unique museum preserving the belongings and pictures of victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy, in which thousands of people had lost their lives after inhaling toxic gases leaked from Union Carbide plant, was thrown open to public on the 30th anniversary of the disaster. What is the name of this museum?	<b>Remember Bhopal Museum</b>
The Union Cabinet Tuesday approved amendments to a law to strengthen the capital base and financial stability of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). For this purpose which act will be amended?	<b>Regional Rural Banks (RRB) Act, 1976</b>
A Bill seeking stringent punishment including death penalty for hijackers was approved by the Union Cabinet recently. What is the name of this bill?	<b>Anti-Hijacking Bill 2014</b>
Who was appointed as the new director of CBI?	<b>Anil Kumar Sinha</b>
Name the former Prime Minister of India whose birthday on 25th December will be celebrated as the national "Good Governance Day"?	<b>Atal Behari Vajpayee</b>





Name the nuclear capable ballistic missile (with a strike range of 4,000km) which was successfully test fired from the Wheeler Island off Odisha coast?	<b>Agni-IV</b>
Who is the author of the book titled " 2014: The Election that Changed India"	<b>Rajdeep Sardesai</b>
How much package was announced by the Union Government to lay new railway lines in North-Eastern States?	<b>28,000 crore</b>
Name the famous Bollywood comedian actor who died recently at the age of 78?	<b>Deven Verma</b>
President Pranab Mukherjee presented Niryat Shree and Niryat Bandhu Awards. These awards are given for outstanding performance in ..... for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12?	<b>Exports</b>
Who is appointed as the Director General of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?	<b>O P Singh</b>
Name the North-eastern state from which first passenger train was flagged off by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi? (This train will run daily between Mendhipathar and Guwahati via Dudhnoi in Assam's Goalpara district.)	<b>Meghalaya</b>
45th International Film Festival of India was held at?	<b>Goa</b>
Name the former Indian national football team captain who was conferred with the AFC Hall of Fame Award on the occasion of Asian Football Confederation's 60th anniversary?	<b>Baichung Bhutia</b>

**International Current Affairs and Events**

Minorities Rights Day observed across the world on?	<b>18th December</b>
Name the place in Pakistan where Tehreek-e-Taliban attacked Army Public School and killed 141 people including 133 children?	<b>Peshawar</b>
The mascot for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro has been named?	<b>Vinicius</b>
Name the Japanese Prime Minister who was re-elected for another four-year term?	<b>Shinzo Abe</b>
Who became the world's youngest teen champion in Table Tennis?	<b>14 year old Mima Ito and Miu Hirano of Japan</b>
Who was crowned Miss World 2014?	<b>Rolene Strauss (South Africa)</b>





Which country won the Champions Trophy Hockey tournament 2014 beating Pakistan 2-0 in the final?	<b>Germany</b>
Who was awarded 2014 Person of the Year by the TIME magazine?	<b>Ebola fighters</b>
Human Rights Day was observed across the world on?	<b>10th December</b>
International Anti-Corruption Day was observed on?	<b>9th December</b>
Name the Sri Lankan cricketer who became the fourth batsman to complete 13000 ODI runs?	<b>Kumar Sangakkara</b>
UN World Soil Day was observed on?	<b>5th December</b>
The 68th UN General Assembly declared 2015 as the?	<b>International Year of Soils (IYS)</b>
International Volunteer Day was observed on?	<b>5th December</b>
International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed across the world on?	<b>3rd December</b>
International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2014 was observed across the world on?	<b>2nd December</b>
Which country launched a new generation navigation satellite Glonass-K (a Global Navigation Satellite System satellite)?	<b>Russia</b>
Who became the oldest player to score a century in ODI cricket?	<b>Khurram Khan (43y 162 d) from UAE</b>
A new National Day song in which language has been launched by Singapore for celebrating the country's 50 years of independence next year?	<b>Tamil</b>
What is the name of Euro 2016 Mascot?	<b>Super Victor</b>
What is the name of Earth's most abundant mineral is captured for the first time by the US researchers?	<b>Bridgmanite</b>
26th World AIDS Day was observed across the world on?	<b>1st December</b>





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