

MONTHLY GK CAPSULE (NEWSPAPER ANALYSIS) JULY – 2015

NEWS ANALYSIS 1st – 9th JULY 2015

- 1. Indian-American Paul Singh Named For 2015 World Agriculture Prize Laureate:** Indian-American professor R Paul Singh has been named as the 2015 Global Confederation for Higher Education Associations for Agriculture and Life Sciences World Agriculture Prize laureate. The award was announced at the annual Global Confederation for Higher Education Associations for Agriculture and Life Sciences (GCHERA) conference held at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon.
- 2. Union Government Launches App To Know Gram Panchayats Assets:** Union Government has launched mobile App to know gram panchayats assets. It was launched by Union Rural Development and Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh. It was launched on the occasion of Digital India Week in New Delhi. The main purpose of the app is to provide people with the information related to assets of the gram panchayats.
- 3. Punjab Chief Minister Launched ePMS portal:** Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal launched the state Portal ePMS (Electronic Projects Management System) to fast track infrastructural development. The portal was launched during the Digital India week. The project was started to enhance efficiency, bring transparency, boost the investor confidence, revive the investment cycle, eliminate the human interaction and improve the communication between industries to Government (B2G), State to Centre (G2G), or vice versa (G2B).
- 4. Indian economy crossed \$2 trillion figure during 2014 as disclosed in the data released by the World Bank in Washington:** The World Bank data disclosed that the size of Indian economy stood at \$2.06 trillion at the end of 2014. It has almost doubled in size since the financial crisis hit the country in 2008, and has more than quadrupled from the start of this millennium.
- 5. Haryana Government launches 'Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon' scheme:** Haryana Government launched 'Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon' scheme to provide 24 hour uninterrupted power supply for rural domestic consumers in a phased manner with their active participation. The scheme was launched by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar from Dyalpur village of Kurukshetra district.
- 6. Fazle Hasan Abed, founder of Bangladesh-based poverty alleviation NGO wins World Food Prize 2015:** Fazle Hasan Abed of Bangladesh has been named as the winner of the 2015 World Food Prize. He is founder and

chairman of Bangladesh-based non-governmental organisation (NGO) BRAC (originally known as Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee) which is world's largest NGO.

7. **C D Balaji took charge as Director of the Aeronautical Development Agency:** Commodore C D Balaji (Retd) on 3 July 2015 took charge as the Director of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Programme Director of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). He succeeded P S Subramanyam, Distinguished Scientist, who superannuated on 30 June 2015.
8. **BSNL launches mobile wallet service 'Speed Pay':** State run telecom giant Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched pre-paid card linked mobile wallet service 'Speed Pay'. It was launched by Union Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad in New Delhi.
9. **4 Indian-Americans honoured with Great Immigrants award 2015 in United States:** Four Indian-Americans have been honoured with prestigious Great Immigrants, The Pride of America award 2015. 4 Indian-Americans are Preet Bharara: US Attorney, Southern District of New York. Rakesh Khurana: Dean of Harvard College and Marvin Bower Professor of Leadership and Development. Madhulika Sikka: Vice President and Executive Editor of .Mic. Abraham Verghese: Physician, Professor and Author. The award is given by New York-based Carnegie Corporation on the occasion of Independence Day of United States i.e. 4th July.
10. **Nationwide Mobile Number Portability becomes operational:** Nationwide mobile number portability (MNP) has become operational from 3 July 2015. It became operational after major private mobile operators like Vodafone, RCom, Airtel, Uninor and Idea Cellular along with state-run BSNL and MTNL issued statements to launch MNP.
11. **Guinness Book Recognises Madhya Pradesh's World Record in Washing Hands:** The Guinness Book of World Records has recognised a record created in Madhya Pradesh on 'World Hand washing Day' in 2014. The mega hand washing event was held on 15 October 2014 to create awareness about hygiene by washing hands with soap.
12. **India launched eMigrate system for Foreign Employers:** India in June 2015 launched online registration system named eMigrate system (www.emigrate.gov.in) for foreign employers (FEs) who wants to recruit Indian workers, including nurses. Under the system, FEs will have to register in the eMigrate system.
13. **Agartala to be India's 3rd International internet gateway:** Agartala is set to become the third international internet gateway in the country after Mumbai and Chennai. This Announcement Was Made By BSNL chief general manager (NE Circle) D P Singh at a programme to observe Digital India Week.
14. **Govt releases socio-economic and caste census for better policy-making:** The census, carried out in 640 districts under the aegis of the rural development. According to the census, there are a total number of 24.39 crore households in the country, of which 17.91 crore live in villages. Of these, 10.69 crore households are considered as deprived. Households Having no Land The deprivation data reveal that 5.37 crore (29.97%) households in rural areas are "landless deriving a major part of their income from manual labour". As many as 2.37 crore (13.25%) families in villages live in houses of one room with 'kaccha' walls and roof. Family belong to SC /ST category: It further said 21.53%, or 3.86 crore, families living in villages belong to SC/ST categories. Income Tax Paying Households: According to census just 4.6% of all rural households in the country pay income tax. Depend on Income from Other Sources: According to caste Census 2.5 crore (14.01%) rural families are dependent on income from other sources which include government service, private sector and PSUs. As for sources of income, 9.16 crore households (51.14%) depend on manual casual labour followed by cultivation (30.10%). Last time Caste Census was Conducted It's after seven-eight decades that government has this document after 1932 of the caste census.

- 15. India abstains in UNHRC vote against Israel:** Marking a significant change in stance, India abstained on a United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution condemning Israel over a UN report into the alleged war crimes committed during the 2014 Gaza conflict.
- 16. Nashik first city in country to get Wi-Fi cover:** Nashik will soon be the first city in the country to be fully covered with Wi-Fi internet service. According to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), the first of several Wi-Fi hotspots had become operational in the town.
- 17. India retains South Asian Basketball Championship:** Defending champions India have retained the South Asian Basketball Championship (SABA) title. It was the 4th edition of the Championships. In the final match of played at Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.
- 18. IDBI Bank inks refinance pact with MUDRA:** A general refinance agreement (GRA) has been signed between IDBI Bank and Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Ltd (MUDRA). IDBI Bank is one of the leading banks identified by MUDRA as lender eligible for refinance scheme.
- 19. President inaugurated Nakshatra Vatika at Rashtrapati Nilayam Gardens:** President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated Nakshatra Vatika at his official Rashtrapati Nilayam Gardens in Bolarum, Secunderabad. The vatika (garden) has plants representing planets, zodiac signs and stars.
- 20. Indian skipper Mithali Raj creates history by crossing 5000 runs mark:** Indian Skipper Mithali Raj became the first woman to cross the 5000 runs milestone in One-Day Internationals. Playing against New Zealand in Bengaluru, Mithali Raj's unbeaten knock of 81 runs took her run tally to 5029 runs comprising of 5 centuries and 37 half centuries at an average of 48.82 in 157 matches.
- 21. Government increases daily minimum wage to Rs 160 per day:** The government has increased minimum wage across the country to Rs 160 a day from Rs 137 with effect from this month. It has raised the threshold after two years on the basis of average increase in the consumer price index for industrial workers during this period.
- 22. MNREGA world's largest public works programme: World Bank :** India's rural employment guarantee programme MNREGA has been ranked as the world's largest public works programme, providing social security net to almost 15 per cent of the country's population, World Bank has said. India is among the five middle-income countries running the world's largest social safety net programmes, said a World Bank Group's report 'The State of Social Safety Nets 2015'.
- 23. BRICS nations agree to create \$100 billion forex pool:** The 5-nation BRICS group signed an agreement to create a USD 100 billion pool of foreign- exchange reserves to help each other "in case of any problems with dollar liquidity", with India chipping in USD 18 billion. India's contribution of USD 18 billion to the Pool will be same as that of Brazil and Russia. China would put in the maximum of USD 41 billion, while South Africa would chip in USD 5 billion.
- 24. Government sets up CCFCs at ports to expedite customs clearance:** The government has set up Customs Clearance and Facilitation Committees (CCFCs) at ports to ensure expeditious customs clearance of goods to improve ease of doing business for traders. It will facilitate trade at all the major customs seaports and airports.
- 25. Scientists gather in Paris to avert climate disaster:** Nearly 2,000 climate scientists gathered in Paris, just five months before the deadline for a historic carbon-curbing pact, to remind politicians it is not too late to limit dangerous planet warming.
- 26. Chinese ex-FM to be AIIB chief:** China named a former Finance Minister as its choice to head the Beijing-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), which is being seen as a rival to the U.S. and Europe-dominated banking institutions. Former Finance Minister Jin Liqun has been formally nominated by China as its preferred candidate to

head the \$100 billion AIIB. Mr. Jin (65) is currently the secretary-general of the interim multilateral secretariat for establishing AIIB.

