

MONTHLY GK CAPSULE (NEWSPAPER ANALYSIS) AUGUST – 2015

NEWS ANALYSIS 1ST – 6TH AUG 2015

- 1. RESERVE BANK OF INDIA TO ISSUE 10 RUPEES COINS TO COMMEMORATE 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA'** RBI decided to put into circulation 10 Rupees coin to commemorate the international Day of Yoga. The coin have been minted by the Government of India. The coin bears the logo of International Day of Yoga The coins are minted under the coinage act 2011. Coins are minted at the four India government mints at Mumbai, Alipore (Kolkata) Saijabad (Hyderabad) a, Cherlapally (Hyderabad) and Noida (UP)The coin bears :logo of "International Day of Yoga", with inscription "सामंजस्य एवं शान्ति के लिए योग" in Devnagri Script and "YOGA FOR HARMONY AND PEACE" around the logo. The date "21 JUNE" is written at the bottom of the logo. The inscription "अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस" in Devnagri script
- 2. KALYANI GROUP PARTNERS WITH ISRAEL'S RAFAEL TO MAKE SPIKE MISSILE:** India's Kalyani group and Israel's Rafael have partnered to produce spike anti tank guided missile in India. The FDI proposal in this regard was cleared by defense acquisition council which was chaired by defense minister worth 3200 crore rupees. **Defense Minister: Manohar Parrikar**
- 3. CYCLONE KOMEN FORMED OVER BAY OF BENGAL:** Cyclone Komen formed after the depression over the northern Bay of Bengal turned into cyclone storm. Indian meteorological department forecasted heavy to very heavy rains with isolated extremely heavy rains in Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha.
- 4. E-TOURIST VISA SCHEME EXTENDED TO CHINA, HONG KONG AND MACAU:** E-Tourist visa scheme was extended to China ,Hong Kong and Macau. Now total number of countries covered under E-tourist visa scheme increased to 77 from 74. E-tourist visa scheme launched by government of India.Under this Scheme tourist with E-visa can arrive at 9 designated airports namely Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Trivandrum. **External Affairs Minister: Sushma Swaraj**
- 5. GOVERNMENT TO SET UP NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (NIIF)** Union Cabinet approved setting up of **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** to Support new and stressed projects so that it may help to restart the investment cycle. The fund will have an initial corpus of 20000 crore rupees. NIIF is proposed to be set up as a Trust which would raise debt to invest in the equity of infrastructure finance companies

such as Indian Rail Finance Corporation (IRFC) and National Housing Bank (NHB). The fund was proposed by the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his Budget 2015-16.

6. **BEIJING TO HOST 2022 WINTER OLYMPICS:** International Olympic Committee announced that Beijing will host the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. Beijing became the first city to host both the Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics and it hosted Summer Olympics in 2008. Beijing was awarded the Games because it fitted its new agenda for a stronger focus on sustainability, legacy, and transparency. **Beijing is the capital of China. President of International Olympic Committee: Thomas Bach.** The 2014 Winter Olympics was held in Sochi, Russia and it was the most expensive Olympics in history. In 2018, the Winter Olympics will be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea.
7. **30 JULY OBSERVED AS WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS:** World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed across the world on 30 July. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched the global campaign. **GiveHope** to raise awareness around the plight of survivors of trafficking in persons. **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime head quarter: Vienna, Austria.** According to UNODC's biennial Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, at least 152 countries are affected by trafficking in persons and 21 million people are trapped in slavery. Maximum of the victims are children.
8. **CENTRE TO INDUCT RS 20,000 CRORES CAPITAL IN PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS:** The government has decided to infuse capital of Rs 20,000 crore in public sector banks. Rs 10,000 crore of this money will be used to support "weak" banks. The finance ministry is setting up a rating system for public sector banks where their performance will be measured. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are banks where a majority stake is held by a government.[1] The shares of these banks are listed on stock exchanges. There are a total of 27 PSBs in India [19 Nationalised banks + 6 State bank group (SBI + 5 associates) + 1 IDBI bank (Other Public Sector-Indian Bank) = 26 PSBs + 1 Bhartiya Mahila Bank].
9. **PRABHROOP SEKHON WON TWO GOLD MEDAL AT WORLD SUMMER GAMES:** Fourteen year old Master Prabhroop Sekhon won two gold medals in 300 metre and 500 metre Roller Skating at the Special Olympics World Summer Games. The event is being held at Los Angeles, USA. Prabhroop Sekhon is the son of a serving Air Force Officer, Group Captain BS Sekhon. Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015: They are an international sporting competition organized by special Olympics for athletes with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics founded in 1968. To celebrate the talent, perservance and achievement of those with intellectual disabilities.
10. **JOSHNA CHINAPPA WON SQUASH TITLE VICTORIAN OPEN:** Indian player Joshna Chinappa won the women's squash title in the 15000 US Dollar,Victorian Open WSA Event in Melbourne, Australia. Joshna Chinappa defeated Line Hansen of Denmark. The 28-year-old Joshna, has now totally won 10 women squash titles.
11. **TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT STARTED ' YOUTH AWARD' IN THE NAME OF DR APJ ABDUL KALAM:** The state government of Tamil Nadu started youth award in the name of former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. THE Award consisting of 8 gram gold, 5 lakh rupees in cash and a citation. The award would be given on every Independence Day to a person from the state who works with exceptional merit in science, humanities and students welfare. **Dr APJ ABDUL Kalam's birthday on October 15th would be celebrated as the Youth Revival Day.** Former Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam KNOWN AS People's President ,MISSILE MAN Died on 27 July 2015. He was the 11th President of India and was awarded with India's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna in 1997. **Chief Minister of TAMIL NADU : J Jayalalithaa**

- 12. INDRA-DHANUSH AIR EXERCISE BETWEEN INDIA AND UK:** Indo-UK bilateral Air Exercise Indra-dhanush conducted between Indian Air Force. (IAF) and British Royal Air Forces (RAF). It was a 10 days exercise conducted in BRITAIN. **Chief of Indian navy: Admiral RK Dhowan, Defence minister :Manohar Parrikar**
- 13. INDIA AND BANGLADESH PHYSICALLY TRANSFERRED ENCLAVES ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER:** India and Bangladesh physically transferred 162 enclaves/chitmahals located on Indo-Bangladesh border. India and Bangladesh exchanged enclaves, 51 Bangladeshi enclaves merged with India, while 111 Indian enclaves merged with Bangladesh. This exchange gave citizenship identity to over 52,000 people of either country, thus giving them access to all legal rights and civic amenities. Earlier people in these enclaves were living a stateless existence for 68 years. **Pm of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, Currency of Bangladesh: Bangladeshi Taka**
- 14. INDIA TO HOST 2ND FORUM FOR INDIA-PACIFIC ISLANDS COOPERATION (FIPIC)** India will host second edition meeting of Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) on 21 August 2015 in Jaipur, Rajasthan. It will be attended by the heads of 14 island nations from Indo-Pacific oceanic region. It is India's first step towards greater engagement with the region, which is important from geostrategic and economic standpoint. It will help India in countering the growing Chinese influence in the Pacific Oceanic region. In FIPIC meeting the nations will ink agreements in various potential areas such as: agriculture, fisheries, food processing, solar energy, e-networks for coordination in tele-education
- 15. INDIA WON SILVER MEDAL IN WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP:** Indian women's recurve archery team has won silver medal in World Archery Championship held in Copenhagen, Denmark. Indian women's team included trio of Laxmirani Majhi, Deepika Kumari, and Rimil Buriuly. The gold medal is won by Russian women's team included trio of Ksenia Perova, Inna Stepanova and Tuyana Dashidorzhieva. Indian Archer Rajat Chauhan has won silver medal in the World Archery Championships in the compound category.
- 16. "SUBSIDY SCHEME" LAUNCHED BY SPICES BOARD OF INDIA:** Spices Board of India has launched subsidy scheme in a bid to promote spice cultivation in India. **Under this scheme:-** Financial Assistance: To farmers cultivating and planting various spices will be provided. The assistance will be provided for irrigation, mechanisation, land development, soil conservation, replanting and organic farming of various spices. Under this scheme financial aid will be also given to purchase farming equipment and irrigation tools.
- 17. "CERN" FORMALLY CONFERS ITS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TO PAKISTAN:** Pakistan was formally conferred Associate Membership status by European Organization for Nuclear Research (also known as CERN). Pakistan became the first Asian country to become member of CERN. It will open a new era of scientific cooperation between CERN and Pakistani scientific community. CERN European Organization for Nuclear Research (also known as CERN) is the world's largest particle physics laboratory. CERN in French stands for 'Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire'. It has 22 member states. Israel is the first and only non-European country with full membership status. **Located at** Switzerland **Established** in 1954. **Main function:** To provide the infrastructure needed for high energy physics research including particle accelerators. **India have observer status in CERN programmes.**
- 18. AGREEMENT BETWEEN UN MEMBERS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** 193 member states of the United Nations signed pact on a new Sustainable Development Agenda. The new Agenda draft document called "Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The Agenda includes steps for eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality, improving living standards and taking urgent action to combat climate change. The agreement mentions 17 goals with 169 specific targets on issues relating to end poverty from everywhere to ensuring quality education, affordable and reliable energy. **United nations:** The United Nations (UN) is an intergovernmental organization to promote international co-operation. The organization was established on 24

October 1945 following the Second World War to prevent another such conflict. The UN had 51 member states in 1945; and now there are 193 members. **The headquarters of the United Nations is in Manhattan, New York City. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.**

- 19. INDIA WON BRONZE MEDAL AT 6TH SENIOR ART GYMNASTICS ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Ace Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar won bronze medal at the 6th Senior ART Gymnastics Asian Championships. The 6th Senior ART Gymnastics Asian Championships held at Hiroshima, Japan. She had also won a bronze in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
- 20. 'FRISBEE' RECOGNISED AS OLYMPIC SPORT BY IOC:** International Olympic Committee (IOC) has officially recognised 'Frisbee' as an Olympic sport. Decision was taken at the 128th IOC Session held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It was included as Olympic sport after World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) had met all the eligibility criteria. **Frisbee** is the sport of flying disc. World Flying Disc Federation governs all Frisbee events. **Head of International Olympic Committee: Thomas Bach Head quarter of International Olympic Committee: Lausanne, Switzerland**
- 21. GOVERNMENT SIGNS LANDMARK PEACE ACCORD WITH NSCN:** Government has signed a landmark peace accord with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN). The Accord is signed to end almost two decades long pending peace talks. This would bring peace and solution to the State. The accord was signed in presence of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, the NSCN (IM) leader Th. Muivah, and government's interlocutor for Naga peace talks RN Ravi. Nagaland is also known as **Epicenter of insurgency** in north-eastern India. **Recently** the government has extended **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958** for one more year on Nagaland. **Chief Minister of Nagaland: R. Zeliang.**
- 22. 'SAMANVAY' LAUNCHED BY MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR GRAM PANCHAYATS:** 'SAMANVAY' web portal is launched to monitor progress and implementation of the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana for development of Gram Panchayats. It will provide information about all Government schemes including Central and State government for Gram Panchayats. 'SAMANVAY' will act as a database for information on various gram panchayat related activities through various schemes undertaken by the Central and State Governments. A magazine 'Panchayat Darpan' is also launched to monitor the progress of the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. **Union Rural Development Minister: Chaudhary Birender Singh.**
- 23. BHARAT BHARTI LITERARY AWARD TO KASHINATH SINGH:** Hindi litterateur Kashinath Singh has been chosen for the Bharat Bharti literary award. He had penned down many books and novels his most famous novel is 'Kashi ka Assi' Bharat Bharti literary award is Uttar Pradesh state's highest literary award. **Chief minister of Uttar Pradesh : Akhilesh Yadav**
- 24. 'OPERATION MUSKAAN' BY GURGAON POLICE TO TRACE MISSING KIDS:** 'Operation Muskaan' was launched by railway police to trace missing children and to reunite them with their parents. The operation was launched with an aim to prevent child trafficking and rescue children from persons who engage them in begging, sexual trade and other antisocial activities.
- 25. 'OPERATION SHISHTACHAR' LAUNCHED BY DELHI POLICE:** 'Operation Shishtachar' is launched by Delhi police to teach lesson to eve-teasers. The operation aims to nab offenders and teach lesson of manner to them. women police officers dressed in civil will be posted at busy places like markets, metro stations, cinema halls and buses stands to keep a eye on young men. The operation is launched following several complaints by girls that they often have to face eve teasing in busy places, especially crowded markets and metro stations.

