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Current Affairs – October 2014

National Current Affairs and Events

Who was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra?	Devendra Fadnavis
To which UN body India was re-elected for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015?	UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
The Union government has given forest clearance, which was pending for years, to India's biggest public sector iron ore site. The site is located at?	Bailadila hills of southern Chhattisgarh
As a tribute to which freedom fighter the Indian Government has decided to observe October 31 every year as a National Unity Day?	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Who created a new Indian record for winning the most medals (6 medals) at a multi-discipline event breaking the record of PT Usha (5 medals at the 1986 Asian Games)?	Sharath Gayakwad
Who was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Haryana?	Manohar Lal Khattar
Name the campaign (a solidarity movement for gender equality that brings together one half of humanity in support of the other half of humanity, for the benefit of all) launched by UN Women in India?	HeForShe Campaign
Which party is all set to lose its status as a national party after it failed to win the two seats the party needed to hold the status in the assembly elections held in Haryana and Maharashtra?	Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
Who defeated Peter Gilchrist of Singapore to win the World Billiards Championship of the 150 up points format?	Pankaj Advani
Union Government announced to regulate the price of diesel which resulted in reduction of price of diesel by Rs 3-3.50. Reduction in price of diesel was last made in the year?	September 2010
India was re-elected to a second term on the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the period?	2015-2017
Name the Chief Hockey Coach of India who has withdrawn his resignation? (He has earlier submitted his resignation due to pay dispute. Under his guidance Indian Hockey Team won gold medal in the Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea)	Terry Walsh





Which Indian IT major has announced to merge CMC Limited with itself?	TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)
In which state, Indian Government has announced to build 1800 km long border road running parallel along the China border with an estimated cost of Rs. 40,000 crore?	Arunachal Pradesh
India won the 5 match One Day International cricket series against West Indies by?	2-1
Which modified scheme was approved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and will be re-launched in 54 districts from mid-November and in rest of the country from 01.01.2015?	Direct Benefit Transfer scheme
In the assembly election of Maharashtra which party emerges as the largest party with 122 seats?	BJP (Bhartiya Janata Party)
Which party won the assembly election in Haryana with absolute majority securing 47 seats?	BJP (Bhartiya Janata Party)
What is the name of new index related to the quality of air which was recently launched by Union Minister of Environment and Forests, Prakash Javadekar?	National Air Quality Index
Name the nuclear capable sub-sonic cruise missile which was successfully launch from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha?	Nirbhay
Who has been named Euromoney's Central Bank Governor of the Year for 2014?	Raghuram Rajan, RBI Governor
Name the wheat scientist of India and Mexico who was awarded 2014 World Food Prize for breeding more than 480 varieties of wheat?	Dr. Sanjaya Rajaram
Name the programme launched by PM Narendra Modi which will look to create an environment conducive to industrial development and ensuring transparency in labour sector?	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram
Name the US based Economist who was appointed as the Chief Economic Advisor to the Indian Government?	Arvind Subramanian
Name the navigation satellite which was successfully placed on the intended orbit by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C26)?	Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System-1C (IRNSS-1C)
Who is the author of the book "Final Test - Exit Tendulkar"?	Dilip D'Souza
Which Bank has launched world's first Facebook based instant funds transfer platform "KayPay"?	Kotak Mahindra
Who was chosen as India's most valuable player in recently concluded Asian	Boxer MC Mary Kom





Games 2014?	
Who was honoured with National Kishore Kumar Award for 2012-13?	Lyricist Sameer
Which company won the Rs. 3,200 crore transfer pricing case in Bombay High Court?	Vodafone
Name the professional football league which was launched on 12th October 2014 with 8 franchisee teams?	Indian Super League (ISL)
Encyclopedia of Hinduism, a 11-volume guide was conceived, compiled and produced by?	India Heritage Research Foundation
Name the twin kids of Mukesh Ambani who were appointed to the boards of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd and Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd?	Isha Ambani and Akash Ambani
Who was appointed as the UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for South Asia?	Aamir Khan
Who was appointed as the first woman director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)?	Kalpana Morparia
Name India's first ever national mental health policy, launched by Health Minister Harsh Vardhan with primary objective of treating people suffering from mental illness?	Mental Health Action Plan 365
Name the scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under which each MP will take the responsibility of developing three villages by 2019?	Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
Name the NGO started by Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi to fight child labour?	Bachpan Bachao Andolan
Name the chairperson of Sangeet Natak Akademi who resigned recently?	Leela Samson
What is the name of cyclonic storm which hit the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha?	Hudhud
MoU was signed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) for setting up the First Demonstration Offshore Wind Power Project in India. The project will come up at?	Along the Gujarat coast
Union Government has decided to sell LED bulbs with the market price of 400 rupees to rural households at rupees?	10
Name the founder of Facebook who recently arrived in India for a two day visit?	Mark Zuckerberg
Indian Air Force celebrated 82nd Air Force Day on?	08 October 2014