27. **Renowned Urdu novelist Abdullah Hussain passed away:** Renowned Urdu novelist from Pakistan Abdullah Hussain died in Lahore after battling with blood cancer. He was 84.
28. **Floyd Mayweather stripped of Welterweight World title 2015:** World Boxing Organization (WBO) has stripped of the Welterweight World title 2015 won by Floyd Mayweather in May 2015. Decision in this regard was taken by WBO after Mayweather failed to pay the 200,000 dollar sanctioning fee to WBO prior to the deadline of 3 July 2015.
29. **WEATHER-BASED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME:** Bajaj Allianz launched weather-based crop insurance scheme for 3 districts of Maharashtra. Insurance covers **orange crops** in **Nagpur, Hingoli and Washim** districts of Maharashtra
30. **NELSON PIQUEST JR WON FIA FORMULA E CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE:** **Nelson Piquet Jr** won the inaugural FIA formula E championship title. **Brazilian Racer Nelson piquet jr.** drove for Chinese team Nextev.
31. **RAILWAY MINISTRY INAUGURATED INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM:** Union Railway Ministry Inaugurated Integrated Security System in Mumbai. Union Railway Minister **Suresh Prabhu** Inaugurated ISS at 4 Railway Stations in Mumbai:
32. **INDIA SIGNED 5 MOU WITH THAILAND:** India and Thailand signed 5 MoUs during the 1st meeting of **India-Thailand** Joint Commission. Documents were signed by the External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand **Gen Tanasak Patimapragorn**.
33. **NATIONAL STATISTICS DAY OBSERVED: 9th National Statistics Day** was observed on **29th June** around the Nation. The theme for 9th National Statistics Day was, '**Social Development**'. The day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Late Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**.
34. **SHIMLA DRINKING WATER PROJECT APPROVED FOR WORLD BANK FUNDING:** Union Government has approved **Shimla drinking water project** for **world Bank funding**. Under this project, **World Bank** will provide a loan of **514 crore Rupees** and remaining **129 crore** will be provided by the **state government**.
35. **DIGITAL INDIA WEEK LAUNCHED:** Prime Minister launched Digital India week to spread awareness about Digital India Programme. Digital India Week is launched in New Delhi by the PM **Narendra Modi**. Digital India Programme was launched in August, 2014.
36. **CCEA APPROVED PMKSY:** CCEA approved Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) The Yojana is approved with an outlay of 50,000 crore rupees over a period of five years. 5300 crore rupees has been kept as the allocation for the financial year 2015-16. CCEA- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
37. **CHANDRASE KARAN RAMAKRISHNAN BECOMES CFO OF TATA MOTORS' GROUP:** Chandrasekaran Ramakrishnan is appointed as Chief financial officer (CFO) of india's biggest automarker Tata Motors' Group
38. **DARSHAN JAIN IS NAMED FOR US PRESIDENTIAL AWARD :** Darshan Jain , an Indian-American teacher named for US Presidential Awar. Darshan Jain is named for the prestigious Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching. Along with Darshan Jain, 108 mathematics and Science teachers are named as recipients of the Award.
39. **ARMY LAUNCHED OPERATION SHIVA:** Indian Army launched operation **Shiva** to Secure **Amarnath Yatra**. Operation Shiva is launched to protect **59-day long** Annual Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir

- 40. R-PAUL SINGH NAMED FOR GCHERA WROLD AGRICULTURE PRIZE 2015:** Indian-American professor **R.Paul Singh** named for GCHERA world agriculture prize 2015. **GCHERA** : Global Confederation for Higher Education Associations for Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 41. PROJECT TATKAL: State Bank of India** launched project **Tatkal** SBI launched Tatkal ,an initiative to provide doorstep services and expedite Home Loan Application (HLA) process,. This project will help home loan applicants to get the loan within 10 days after receipt of application form and relevant supporting documents
- 42. FIRST MUDRA CARD LAUNCHED:** Corporation Bank launched first MUDRA Card under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana. The card is based on the RUPAY platform and facilitates the withdrawal and use of the working capital finance by micro entrepreneurs MUDRA- Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency
- 43. WOMEN'S FIFA WORLD CUP 2015:** USA won women's FIFA world cup 2015. USA defeated Japan in the final to win the world cup for the third time. Note: Player of the Match- Carli Lloyd of US

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1. **who has been awarded top police award in New-Zealand to help a bleeding child?**
- A) Sim Bhullar B) S.K. Rai
C) Harman Singh D) Adam Smith
2. **Who has been appointed as the Director of Chief Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) and Programme Director of LCA?**
- A) P. Takkar B) C D Balaji
C) Arvind Suresh D) Pankaj Singh
3. **Who has been selected for the World Food Prize for the year 2015?**
- A) M S Swaminathan B) Monty Jones
C) Fazle Hasan Abed D) Sanjay Rajaram
4. **India's economic growth has been estimated at _____ for FY 2014-15 by the Central Statistics Office (CSO)?**
- A) 5.5% B) 5.0%
C) 7.3% D) 6.5%
5. **Which country has won the FIFA Women's Football World cup title of the 2014-15 season?**
- A) Australia B) Japan
C) USA D) Germany
6. **Who has won the South Asian Basketball Championship (SABA) title of the Bangalore?**
- A) Bangladesh B) Pakistan
C) Sri Lanka D) India
7. **Who has been appointed as the first president of the Beijing-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?**
- A) Jin Liqun B) Rahul Agarwal
C) Xi Jinping D) V.P.Seth
8. **Who is the author of the book 'India Central Asia Relations: The Economic Dimension?'**
- A) Arunima Sen B) Pooja Chaudary
C) Amiya Chandra D) Sneha Mathur
9. **Which Bank has signed an agreement with Mudra Bank under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)?**
- A) UBI B) PNB