- 26. IQBAL AHMED ANSARI APPOINTED AS ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE OF PATNA HIGH COURT:** Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari was appointed as acting Chief Justice of Patna High Court by President Pranab Mukherjee under article 233. **Article 223** of Indian Constitution states for the appointment of acting Chief Justice when the office of Chief Justice of High Court is vacant or when any such Chief Justice, by reason of absence or otherwise, is unable to perform the duties of his office.
- 27. CHINA TO MAKE FIVE-HUNDRED-METER APERTURE SPHERICAL TELESCOPE:** China to make Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST), in Guizhou province of south west China. It will be the World's Largest Radio Telescope, whose dish size will be equal to 30 football stadiums. Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope has been described as an Ear that will help scientists to listen the universe, to get weaker radio signals from outer space and solar system. **Telescope: an optical instrument designed to make distant objects appear nearer.**
- 28. Philippine firm develops lamp that runs on water & salt :** A small company from Philippines has developed a cost-effective lamp which burns for almost eight hours & runs on a glass of water & two tablespoons of salt. Called Sustainable Alternative Lighting or SALt lamp, it generates enough energy to charge a smartphone through USB cable. The mechanism of the lamp is based upon a galvanic cell battery, which consists of an electrolyte solution of salt & water & two electrodes. As the lamp runs on sea water, it is cost-efficient, sustainable and safe for usage.
- 29. UN releases World Population Prospects 2015 report:** UN has released the World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision report, at its headquarters in New York. As per the report, India is expected to exceed China in terms of population by 2022. Presently, China & India comprise 19% & 18% of the world population, respectively. The current population of the world is 7.3 billion. It is expected to reach to 8.5 billion by 2030, 9.7 billion by 2050 & 11.2 billion in 2100.
- 30. Tata brand retained its number 1 position in India:** Tata brand retained its number 1 position and most valuable brand at more than \$15 billion according to year's annual study conducted by the U.K. based Brand Finance, a leading brand valuation consultancy. It should be noted that with growth of emerging sectors like e-commerce, tele communications, technology companies, banking services the competition for places in the Top 100.
- 31. India's First Harbour Defence System Commissioned In Kochi:** India's first Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System (IUHDSS) was commissioned in Kochi, Kerala. First of its kind system in the country is part of initiatives to strengthen and beef up coastal security in the western coastline.
- 32. Cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin presented with Arjuna Award :-**Indian cricket team off-spinner bowler Ravichandran Ashwin has been awarded with Arjuna Award by Union Government. Ashwin is the 48th cricketer to receive the prestigious award. Union Sports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal presented him with the award in New Delhi at a special function.
- 33. Two-thirds of rural households still use firewood for cooking:** Recently released data from the National Sample Survey (NSS) show that over two-thirds of households in rural India still rely on firewood for cooking. The data relate to a survey conducted by the NSSO on a nationally representative sample during 2011-12. Over two-thirds of households use liquefied petroleum gas for cooking in urban areas, but 14% of urban households — including nearly half of the poorest 20%— still rely on firewood. The data show that the use of firewood for cooking has declined only very slowly over the years in rural India going from 78.2% of all rural households in 1993-94 to 67.3% in 2011-12. LPG use in rural households has grown relatively fast, from fewer than two per cent of rural households two decades ago to 15% in 2011-12.

- 34. South Sudan becomes Olympic movement's 206th member:** South Sudan became the 206th member of the Olympic family after the International Olympic Committee approved its inclusion, despite ongoing fighting in the African country. Sports leaders from South Sudan, Sudan and IOC executive members could not hold back tears as the International Olympic Committee accepted the country by acclaim at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur. A South Sudanese marathon runner, Guor Marial, competed at London 2012 but under the Olympic flag as South Sudan was not yet an IOC member.
- 35. HSBC India plans to launch 'green bonds':** HSBC India's chairman Naina Lal Kidwai announced to launch 'green bonds' in India for raising funds for investments in environmental projects. Green bond is a debt instrument with which a bond issuer gets capital while the investors receive fixed income in the form of interest. The issuer of green bond gets capital from the investors only if the investment is being raised to fund 'green' projects relating to renewable energy or emission reductions etc.
- 36. Govt. mulls selling 3% stake in GAIL:** The Central Government plans to sell three per cent stake in state-owned gas utility GAIL India which could fetch over Rs.1,300 crore to the Exchequer. Finance Ministry has moved a draft Cabinet note for inter-ministerial consultations for selling over 3.80 crore shares in GAIL through a public offer, official sources said. At current trading price of Rs.345.15 per share, the stake sale would fetch the Centre over Rs.1,300 crore.
- 37. Government proposes to develop 200 'city forests' in next 5 years:** As part of its effort to increase and protect green cover in urban areas, the Centre has proposed to develop 200 'city forests' in the country in the next five years and launch a 'school nursery' scheme to create awareness about environment protection. The idea is to develop at least one 'city forest' initially on forest land, ranging from 20 hectare to 100 hectare, in cities having municipal corporations.
- 38. 70th anniversary of dropping of first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan observed:** Tens of thousands of attendants stood for a minute of silence at 8-30 a.m. at the ceremony in Hiroshima's peace park near the epicentre of the 1945 attack, marking the moment of the atomic blast. Then dozens of doves were released as a symbol of peace. The U.S. bomb, "Little Boy," the first one used at war, killed 140,000 people, and a second bomb "Fat Man," dropped over Nagasaki three days later, killed another 70,000, prompting Japan's surrender in World War II.
- 39. Mean temperature in India has risen by 0.6 degree Celsius in last 110 years:** Government: With the mercury rising across the globe due to warming of the planet, mean temperature in India has increased by 0.6 degree Celsius over the last 110 years, the government said. Heatwave and Severe Heat Wave were also recorded more in the last decade as compared to last four decades and the phenomenon was "abnormally" high in 2015, which witnessed 2,037 deaths across the country.

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- The Indian football team has been ranked _____ in the latest FIFA rankings?**
A) 161st B) 156th
C) 148th D) 160th
- Which IIT college has signed a MoU with the Law School of George Washington University (GWU) for students and faculty exchange?**
A) IIT Mumbai B) IIT Kharagpur
C) IIT Kanpur D) IIT Delhi
- With which country India has inked MoU to boost ties in New and Renewable Energy?**
A) Indonesia B) Japan
C) Mozambique D) US
- South Indian based Cycle Agarbathi has roped _____ as its brand ambassador?**
A) Debni Kumari B) Amitabh Bachchan
C) Gopi Chand D) Saina Nehwal
- Which state government has decided to name the gold trophy of the state school science festival, after former president APJ Abdul Kalam?**
A) Kerala B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Tamil Nadu D) Maharashtra
- Who has been appointed as Governor of Bihar?**
A) Ram Nath Kovind B) Somesh Rai
C) Kiran Vimla D) Pratap Singh
- Which city has topped the Swachh Bharat rankings among 476 cities in the country?**
A) Mysore B) Chennai
C) Bhopal D) Tumkuru
- Who has been appointed as governor of Himachal Pradesh?**
A) Acharya Dev Vrat B) Narain Rathore
C) Shakti Rao D) Arvind Rai
- The 'Yodha Park' has inaugurated to mark 50 years of the 1965 Indo-Pak war in _____?**
A) Mathura city B) Jodhpur
C) Srinagar D) New Delhi
- Who was George Cole?**
A) scientist B) sports person
C) TV actor D) geologist
- Global satellite named 'GlobalSat for DRR' has been proposed to be named after _____?**
A) Bhimsen Joshi B) Abdul Kalam
C) CN Rao D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- Who was Sean Price?**
A) movie director B) politician
C) music composer D) scientist
- Who won Ramanujan Prize for 2015:**
A) Amalendu Krishan B) Neha Sharma
C) Karan Menon D) Ashok choudary
- When is National Handloom Day is observed:**
A) 7 Aug B) 9th Aug
C) 7th July D) 4th aug
- Who got Germany's highest civilian award 'order of merit':**
A) Amelic Maurremo B) Ragavendra Gadagkar
C) Amant Parsad D) APL Abdul Kalam
- When is Hiroshima Day is observed:**
A) 6th Aug B) 9th Aug
C) 10th Aug C) 3rd Aug

17. Who is signed up for Tiger Ambassador in Maharashtra:

- A) Amir khan B) Salman Khan
C) Shahrukh Khan D) Amitabh Bachchan

18. Which player's name is recommended for Khel Ratna:

- A) Sania Nehwal B) Sania Mirza
C) Deepika Kumari D) Laxmi Rani

19. Who is the Director of Securities Exchange Board of India:

- A) Y.V. Reddy B) U K Sinha
C) Ashwin Kumar D) H R Khan

20. Which city is topped in Swachh Bharat Rankings:

- A) Mysore B) Bangalore
C) Kerala D) Punjab

ANSWER

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| 1) B | 5) A | 9) A | 13) A | 17) D |
| 2) B | 6) A | 10) C | 14) A | 18) B |
| 3) C | 7) A | 11) B | 15) B | 19) B |
| 4) B | 8) A | 12) C | 16) A | 20) A |

NEWS ANALYSIS 7th – 13th AUGUST 2015

- 1. MGNREGA WORKERS TO GET DIRECT RELEASE OF WAGES INTO BANK ACCOUNTS:** Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of direct release of wages in to the bank accounts of the MGNREGA workers. This will lower the levels of corruption in MGNREGA by bringing greater transparency in movement of funds. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 was started in 2006. later in 2009 it is renamed as the "Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act" .It is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'. It aims to ensure livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 150 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It is one of the important scheme being implemented by government to achieve inclusive growth.
- 2. AMALENDU KRISHNA WINS RAMANUJAN PRIZE:** The Ramanujan Prize for 2015 has been won by mathematician Amalendu Krishna of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai. The award given for his outstanding contributions in the area of Algebraic K-theory, Algebraic cycles and the theory of motives.
- 3. SOLAR TELESCOPE 'MULTI APPLICATION SOLAR TELESCOPE' OPERATIONALISED AT UDAIPUR SOLAR OBSERVATORY:** Udaipur Solar Observatory has operationalised a unique telescope 'Multi Application Solar Telescope' for detailed study of solar activities which could facilitate space weather predictions in the future. About Multi Application Solar Telescope'. It will be used to measure vector magnetic fields of active regions at different heights of the solar atmosphere. It will also be used to study seismic effects of solar flares.
- 4. THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) AMENDMENT BILL PASSED BY LOKSABHA:** The Lok Sabha has passed the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2014. The bill will replace the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Ordinance, 2014.
- 5. WORLD'S HIGHEST-PAID ACTORS LIST RELEASED BY FORBES:** Forbes released the list of 2015 World's Highest-Paid Actors. The list was topped by Robert Downey Jr. for the third year in a row, with earnings of 80 million US dollars. Amitabh Bachchan and Salman Khan stood at seventh position with earnings of 33.5 Million US dollar. Akshay Kumar stood at ninth position with earnings of 32.5 Million US dollars. The other two Bollywood actors in the list are Shah Rukh Khan and Ranbir Kapoor. Forbes is an American business magazine owned by Forbes.
- 6. SMART HUMSAFAR PLAN STARTED BY SBI LIFE INSURANCE:** SBI Life Insurance started Smart Humsafar, a unique plan which offers multiple benefits of savings and insurance cover for husband and wife under a single policy. In case of death of one of the spouses, a payment of sum assured is made to the surviving spouse. Head of SBI: Arundhati Bhattacharya
- 7. ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEET HELD IN ,MALAYSIA:** The 48th ASEAN foreign Ministers' meet was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meet was chaired by Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. The theme of this ASEAN meet is "Our People, Our Community, Our Vision", The motive of the Theme is to create an ASEAN Community which is truly people-oriented, people-centred comprising all areas of cooperation. The ASEAN foreign ministers meet was participated by India's Minister of State for External Affairs of India Gen (Retd) VK Singh.
- 8. RBI ALLOWS BANKS TO SHIFT, MERGE OR CLOSE BRANCHES IN URBAN AREAS:** Reserve Bank of India has allowed banks to shift, merge or close branches in urban areas, except in rural areas, at their own discretion. The

central bank said that customers of the branch should be informed well in time before actual shifting, merger or closure of the office. RBI said shifting, merger, or closure of any rural branch as well as a sole semi urban branch would require approval of the District Consultative Committee or District Level Review Committee. The Governor of reserve bank of India is Raghuram Rajan. Deputy Governors of RBI: H.R Khan, Urjit Patel, R. Gandhi and S.S Mundra RBI was established in 1935.