Who was appointed by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways?	Cramer Ball
Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government has launched a Biometric Attendance System (BAS) for government employees. What is the name of the website which will keep a track on the attendance records of employees?	www.attendance.gov.in
Who was awarded Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for the year 2014 by the President of India?	Dr. Apathukatha Sivathanu Pillai
Which Over-the-top (OTT) telecom player will stop the calling facility from its application on mobile and landline phones within India from 10 November 2014?	Skype
Which Indian retail company launched the Big Billion Day sale on 6 October 2014 with a target of \$100 million sale in gross merchandise value?	Flipkart
Who launched the Swachhta Udyami Yojana - Swachhta Se Sampannta Ki Aur of National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation, at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi?	Sudarshan Bhagat, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment
Who became the first cricketer in last 10 years to be selected in the Indian national team without playing a single first-class cricket match?	Kuldeep Yadav
Which bollywood actor was presented with the Global Diversity Award 2014 for his outstanding achievements in the field of cinema?	Shah Rukh Khan
Which team won the Champions League Twenty20 (CLT20) 2014 defeating Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 8 wickets in the final match played at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru?	Chennai Super Kings (CSK)
Name the first state in India where olive refinery has been setup with a cost of Rs 3.75 crore?	Rajasthan
What is the name of the programme aired on All India Radio (AIR) in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the countrymen for the first time?	Mann Ki Baat
Name the place where 32 people were killed in a Stampede which occurred at an event organised to celebrate Dussehra?	Gandhi Maidan in Patna
Who has been authorized by President Pranab Mukherjee to act as the Central Vigilance Commissioner?	Vigilance Commissioner Rajiv
Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's biggest-ever cleanliness	Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan





movement on 2 October 2014 on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.
What is the name of this movement?

International Current Affairs and Events

Which country surpassed United States to become world's largest economy measured by purchasing power parity (PPP)?	China
What is the theme of the upcoming 18th SAARC Summit to be held in Kathmandu in November?	Deeper Integration for Peace, Progress and Prosperity
Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) was recently launched by which country with 21 founding members including India? (This bank was projected to be a rival to Asian Development Bank (ADB) in which Japan plays a key role as well as World Bank and International Monetary Fund)	China
What is the name of email service launched by Google which will better organize emails and display information such as appointments, flight bookings and package deliveries in a more user-friendly way?	Inbox
Parliament of which country was recently attacked by a gunman?	Canada
Who was re-elected as the President of Brazil for the second term?	Dilma Rousseff
World Polio Day was observed across the world on?	24th October
Which country was declared Ebola free by World Health Organisation (WHO)?	Nigeria
Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders (GIDD) Prevention Day was observed across the world on?	21st October
Which award was inaugurated by United Kingdom (UK) to honour individuals who have worked to strengthen the relationship between UK and India?	Dadabhai Naoroji Awards
Name the Indian-origin Singaporean poet and writer who will be awarded Cultural Medallion, the country's highest cultural award by President Tony Tan Keng Yam of Singapore?	K.T.M. Iqbal
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was observed across the world on?	17th October





