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At least 12 persons were killed and 45 others injured when Krishak Express and Barauni Express collided. At which place this collision took place?	Near Gorakhpur
Name the fourteen day long Indo-US military exercise which has begun in Uttarakhand to strengthen and broaden inter-operability and cooperation between the two Armies?	Yudh Abhyas 2014
Name the Director of Indian Cricket team whose tenure was extended by BCCI till 2015 ICC World Cup?	Ravi Shastri
Name the chief minister of Maharashtra who resigned from his office after NCP broke its 15-year-old alliance with Congress in the state, reducing his government to a minority?	Prithviraj Chavan
Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards 2014 was announced by?	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
How much fund India will contribute to the United Nations to help it fight the deadly Ebola virus in the African continent?	12 million US dollars
Who took oath as Tamil Nadu's 28th Chief Minister after J. Jayalalithaa was arrested in the disproportionate assets case?	O. Panneerselvam
Who was appointed as the 42nd Chief Justice of India?	Justice H.L. Dattu
Name the 41st Chief Justice of India (CJI) who retired from his office after serving as the CJI for five months?	Rajendra Mal Lodha
For the first time WIFI internet services was launched in a railway station. Name the station where this service was launched?	Chennai Central
The Forbes India magazine released the 100 Richest Indian List 2014 on 25 September 2014. Who topped the list for the eighth consecutive year with a net worth of 23.6 billion US dollars?	Mukesh Ambani
Name the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who was sentenced to four years in prison after being convicted in Rs.66 crore disproportionate assets case by a special sessions court in Bangalore and was also asked to pay a fine of Rs.100 crore?	J. Jayalalithaa
Narendra Modi became the second prime minister of India to address United Nations General Assembly in Hindi. Who was the first prime minister?	Atal Behari Vajpayee





As per the report released by global rating agency Moody, Indian Banks need to raise up to USD 37 billion over the next 4-5 years to meet?	Basel III compliance norms
Name of the rural skilling programme which was re-launched as _____ which will continue to scout for new skills to achieve target of training a million rural youths by 2017.	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
Swachh Bharat Mission for Urban Areas will be operational from?	2nd October 2014
Which banks has recently started facility for kids to operate saving bank accounts independently?	SBI and ICICI
Who was appointed as the president of News Broadcasting Association?	Rajat Sharma of India TV news channel
Name of the pet mission of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for which one lakh thirty four thousand crore will be spent for construction of about 11 crore 11 lakh toilets in the country?	Swachh Bharat Mission
Which authority declared the National Tax Tribunal Act as unconstitutional under which a tribunal was set up to decide tax-related cases by taking away jurisdiction of high courts in such matters?	Supreme Court
Union Government has decided to observe September 25 as _____ every year to mark the birth anniversary of erstwhile Bharatiya Jana Sangh and BJP icon Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya?	Antyodaya Diwas
Name of the campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India a manufacturing hub?	Make In India
Renowned Hindi author who was conferred the 'Saraswati Samman' for his novel "Dhool Paudhon Par"?	Govind Mishra
Name the public sector bank which has decided to split its shares in the ratio of 1:10?	State Bank of India (SBI)
Indian Space Science Data Centre (ISSDC) which received pictures of Mars from ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) is located at?	Bayalu (Karnataka)
India creates history as ISRO's MOM or Mangalyaan successfully enters Mars orbit in first attempt. What is the full form of MOM?	Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)
Which state government recently issued an order enhancing the upper age limit for direct recruitment in government service from 34 to 40 years?	Andhra Pradesh government
Chairman and Managing Director of Syndicate Bank who was recently terminated from service by the Central Government?	Sudhir Kumar Jain
Who won the first silver medal for India in men's squash singles at the 17th Asian Games at Incheon?	Saurav Ghosal
What is the new name of MCX Stock Exchange (MCX-SX) which was approved by capital market regulator SEBI?	Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India (mSXI)