- 9. INDIA AND MYANMAR SIGNED AGREEMENT TO SET UP CESDT:** India and Myanmar inked an agreement to set up Centre of Excellence in Software Development and Training (CESDT) in Myanmar. The project will avail setting up of a state of the art Information and Communication Technology Centre, imparting intensive teachers training, extending support for ICT curriculum development. The agreement was signed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the ASEAN Meet. President of Myanmar: Thein Sein Myanmar Capital: Naypyidaw Myanmar Currency: Burmese kyat.
- 10. 4G SERVICES LAUNCHED BY BHARTI AIRTEL IN INDIA:** Bharti Airtel launched pan-India 4G high-speed data services. The service was launched in 296 towns across India and it will be available to customers through 4G-enabled mobile phones, internet dongles and Wi-Fi routers. Airtel the largest telecom company of India became the first company to roll out the pan-India 4G network.
- 11. NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, CLEARED IN LOK SABHA:** Lok Sabha cleared the Negotiable Instrument (Amendment) Bill 2015. Features of Negotiable Instrument (Amendment) Bill 2015. The bill will amend the negotiable instruments act 1881. The bill will amend the act to define the cases of bouncing of cheques can be filed only in a court in whose Jurisdiction the bank branch of the Payee lies. The Bill also amends the definition of cheque in the electronic form.
- 12. THE AUGUST EDITION OF FIFA WORLD RANKING RELEASED:** The August edition of the FIFA/Coca Cola World Ranking was released by coca cola. Top ranking in FIFA List: (i) Argentina (ii) Belgium (iii) Germany (2014 World Cup Winner) (iv) Chile, entered top 10 rankings for the first time FIFA- Federation International Football Association. Currency of Argentina: Argentine peso , Capital of Argentina: Buenos Aires, Currency of Germany: Euro, Capital of Germany: Berlin, Currency of Belgium: Euro, Capital of Belgium: Belgium.
- 13. NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY OBSERVED ON 7TH AUGUST:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 1st National Handloom Day in Chennai to mark Swadeshi Movement. He also launched 'India Handloom' Brand. CM of Tamil Nadu: J. Jayalithaa
- 14. ANTI DUMPING DUTY IMPOSED BY INDIA ON VITAMIN C IMPORTS:** India has imposed anti dumping duty on Vitamin C imports from China. The Anti Dumping duty is imposed for the next 5 years, to safeguard the interest of domestic industries in India. Anti Dumping Duty: WTO provides the right to impose anti dumping on the countries, who are dumping their goods to Indian market at low prices. In India Union Ministry of Commerce Recommends for Anti Dumping duty but it is imposed by Union Ministry of Finance. Union Minister of Commerce: Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance: Arun Jaitely, WTO- World Trade Organization, Headquarter: Geneva, Switzerland, Head of WTO- Roberto Azevedo, Members: 162 (Recently Kazakhstan joined WTO as its 162nd member.)
- 15. TRIPURA PASSED RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY:** Legislative assembly of Tripura passed resolution to abolish death penalty. The issue of capital punishment sparked after the death penalty is imposed on Yakub Menon. He was convicted under the charges of terrorism for his involvement in 1993 Mumbai blast.
- 16. INDIA SOCIO BIOLOGIST RAGHAVENDRA GADAGKAR AWARDED GERMANY'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD:** Raghavendra Gadagkar Indian Sociobiologist honoured with Germany's highest civilian honour 'Order of the Merit' at

German Consulate in Bengaluru. He is honoured for his contribution in the field of behavioral Ecology and Sociology. 'Order of Merit' award is presented by President of Germany for outstanding achievement in political, economical, cultural, intellectual and voluntary fields.

- 17. 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATOMIC BOMB DROPPING ON NAGASAKI OBSERVED:** Atomic Bomb named 'Fatman' was dropped on Nagasaki by USA on 9th August 1945. This bomb killed 70,000 people. 'Little boy' named Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima by USA on 6th August 1945.
- 18. 'SURAKSHA BANDHAN DRIVE' MISSION INITIATED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Union Government launched Suraksha Bandhan Drive with insurance companies and banks. The objective is to create a universal social security system in the country. The scheme is launched to include all poor and under privileged section of society into insurance.
- 19. 'PATWA AWARD' TO GOA TOURISM MINISTER D PARUKKAR:** Dilip Parukkar Tourism Minister of Goa conferred with 'PATWA' Award in the category of Best Tourism Minister. PATWA: Pacific Area Travel Writer Association. Headquarter : Colombo, Sri Lanka, CM of Goa – Laximi Kant Parsekar.
- 20. GLOBAL SATELLITE TO BE NAMED AFTER FORMER PRESIDENT DR APJ ABDUL KALAM:** Global Satellite called as Global Satellite for DDR to be named after former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam .It will be a tribute to him.
- 21. BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRIC LIMITED (BHEL) COMMISSIONED 500 MW POWER PLANT:** BHEL commissioned 500 MW Power Plant at Vidhyachal Singrauli of Madhya Pradesh. CM of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan. BHEL: Bharat Heavy Electronics limited. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is owned by Government of India. It is a power plant equipment manufacturer and operates as an engineering and manufacturing .BHEL is a Maharatna company.
- 22. RAM NATH KOVIND NEW GOVERNOR OF BIHAR:** Ram Nath Kovind appointed as Governor of Bihar. He will succeed Governor Keshri Nath Tripathi who is Governor of West Bengal and holding additional charge of Bihar. CM of Bihar – Nitish Kumar, Article 157 and Article 158 of the Constitution of India specify eligibility requirements for the post of governor. A governor must: be a citizen of India; be at least thirty-five (35)years old; not be a member of the either house of the parliament or house of the state legislature. not hold any other office of profit.
- 23. ACHARYA DEV VRAT NEW GOVERNOR OF HIMACHAL PRADESH:** Acharya Dev Vrat is appointed as new Governor of Himachal Pradesh. Earlier Rajasthan Governer Kalyan singh was holding himachal pardesh's additional charge. CM of Himachal Pradesh: Virbhadra Singh.
- 24. 'DISHA' LAUNCHED FOR DIGITAL LITERACY IN BIHAR:** Telecom minister Ravi Shankar Parsad launched a new application 'Disha' to enhance digital literacy in Bihar. The app will help people in learning about computers and internet throught self learning modules. He had also launched 'Disha Handbook' for pictographic lessons on using of computers.
- 25. SCHOOL NURSERY YOJNA LAUNCHED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Union Government started 'School Nursery Yojana' an effort to bring students closer to nature. Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched it in New Delhi. The Theme of the Yojana is 'To plant a tree for sustainable future and to make the nation clean and green'. The Yojana will cover 1000 schools in 2015 and will cover 5000 schools in 2016.
- 26. AMITABH BACHCHAN SIGNS UP FOR TIGER AMBASSADOR IN MAHARASTRA:** Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has signed up for Tiger Ambassador in Maharashtra. Amitabh Bachchan will represent state to promote eco tourism in Maharastra. 29th July – World Tiger Day.

- 27. DUTEE WON GOLD IN FEDERATION CUP:** Dutee Chand won Gold in 200 m at Federation cup Junior Athletics Championship in Hyderabad. Earlier she was banned from participating in 2014 common wealth games as She was suffering from Hyperandrogenism. It is a medical condition characterized by excessive levels of androgens in the body.
- 28. 10 KILLED IN JHARKHAND TEMPLE STAMPEDE:** Ten pilgrims were killed and 30 injured in a stampede near Baidyanath Dham temple at Deogar in Jharkhand. Compensation of Rs 2 lac is announced for the kin of those who are killed in the stampede. CM of Jharkhand- Raghubar Das.
- 29. 'THE GREAT CRICKET COUP' A DOCUMENTARY AIRED BY AUSTRALIA ON INDIAN CRICKET:** The Great Cricket Coup is a documentary aired by Australia's ABC Network on Indian Cricket. 'The Great Cricket Coup' purportedly explains how India has engineered a massive shift influence in international cricket in its favour. It is Presented by Veteran Journalist Kerry O'Brien. ICC Head: Dave Richardson, BCCI Head: Jagmohan Dalmiya.
- 30. 'SARAL' RURAL HOUSING LOAN SCHEME LAUNCHED BY ICICI BANK:** ICICI Bank launched a scheme 'Saral' Rural Housing Loan with a special rate of interest at a base rate. The scheme launched for the weaker section of the society in rural areas. Maximum limit of loan amount is Rs 15 lac. Weaker sections and women from rural areas can borrow upto Rs 15 lac for purchasing, and renovating their home.
- 31. SANIA'S NAME RECOMMENDED FOR KHEL RATNA:** Multiple Grand Slam Champion Sania Mirja's name is recommended for this year's Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Sania's name is recommended as she has had won: Gold in mixed double grand Slam titles in French Open-2012 and US Open -2014 A bronze medal in women's double title in the Asian Games.
- 32. 'FAST TRACK' ROUTE FOR SHARE SALES NOTIFIED BY SEBI:** Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) notified 'fast Track route' for share sales through a follow on public offer. According to the new norms firms in which public share holders own stock worth Rs 1000 crore will now eligible to this route. Currently the minimum requirement for this route is 3000 crore. SEBI is the regulator for the securities market in India. Established in 1988. SEBI given statutory powers on 12 April 1992. Head of SEBI- U K Sinha. Headquarter of SEBI – Mumbai. Follow on Public Offer (FPO): is a process by which a company, which is already listed on an exchange, issues new shares to the investors or the existing shareholders, usually the promoters. FPO is used by companies to diversify their equity base.
- 33. PANKAJ ADVANI CLINCHED WORLD TITLE:** Indian Snooker player Pankaj Advani, grabbed his 13th world title after winning 6-Red Snooker Championship in Karachi. Pankaj Advani defeated China's Yan Bingtao in the Final.
- 34. 'PREM BHATIA AWARD' TO SUHASINI HAIDER:** The Prem Bhatia Award is awarded to Suhasini Haider for the best political reporting. Suhasini Haider is working with 'The Hindu' as diplomatic and Strategic Affairs editor. The Prem Bhatia Memorial Trust offers two Scholarships every year for Indian Journalists between the age of 25 & 40 for research in Media related subjects, which are topical and relevant to the Indian Scene.
- 35. GOVERNMENT TO INFUSE RS 70000 CRORE IN PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS:** The Indian Government proposes to infuse Rs 70000 crore in Public Sector Banks in next 4 years. The Government proposes to allocate Rs 25000 crore in 2015-16. Finance Minister- Arun Jaitely. India has 27 Public Sector Banks.
- 36. DR. M VEERAPPA MOILY HONOURED WITH 'SARSWATI SAMMAN':** President Pranab Mukherjee presented Saraswati Samman to Dr. M Veerappa Moily for the year 2014. The award is given to him for his work on Epic Sri Ramayana Mahanveshanam written in Kannada language. Saraswati Samman is given in recognition of outstanding work in poetry in Indian languages. Indian languages are listed in VIII schedule of Indian Constitution.