Name the countries who were elected as the non-permanent members of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a period of two years?	Angola, Malaysia, New Zealand, Spain and Venezuela
World Food Day was observed across the world on?	16th October
Who won 2014 Man Booker Prize for the novel - The Narrow Road to the Deep North?	Richard Flanagan
Who won 2014 Nobel Prize in Economics?	Jean Tirole (France)
Third International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC, a day designated for promoting the rights of girls and addressing the unique challenges they face) was observed across the world on?	11th October 2014
Name the autobiography of former cricketer of England, Kevin Pieterse?	KP
Who won the first edition of Russian Formula One Grand Prix 2014?	Lewis Hamilton
Name the Pakistani girl who is the youngest ever person to win Nobel Prize?	Malala Yosoufzai
Name the app which was launched in Zambia to provide free data access to Facebook, Facebook Messenger, AccuWeather, Wikipedia and Google Search?	Internet.org
Founding members of Internet.org are?	Facebook, Ericsson, MediaTek, Nokia, Opera, Qualcomm and Samsung
World Post Day was observed across the world on?	9th October
World Habitat Day was observed across the world on?	6th October
Who was awarded Nobel Prize in Physics 2014 for the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources?	Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura
India along with four other countries will start work on the world's biggest telescope on Hawaii Island that will enable to identify an object as small as coin from a distance of 500 kms. The other four countries are?	US, Japan, Canada and China
Name the Silicon Valley stalwart which announced plans to separate its computer and printer businesses from its corporate hardware and services operations?	Hewlett-Packard Co (HP)
Who won the 2014 Nobel prize in physiology or medicine for their discoveries of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain?	British-American researcher John O Keefe, and Norwegian couple May-Britt





	Moser and Edvard I Moser
Which social networking giant will buy the mobile messenger WhatsApp for a record 19 billion dollar?	Facebook
Who won the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix?	Lewis Hamilton (England) of Mercedes team
At which place 18th Asian Games would be held?	Jakarta (Indonesia)
Name the Windows operating system (OS) which will be launched by Microsoft in 2015?	Windows 10
The Hong Kong democracy group launched a civil disobedience movement demanding electoral reforms in the country. What is the name of this movement?	Occupy Central
Internet search giant Google has finally downed the shutters of its social networking website. What is the name of this website?	Orkut

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2014 Asian Games Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	151	108	83	342
2	South Korea	79	71	84	234
3	Japan	47	76	77	200
4	Kazakhstan	28	23	33	84
5	Iran	21	18	18	57
6	Thailand	12	7	28	47
7	North Korea	11	11	14	36
8	India	11	10	36	57
9	Chinese Taipei	10	18	23	51
10	Qatar	10	0	4	14

HIGHLIGHTS OF ASIAN GAMES 2014, INCHEON

1. The 2014 Asian Games is officially known as the **XVII Asiad**.
2. 14 World record and 27 Asian records were broken during the Games.
3. Slogan of the 17th Asian Games - **Diversity Shines Here**.
4. China led the medal table for the **ninth** consecutive time in the Asian Games.
5. China lead the medals tally with 151 gold medals, way ahead of South Korea (79 gold) and Japan (47 gold).
6. The Most Valuable Player award goes to Japanese swimmer Kosuke Hagino. He won 4 gold medals from 200 m and 400 m individual medley.
7. India bagged 57 medals - 11 gold, 10 silver and 36 bronze.
8. Jitu Rai won the first gold medal for India at 17th Asian Games.
9. Laishram Sarita Devi raised controversy by not accepting bronze medal after controversial decision in semi-final boxing match. But later she accepted the medal.
10. India won 2 gold medal each in Kabaddi and Athletics.
11. Cambodia won their first Asian Games gold medal in taekwondo.
12. Official website of 17th Asian Games - <http://www.incheon2014ag.org>
13. 45 countries participated at the 17th Asian Games.





14. South Korea hosted the Asian Games for the third time. The other two occasions were Seoul (1986) and Busan (2002).

15. Baram, Chumuro and Vichuon (animal - Seal) were the official mascot of the 17th Asian Games.

16. 36 sporting events were held at 17th Asian Games.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS 2014:

Nobel Prize in Physics 2014

- **Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura**

- "for the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources"

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2014

- **Eric Betzig, Stefan W. Hell and William E. Moerner**

- "for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy"

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2014

- **John O'Keefe, May-Britt Moser and Edvard I. Moser**

- "for their discoveries of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain"

Nobel Prize in Literature 2014

- **Patrick Modiano**

- "for the art of memory with which he has evoked the most ungraspable human destinies and uncovered the life-world of the occupation"

Nobel Peace Prize 2014

- **Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzay**

- "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education"

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2014

- **Jean Tirole**

- "for his analysis of market power and regulation"





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