NEWS ANALYSIS 10th – 16th JULY 2015

- 1. GAGAN:GPS AIDED GEO AUGMENTED NAVIGATION SYSTEM LAUNCHED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** It is developed by ISRO and Airport authority of India. GAGAN will help in improving air traffic management Now India has become 4th country to have satellite based augmentation system after Europe, US, and Japan .
- 2. IRAN AND P5+1 COUNTRIES AGREEMENT ON IRAN NUCLEAR PROGRAMME IN VIENNA AUSTRIA:** The Aim of the deal to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons. **P5+1 includes** : US, Russia, Britain, France, China and Germany
- 3. INDIA DEFEATED ZIMBABWE IN 3 MATCH ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL SERIES:** It is played at Harare in Zimbabwe. Man of the series :Ambati Raydu. currency of Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe dollar. capital of Zimbabwe: Harare
- 4. HRI DAY IS LAUNCHED BY UNION MINISTERS FROM AMRITSAR:** The scheme is launched by Union Minister of finance Arun Jaitely with Union Minister of Urban development Venkiah Naidu. Hriday will promote an integrated inclusive and sustainable development of Heritage sites and maintenance of monuments and on advancement of entire ecosystem. Government will provide Rs 500 crore for this Scheme.
- 5. NASIK KUMBH MELA:** Sinhastha Kumbh Mela starts in Nasik, Maharashtra. The religious ceremony began with flag hosting presided by **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh**, and **CM of Maharashtra Devendra fadnavis** Kumbh mela comes after a gap of 12 years
- 6. IPL SPOT FIXING SCANDAL: Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals** are suspended for 2 years from cricket.The Committee headed by Former Chief Justice of India R M Lodha was appointed by Supreme Court to investigate the scandal. The committee put life time ban CSK Owner **Gurunath Meiyappan** and Rajasthan Royals owner **Raj Kundra** from Participating in cricket relating events.
- 7. VYAPAM SCAM COMMITTEE IS TO BE HEADED BY CBI JOINT DIRECTOR RP AGARWAL:** Vyapam scam is an admission and recruitment scam including politicians, senior officers of Madhya Pradesh. **C M of MP – Shivraj Singh Chauhan**
- 8. RUPEES 3000 CRORE DEFENCE PROPOSALS APPROVED BY DEFENCE ACQUISITION COUNCIL:** The defence acquisition council is chaired by **Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar**. The amount is Sanctioned for buying new aircrafts and upgradation of weapons in army.
- 9. STAMEDE AT RAJAHMUNDRY KILLING 27 PEOPLE:** The Godavari **Maha Pushkaram** festival started with a large number of pilgrims on the banks of Godavari river to take holy dip. The Pushkaram festival is celebrated for 12 days after 12 years.But Maha Puskaram festival celebrated after 144 years. Next Maha Pushkaram festival will held in 2159.It is celebrated in Telengana and Andhra Pradesh.
- 10. FIVE BRITISH SATELLITES LAUNCHED BY ISRO:** IRSO launched 3 DMC optical Earth observation satellites and two auxiliary satellites (CBNT-I and DC- Orbitsail). India has launched 45 satellites of foreign countries. Major application areas include surveying the resources on earth and its environment managing urban infrastructure and monitoring of disasters.

11. **‘VULNERABLE POPULATIONS DAY’ :THEME OF THE WORLD POPULATION DAY:** 11th July is observed as World Population Day. World population in 1950 was 2.5 billion and Present in 2015 it is more than 7.35 billion.
12. **INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO BE PART OF SHANGHAI CO-OPERATION ORGANISATION(SCO) 2016:** SCO is an inter governmental organization founded in 2001 by six countries, China, Kazakistan, Kyrgyx, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan , now India and Pakistan will become its full members. Currency of China- Renminbi Capital of China= Beijing
13. **RASTRIYE AVISHKAR ABHIYAN (RAA):** Former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam launched RAA in New Delhi. It is started to promote creativity and love for science and mathematics in children. **Union Minister for Human Resource Development : Smriti Irani**
14. **NABARD-12TH JULY AS 34TH FOUNDATION DAY:** It is founded on 12th July 1982. It is an Apex development bank in India. **Chairman of NABARD- Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwal Headquarter- Mumbai.** Recently NABARD announced Rs 30,000 cr rupees as credit to farmers for irrigation purpose.
15. **OPERATION TALASH:** This operation is started to find out the debris of Indian coast guard’s aircraft that went missing near Tamil Nadu coast on 8 June 2015.
16. **WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Index	Player Name	Defeated
Men’s Single	Novak Djokovic	Roger Federer
Women Single	Serena Williams	Garbine Muguraza
Mixed Double	Leander Peas/Martina Hingis	Alexandder Peya / Timea Babos
Women’s double	Sania Mirza/ Martina Hingis	Ekaterina Makarova/ Elena Vesnina

17. **SUMIT NAGAL AND NAM HOANGLY WON 2015 WIMBLEDON BOYS DOUBLE TITLE:** They defeated opelka and Akira santillan in the final match held in London. Sumit Nagal became the 6th Indian to win a Grand Slam Junior Title.
18. **GREEN SIGNALS:A BOOK WRITTEN BY UNION MINISTER OF ENVIORNMENT :JAIRAM RAMESH:** It reveals the story of environmental policy making in India Since 1991 to Present scenario of Indian environment and it also tells about the challenges involved in trying to ensure economic growth with ecological security.
19. **NEW VICE CHIEF OF INDIAN ARMY :** Lieutenant General Man Mohan Singh Rai appointed as Vice Chief of Indian Army. Chief of Indian Army – Dalbir Singh Suhag, Chief of Indian Navy – R K Dhouran, Chief of Indian Airforce- Arup Raha
20. **GOLDEN PEACOCK ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AWARD:** It is grabbed by Tata steel’s west Bokaro division. It got this award for its responsible environment practices and resource management. It was started by the World Environment Foundation in 1998.
21. **BRICS CENTRAL BANK INKS AGREEMENT ON CRA:** Central Banks of BRICS inked mutual Assistance Agreement (MAA) BRICS contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) of \$ 100 billion at Moscow. MAA is an operating

agreement on mutual Support specifying the procedures to be followed by the central banks of BRICS as part of the CRA and define their rights. **Capital of Russia– Moscow, Currency of Russia– Ruble, BRICS include-Russia, Brazil ,India, South Africa, China.**

- 22. SHOT PUT PLAYER INDERJIT SINGH WON GOLD MEDAL AT WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES:** Inderjit Singh won maiden Gold Medal at World University Games at Gwangju in South Korea. He came up with throw of 20.27 m in the finals to win Gold and become the first to win a Gold at World University Games. **About South Korea - Capital – Seoul, Currency – South Korean Won signed**
- 23. INDIA'S FIRST EWS STARTED IN UTTARAKHAND:** EWS (Earthquake Warning System) can detect earthquakes and disseminate warnings. EWS system is already functioning in US,Italy, Japan. Uttarakhand falls under seismic zone-5 and it is a zone of high seismic activity with a magnitude of 6.9 on Richter Scale. **Richter Scale is used to measure magnitude of earthquake, Place from where earthquake originate is called Epicentre.**
- 24. DUS KADAM-INITIATIVE PROPOSED IN BRICS BY NARENDRA MODI:** Dus Kadam –Initiative to boost Co-operation within the members of the BRICS proposed by PM Narendra Modi. BRICS 2015 Summit- Ufa, Russia ; BRICS 2016 Summit- India
- 25. OPERATION SMILE:** It is an operation launched by Utrakhand Police to track missing children police recovered 44 missing children in the state under this operation. Acts related to Child Protection Juvenile Justice Act Protection of Child Rights Act Protection of Child from Sexual Offences Act ,2012 CM of Jharkhand – Raghubar Dass.
- 26. 'ASHWINI NACHAPPA' TO HEAD SAI-COMMITTEE:** Ashwini Nachappa is appointed as head of committee formed by Union Government to study status of SAI Training Centers. The Committee formed against the backdrop of suicide attempt by 4 Girls at SAI Kerala in May 2015. SAI – Sports Authority of India Launched in 1995
- 27. GOVERNMENT EXTEND AFSP ACT IN NAGALAND FOR ONE YEAR:** 'Disturbed area' status of Nagaland under AFSP , Act 1958 further extended for one year by Union Home Ministry. AFSP, Act 1958 : Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958. Union Home Minister- Rajnath Singh
- 28. S.K IS NEW MD and CEO OF NATIONAL HOUSING BANK:** Sriram Kalyanraman is appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of NHB)NHB established in 1988 National Housing Bank Act, 1987 Headquarter – New Delhi
- 29. PM inaugurates Yoga Centre, unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Ashgabat:** The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated a Traditional Medicine and Yoga Centre in Ashgabat. He also unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi. Speaking at the occasion, after witnessing a Yoga demonstration, the Prime Minister said that this was an occasion of immense happiness for him – where children greeted him in Hindi, a bhajan was sung as the bust of the Mahatma was unveiled, and some Yoga asanas were demonstrated so accurately.
- 30. Renowned Urdu poet Bashir Navaaz passed away:** Noted Urdu poet and critic Bashir Navaaz passed away following a brief illness in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. He was known as an Indo Pak shayar as his poetry is popular in India as well as in Pakistan.
- 31. Indigenously developed surface-to-air Akash Missile inducted in IAF:** Indigenously developed supersonic surface-to-air Akash Missile has been inducted in Indian Air Force (IAF). The Akash missile was inducted by Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar at a function held at Maharajpur Airbase in Gwalior after he handed over the symbolic key of Akash defence system (ADS) to Air chief Marshal Arup Raha. Akash missile already has been included in Indian Army. It was inducted in Army in May 2015.