- 37. KOCHI TO JOIN WORLD TOURISM CITIES FEDERATION COUNCIL:** Kochi became first city of India to join world tourism cities federation as its member. world tourism cities federation (WTCF) is a international group of tourism cities. The aim of WTCF is to promote cooperation between its members in the development of tourism. Headquarters of WTCF: Beijing in China.
- 38. Maharashtra government declares Thane creek area as 'Flamingo Sanctuary':** Maharashtra government has declared the area along Thane Creek as Flamingo Sanctuary. In this regard State Revenue and Forest Department has issued notification to declare northern part of the creek as a wildlife sanctuary as per provisions of Section 18 of the Wildlife (Protection Act), 1972.
- 39. Mysuru (Mysore) topped in the Swachh Bharat Rankings of 476 cities in India:** Karnataka's Mysuru (Mysore) topped the Swachh Bharat Rankings of 476 cities in the country with three more from the state figuring in the top 10. The top 10 ranked cities in the city were Mysuru, Thiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu), Navi Mumbai, Kochi (Kerala), Hassan, Mandya and Bengaluru (Karnataka), Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Halisahar (West Bengal) and Gangtok (Sikkim). Damoh (Madhya Pradesh) came at the bottom of 476, preceded by Bhind (MP), Palwal and Bhiwani, both in Haryana, Chittaurgarh (Rajasthan), Bulandshahar (UP), Neemuch (MP), Rewari(Haryana), Hindaun (Rajasthan) and Sambalpur in Odisha at 467th rank.
- 40. India-born SundarPichai is new Google CEO:**The move comes in after company co-founder Larry Page announced the formation of a new umbrella firm Alphabet, of which Google will be a part. Page, in a blog post, announced the formation of the new parent company Alphabet, of which he will be the CEO and Google co-founder Sergey Brin will be the President.
- 41. Premji, Nadar among Forbes' 20 richest people in tech:** Wipro Chairman AzimPremji and HCL founder Shiv Nadar are the only two Indian tycoons in the top 20 richest people in the world of technology, according to an inaugural list by Forbes, topped by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.Premji is ranked 13th on Forbes' first ever list of '100 Richest People in Tech', followed by Nadar on the 14th spot.Gates, who's the world's richest man, ranks number one among tech tycoons, with a net worth of USD 79.6 billion.Number two on the list is Ellison with a net worth estimated at USD 50 billion.

NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 7th – 13th AUG 2015

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| <p>1. Who won Ramanujan Prize for 2015:</p> <p>a. Amalendu Krishna b. Neha Sharma</p> <p>c. Ragavendra Gadakar d. Rangrajan</p> <p>2. Where is multi application solar telescope is operationalised :</p> <p>a. Jaipur b. Hasanpur</p> <p>c. Udaipur d. Goa</p> <p>3. Who topped in the list of Highest paid actor released by Forbes:</p> <p>a. Amitabh Bachchan b. Akshay Kumar</p> | <p>c. Robert Rowney d. Richards Harry</p> <p>4. Smart Humsafar plan for life insurance is started by:</p> <p>a. ICICI b. HDFC</p> <p>c. SBI d. Axis</p> <p>5. Where is the headquarter of ASEAN:</p> <p>a. Indonesia b. Kathmandu</p> <p>c. Manilla d. USA</p> <p>6. ASEAN Foreign Ministers meet held at:</p> <p>a. Malaysia b. Singapore</p> |
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- c. Switzerland d. Brazil
- 7. Which country tops in the August edition of FIFA world Ranking:**
- a. Belgium b. Argentina
- c. Brazil d. Germany
- 8. When is National Handloom day is observed:**
- a. 6th Aug b. 7th Aug
- c. 9th Aug d. 11th Aug
- 9. Which state has recently abolished death penalty:**
- a. Assam b. Tripura
- c. Andhra Pradesh d. Nagaland
- 10. India imposed Anti Dumping Duty on Vitamin C import from which country:**
- a. China b. Bangladesh
- c. USA d. UK
- 11. Which company has recently launched 4G services in India:**
- a. Airtel b. BSNL
- c. Reliance d. Connect
- 12. Who got Germany's highest civilian award:**
- a. Raghavendra Gadagkar CNR Rao
- c. Atal Bihari Vajpayi d. Mazen Dervish
- 13. Who is the chief minister of Goa:**
- a. D. Parukkar b. Laxmi Kant Parsekar
- c. Veerappa Moily d. Subasini Haider
- 14. Which country had Aired 'The Great cricket coup' on Indian Cricket:**
- a. USA b. Canada
- c. Australia d. South Africa
- 15. Who is signed up for tiger ambassador in Maharashtra:**
- a. Amir Khan b. Sharukh Khan
- c. Sachin Tendulkar d. Sania Mirza
- 16. Which player's name is recommended for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:**
- a. Saina Nehwal b. Sania Mirza
- c. Kapil Dev d. Sachin Tendulkar
- 17. Which state has launched app Disha for digital literacy:**
- a. UP b. Bihar
- c. Kerala d. Tamil Nadu
- 18. Which city of India has joined world Tourism cities federation:**
- a. Pune b. Udaipur
- c. Jaipur d. Kochi
- 19. Who had won Prem Bhatia Award:**
- a. Suhasini Haider b. Charles Minto
- c. Ashok Aggarwal d. Parkash Kaur
- 20. Who is Appointed as new CEO of Google:**
- a. Sunder Pichai b. Sergery Brin
- c. Shiv Nadar d. Andersen

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| 2. C | 6. A | 10.A | 14.C | 18.D |
| 3. C | 7. B | 11.A | 15.C | 19.A |
| 4. A | 8. B | 12.A | 16.B | 20.A |

NEWS ANALYSIS 14th – 20th AUG 2015

- 1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL FOR PETROLEUM PIPELINE:** Union Cabinet has give its approval for construction of Petroleum pipeline. It will promote bilateral co-operation in the oil and gas sector between both countries. **Currency of Nepal: Nepalese rupee. PM of Nepal: Sushil Koirala**
- 2. SUDHAKAR NEW PRESIDENT OF GYMNASIIC FEDERATION OF INDIA:** Sudhakar Shetty is elected as the President of the Gymnastic federation of India. Sudhakar Shetty replaced Jaspal Singh Kandhari.
- 3. ACHARYA DEV APPOINTED AS GOVERNOR OF HIMACHAL PRADESH:** Acharya Dev Vrat sworn as new Governor of Himachal Pradesh. He is Appointed as 27th Governor of Himachal Pradesh. The Governors are appointed by the president for a term of 5 years. **A Governor must:** i) be a citizen of India. ii) be at least thirty-five (35)years old. iii) not hold any other office of profit.
- 4. UN'S GREEN CLIMATE FUND ACCREDITED 'NABARD':** National bank for agriculture and rural development is accredited by the United Nation Green Climate fund as a National implementing entity for undertaking climate change related projects. United nations Green Climate fund provides finance for clean energy projects. **Green Climate Fund is located inSouth Korea**
- 5. 'OM PRAKASH MUNJAL' FOUNDER OF HERO CYCLE DIED:** The founder of Hero Cycles Om Prakash Munjal Passed Away. Hero Cycles limited, manufacturer of bicycles was founded in 1956 at Ludhiana in Punjab. Hero cycles limited is the world's largest bicycle manufacturer.
- 6. GOVERNMENT HAS REVISED NATIONAL SOLAR TARGET FOR 2022:** Government has revised the national solar mission for 2022 from 20000 MW to 1 lakh MW. The target is revised by the ministry of New and Renewable Energy. National Solar Mission was approved by government in 2010. The aim of mission is to promote maximum use of solar energy. **Minister of New and Renewable Energy: Piyush Goyal**
- 7. O.P RAWAT NEW ELECTION COMMISSIONER OF INDIA:** Om Prakash Rawat is appointed as New Election Commissioner of India. Earlier this vacancy of Election commissioner was vacant. Election Commission is a 3 member body. It has one Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners. It was formed in 25 January 1950. Chief Election Commissioner- Nasim zaidi. Election Commissioner- Achal Kumar. Election commissioner – Om Prakash
- 8. IRDAI ALLOWED BANKS TO PACT WITH INSURERS:** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has allowed banks to pact with insurers. Earlier banks are not allowed to have tie up with more than one insurer. IRDAI is formulating new Guidelines for Bancassurance and the above decision is taken under the new guidelines of Bancassurance.
- 9. 'LPG GAS SUBSIDY' TRANSFER SCHEME ENTERED IN GUINNESS BOOK:** The Direct Benefit transfer scheme for Transferring LPG Gas subsidy directly into the bank account of consumers have been recognized as largest cash transfer programme in world and entered into Guinness Book of World Records. The current rate of a LPG refill is at ₹752 for a 14.2 kilogram canister and the subsidised price is ₹417, with the remainder ₹335 as subsidy.
- 10. INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY WON EUROPEAN SERIES:** India's men Hockey team won European series after defeating Spain in the final at Spain. **Name of Indian Men's Hockey Captain: Sardara Singh. Name of Indian Women's Hockey Captain: Suraj Lata Devi**
- 11. INDIA IMPOSED ANTI DUMPING DUTY ON POTASIIUM CARBONATE:** India imposed Anti dumping duty on Potasium carbonate imports from Taiwan and South Korea. Potasium Carbonate is used in the manufacture of

Lamps, TV picture tubes etc. Anti Dumping Duty imposed by the government on imported products which have low prices as compared to domestic market. World Trade Organization provides right to impose Anti Dumping Duty.