Who was appointed as the MD and CEO of South Indian Bank Ltd?	V.G. Mathew
Who became the first ever contestants to win 7 crore rupees in the show - Kaun Banega Crorepati?	Delhi brothers Achin and Sarthak Narula
Which film will be India's official entry into the 87th Academy Awards (Oscars) for the year 2015?	Liar's Dice directed by Geetu Mohandas
Former chief of Medical Council of India (MCI) who was recently appointed as the President of the World Medical Association (WMA)?	Dr. Ketan Desai
Name of the operation launched by the Indian Army to provide assistance for flood-affected people in Jammu and Kashmir?	Operation Megh Rahat
Who won the first gold medal for India at 17th Asian Games at Incheon?	Jitu Rai in Shooting
Under whose chairmanship pension fund regulator PFRDA has set up an expert committee to review investment guidelines for pension system, other than for government employees?	Former SEBI Chairman G N Bajpai
The US Senate has unanimously passed a bipartisan resolution designating September 30 as?	India Partnership Day
Name of the Russian made diesel-electric submarine of the Indian Navy which sank in the Mumbai harbour in an accident which killed 18 sailors in August and which has now been decommissioned?	INS Sindhurakshak
India's flag bearer at 17th Asian Games opening ceremony?	Sardar Singh (India's hockey team captain)
Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry launched free news SMS service of _____ in five Indian languages - Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit, Dogri and Nepali?	All India Radio (AIR)
Name India's First Transgender News Anchor?	Padmini Prakash
Name the Indian boxer who was selected for the Arjuna award?	Manoj Kumar
How many textile parks (entailing minimum investment of Rs 100 crore each) will be set-up in India which will help generate thousands of jobs?	13
Who was nominated by US President Barack Obama as the next US Ambassador to India?	Richard Rahul Verma
Which authority has proposed segregation of chairman and managing director (CMD) posts and a separate committee for appointment of directors on the board of PSU banks?	Reserve Bank of India
First Indian State to ratify the National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2014?	Rajasthan
What is the brand name of the electronic toll collection (ETC) programme recently launched by the Union Government?	FASTag
Who was appointed as the chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW)?	Lalitha Kumaramangalam





Who was appointed as the China's New Ambassador to India?	Le Yucheng
Which state was made permanent venue for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?	Goa
Who was appointed as the Chairman of Quality Council of India?	Former McKinsey India Chief Adil Zainulbhai
Name the Chinese President who commenced his three-day state visit to India from Gujarat?	Xi Jinping
Name the youngest MP in the 16th Lok Sabha who won by-election on 16th September 2014?	Tej Pratap Singh Yadav (Age-26)
What is the name of recently released autobiography of veteran theatre and film actor Naseeruddin Shah?	And Then One Day
Annual rate of inflation, based on the monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI), declined to five year low at?	3.74%
Which authority recently relaxed various provisions of the new law, especially for smaller companies, and extended the deadline for appointing at least one woman director to April 1, 2015?	Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Who was appointed as the Governor of Manipur?	Dr. Krishan Kant Paul
Name the permanent venue for the bi-annual Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)?	Aizawl
Name the scheme launched by the Union Government to address gaps in health services in vulnerable and far-flung areas of the country?	National Ayush Mission (NAM)
Which public sector bank has emerged as the leader in mobile banking with 50 per cent market share in this segment?	State Bank of India
Indian badminton player who won the Indonesian Masters Grand Prix Gold, the maiden Grand Prix title of his career?	H. S. Prannoy
How many Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) were recently closed down by Reserve Bank of India for being indulged in money laundering activities?	6
National Hindi Divas or Hindi Day was observed across India on?	14 September
In which country State Bank of India celebrated 150 years of its operations?	Sri Lanka
Who was appointed as the chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)?	Narendra Ambwani
The Assembly polls in the states of Maharashtra and Haryana will be held on?	15th October 2014
The Supreme Court today held that ___% percent reservation for differently-abled persons be given in all category of government jobs including in appointments and promotions to IAS?	3%