- 32. India imposes anti-dumping duty on phenol imports from South Africa:** India has imposed anti-dumping duty amounting 342.76 dollars per tonne on all phenol imports from South Africa. This duty will be valid for a period of five years. The duty was imposed by Union Finance Ministry on the recommendations of the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping Duty (DGAD) under the hand of Union Commerce Ministry.
- 33. Noted artist Sayed Haider Raza conferred with France's de la Lgion dHonneur:** Noted artist Sayed Haider Raza was conferred with highest French Civilian Award Commandeur de la Lgion dHonneur (the Legion of Honour). Raza was bestowed with this award for his peerless achievements in transcending all boundaries, forging ties between France and India and for continuing artistic quest straddling nations, religions, cultures and philosophies.
- 34. Ajay Kumar Pandey appointed as MD and group CEO of GIFT City:** Ajay Kumar Pandey will take over as the managing director and group CEO of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) Co. Ltd with effect from 1 August 2015. Pandey will replace incumbent Ramakant Jha, who will move to Mumbai as CEO of IL&FS Smart City initiative, GIFT Co.
- 35. India's first railway-line built under PPP model inaugurated in Gujarat:** Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhu on 14 July 2015 inaugurated the broad-gauge railway-line between Gandhidham and Tuna-Tekra Port in Gujarat by flagging off a goods train. The rail line is India's first railway-line built with private sector participation under Non-Government Railway (NGR) Policy 2012 of Indian Railways. The rail line has been built at a cost of approx 185 crore rupees for M/s Kandla Port Trust (KPT) to bring about better and faster rail connectivity to Port of Tuna & Tekra.
- 36. India, US ink MoU to establish PACESetter Fund:** India and United States (US) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation to establish the PACESetter Fund in New Delhi. The MoU was signed by Richard Verma, US Ambassador to India and Upendra Tripathy, Secretary, Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). The PACESetter Fund seeks to support the Promoting Energy Access through Clean Energy (PEACE) track of the US-India Partnership to Advance Clean Energy (PACE).
- 37. RBI sets up panel on financial inclusion:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plans to come out with a medium term five-year "measurable action plan" for financial inclusion in the country. This is in line with the Prime Minister's call to bankers on the occasion of RBI's 80 anniversary to take a lead in encouraging financial institutions and set a medium to long term target for sustainable inclusion. The central bank has also set up a committee to work out this plan under the chairmanship of Deepak Mohanty, Executive Director of RBI.
- 38. 7TH BRICS SUMMIT:** 7th BRICS Summit held in Ufa, Russia. 7th BRICS Summit held with the theme , ' BRICS Partnership- a powerful factor of Global development'. 6th BRICS summit was held in Fortaleza in Brazil in 2014 and next, 8th Summit will be held in New Delhi.

COUNTRY	REPRESENTED BY
B- Brazil	Dilma Rousseff
R- Russia	Vladimir Putin
I – India	Narendra Modi
C- China	Xo Jinping
S- South Africa	Jacob Zuma

- 39. ISRO LAUNCHED 5 SATELLITES:** Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched 5 British Satellites into Space. The Satellites were launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- 40. MANMOHAN RAI BECOMES VICE CHIEF OF INDIAN ARMY:** Lt General ManMohan Singh Rai appointed as Vice-Chief of Indian Army. Lt General Manmohan Singh will succeed Lt General Philip Campose.

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- 1. Who has been appointed as new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Credit Information bureau of India (CIBIL)?**
- A) Satish Pillai B) M.V. Nair
C) Anoop Mishra D) GK Pillai
- 2. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Bandhan Bank?**
- A) Ashok Lahiri B) Pratyush Sinha
C) R.K. Singh D) Arvind Mayaram
- 3. Who was Bashir Navaaz?**
- A) artist B) novelist
C) scientist D) poet
- 4. Which Country will be hosting the 8th BRICS summit in 2016?**
- A) India B) South Africa
C) Russia D) China
- 5. Name the Indian President who has launched the Rashtriya Aaviskar Abhiyan (RAA) in New Delhi?**
- A) APJ Abdul Kalam B) Pratibha Patil
C) Pranab Mukherjee D) Ramaswamy Venkataraman
- 6. Name the women's player who won a sixth women's Wimbledon Title 2015?**
- A) Victoria Azarenka B) Garbine Muguruza
C) Serena Williams D) Maria sharapova
- 7. Which Player has won the Men's single title of the Wimbledon tennis tournament 2015?**
- A) Novak Djokovic B) Roger Federer
C) Rafael Nadal D) Stan Wawrinka
- 8. Which company has won the Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2015?**
- A) SAIL B) HAL
C) BHEL D) Tata Steel
- 9. Who is the Author of the book Green Signals: Ecology, Growth and Democracy in India?**
- A) Vinod Rai B) Anant Geete
C) Jairam Ramesh D) Salman Khurshid
- 10. Which Indian Minister has launched the GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) system?**
- A) Radha Mohan Singh B) Ashok Gajapathi Raju
C) Anant Geete D) Smriti Irani
- 11. HRIDAY Scheme is launched in which recently by Union Minister of Finance Arun Jaitley?**
- A) Amritsar B) UP
C) Maharashtra D) Bihar