12. **'GUJAR MAL MODI AWARD' TO MUSTANSIR BARMA:** Professor Mustansir Barma won Gujar Mal Modi Award for innovative science and Technology. The Award is given for his contribution in the field of Science and Technology. The award is given in the memory of Gujar Mal Modi who was an Scientist and made outstanding contribution in the field of Science and Technology.
13. **'APJ ABDUL KALAM AWARD' TO SCIENTIST N. VALARMATHI:** First APJ Abdul Kalam award, given to ISRO Scientist N.Valarmathi. The award was announced on the name of Former President APJ Abdul Kalam by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister after his death on 27th July as a Tribute to people's former President. **CM of Tamil Nadu: J. Jayalalitha**
14. **FISHERIES POLICY 2015 LAUNCHED BY ODISHA:** Odisha Government approved 'Fisheries Policy 2015'. The aim of new policy is to increase the productivity of fish from Island and marine. The Government aims to develop 15000 hectare of new ponds of fresh water. China is the largest producer of fish in world and India is on 2nd place. Andhra Pradesh tops in fish production among Indian States, Andra Pradesh is followed by West Bengal.
15. **SANIA 1ST INDIAN SHUTTLE TO WON SILVER MEDAL AT WORLD BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP:** Indian Shuttle Sania Nehwal won Silver medal at World Badminton Championship in Jakarta Indonesia. She is the first Indian Shuttle to won silver medal at world Badminton Championship. Earlier in 1983 Shuttle Prakash Padukone was 1st Indian to won Bronze.
16. **TAJ MAHAL BECOMES FIRST MONUMENT IN WORLD TO HAVE TWITTER ACCOUNT:** The Taj Mahal became the 1st historical monument in the world to have a twitter account. It is launched by Uttar Pradesh CM Akhilesh Yadav on 69th Independence Day. Tajmahal was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in the remberance of his wife Mumtaj Mahal at Uttar Pradesh.
17. **'INDRA-DHANUSH MISSION' STARTED BY GOVERNMENT:** The union Government has launched Indradhanush mission to revamp functioning of Public Sector Banks. It was launched by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. It aims to achieve the objective of economic growth through improving credit and minimising the political interference in the functioning of Public Sector Banks. The seven shades of Indradhanush includes appointments, deserting PSBs, Capitalization, Empowerment, Governance, accountability, Bank Board Bureau.
18. **ABHISHEK VERMA GRABBED GOLD AT ARCHERY WORLD CUP:** Indian Archer Abhishek Verma Grabbed Gold in the Archery World Cup state 3 competition at Wroclaw , Poland. He defeated Esmail Ebade of Iran in the final.
19. **DEEPIKA KUMARI AND MANGAL SINGH CLINCHED SILVER MEDAL:** Indian Recurve Pair Deepika Kumari and Mangal Singh won Silver medal at the World cup State 3 Competition at Wroclaw ,Poland. They defeated pair of Mexican players Aida Roman and Juan Rene Serrano.
20. **'START UP INDIA STAND UP INDIA' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY PM:** PM Narendra Modi flagged off a new campaign start up India, stand up India to promote Bank Financing. The aim is to provide Banks financing for boosting new entrepreneurship. The scheme is launched on Independence Day. The Banks should encourage at least one Dalit, or tribal entrepreneur and at least one woman for entrepreneurship.
21. **KERALA STATE AS 'DIGITAL STATE':** The Kerala Government has declared Kerala as 'Digital State'. Kerala became the first state to achieve it. Kerala has 100% mobile connectivity, 75% E-literacy and e-district plans in all district. **CM of Kerala –Oommen Chandy. Digital India mission was started by Narendra Modi.**
22. **PM NARENDRA MODI VISITED MASDAR CITY:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Masdar city of Abu Dhabi. Masdar City is a zero carbon planned city .It basically relies maximum on solar energy and other renewable energy

resources. It is world's one of most sustainable urban developed city with renewable energy sources. It is Reducing wastage to zero.

23. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AND ARJUNA AWARD 2015 LIST: The

Government announced the awardees list of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Arjuna Award for 2015. The selection committee was headed by Justice V K Bali, former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RANTA 2015

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1	Ms. Sania Mirza	Tennis

ARJUNA AWARDS 2015

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1	Naib Subedar Sandeep Kumar	Archery
2	MR Poovamma	Athletics
3	Kidambi Srikanth Nammalwar	Badminton
4	Mandeep Jangra	Boxing
5	Rohit Sharma	Cricket
6	Dipa Karmakar	Gymnastic
7	Sreejesh PR	Hockey
8	Manjeet Chhillar	Kabaddi
9	Abhilasha Shashikant Mhatre	Kabaddi
10	Sawarn Singh	Rowing
11	Anup Kumar Yama	Roller Skating
12	Jitu Rai	Shooting
13	S Sathish Kumar	Weightlifting
14	Bajrang	Wrestling
15	Babita Kumari	Wrestling
16	Yumnam Sanathoi Devi	Wushu
17	Sharath M Gayakwad	Para-Swimming

24. SACHIN TENDULKAR TO BE TIGER AMBASSADOR IN MAHARASTRA: Maharashtra Government has appointed Sachin Tendulkar as its new Ambassador for Tiger Conservation Project. The aim is to create awareness about saving the tigers in State. Earlier superstar Amitabh Bachchan has been appointed as Tiger ambassador in Maharashtra. **CM of Maharashtra: Devendra Fadnavis.**

25. AJIT KUMAR NEW CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES SELECTION BOARD: Ajit Kumar Seth is appointed as new chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board. The appointment is made for next 3 years term. Ajit Kumar Seth has replaced Atul Chaturvedi. Public Enterprises Selection Board makes policies for the managing of Central Public Sector Enterprises and to advise government on top managerial post appointments. Public enterprises Selection Board is formed in 1987.

26. ANDY MURRAY WON ROGERS CUP 2015: Andy Murray won Rogers Cup Masters tournament 2015 in Montreal, Canada. Andy Murray defeated Tennis World Number One Player Novak Djokovic.

27. RUSSIA TO BACK INDIA FOR A PERMANENT SEAT IN UNSC: Russia clarified that it is going to support India for a permanent seat in United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Earlier United States clarified its support in the Favour of India. United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is one of the six principal organs of United Nations. The main objective

of UNSC is to maintain International Peace and Security. India wants a permanent seat in UNSC. UNSC have 5 permanent members: China, France, Russia, USA UK

- 28. 'SAFF' UNDER-16 TITLE WON BY BANGLADESH:** South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-16 title is won by Bangladesh after defeating India at Sylhet District Stadium of Bangladesh. Bangladesh defeated India by 4-2 in Penalties. **PM of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina. Currency of Bangladesh : Taka, Capital of Bangladesh : Dhaka**
- 29. BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE SETS UP NEW SYSTEM FOR CHECKING MONEY LAUNDERING:** Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE) sets up a new system for checking money laundering through Stock Exchanges. 'Suspicious Transactions Reports'(STRs) is started by BSE. BSE has told its members to provide an monthly STRs to Financial Intelligence unit of Government on suspicious trades to check money laundering.
- 30. S P MISHRA, TPP NAIR AND ROMEO JAMES NAMES RECOMMENDED FOR 2015 DHYAN CHAND AWARD:** SP Mishra, TPP Nair and Romeo James names recommended for 2015 Dhyan Chand Award. The Selection committee was headed by former Indian Hockey captain Zafar Iqbal. Dhyan Chand Award is named after famous Indian Hockey Player Dhyan Chand. It is India's highest Award for lifetime achievement in sports.
- 31. 'BUDDY' A NEW APP LAUNCHED BY SBI:** State Bank of India launched a mobile wallet application 'SBI Buddy'. This app will provide convenient and secure digital payment system. It is available in 13 languages. It is launched by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. **SBI Chairman : Arundhati Bhattacharya.**
- 32. GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED TWO FUNDS FOR MSMEs AND STARTUPS:** Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has launched two funds India Aspiration Fund (IAF) and SIDBI make in India Loan for enterprises (SMILE). IAF will invest in venture capital funds for Micro Small and medium enterprises to meet its equity requirement.
- Initial corpus –Rs 2000 cr. SMILE is a debt fund which will provide soft term loan to MSME to meet its debt equity requirement. **Initial Corpus- Rs 10000 cr, FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT (FIU)** FIU is an central agency for Receiving analyzing and processing financial transactions. And providing information related to suspect transaction to intelligence agencies.
- 33. TAJMAHAL WORLD'S FIFTH ATTRACTIVE TRAVEL HOTSPOT:** India's Taj Mahal has Grabbed fifth rank in the list of most attractive travel hotspot in world. The first rank was grabbed by Cambodia's 'The Temple of Angkar'.

Name	Location	Rank
The Temple of Angkar	Cambodia	1 st
The Great Barrier Reef	Australia	2 nd
Inca City of Machu Picchu	Peru	3 rd
Great Wall	China	4 th
Tajmahal	India	5 th

- 34. SEBASTIAN COE NEW PRESIDENT OF IAAF:** i. Former Olympic Champion Sebastian Coe is elected as new President of International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). He will replace Sergey Bubka. Sebastian had won 4 Olympic medals in Athletics. **IAAF: It is an International Governing Body for Athletics. It was founded in 1912. Headquarter at Monaco.**
- 35. HISTORIAN BABASAHEB GOT 'MAHARASTRA BHUSHAN AWARD 2015':** Historian Babasaheb got Maharashtra state's highest civilian award 'Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2015'. He is famous as 'Shivaji's Poet'. The award was given by Governor of Maharashtra C. Vidyasagar Rao. **CM of Maharashtra: Devendra Fadnavis.**

- 36. THREE INDIAN COMPANIES IN 'TOP 100 INNOVATIVE COMPANIES LIST' REALISED BY FORBES:** Forbes the US Magazine realized list of top 100 innovative companies. The list is topped by California's Tesla Motors. 3 Indian Companies: Hindustan Unilever has been ranked at 41st, TCS stood at 64th and Sun Pharma at 71st in the list of 100 innovative companies.
- 37. 'IN PRINCIPLE' APPROVAL BY RBI TO 11 PAYMENT BANKS APPLICANTS:** Reserve Bank of India has given approval to 11 payment Bank applicants out of 41 applicants. 'In Principle' means Approval for 18 months period. **Payment Banks:** These are those banks which can take deposits, allow remittances and can sale financial products but cannot lend to its customer. Minimum capital for setting up a payment Bank: 100 crore.
- 38. India, Israel to sign MoU on waste management:** Ahead of President Pranab Mukherjee's visit to Tel Aviv in October 2015, the two countries are to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the fields of water conservation, water use efficiency, waste water treatment and river rejuvenation. Experts from Israel are in India not only to promote Watec 2015, world's biggest Conference on Water Technologies and Environmental Control that will be held in October 2015 at Tel Aviv but also to promote investment of Indian companies in Israel.
- 39. Plastic was banned by - Gujarat Govt:** Gujarat's first women Chief Minister Anandiben Patel declared ban on use of plastic in the State for the first time. This decision was taken with an aim to protect environment, cleanliness and cattle health.
- 40. Bengaluru tops the list of city with highest Cyber-crimes:** The city of Bengaluru has recorded the highest number of cyber-crime cases in 2014. The city of Hyderabad ranks second.

NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 14th – 20th AUG 2015

- Which state will house world's largest 750 Mega Watts (MW) solar power stations in Rewa district?**

A) Karnataka B) Rajasthan
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Maharashtra
- Which State/UT has launched Free Laptop Scheme?**

A) Tamil Nadu B) Karnataka
C) Puducherry D) Madhya Pradesh
- Who has been awarded with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2015?**

A) R.P. Rahul Singh B) Ashok Dev
C) Babasaheb Purandare D) Aarti Verma
- Who is the author of the book 'Making India Awesome'?**

A) Ashok Rai B) Aneeta Desai
C) Sushma Sinha D) Chetan Bhagat
- Who was sworn-in as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?**

A) Sarath Fonseka B) Mahinda Rajapaksa
C) Ranil Wickremesinghe D) Maithripala Sirisena
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of Air India Ltd?**

A) Pradeep Chawla B) Suresh Kumar
C) Ashwani Lohani D) Narain Rao
- Who became the country's first woman to play English league football?**

A) Pooja Rathore B) Preeti Rani
C) Aditi Chauhan D) Kavita Devi
- Which bank has launched a mobile wallet app, SBI Buddy, in collaboration with Accenture and MasterCard?**

- A) SBI B) ICICI bank A) Abhishek Verma B) Devendra Kumar
- C) Canara bank D) Axis bank C) Pyush Chawla D) Arvind Kumar
- 9. Which bank has launched the first of its kind automated digital locker which would be available to customers even on weekends and post banking hours?**
- A) Axis bank B) ICICI bank
- C) PNB D) Corporation bank
- 10. Who has been decorated with the President's Police Medal for distinguished service on the occasion of the 69th Independence Day?**
- A) Ved Prakash B) K.V. Chowary
- C) Sanjay Nike D) Ashok Shukla
- 11. Who has won the silver medal at the World Badminton Championship in Jakarta, Indonesia?**
- A) Sania Nehwal B) Jwala Gutta
- C) Sania Mirza D) P.V. Sindhu
- 12. Who was sworn-in as new Governor of Bihar?**
- A) Kalyan Singh B) Acharya Dev Vrat
- C) Ram Nath Kovind D) S.K. Rai
- 13. Which movie won the Best Movie award at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2015?**
- A) PK B) Haider
- C) Piku D) Mary Kom
- 14. Who has won gold medal in Archery World Cup in the state 3 in the compound men's individual section in Poland?**
- A) Abhishek Verma B) Devendra Kumar
- C) Pyush Chawla D) Arvind Kumar
- 15. Who became the first Indian to reach the finals of the World Badminton Championships?**
- A) Saina Nehwal B) Jwala Gutta
- C) Ashwini Ponnappa D) P.V. Sindhu
- 16. Which state government has announced a ban of the plastic in the state?**
- A) Kerala B) Gujarat
- C) Karnataka D) Madhya Pradesh
- 17. Which monument becomes the first historical monument in the world to have a Twitter account?**
- A) Taj Mahal B) Eiffel Tower
- C) Statue of Liberty D) Red Fort
- 18. Who is to be awarded Shaurya Chakra for initiation of Operation Rahat to Yemen?**
- A) Milind Mohan Mokashi B) S. Ram Kumar
- C) J.P. Dutt D) Surya Kumar
- 19. Who has been appointed as an Election Commissioner (EC) in the Election Commission in India (EC)?**
- A) Atal Shukla B) Om Prakash Rawat
- C) Devendra Rao D) Alok Kumar
- 20. Who was Om Prakash Munjal?**
- A) Artist B) Industrialist
- C) Socialist D) Scientist