What is the upper age limit fixed by the Reserve Bank of India for M.D. and C.E.O. in private sector banks?	70 years
New Payment Gateway Integrated to e-Filing System of the _____ was launched by Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.	Intellectual Property Office of India (IPOI)
The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the integration of Border Security Force (BSF) with BISAG project of Gujarat Government. What is the full form of BISAG?	Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo informatics
Name the youngest sailor at the Asian Games 2014 in the Optimist Dinghy category to represent India?	Chitresh Tatha
Which committee set up at the behest of the Supreme Court reported that majority of deemed university do not fulfill the criteria needed to become deemed university?	H Devaraj Committee
Government of which state declared September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas' – a day which would be celebrated across the State to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems?	Uttarakhand
Union ministry of science and technology announced a special promotion scheme-- KIRAN (Knowledge, Involvement, Research, Advancement through Nurturing) for?	Women scientists
Which public sector bank plans to roll out an employee stock option scheme (ESOS) for its 2.19 lakh employees?	State Bank of India (SBI)
Government extended deadline for Central Government employees to file details of their assets and liabilities from 15th September 2014 to?	31st December 2014
Which award was presented by the President of India at International Literacy Day Celebrations?	Saakshar Bharat Awards 2014
Watches of which company will become history after Union Government decided to shut down the loss making subsidiary of the company which was launched in 1961?	Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) Watches
Who was appointed as the Executive Director in World Bank for a tenure of three years?	Subhash Chandra Garg
Indian player who announced to retire from professional snooker?	Pankaj Advani
First National Anti-TB Drug Resistance Survey of India was launched by?	Union Health Ministry
The Airports Authority of India will come up with first five no-frills airports in four states. These four states are-	Tezu (Arunachal Pradesh), Kishangarh (Rajasthan), Jharsuguda (Odisha), Hubli and Belgaum (Karnataka)
Which Union Ministry has launched Know Your Rights Portal?	Union Civil Aviation Ministry
Who is the first Indian to visit Stratosphere, the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere?	TN Suresh Kumar (ISRO scientist)





Which atomic power station of India become the second longest running reactor in the world by being in operation for 765 days continuously?	Unit 5 of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station
Name of the Prime Minister of Australia who recently visited India?	Tony Abbott
Who won bronze at the women Grand Prix chess at the Asian Games?	Harika Dronavalli
The National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2014 and the 121st Constitutional Amendment Bill was passed by the _____ ?	Rajya Sabha
In which state India's first coral garden will be set up?	Gujarat
Name of the JNU professor who was awarded China Book Award by China in recognition of his long-term contribution to the translation and publication of Chinese works?	Priyadarsi Mukherji
Name the hockey player who was declared as Asia's Junior Player of the Year by AHF (Asian Hockey Federation)?	Manpreet Singh
Noted Kathak dancer who died recently at the age of 86?	Maya Rao
U.S. Post Service (USPS) will issue a postage stamp to honour this Legendary Indian actor. What is the name of this actor?	Akkineni Nageswara Rao
Who won Mixed Doubles trophy of the US Open after defeating doubles team of Abigail Spears and Santiago Gonzalez, 6-1, 2-6, 11-9?	Sania Mirza and Bruno Soares
India won 5-match ODI cricket series played against England by?	3 - 1
Who was appointed as the first women chairperson of Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS)?	Chandrakala Padia
Name of India's largest indigenous patrol vessel which was commissioned into Indian Navy recently?	INS Sumitra
Who was appointed as the new Governor of Kerala?	P Sathasivam
Name the former Attorney General of India who died recently?	G.E. Vahanvati
Which Indian bank declared Vijay Mallya and three directors of Kingfisher Airlines (KFA) as wilful defaulters?	United Bank of India (UBI)
Minimum monthly pension of Rs 1,000 and a higher wage ceiling of Rs 15,000 for social security scheme run by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) came into effect from 1st September 2014. What is the name of this Rs 1,000 pension scheme?	EPS-95 (Employees' Pension Scheme 1995)
Revived Nalanda University at Rajgir, Bihar started its operation from 1st September 2014. Who is the head of this university?	Prof. Amartya Sen