12. Who was the head of Committee appointed by Supreme Court to investigate IPL spot fixing scandal?

- A) R.M.Lodha B) Sri Ram Kalyan
C) Rajnath Singh D) Neha Sharma

13. When is the world population day observed?

- A) 11 July B) 21 June
C) 2 July D) 22 April

14. Which state started operation Talash to find out the missing plane of Indian Coast Guard?

- A) Goa B) Tamil Nadu
C) J & K D) West Bengal

15. Who won 2015 Wimbledon Boys Double title?

- A) Ashwini Kumar B) Deepak Kumar
C) Sumit Nagal D) Harash Kumar

16. Who is appointed as MD and CEO of Gift City?

- A) Ajay Kumar B) U K Sinha

- C) Y V Reddy D) Rama Kant

17. Which country has recently tied up with India for Pace setter fund?

- A) USA B) Iran
C) UK D) China

18. Who got France's highest civilian award?

- A) Sayed Haider Raja B) Annu Malik
C) C N R Rao D) Kailash Kumar

19. Who is appointed as MD and CEO of National Housing Bank?

- A) Sriram Kalyan Raman B) K C Neogi
C) Ashok Lahiri D) Ashwini

20. In which state India started Earthquake warning system?

- A) Punjab B) Haryana
C) Uttarakhand D) Maharashtra

ANSWER

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

NEWS ANALYSIS 17th – 23rd JULY 2015

- 1. SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION LAUNCHED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT:** It is launched to provide the overall institutional framework to rapidly implement and scale up skill development efforts across India. The mission seeks to provide the institutional capacity to train a minimum of 300 million skilled people by the year 2022.
- 2. DEEPAK MOHANTY COMMITTEE ON FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION:** The committee will work to spread the reach of financial services to unbanked population
- 3. WORLD YOUTH SKILL DAY 15 JULY:** 1st time 15 July is observed as World youth Skill Day, It is started by United Nations in order to raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development. In India to mark this day skill India campaign is launched. PM Narendra Modi launched 'National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015' to make quality vocational training inspirational for both youth and employers and to promote entrepreneurship.
- 4. CHAMPION LEAGUE T 20 OF CRICKET SCRAPPED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT:** It is scrapped due to lack of interest or poor response of fans and polarity of the tournament. It was started in 2009. In 2014 it was won by Chennai Super Kings, **Head of BCCI- Jagmohan Dalmiya**
- 5. INS ASTRAVAHINI DECOMMISSIONED:** It was indigenously built torpedas launched and recovery vessel it was commissioned in 1984 in Indian Navy.It served Indian Navy for 31 years.
- 6. SUNITA WISWANATH Honoured WITH CHAMPION OF CHANGE:** Indian-American Women Sunita Wishwanath honoured with this award for her efforts towards climate change. She is also the co-founder and member of 'WAW' a women human rights organization. **WAW- Women for Afgan Women**
- 7. INDIA SIGNED \$ 250 MILLION LOAN PACT WITH WORLD BANK:** The Pact is signed to restore, enhance resilience and improve Public Services, livelihoods and environment facilities in targeted communities of Andhra Pradesh. Head quarter of World Bank- Washington DC USA President of World Bank- Jim Yong Kim
- 8. COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA IMPOSED PENALTY OF 671.05 CRORE RUPEES:** Four Public Sector insurance companies are fined for manipulating the bidding process initiated by Government of Kerala for selecting insurance provider for Rastriye Swasthy Yojana. Companies are: a. New India Insurance b. Oriental Insurance
c. New India assurance d. United India Insurance
- 9. COOPERATIVE BANKS TO ISSUE ATM CARDS:** RBI allowed co-operative banks with care banking solution to issue ATM Cards or ATM cum Debit Cards in tie with a Espouser Bank. It is an attempt to move towards a less cash economy and increasing the habit of using electronic payment channels among bank customers.
- 10. CURRENCY SWAP DEAL BETWEEN CENTRAL BANK OF SRILANKA AND RBI:** The Central Bank of Sri Lanka can draw upto 1.1 billion US Dollar for a maximum of 6 months. This arrangement is in addition to the existing framework on currency swap arrangement for the SAARC member countries. **SAARC :South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation**
- 11. JAGANATH RATH YATRA BEGAN IN PURI:** 50 Lakh devotees participated in 9 day long Rath Yatra in puri at odisha. The yatra is taken out to worship the 12th century Shrine of Lord Jagan Nath.

- 12. PATA AWARD BAGGED BY KERALA'S TOURISM MUZIRIS HERITAGE PROJECT:** It get award for its conservational aspect uniqueness and impact on local community. The objective of this project is to restore the historical and cultural significance of the ancient town.
- 13. NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY OBSEVED ON 18TH JULY:** The day is observed to honour the former South African President Nelson Mendela. The objective of the day is to inspire individuals to take action to help change the world for the better.
- 14. GENZEBE DIBABA OF ETHIOPA SETS A NEW WORLD RECORD:** He set a New World Record after winning the 1500 m at Monaco Diamond League Meet. Justin Gratlin wins 100 m I Diamond League meet after defeating Tanron Gay.
- 15. JUSTIN DIANCHI-FRENCH FORMULA ONE DRIVER DIED:** He suffered a traumatic brain injury when his car crashed during the Japanese Grand Prix last year.
- 16. INDIA, RUSSIA TO BUILD 200 CHOPPERS:** Under the Ambit of make in India program India and Russia will build 200 choppers in India. It will boost Power of Defense in India.
- 17. ISRAEL OFFERS HELP TO INDIA IN CLEAN GANGA:** Israel wants to offer its expertise in water management and recycling techniques which will be fruitful in cleaning Ganga. Israel is India's one of biggest defense partner.
- 18. ISRO SUCESSFULLY TESTED INDIA'S FIRST INDEGENOUSLY DEVELOPED HIGH CRYOGENIC ROCKET ENGINE:** It will be used for powering Cryogenic stage the upper stage of the next generation GSLV MK-III launch Vehicle of ISRO capable of launching 4 tonne class satellites. **ISRO – Indian Space Research Organization, Headquarter- Bengaluru, Head- A.S. Kiran**
- 19. URDU WRITER- DR. BISHESHAR PRADEEP DIED:** He had penned more than a dozen fiction books in Urdu. **Afsana Nigari** is the best known book written by him.
- 20. NATIONAL CAREER COUNSELLING PORTAL:** Union government launched it in a bid to modernize all Government run employment exchanges. It was launched by PM Narendra Modi
- 21. FRENCH TENNIS LEGEND AMELIE MAURESMO:** Inducted Into The International Tennis Hall Of Fame By The Association Of Tennis Professionals.
- 22. BHANU PRATAP SHARMA AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF FSSAI:** FSSAI is a agency responsible for protecting and promoting Public health in India through the Regulation and supervision of food safety. **FSSAI- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Head Quarter- New Delhi.**
- 23. INDIA AND SINGAPORE SIGNED AGREEMENT TO ENHANCE MARITIME COOPERATION:** Both Countries signed Technical Agreement on sharing commercial shipping information to enhance maritime cooperation between the Navies of two countries. **Indian Navy Chief – Admiral R.K.Dhowan**
- 24. SURAKSHIT KHADYA ABHIYAN:** Surakhit Khadya Abhiyan is launched by Union Minister of Consumer affairs, food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Pawan. It is an country wide campaign to create awareness and capacity biilding for safe and hygenic Food.
- 25. BCCI ANNOUNCED VENUES OF ICC WORLD TWENTY-20:** The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced venues for Men and Women ICC World Twenty-20. World Twenty 20 will be hosted by India from 11

march to 3 April 2016. Bengaluru, chennai, Mohali, Dharamshala, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi and Final will be held at Iconic Eden Gardens ground in Kolkata. **BCCI Head- Jagmohan Dalmiya**

- 26. DRISHTI INSTALLED AT INDIRA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** DRISHTI- Indigenously designed and developed visibility measuring system. They are used for reporting the runway visual range, which is a critical parameter for safe landing and take-off of aircraft in poor visibility conditions.
- 27. RAKESH SAHNI BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF NARMADA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Rakesh Sahni is appointed as Chairman of Narmada Valley Development Authority (NDDA). Rakesh Sahni is an IAS officer of 1972 batch.
- 28. WHITE-FI TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST DIGITAL INDIA INITIATIVE:** White-fi technology of Microsoft is set to boost Digital India Initiative. White-fi technology of TV White Space Technology uses unspent spectrum on TV for internet usage.
- 29. PRASHANT PATHRABE BECOMES AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FILM AND TELEVISION INSTITUTE OF INDIA:** Prashant Pathrabe appointed as Interim Director of Film and Television Institute of India. Prashant Pathrabe succeeded incumbent Director D J Narain. Prashant Pathrabe is Maharashtra-based senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer of 1992 batch.
- 30. FIRST 'AAM AADMI CLINIC' AT PEERAGARHI RELIEF CAMP:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on 19th July, 2015 inaugurated the first 'Aam Aadmi Clinic' at Peeragarhi Relief Camp. The Clinic is aimed at providing better medical facility to the weaker section.
- 31. MAURICE OBSTFELD BECOMES CHIEF ECONOMIST OF IMF:** Maurice Obstfeld of USA is appointed as Chief Economist of IMF. Maurice Onstfeld will succeed outgoing IMF Economist Oliver Blanchard. **IMF – International Monetary Fund, Head Quarter – Washington DC USA, Member – 188 countries.**
- 32. Govt approves composite foreign investment cap:** The Union Cabinet approved the introduction of composite caps for simplification of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to attract foreign investments. The Cabinet gave its approval to review the existing FDI policy on various sectors provided in the Consolidated FDI Policy Circular 2014, as amended by the Consolidated FDI Policy Circular 2015 by introducing composite caps. The government said it is introducing composite caps so that uniformity and simplicity are brought in across the sectors in FDI policy for attracting foreign investments.
- 33. Varanasi chosen as 'city of music' by UNESCO:** In a development set to tremendously boost its age-old traditions, Varanasi has joined the global bandwagon of UNESCO "Cities of Music" under the Creative Cities Network. It has been chosen in the music category under UNESCO's "field of excellence" plan. The fields of excellence are classified into categories of literature, film, music, craft and folk art, design, media arts and gastronomy.
- 34. Bilateral Indo-Japan Naval Exercise May be Called Off:** With Japan invited to be a part of the Indo-US naval train 'Malabar' after eight years, an identical exercise with the Japanese Navy scheduled for later this yr is probably going to be known as off. Though no determination has been taken thus far, defence sources stated there was no factor in doing a repeat train given the time and price concerned. The Malabar train is slated to be held in October within the Bay of Bengal. It is an annual coaching train carried out by Indian and American navies, which consists of fight operations from plane carriers and different manoeuvres.