ANSWER

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| 1) C | 5) C | 9) B | 13) C | 17) A |
| 2) C | 6) C | 10) A | 14) B | 18) A |
| 3) C | 7) C | 11) A | 15) A | 19) C |
| 4) D | 8) A | 12) C | 16) B | 20) B |

NEWS ANALYSIS 21st – 26th AUG 2015

- 1. BANGLADESH 1ST COUNTRY TO GET FUNDS FROM UNITED NATIONS FOR SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS:** Bangladesh is the first country in world to receive the 3.56 million US dollar from United Nations for Solar home system to maximize the use of solar energy at homes. The fund will be given by United Nations frame work convention for climate change (UNFCCC) to Bangladesh's two companies. Infrastructure development company ltd and Grameen Shakti. **PM of Bangladesh : Sheikh Hasina, Currency of Bangladesh: Taka.**
- 2. COCHIN AIRPORT WORLD'S 1ST AIRPORT TO FULLY OPERATE ON SOLAR POWER:** Cochin International Airport limited of Kerala has become 1st airport in world to fully operate on solar power The airport will get solar power from 12MWP solar power plant grid near the Cochin Airport. **CM of Kerala: Oommen Chand.**
- 3. WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY OBSERVED ON 19TH AUGUST:** World Humanitarian Day is observed on 19th August by United Nations General Assembly to recognize humanitarian and those who lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. The theme of the day was 'Inspiring the World Humanity'
- 4. CONVERSION OF URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANKS INTO REGULAR BANKS RECOMMENDED BY R.GANDHI:** The high powered committee of RBI headed by RBI deputy governor R.Gandhi has recommended conversion of Urban Co-operative Banks into regular banks. Urban Co-operative banks with business size of 20000 crore are recommended for conversion into regular banks. Earlier in January a high powered committee on Urban co-operative banks is formed under the chairmanship of RBI deputy Governor R. Gandhi on conversion of Urban Co-operative banks into commercial banks. **Governor of RBI: Raghuram Rajan.**
- 5. ASHWANI LOHANI NEW CMD OF AIR INDIA LTD:** Air India limited has appointed Ashwani Lohani as its new Chairman and Managing Director. Aswani Lohani has replaced Rohit Nandan. Ashwani Lohani is appointed for next 3 years.
- 6. "RISHTA" PROJECT LAUNCHED BY HIMACHAL PRADESH GOVERNMENT:** "Rajiv Gandhi Illuminating Scheme for Hill Town Advancement" project is launched by Himachal Pradesh Government for Smart LED Street Lights. Himachal Pradesh has become the first state government to start LED based street lights in north India. **CM of Himachal Pradesh : Virbhadra Singh.**
- 7. CHETAN BHAGAT RELEASED 'MAKING INDIA AWESOME':** Chetan Bhagat has released a new book 'making India Awesome'. Chetan Bhagat is the country's biggest selling writer. In this Book he explained and provided solutions for the country's current issues like poverty, unemployment, corruption, violence against women, illiteracy etc.
- 8. "WEB PORTAL VIDYA LAKSHMI" LAUNCHED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** The Union Government has launched a web portal 'Vidya Lakshmi' for helping students. This portal will provide information to students for getting education loans from banks and government financial institutions. **Union Minister of Education: Smriti Irani.**
- 9. RANIL WICKREMESINGHE IS NEW PM OF SRILANKA:** Ranil Wickremesinghe has sworn in as new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. Recently Parliamentary Elections 2015 were held in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and United National Party (UNP) has inked a memorandum of Understanding to make government in Sri Lanka. **President of Sri Lanka : Maithripala Sirisena, Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan rupee.**
- 10. 'MRS FUNNY BONES' BOOK RELEASED BY TWINKLE SKHANNA:** Bollywood Actress Twinkle Khanna has authored a book 'Mrs Funny Bones: She is just like 'you and a lot like me'. This book explains how a modern women looks at India and how India looks back at her.
- 11. NASA'S "LADEE" FOUND NEON GAS ON MOON:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration Spacecraft 'LADEE' (Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer) found neon gas on moon. It is the first time that availability

of neon gas is found on moon's atmosphere, NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Headquarter of NASA: Washington D.C.

12. **'MINIMUM ALTERNATE TAX' RELIEF TO FII:** Former Justice A P Shah committee has recommended for relief to foreign institutional investors on Minimum alternate tax (MAT), The committee has recommended that MAT should not be imposed on FIIs for the period preceding 1st April 2015. Members of Committee on Minimum Alternate Tax : **A P Shah (Chairman) , Dr Girish Ahuja , Dr Ashok Lahiri.**
13. **PUNJABI UNIVERSITY GRABBED 'MAULANA ABDUL KALAM AZAD TROPHY' 2014:** Punjabi University has grabbed prestigious Sports Award Maulana Abdul Kalam (MAKA) trophy for the year 2014. The award will be given to Punjabi University of Patiala on 29th August. Maulana Abdul Kalam Trophy is given to top performing Universities/ institution for inter University tournaments in sports **29th August: National Sports Day.**
14. **'ADITI ASHOK' 1ST INDIAN TO WON LADIES BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP:** Indian Golfer Aditi Ashok won ladies British Amateur Golf Championship at Mooretown Gold Club at Leeds in United Kingdom. She has become the first Indian player to win ladies British Amateur Stroke Play Golf championship. She is the youngest winner to win this tournament.
15. **'FREE LAPTOP SCHEME' IN PUDUCHERRY:** Free laptop scheme is launched in Puducherry by CM N Ram Gasamy. The scheme is launched to provide free laptops to all students who have passed 12th from government higher secondary schools from 2013 to 2015. The aim of this scheme is to increase Digital literacy in India.
16. **USAIN WON WORLD 100M TITLES AT WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP.** Usain Bolt , Jamaican Athlete has won 100m in world Athletics Championship held in Beijing, China. He is known as 'Fastest Person in World'. Earlier in 2009 he had won 100 m in World Athletic Championship
17. **ROGER FEDERER WON CINCINNATI MASTERS TITLE:** Roger federer of Switzerland has won Cincinnati Masters title for 7th time in Cincinnati USA. Roger federer defeated Novak Djokovic. **Novak Djokovic is a World No. 1 player in Tennis**
18. **GUJARAT 1ST STATE OF INDIA TO LAUNCH 'AGRO SOLAR POLICY':** Gujarat has become 1st state in India to start 'Agro solar policy' to encourage farmers to utilize solar energy. The policy will encourage farmers in the state to tap free solar energy from sun, which will in turn help them to earn additional income from power generation companies.
19. **'BANDHAN' 1ST MICRO FINANCE COMPANY TO START OPERATION AS COMMERCIAL BANK:** Bandhan Bank has become the first micro finance company in India to start operation as scheduled bank. Bandhan Bank has Started working in Kolkata. It has received in principle approval from RBI on June 2015. Earlier it started as Not for profit micro finance enterprise in 2001. **Head of Bandhan Bank: Chander Shekar Gosh.**
20. **TATA SIGNED MOU TO DEVELOP ANDRA PRADESH'S VILLAGES:** Tata trust has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Andhra Pradesh government to develop 264 villages as 'Smart Villages'. Tata trust has taken this project as Corporate Social Responsibility. Tata trust will work in the areas of education, health and nutrition, self employment for youth, fisheries, drinking water etc.
21. **POSTAL STAMP ON 'ASHOKA' RELEASED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Union Government has released postal stamp on emperor Ashoka and it was released by union Telecom minister Ravi Shankar. Postal stamp of Rs 5 is released on the birth anniversary of Ashoka. Ashoka was an Indian Emperor of Maurya Dynasty who ruled India between 269 BC to 232 BC.
22. **AMOL PALEKAR NEW CHAIRMAN OF INDIA'S OSCAR JURY:** Actor and Director Amol Palekar is appointed as new Chairman of India's Oscar Jury. He will head the 17 member Jury for Selecting Indian movies to enter the best foreign film category of Oscar Awards. Oscar awards are given by America Annually for honoring achievements in film industry .It is presented by Academy of Motion Picture arts and Science.

- 23. KUMAR SANGAKARA RETIRED FROM INTERNATIONAL CRICKET:** Sri Lankan cricketer Kumar Sangakara announced his retirement from International cricket: Kumar Sangakara had already taken retirement from Twenty-20 cricket and one day international. In 2015 he became 1st batsman to score hundreds in 3 consecutive world cups.
- 24. UNFCCC AND MSSRF TO WORK FOR CONSERVATION OF COASTAL RESOURCES IN ANDHRA PRADESH:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and MS Swaminathan Research Foundation have agreed to work together for the conservation of coastal resources in Andhra Pradesh. They will work to Restore the Sorlagond mangrove forest cover in Krishna District. They will work to improve fish cultivation for landless families. **CM of Andhra Pradesh: N. Chandrababu Naidu.**
- 25. BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF RANI GAIDINLIU, INAUGURATED BY PM NARENDRA MODI:** Birth Centenary celebration of Freedom Fighter Rani Gaidinliu inaugurated by Pm Narendra Modi. She was a political and spiritual leader. She led a revolt against British Colonial rule in India. PM Narendra Modi launched Commemorator Coin of Rs 100 rupees and circulation of Rs 5 coin of Rani Ganidinlin to mark her birth anniversary.
- 26. 'SEHAT' LAUNCHED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Union Government has launched Telemedicine initiative 'SEHAT' to promote health care facilities in rural areas. It was launched by union Telecom minister Communication and IT Ravi Shankar Parsad. SEHAT is launched in collaboration with appolo hospital. SEHAT will provide health consultation on Tele communication and through Video Link **Union Health Minister – J P Nadda**
- 27. UNION GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED DRONACHARYA, DHYAN CHAND AND RATRYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR AWARD 2015: DRONACHARYA AWARD 2015:** i) Naval Singh- Athletics Para-sports coach.ii) Anoop Singh– Wrestling coach. iii) Harbans Singh- Athletics coach. iv) Swatantar Raj Singh- Boxing coach. v) Nihar Ameen- Swimming coach. **DHYAN CHAND AWARD 2015:** i) Romeo James– Hockey. ii) Shiv Prakash Mishra- Tennis. iii) P.P Nair– Volleyball. **RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR 2015:** Directorate General of Military Training (DGMT) – for identifying and nurturing of young talent in sports. Coal India Limited (CIL) – for encouraging sports through Corporate Social Responsibility. Haryana State Police- For employing sportspersons and sports welfare measures. Sports Coaching Foundation (SCF) - For development of sports.
- 28. INDIA TO EXECUTE 'SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER REDUCTION:** Union Government has announced to execute the Sendai Framework for Disaster Reduction 2015-2030 in letter and spirit. The Sendai framework for disaster Risk reduction 2015-2030 was adopted during the third UN world Conference on disaster risk reduction held in Sendai, Japan in march 2015. **The Sendai framework:** It is a 15 year Voluntary non binding agreement which recognizes that the state has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and other stakeholders.
- 29. India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit to be held in Jaipur:** India hosted the second Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit in Jaipur on August 21. One of the issues high on agenda was - India's bid for permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- 30. Minority Ministry Launches Online Application Management System (OAMS) for "NaiRoshni":** Dr.NajmaHeptulla, the Union Minister for Minority Affairs Launched Online Application Management System (OAMS) for NaiRoshni. She said the system brings the scheme in to public domain and will facilitate transparency and quick delivery.
- 31. Union Government to sell 10 per cent stake in IOC:** Union government has announced to sell 10 per cent stake in state owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). This disinvestment drive on the stock market through an offer for sale (OFS) will fetch Union Government about 9,500 crore rupees to the exchequer. The 10 per cent stake in IOC comprises 24.27 crore shares.
- 32. High commissioner to Singapore receives Asian of the year Award 2014 on behalf of PM:** India's High Commissioner to Singapore, Vijay Singh Thakur, has received 'Asian of the Year 2014' award by leading Singapore

daily, on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM Modi was conferred this award for having brought to light on India's development and getting the world "excited" about the prospects of the country again. The award was instituted in the year 2012, and is conferred on those individual who contribute significantly to either their own nation or in Asia.