International Current Affairs and Events

World Tourism Day was observed across the world on?	27th September
Who won the 40th Ryder Cup in Gleneagles, Scotland defeating United States?	Europe
Who was sworn in as the president of Afghanistan recently?	Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai
Which country launched a campaign similar to Make in India campaign launched by India?	China (Made in China Campaign)
UN Climate Change Summit 2014 was held at?	New York
Who are the winners of the Right Livelihood Award (promoted as the "Alternative Nobel Prize") for 2014?	Asma Jahangir (Pakistan) Alan Rusbridger (UK) Edward Snowden (US)
Who was appointed as the new chief of Pakistani intelligence agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)?	Lt. General Rizwan Akhtar
Name of the Prime Minister of New Zealand who was re-elected for the third term?	John Key
Who won the Singapore Formula One Grand Prix 2014?	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
Which country won the first gold medal of 17th Asian Games?	China
Voters of which country rejected independence from Britain in a referendum that had threatened to break up the 307-year union between them?	Scotland
17th Asian games began at?	Incheon, South Korea
Name the Co-founder and leader of Oracle Corp who on 18 September 2014 stepped down as CEO?	Larry Ellison
Grand Slam winner Li Na on 19 September 2014 announced her retirement at the age of 32. She belongs to which country?	China
Name the Hollywood actor who was appointed as UN Messenger of Peace?	Leonardo DiCaprio
International Day for preservation of Ozone Layer was observed on?	16th September
Which country won the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014 by defeating Serbia?	United States of America (USA)
Name of the latest operating system launched by Google for its Android-based phone?	Android One
Who is the author of the book - "50 years of man in space"?	Garik Israelien, Brian May and David J Eicher





Which company agreed to buy General Electric Co.'s (GE's) home-appliances unit for \$3.3 billion in cash?	Electrolux
Name the Pakistani off-spinner who was suspended by the ICC (International Cricket Council) for illegal bowling action?	Saeed Ajmal
Winner of men's doubles titles at US Open 2014?	Mike Bryan and Bob Bryan (US)
The report titled G20 Labour markets: outlook, key challenges and policy responses was released by?	International Labour Organisation
Who won the men's singles title at US Open 2014?	Marin Cilic (Croatia)
World Literacy Day was observed across the world on?	08 September 2014
Who won the women's singles title at US Open 2014 (her third consecutive U.S. Open championship and 18th major singles)?	Serena Williams (US)
Which country defeated Australia in one day international cricket match for first time in 31 years?	Zimbabwe
Who won the Men's singles title at World Badminton Championship 2014?	Chen Long (China)
Name the polish player who created world record in the women's hammer throw (79.58 mtrs) at the Internationales Stadionfest (ISTAF) Berlin Athletics meet at Berlin's Olympic stadium in Germany.	Anita Wlodarczyk (Poland)
Who became the first Spanish woman to win the World Badminton Championship 2014, defeating world no. 1 Li Xuerui of China in the women's singles final?	Carolina Marin

HIGHLIGHTS OF US OPEN 2014

Event	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Marin Cilic (Croatia)	Kei Nishikori (Japan)
Women's Singles	Serena Williams (US)	Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark)
Men's Doubles	Bob Bryan (US) Mike Bryan (US)	Marcel Granollers (Spain) Marc Lopez (Spain)
Women's Doubles	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) Elena Vesnina (Russia)	Martina Hingis (Switzerland) Flavia Pennetta (Italy)
Mixed Doubles	Sania Mirza (India) Bruno Soares (Brazil)	Abigail Spears (US) Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico)





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