- 35. Union Agriculture Ministry launches PGS-India, Soil Health Card and FQCS Web Portals:** Union Agriculture Ministry has launched 3 agricultural-portals namely Soil Health Card (SHC) portal, Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) and Fertiliser Quality Control System portal (FQCS). These portals were launched as part of first phase which is only in English. While in later phase they will be made available in regional languages. These portals seek to make the process of fertilisers' quality checking, organic farming certification and issuance of soil health cards more transparent and accountable.
- 36. Rajiv Shukla returns as IPL chairman:** Rajiv Shukla has returned as the chairman of the IPL governing council after nearly two years, the former BCCI vice-president emerging as a compromise candidate for both the factions in the BCCI. Former India captain Sourav Ganguly replaced GR Viswanath as one of the two cricketers on the governing council.
- 37. PORTFOLIO INVESTORS CAN INVEST UP TO 49% IN RETAIL, E-COMMERCE :** With the introduction of composite cap in foreign investment policy, portfolio investors can invest up to 49 per cent in multi-brand retail and online wholesale companies without government approval. Although the ruling BJP is against opening of multi-brand retail to FDI, introduction of composite cap has opened the gates for portfolio investors (FIIs, FPIs and QFIs) to pick up to 49 per cent in the politically sensitive sector without the government's nod. At present, 51 per cent foreign direct investment is permitted in the multi-brand retail sector. Similarly, FIIs, depository receipts (DRs) and FVCI (foreign venture capital investors) can invest up to 49 per cent in online wholesale (rpt) online wholesale sector without government's approval. However, investors will require FIPB's (foreign investment promotion board) approval for investing beyond 49 per cent in a company, the official said.
- 38. Government's housing scheme can give Rs 15 trillion boost to GDP: Report:** The Centre's housing for all project is expected to give the economy a Rs 15-trillion boost over the next 7 years, but its success will depend on ramping up existing urban infrastructure, fast tracking approval process and targeting the actual beneficiary.
- 39. India emerges as Sri Lanka's top import source nation:** India has emerged as Sri Lanka's top import source during the first five months of this year, the Central Bank .India was followed by China, Japan, UAE and Singapore. These nations accounted for 60 per cent of the total imports of Sri Lanka which amounts to \$1,585 million. The country wise breakdown of foreign trade was not given.
- 40. Rajya Sabha panel for standard GST rate up to 20%:** A select committee of the Rajya Sabha has observed that the standard Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate should be within 20 per cent, while the lower one should not cross 14 per cent. These rates are quite lower than the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of around 27 per cent, arrived at by the sub-panel of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on GST, earlier. Besides, the panel suggested changes in the two important provisions of the Constitution Amendment Bill on GST - one per cent additional tax over GST on interstate supply of goods to help the producing states, and reduction in compensation to states in the fourth and fifth years. In its crucial report on the Constitution Amendment Bill on GST, submitted to the Rajya Sabha, the committee recommended that the proposed GST council may opt for a broad-based and moderate rate as the high rate will surely erode the confidence of the consumers badly and may lead to high inflation. In its dissent t note, the Congress wanted the GST rate to be within 18 per cent.

WEEKLY GK TEST 17th – 23rd JULY 2015

1. When is World Youth skill day is observed:

- a. 15th July
- b. 16th July
- c. 11th June
- d. 21st June

2. Which committee is formed on Financial inclusion:

- a. Deepak Mohanty
- b. Rajeev Sharma
- c. Rajesh Shukla
- d. Neha Sharma

3. Who is the head of BCCI:

- a. Kapil Dev
- b. Sunil Gavaskar
- c. Ravi Shankar
- d. Jagmohan Dalmiya

4. Who won champion of change award:

- a. Neha Kattar
- b. Sunita Wiswanath
- c. Ashok Kumar
- d. Vijay Sharma

5. World Bank signed \$ 250 million loan pact with India for which state:

- a. Kerala
- b. Punjab
- c. H.P
- d. Andra Pradesh

6. India has signed Currency Swap deal with which country:

- a. Sri Lanka
- b. USA
- c. Japan
- d. China

7. Who is Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution:

- a. Venkiah Naidu
- b. Ram Vilas Paswan
- c. Radha Mohan
- d. Simarti Irani

8. Which country recently offered help to India in cleaning Ganga:

- a. Israel
- b. UK
- c. Iraq
- d. Japan

9. Name the player who sets world record in 1500 m at Monaco diamond League:

- a. Genzebe DiBaba
- b. Gratlin
- c. Rakesh Khanna
- d. Amelie Mauresmo

10. Who is appointed as new chairman of Narmada Valley Development Authority:

- a. Rakesh Sahini
- b. Rajesh Kumar
- c. Bhanu Partap
- d. Pradeep

11. Which company is going to launch white Fi technology in India:

- a. HCL
- b. Microsoft
- c. IBM
- d. Nokia

12. Which city is selected by UNESCO as city of Music:

- a. Varanasi
- b. Kerala
- c. Karnataka
- d. Bihar

13. Who is appointed as New chairman of IPL:

- a. Rajiv Shukla
- b. Jagmohan Dalmiya
- c. Kapil Dev
- d. Sachin Tendulkar

14. Which country imports maximum goods from India:

- a. Sri Lanka
- b. USA
- c. China
- d. Britain

15. When is Nelson Mandela International Day is observed:

- a. 15th July
- b. 18th July
- c. 21st June
- d. 10th July

16. Who amongst the following recently resigned from the post of Presidentship of FIFA :

- a. Hindol Seng
- b. Sepp Blatter
- c. John Watler
- d. Kem Johnson

17. Who is appointed as Chief Economist of IMF:

- a. Maurice Obstfeld
- b. Christine Logard
- c. Jim Yong Kim
- d. Ban Ki Mon

18. Which country is going to build Choppers with India:

- a. Russia
- b. Israel

c. USA

d. UK

19. Name the player who is inducted into the International Tennis hall of fame:

a. Amelie Mauresmo

b. Sania Mirza

c. Novak Djokovic

d. Andy Murrah

20. Where is the Headquarter of Indian Space Research Organisation:

a. Bengaluru

b. Karnataka

c. Kerala

d. Chennai

ANSWERS

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16.B

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NEWS ANALYSIS 24th – 31st JULY 2015