- 33. Bandhan joins Indian banking league with 501 branches:** Bandhan Bank began operations as a full-fledged bank with 501 branches and 1.43 crore accounts across the country, becoming the newest member of the estimated USD two-trillion Indian banking industry. Bandhan said it is starting operations with 1.43 crore accounts, around Rs.10,500 crore loan book and 19,500 employees. To begin with, it has got 501 branches, 2022 service centres and 50 ATMs across 24 states. The Kolkata-headquartered bank has two divisions - micro banking and general banking - and will offer complete retail financial solutions, including a variety of savings and loan products. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Founder, Managing Director and CEO of Bandhan Bank. Chairman of Bandhan bank is Ashok Kumar Lahiri.
- 34. Typhoon 'Goni' stroked Okinawa Islands, Japan:** The Typhoon namely 'Goni' stroked Okinawa Islands, Japan after struck Philippines.
- 35. Madhya Pradesh host the world's largest 750 Mega Watts (MW) solar power station as announced:** Madhya Pradesh's Energy Minister Rajendra Shukla announced that the world's largest solar power station of 750 Mega Watts (MW) capacity will be established in state's Rewa district.
- 36. NITI Aayog decided to set up expert group to draft Model Land Leasing Law:** NITI Aayog decided to set up an experts committee to prepare a model land leasing law, which can be adopted by states as per their local needs. The decision on the matter was taken at a meeting of Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of Revenue and Land, which was chaired by Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog Arvind Panagariya.
- 37. RBI okays re-appointment of Rana Kapoor as YES Bank MD, CEO:** YES Bank co-founder Rana Kapoor has got approval from the Reserve Bank of India for his re-appointment as MD and CEO of the bank for 3 years. This will be with effect from September 1, 2015.
- 38. India to host World Hindi Conference in September 2015:** India will host the 10th edition of World Hindi Conference in Bhopal after 32 years. The event will be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and will be held from September 10-12. India to host World Hindi Conference in September 2015
- 39. Zaina Erhaim awarded with Peter Mackler Award 2015:** A Syria-based woman journalist Zaina Erhaim has won the prestigious 2015 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism. She was bestowed with this award for her efforts to train citizen reporters in her war-ravaged country. She has trained about 100 citizen reporters (third of them are women) from inside Syria over the last two years. She also has helped in establishing new, independent newspapers and magazines in the war-torn country.
- 40. India, UAE launch forum to evaluate business opportunities:** India and the UAE have launched a forum to discuss strategies and solutions to investor challenges in India due to taxation and policy related issues and evaluate business opportunities in infrastructure, alternative energy, tourism and finance sectors. The Arab-India Economic Forum (AIEF), in partnership with the Consulate General of India in Dubai, has been launched to bring together political and business leaders from UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Jordan, Egypt and India.

NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 21st – 26th AUG 2015

1. **Who has been awarded with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2015?**
A) R.P. Rahul Singh B) Ashok Dev
C) Babasaheb Purandare D) Aarti Verman
2. **Who is the author of the book 'Making India Awesome'?**
A) Ashok Rai B) Aneeta Desai
C) Sushma Sinh D) Chetan Bhagat
3. **Who was sworn-in as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?**
A) Sarath Fonseka B) Mahinda Rajapaksa
C) Ranil Wickremesinghe D) Maithripala Sirisena
4. **Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of Air India Ltd?**
A) Pradeep Chawla B) Suresh Kumar
C) Ashwani Lohani D) Narain Rao
5. **Who was Arthur Morris?**
A) scientist B) artist
C) singer D) cricketer
6. **Who has been appointed as Advisor to J&K chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed?**
A) Kumar Shukla B) Dev Rai
C) Amitabh Mattoo D) Sabir Dev
7. **Who became the first Indian woman won the prestigious Ladies British amateur stroke-play Championship 2015 at Leeds, United Kingdom?**
A) Saina Nehwal B) Aditi Ashok
C) P.V. Sindhu D) Pinki Rani
8. **Which state will house world's largest 750 Mega Watts (MW) solar power stations in Rewa district?**
A) Karnataka B) Rajasthan
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Maharashtra
9. **Who has won world 100 metre title in the World Athletics Championships held in Beijing, China?**
A) Tyson Gay B) Usain Bolt
C) Justin Gatlin D) Asafa Powel
10. **Who has won the women's singles title of Cincinnati Masters title 2015?**
A) Maria Sharapova B) Serena Williams
C) Simona Halep D) Caroline Wozniacki
11. **Who has won the prestigious 2015 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism?**
A) Aswin Banjul B) Zaina Erhaim
C) Jason Day D) B.K. Moori
12. **World Hindi Conference 2015 will be held in _____?**
A) Jakarta B) Karnataka
C) Kathmandu D) Madhya Pradesh
13. **Who has won the men's singles title of Cincinnati Masters title 2015?**
A) Novak Djokovic B) Rafael Nadal
C) Roger Federer D) Andy Murray
14. **Who has been appointed as the CEO of Chinese handset maker OPPO India?**
A) Cheni Lee B) Mike Wang
C) Mayank Tawang D) Xi Sung
15. **Who has retained Women's 100 meters gold at the 2015 World Athletics Championships in China?**
A) Allyson Felix B) Carmelita Jeter
C) Shelly-Ann Fraser D) Veronica Campbell
16. **Who has been re-appointed as MD and CEO of Yes Bank?**

A) Shikha Sharma

B) Rana Kapoor

A) Prakash Singh

B) Anand Verma

C) Deepak Parekh

D) Aditya Puri

C) Pyush Goyal

D) Girish Sahni

17. With which country India has signed a MoU on cooperation in the fields of education, research and training?

A) US

B) Australia

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bangladesh

18. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)?

19. Who was Rani Gaidinliu?

A) scientist

B) sports person

C) freedom fighter

D) engineer

20. Which country will fund in Kolkata climate action programme?

A) Vietnam

B) UK

C) Nigeria

D) France

ANSWER

1) C

5) C

9) B

13) C

17) B

2) D

6) C

10) B

14) B

18) D

3) C

7) B

11) B

15) C

19) C

4) C

8) C

12) D

16) B

20) B

NEWS ANALYSIS 27TH – 31ST AUG 2015

- 1. SACHIN TENDULKAR TO BE THE CAPTAIN OF 'GREEN ARMY':** Sachin Tendulkar is to be the Captain of Maharashtra's Green Army Chief. He will promote the cause of Environment in Maharashtra. **Green Army is an initiative for school children by the state government of Maharashtra. Every school will nominate its 10 students to undertake various projects for environment conservation in their respective areas.**
- 2. GIRISH SAHNI IS NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CSIR:** Girish Sahni is appointed as new director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is an India's largest Research and Development Organization. It was established in 1942
- 3. 'SCHOOL SPORTS PROMOTION FOUNDATION' LAUNCHED BY SAI:** Sports Authority of India has launched School Sports Promotion foundation to promote sports talent in schools. This foundation will organize sports tournaments across the country. It will also provide sports coaching to talented students.
- 4. BRIDGE PROGRAMME OF AUSTRALIA EXTENDED TO NAVODAYA SCHOOLS:** Australia-India partnership programme Building Regional Inter Cultural Dialogue and growing engagement(BRIDGE)- The programme is run by Australian schools in collaboration with Indian Schools, now it has agreed to include Jawar Navodaya Vidyalayas under this programme earlier only private schools were part of this programme. The project is started to improve teacher capability in science and technology engineering , Mathematics and Communication ,Technologies etc.
- 5. NOVAK DJOKOVIC APPOINTED GOODWILL AMBASSADOR OF UNICEF:** World's no.1 Tennis Player Novak Djokovic is appointed as Goodwill ambassador of UNICEF. He also signed memorandum of Understanding to promote early childhood development. i) **UNICEF- United Nation Children's Fund** ii) **HQ- New York, US** iii) **UNICEF-provides long term humanitarian and development assistance to children and mothers in developing countries.**
- 6. AIR INDIA GRABBED 'GURU TEG BAHADUR HOCKEY TITLE':** Air India's Hockey team has grabbed Guru Teg Bahadur Hockey Title after 7 years in Mumbai. Earlier in 2008 , Air India won Guru Teg Bhadur Hockey Title.
- 7. 'AB DE VILLIERS' BROKE SAURAV GANGULY'S RECORD IN ODI RUNS:** AB De Villiers South African Skipper has broke the Previous record held by Sourav Ganguly. Ganguly achieved 8000 runs in 200 innings but AB de villiers became 1st to reach 8000 runs in 150 innings in one day internationals.
- 8. RAJENDRA GOT 'STOCKHOLM WATER PRIZE':** Rajendra Singh known as water man of India got Stockholm water prize. He got this award for his innovative water restoration efforts and improving water security in rural areas of India. Stockholm water Prize: It was started in 1991, the award is given for outstanding achievement in water related activities. Stockholm is the largest city and capital of Sweden. **Water day - 22nd march.**
- 9. GSAT-6 LAUNCHED BY ISRO:** Indian space research organization has successfully put GSAT-6 into orbit. It was launched by indigenously built Geo Synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle(GSLV)-6 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre located at Sri Hari Kotta. It will provide multimedia communication and broadcasting services in India.
- 10. 'TOP 20 WEALTHIEST PEOPLE UNDER 35 RELEASED' BY WEALTH-X:** Global Wealth Intelligence and prospecting company wealth-X released list of Top 20 wealthiest people under 35. The list is topped by Face book co-founder and CEO Mark Juckerberg.
- 11. USAIN WON 200 M TITLE AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015:** Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt won the 200 meter title at the 2015 World Championships in Athletics held at Beijing in China. He is also known as the fastest person ever. He is the first man to hold both the 100 m and 200 m world records.
- 12. 'NATIONAL SPORTS DAY': 29 AUGUST:** The Birth Anniversary of Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand is observed as National Sports Day on 29th August. President honors sports persons with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, arjuna and Dronacharya Awards on National sports day.