- 1. Wholesale onion price soars 70% in a month:** Wholesale onion price at Lasalgaon in Maharashtra, Asia's biggest market for this kitchen staple, has shot up by 70 per cent in just about a month, hitting its highest level for the month of July in the past two decades. Prices in July usually tend to be higher because the supply goes down and the onset of monsoon season also affects the onion quality.
- 2. Pachauri sacked as TERI chief:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) removed its Director General Rajendra Kumar Pachauri from his post. Pachauri, a noted environmentalist who was chairman of the UN body Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change when it was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2007, is facing a case of sexual harassment against a junior woman colleague.
- 3. Conakry named as World Book Capital for 2017 by UNESCO:** Conakry, the capital of the Republic of Guinea, named as the World Book Capital for 2017 by United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO). The decision was made by an international committee of experts on 30 June 2015 during a meeting.
- 4. National Broadcasting Day observed across the country:** National Broadcasting Day was observed on 23 July 2015 across the country. It is on this day in 1927, the Indian Broadcasting Company started radio broadcasting from Bombay station. To mark the day, All India Radio (AIR) organized a symposium on the subject Creation of New India and Broadcasting Medium in New Delhi.
- 5. India ranked 12th in terms of power generation from nuclear source:** There are thirty one countries including India in the world which generate electricity from nuclear source. According to the data published in May 2015, by Power Reactor Information System (PRIS) of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), India ranked at 12th position in terms of power generation.
- 6. WTO members seal trillion-dollar IT trade deal:** World Trade Organization (WTO) members finalised a deal to cut tariffs on \$1 trillion worth of information technology products in a boost for producers of goods ranging from video games to medical equipment. The agreement to update the WTO's 18-year-old Information Technology Agreement (ITA) adds more than 200 products to the list of goods covered by zero-tariff and duty-free trade. The U.S. Trade Representative said more than \$100 billion of U.S. exports alone would be covered by the updated agreement and industry estimates showed the removal of tariffs could support up to 60,000 additional jobs.
- 7. PM launches new scheme Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana for power reforms in rural areas:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana' for power sector reforms in rural areas with a view to ensuring round the clock electricity supply to farmers and rural households. The new power scheme focuses on feeder separation (rural households and agricultural) and strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure, including metering at all levels in rural areas. The scheme is one of the flagship programmes of the Power Ministry and will facilitate 24x7 supply of electricity. The scheme has an outlay of Rs. 76,000 crore for implementation of the projects under which the Centre shall provide grant of Rs. 63,000 crore.
- 8. Ramachandra Guha receives Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize 2015:** Noted Indian historian & writer Ramachandra Guha has been awarded the Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize 2015 in the academic category. Guha is well known for his book, India After Gandhi.

- 9. Indian American Amitoj Chhabra wins junior title at US Powerlifting Championships:** A 20-year old Indian-American Amitoj Chhabra won the junior title at the latest United States Powerlifting Association National Championships 2015 in Las Vegas .Amitoj Chhabra lifted a total of 1,383 pounds at the US Powerlifting Association National Championships which was held at the Golden Nugget Casino in in Las Vegas
- 10. Shyama prasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Scheme approved by Maharashtra cabinet:** Maharashtra Cabinet approved Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Scheme. The scheme was proposed by Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar in the state's annual budget it aims at creation of comprehensive development of villages in and around the buffer zones of tiger reserves. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Scheme will be launched on project basis from 2015-16 to 2019-2020. The main objective of the Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Scheme is to reduce the dependence of villagers on the forest by boosting the supplementary businesses to farming activities and create alternative employment possibilities to the villagers in these areas.The scheme also aims to reduce man-animal conflict.
- 11. PM Narendra Modi launches new scheme for power reforms in rural areas:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana' for power sector reforms in rural areas with a view to ensuring round the clock electricity supply to farmers and rural households.
- 12. MAT stand-off: Shah panel submits report to FM:** The high-level Justice AP Shah Committee submitted a 66-page report to the government on applicability of minimum alternate tax (MAT) on FIIs, an issue which had riled foreign investors. Shah submitted the report, whose contents have been kept secret for now, to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley at a time when foreign investors have dragged the government to court over applicability of MAT on capital gains made by them. FIIs are hoping that the government will waive MAT prior to April 2015.
- 13. Pamarthy Shankar won Grand Prix World Press Cartoon 2014 Award:** Telugu cartoonist Pamarthy Shankar won Grand Prix World Press Cartoon Award for 2014 at Cascais in Portugal & carrying a cash prize of € 10,000. It was presented by the World Press Cartoon (WPC) Organization based in Portugal.
- 14. Union Government constitutes All India Council of Sports as an advisory physique:** Union Government has constituted All India Council of Sports (AICS), as an advisory physique to deliberate on concerns referring to the improvement and promotion of activities within the nation.
- 15. NITI Aayog likely to draw the line on poverty:** A high-powered taskforce on poverty elimination, constituted under vice-chairman of NITI Aayog Arvind Panagariya, is expected to favour the need for a poverty line for comparing their impact of government programmes on the lives of lower strata of society over a period of time. However, the taskforce is likely to leave the responsibility of calculating that number open-ended.
- 16. Centre sanctions Rs 1,000 cr for Indo-Bangla rail link via NE:** The Centre has sanctioned Rs 1,000 crore for laying of 15.06 km long tracks to connect Indian Railways with Bangladesh through the North East.
- 17. Former Union Minister Bijoy Krishna Handique passes away:** Former Union Minister and a six-time Lok Sabha member from Assam, Bijoy Krishna Handique died at a hospital in Jorhat. 82 year old Handique was admitted to Jorhat Medical College and Hospital for heart-related problems.

- 18. 28 July observed as World Hepatitis Day:** July 28 is observed as World Hepatitis Day around the globe on this day World Health Organisation (WHO) highlights the urgent need for countries to enhance action to prevent viral hepatitis infection and to ensure that people who have been infected are diagnosed and offered proper treatment.
- 19. IT Secretary R S Sharma appointed as the chairman of TRAI:** IT secretary Ram Sevak Sharma has been appointed as the chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). RS Sharma is an IAS officer of 1978 Jharkhand batch and he will replace Rahul Khullar, who had retired in May.
- 20. NASA's Kepler telescope discovers evidence of Earth-like planet:** Evidence from NASA's Kepler telescope indicates existence of a planet that closely resembles Earth. The planet is about 60 percent bigger than Earth in size and is located about 1,400 light years away in the constellation Cygnus.
- 21. Kazakhstan became 162th member of WTO:** Kazakhstan the largest former Soviet republic in Central Asia is rich in natural resources and a key transit country for goods between Asia and Europe has been officially accepted as member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and with this it becomes the 162th member of WTO.
- 22. Jorge Sampaio, Helena Ndume awarded with inaugural Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize:** Dr. Helena Ndume of Namibia and H.E. Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco Sampaio of Portugal have been awarded with the inaugural Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize.
- 23. India Signs Loan Agreement with ADB worth \$300 Million to support the Government's Flagship Program, The National Urban Health Mission (NUHM):** The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$300 million loan to support the government's flagship program, the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) that is aimed at improving the health status of the country's urban population. The loan – Supporting National Urban Health Mission – will reinforce ongoing government efforts under the NUHM to develop health systems in urban areas that can deliver quality health services and that reach the urban poor and vulnerable.
- 24. CCI imposes Rs. 420 crore fine on Hyundai for anti-competitive practice:** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed fine of 420 crore rupees on the local unit of Hyundai Motor Co. The fine was imposed after CCI investigation had found that Hyundai was engaged in anti-competitive practices.
- 25. Cabinet approves proposal for foreign investment in Alternative Investment Funds:** To attract more overseas money into the country, the Union Cabinet cleared a proposal allowing foreign entities to invest in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). The decision will help make available more funds to start-ups, early stage ventures, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which are generally considered as high risk investments. AIFs -- which include private equity, venture capital and hedge funds -- are regulated by Sebi, but the Foreign Exchange Management regulations are governed by the RBI. These funds have been consistently gaining traction since coming into play in late 2012 and there were 135 AIFs registered with Sebi as on March 31, 2015.
- 26. Cabinet approves new Consumer Protection Bill :** The Cabinet approved a new Consumer Protection Bill 2015 that seeks to replace a 29-year-old law and proposes to set up a regulatory authority which will have powers to recall products and initiate class class suit against defaulting companies. The proposed new law assumes importance as there is growing concern over safety of consumer products and services especially after the Maggi controversy. The key features of the new bill include establishment of an executive agency 'Central Consumer Protection Authority' (CCPA) which will protect and enforce the rights of consumers. The new bill, approved by the Cabinet and likely to be

introduced in the ongoing session of Parliament, provides for a comprehensive framework for protection of consumer interest and will replace the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