- 13. INDIA DECLARED AS MATERNAL AND TETANUS FREE:** World Health Organization has declared India as Maternal and Tetanus Free Country. Tetanus is an infection caused by Bacteria. It usually attacks on newly born babies and child delivering mother due to unhygienic birthing practices.
- 14. TRIPURA TO IMPLEMENT NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT:** Tripura has decided to implement National food security act from 1 September 2015. Tripura has become first state from North-East region to implement National Food Security Act. National Food Security Act was implemented in 2013. It provides 5 kg subsidized food grains to per person per month at Rs 1 to Rs 3 per kg to 2/3rd of population.
- 15. UNION GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LIST OF 98 'SMART CITIES'** Union Government has announced list of 98 Smart Cities for modern infrastructure and to give a quality life to the citizens with clean and green environment. The Smart cities Mission was announced by PM Narendra Modi to achieve inclusive Growth. UP has maximum no. of cities 13 Smart Cities.
- 16. MOUNTAINEER JOT SINGH HONOURED WITH TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARD:** President Pranab Mukherjee honoured Indo-Tibetan Border Police Officer and mountaineer Jot Singh with The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award is named after Indian Nepalese Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay. It is given by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- 17. KANNADA WRITER DR.M.M KALBURGI DIED:** Senior Kannada writer and former Vice Chancellor of Kannada University Dr. M.M. Kalburgi was shot dead by unidentified persons. He was conferred with the Sahitya Academy Award.
- 18. INDIAN BANK LAUNCHED INDPAY APPLICATION:** Indian Bank has launched IndPay mobile application service for customers to operate Bank accounts anytime from anywhere. Indian Bank was formed in 1907 as private bank but nationalized in 1969 by the government. Headquarter's at Tamilnadu.
- 19. 'SAHAJ' LAUNCHED FOR ONLINE LPG CONNECTION:** Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched a Scheme 'SAHAJ' for online LPG Connections. The Scheme is launched under the ambit of digital India Vision. Earlier the Union Government has launched 'PAHAL' scheme for transferring LPG Gas Subsidy into direct bank account of customer.
- 20. INDIAN WOMEN HOCKEY QUALIFIED FOR 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS:** Indian Women Hockey Team qualifies for 2016 Summer Olympics after 36 years earlier it was qualified in 1980. Captain of Indian Women Hockey team: Ritu Rani.
- 21. MARE DIBABA WON WOMEN'S MARATHON AT WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP:** Ethiopia's Mare Dibaba won the women's Marathon title at Beijing, China. Mare Dibaba is the first female to win an event at the world Championship. She defeated Helab Kiprof of Kenya.
- 22. 4. PRO KABADDI LEAGUE WON BY 'U MUMBA':** U Mumba won the Pro Kabaddi league 2015 after defeating Bengaluru Bulls. 8 teams participated in Pro Kabaddi league, last year the league was won by Jaipur Pink Panthers. Pro Kabaddi league was started last year in 2014 to promote Kabaddi .This was the second edition of Pro Kabaddi league.
- 23. 305 CITIES TO BE COVERED IN 'HOUSING FOR ALL'SCHEME:** Union Government has announced list of 305 cities to be covered in Housing for All scheme. 'Housing for All' scheme is launched for construction of houses for the urban poor. Recently the Union Government has announced to provide housing to all poor people before year 2022.
- 24. US EXTENDS ANTI DUMPING DUTY ON INDIAN MUSHROOMS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS:** United States extended Anti Dumping Duty on Preserved Mushrooms for 5 years, as India is exporting maximum Mushroom to USA, UAE etc. It will have negative impact on Indian Mushroom Exporters. Solan District of Himachal Pradesh is known as Mushroom City of India.

- 25. ONE STOP CENTER FOR WOMEN IN DISTRESS 'SAKHI' INAUGURATED IN HARYANA:** One stop center for women in distress 'SAKHI' is inaugurated in Haryana to provide help to women in distress. The Center will provide help to Sexually, mentally and emotionally harassed women. CM of Haryana: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- 26. RAGHAV CHANDRA APPOINTED AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF NHAI:** Raghav Chandra is appointed as new Chairman of National Highways Authority of India. Raghav Chandra replaced Vijay Chibber. NHAI is responsible for management of a network of over 70000 km of National Highways in India.
- 27. RAJIV MEHRISI IS TO BE NEW UNION HOME SECRETARY:** Rajiv Mehrisi is appointed as New Union Home Secretary for the next 2 years. He had replaced L.C. Goyal.
- 28. INDIAN WRESTLER ANIL WON GOLD IN CADET WRESTLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:** Indian Wrestler Anil won gold medal in Cadet Wrestling World Championship He defeated Erfan Aeni in the 50 kg Freestyle Category. Earlier, Ankush won silver medal in 38 kg women free style in last week in Cadet Wrestling World Championship. Venue: Sarajevo, Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 29. INDIA WON UNESCO PRIZE 'AWARD OF EXCELLENCE' 2015:** India has won UNESCO Prize 'Award of Excellence' 2015 for the conservation efforts of the Sree Vadakkunnatham Temple in Kerala. Award of Excellence is given for conservation effort for take care of Heritage, Cultural and Sacred Sites. Sree Vadakkunnatham Temple is an ancient Hindu Temple relating to Lord Shiva in Kerala.
- 30. MUMBAI GRABBED BUCHI BABU MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Mumbai grabbed Buchi Babu Memorial trophy in All India Invitation Cricket Tournament. Mumbai defeated Tamil Nadu cricket association. Buchi Babu was a cricket pioneer, he is also known as Father of South Indian Cricket.
- 31. MT MCKINLEY HIGHEST MOUNTAIN OF NORTH AMERICA RENAMED AS DENALI:** US President Barack Obama has renamed Highest Mountain of North America Mt. McKinley as Denali. Highest Mountain of world: Mount Everest.
- 32. SBI AND ICICI BANK DECLARED AS 'DOMESTIC SYSTEMATIC IMPORTANT BANKS' BY RBI:** RBI has declared State Bank of India and ICICI Bank as Domestic Systematically Important Banks (D-SIBs) **Domestic Systematically Important Banks (D-SIBs):** Some banks assume systemic importance due to their size, cross-jurisdictional activities, complexity, lack of substitutability and interconnectedness. The failure of these banks can cause significant disruption to the essential services provided by the banking system. These banks are considered Systemically Important Banks (SIBs) as their continued functioning is critical for the uninterrupted availability of essential Banking services to the real economy.
- 33. TEJINDER PAL SINGH NAMED AS 'AUSTRALIAN OF THE DAY':** Tejinder Pal Singh an Indian Origin driver named as Australian of the day by common wealth bank of Australia. He has been deeding Homeless in Darwin for the past 3 years on every last Sunday of month. The Commonwealth Bank has been sponsoring the Australian of the Day campaign for over 35 years.
- 34. NITI Aayog launched IESS 2047:** Aayog has launched India Energy Security Scenarios 2047 calculator (IESS 2047), an open source Web-based tool which can be used to explore different energy scenarios. The UK Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) is the initiative partner with NITI Aayog in this project.
- 35. NDMC decides to rename Aurangzeb road as APJ Abdul Kalam road:** Aurangzeb road one of the most important addresses in Lutyen's Delhi will be renamed as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam road.
- 36. India losses solar case against US at WTO:** India has lost solar case against United States at the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of WTO has ruled that, India's requirement of only domestic solar equipment's for its ambitious Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) is inconsistent with the international trade norms. In 2014, US had dragged India in DSB of WTO against its JNNSM which favoured only to use locally

manufactured solar equipment. US in its appeal had alleged that, the state sponsored programme of India has discriminated importation of solar equipment manufactured in US.

- 37. OP Jaisha sets new marathon national record at World Athletics Championships, ensures 2016 Rio Olympic spot:** Indians gave a good account of themselves in the women's marathon at the World Athletics Championships as O.P. Jaisha registered a time of two hours, 34 minutes and 43 seconds to set a new national record. O.P. Jaisha and Sudha Singh finished 18th and 19th respectively in the women's marathon at the World Athletics Championships in Beijing.
- 38. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) the biggest financial inclusion initiative in the world, completed its First Anniversary.** It was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August 2014 and Mega launch was done by him on 28th August 2014 across the country. The success of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has shown the potential of the enormous role that the financial inclusion program can play in the rise of the economy.
- 39. Govt allows RIL to sell LPG to private marketers:** The government has permitted Reliance Industries (RIL) to sell up to 1.2 lakh tonne of LPG produced at its plants to private cooking gas marketers. The LPG Control Order mandates that all cooking gas (LPG) produced locally must be supplied to state-run fuel retailing companies as India is deficient in LPG and has to import a part of the requirement.
- 40. United Kingdom is G20's largest investor in India: Report:** With an investment of USD 22.2 billion in five years, Britain has emerged as the G20's single-largest investor in India, according to a report published. The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) published its first Sterling assets 'India Report' to account for investments between 2000 and 2015.

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- 1. Who has been nominated as Culture Ambassador for Seychelles in India?**
- A) Anand Bharti B) Shahnaz Husain
C) Deepak Gupta D) P.V. Sindhu
- 2. Who has won the gold medal in World Championships 200m final in China?**
- A) Tyson Gay B) Justin Gatlin
C) Usian Bolt D) Michael Phelps
- 3. Who has won the UEFA Best Player in Europe award?**
- A) Gareth Bale B) Lionel Messi
C) Neymar D) Luis Suarez
- 4. Which bank has launched IndPay, a mobile application service that enables its customer to operate bank accounts from anywhere, anytime?**
- A) Axis Bank B) Indian Bank
C) Corporation Bank D) HDFC Bank
- 5. Who has been conferred with the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award?**
- A) Rahul Dravid B) Manjit Chhillar
C) Sania Mirza D) Pankaj Advani
- 6. Indian women's hockey team has qualified for Olympics after ____?**
- A) 38 years B) 36 years
C) 30 years D) 25 years
- 7. Who has won the Guru Tegh Bahadur Hockey title in Mumbai?**
- A) Indian Army B) ONGC
C) Air India D) NTPC
- 8. Which state will host the 36th National Games in 2016?**
- A) Goa B) Tamil Nadu
C) Maharashtra D) Sikkim

9. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and its partner will invest about \$24 billion in producing natural gas from a giant field off ___?
- A) Sudan B) US
C) Nigeria D) Mozambique
10. Who has been appointed as Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam?
- A) Piyush Gupta B) A.V. Satya Murthy
C) Ashok Nagar D) Vivek Murthy
11. Who has been appointed as the interim chairman and managing director of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)?
- A) A.K. Jha B) Narain Das
C) Kapil Sadhana D) Arun Kumar
12. Who has taken over as the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?
- A) Raghav Chandra B) S.K. Rai
C) Suresh Kumar D) Anand Mast
13. Who has clinched gold medal in Cadet Wrestling World Championships in the 50 kg freestyle competition?
- A) Devendra B) Anil
C) Preet D) Arun
14. Who has been appointed as the Union Home Secretary?
- A) Pradeep Kumar B) Rajiv Mehrishi
C) Ashok Rathi D) R C Taypal
15. Who has been named as “Australian of the Day” by Commonwealth Bank of Australia?
- A) Tejinder Pal Singh B) Mayank Gupta
C) Anand Murthi D) Pyush Gupta
16. Who got additional charge of Law Ministry of Delhi?
- A) Kumar Vishwas B) Manish Sisodia
C) Yogendra Yadav D) Arvind Kejriwal
17. Union government has released rupees to Employees’ Pension Scheme, as its contribution for the year 2015-16?
- A) Rs. 2, 000 cr B) Rs. 25, 000 cr
C) Rs. 15, 000 cr D) Rs. 1, 000 cr
18. Which country has been selected as the host for the 2022 Commonwealth Games?
- A) Australia B) India
C) England D) South Africa
19. Who has won the UNESCO prize “Award of Excellence” 2015?
- A) Japan B) Pakistan
C) US D) India
20. Which state government has aimed to equip all houses with toilets by October 2017 and make it the first ‘open defecation free’ state in the country?
- A) Punjab B) Tamil Nadu
C) Karnataka D) Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER

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| 1) B | 5) C | 9) D | 13) B | 17) A |
| 2) C | 6) B | 10) B | 14) B | 18) D |
| 3) B | 7) C | 11) A | 15) A | 19) D |
| 4) B | 8) A | 12) A | 16) B | 20) A |