- 27. LUPIN ACQUITTED US GENERICS COMPANY GAVIS PHARMACEUTICAL:** Indian Drug company Lupin acquired US Generics Company Gavis pharmaceutical to strengthen its presence in the United States **Top 3 Pharmaceutical Companies in India: Dr Reddys labs, Lupin, Cipla.**
- 28. NATIONAL FENCING CHAMPION HOSIYAR SINGH DIED:** Hosiyaar Singh a national fencing champion died after he was thrown off train allegedly by Railway Policeman, when he refused to pay bribe of Rs 200 in Meerut . **Union Railway Minister – Suresh Prabhu.** In 2011 **Arunima Sinha** a National Volleyball player was also pushed from a running train, as a result one of her legs had to be amputated below the knee.
- 29. PRESIDENT NOMINATES 2 MEMBERS OF ANGLO-INDIAN COMMUNITY TO LOK SABHA:** President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed 2 members of Anglo Indian Community to Lok Sabha as per provisions of Art 331 of Indian Constitution. **Nominated Persons are: Professor Richard Hay-** He hails from Kerala. **George Baker –** He hails from West Bengal. **Art 331 –** This article says that President may appoint 2 members from Anglo Indian Community to Lok Sabha, if in his opinion that this community is not represented adequately in Lok Sabha. **Anglo-Indian-** A person who domiciled within the territory of India, whose father or any of his other male progenitors are in the male line of European descent.
- 30. EARTH LIKE EXO-PLANET KEPLER 452B DISCOVERED:** Earth like Exo-planet Kepler 452b discovered by Kepler Mission. The planet is a near-twin of earth orbiting sun like star and is established to 1.6 times (60%) larger than earth. Kepler is Space Observatory launched by NASA to discover Earth like planets. **NASA- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Space Agency of US, ISRO- Indian Space Research Organization, space agency of India. Headquarter of ISRO- Bengaluru, India, Head of ISRO – A.S.Kiran**
- 31. IDFC GETS BANKING LICENCE FROM RBI:** Infrastructure Development Financing Company (IDFC) became second lender to enter Banking sector. Recently RBI issued banking license to Bandhan Financial Services Pvt Ltd and IDFC. In India RBI has the power to grant banking License. In 2004 RBI grants banking license to Yes Bank. In 2014, RBI grants bank license to IDFC and Bandhan. IDFC- Charman – Mr. Vinod Rai Bandhan Bank Chairman – Mr. chander Shekar Ghosh
- 32. PSU ‘BHARAT ELECTRONICS LTD (BEL)’ BAGS DUN BRADSTREET INDIA’S TOP PSUs AWARDS 2015:** Public Sector Unit BEL became the Indian Company to bag in Dus and street India’s Top PSUs Awards in the category of Electronic and Electronic Equipment Sector Managing Director of BEL – Mr. S.K.Sharma, This award is sponsored by Dun and Bradstreet an US Public company to acknowledge the critical role of played by PSUs in the Development of Indian Economy.
- 33. RAM SEVAK SHARMA IS APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF TRAI:** Ram Sevak Sharma is appointed as Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) **Established in 1997, Regulates Telecom Services in India, Main purpose is to deliver a fair and transparent environment for fair competition in telecom market.**
- 35. CSL AND HCL FORMED JOINT VENTURE TO PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES SOLUTIONS TO BANKS:** Computer Science corporation and Hindustan Computer limited inked an agreement to form a joint venture company to provide technology services and solution to Banking Industry. This agreement will advance digital Banking in india.

Joint Venture: A business arrangement in which two or more parties agree to pool their resources for the purpose of accomplishing a specific task.

- 36. FORMER INDIAN PRESIDENT APJ ABDUL KALAM PASSED AWAY:** Former Indian President Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam Passed Away. He was collapsed during a lecture in the Indian Institute of Management , Shillong. He is also known as Missile Man. Kalam authored inspirational Books such as India 20-20, Wings of Fire, Ignited Minds. He remained 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007
- 37. TERROR ATTACK IN PUNJAB'S DINANAGAR TOWN IN DISTRICT OF GURDASPUR:** Militants have killed seven persons, 3 civilians and four policeman including Superintendent of Police 'Baljit Singh'. All militants were killed, they attacked a passenger bus and stormed a police station in Dinanagar.
- 38. UNION GOVERNMENT SANCTIONED 1000 CRORE RUPEES FOR INDO-BANGLA RAIL LINK:** Union Government Sanctioned 1000 crore rupees for the laying of 15.06 km long track to connect Indian Railways with Bangladesh to north east India. The Project will completed by 2017. **Indian Railway Union Minister: Suresh Prabhu. PM of Bangladesh – Sheikh Hasina. Currency of Bangladesh – Bangladeshi taka. Capital of Bangladesh – Dhaka.**
- 39. SWATI MALIWAL TOOK CHARGE AS CHAIRPERSON OF DELHI COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (DCW):** Swati Maliwal is appointed as new Chairperson of DCW. She is the wife of Aam Admi Party Leader Navin Jaihind. Delhi Commission for Women is constituted with aim to investigate and examine all matters relating to the safeguards provided for women under the constitution and other laws.
- 40. ASHISH BAHUGUNA APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF FOOD SAFETY REGULATOR FSSAI:** Ashish Bahuguna appointed as chairman of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). **FSSAI** was established under Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 which consolidates various acts and orders related to food issues. **FSSAI** comes under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: J.P NADDA**
- 41. WOMEN'S RECURVE ARCHERY TEAM QUALIFIES FOR RIO OLYMPICS:** The Indian women's recurve archery team qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics by reaching the final of the World Archery championship at Copenhagen in Denmark. The women's trio comprising Laxmi Rani, Rimil Buriuly and Deepika Kumari qualified for 2016 Summer Olympics. 2016 summer Olympics at Rio de Janerio , Brazil. Motto: Live your Passion. Mascot: Vinicius and Tom.
- 42. SEBI CANCELS LICENSE OF SAHARA MUTUAL FUNDS:** Securities exchange board of India cancels Registration of Sahara Mutual funds, as it was no longer fit and proper to carry out its business. Sahara India Company is involved in the high profile alleged investor fraud case involving estimated Rs 24000 crore of 3 crore investors. **Subrata Roy : Chief of Sahara Group.**
- SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE TO BE TESTED IN ISRAEL:** The long range surface to air missile LR-SAM developed with the help of Israel is to be tested in Israel. The missile can reach targets upto 70 km is developed by DRDO and Israel Aero Space industry. **DRDO – Defense Research Development Organization Headquarter at New Delhi.** President of Israel : Reuven Rivlin. Capital of Israel : Jerusalem. Currency of Israel : Israeli new Shekel. India and Israel both countries are good partners .India is the largest buyer of Israeli Military equipment and Israel is 2nd largest defense supplier to India after Russia.

NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 24th – 31st JULY

- Who has been named the tournament director of 2016 World Twenty20?**
A) M V Sridhar B) Krishna Jain
C) Rahul Agarwal D) Karan Bilimoria
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Advisor of Security and anti-corruption unit (ACSU) of BCCI for T20 World Cup 2016?**
A) Neeraj Kumar
B) Pratibha Patil
C) Pranab Mukherjee
D) Ramaswamy Venkataraman
- Which state has bagged Pacific Asia Travel Association award 2015 for its Muziris Heritage Project in the 'Heritage & Culture' category?**
A) Tamil Nadu B) Kerala
C) Goa D) Karnataka
- Who was Jules Bianchi?**
A) singer B) scientist
C) formula-1 driver D) cricketer
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Special Currency Swap Agreement with Central Bank of _____?**
A) Japan B) China
C) Sri Lanka D) Bangladesh
- Which country has won the prestigious International Mathematical Olympiad 2015 after 21 years?**
A) Iran B) America
C) France D) India
- Haryana government has named _____ as its brand ambassador for 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme?**
A) Priyanka Chopra B) Aishwarya Rai
C) Parineeti Chopra D) Vidya Balan
- Which state government would set up an institute and a skill development centre at Kapurthala for giving training to the heavy vehicle drivers?**
A) Haryana B) Rajasthan
C) Punjab D) Himachal Pradesh
- India has inked a financing agreement with World Bank (WB) to raise US 250 million dollars financial assistance for _____ Disaster Recovery Project (APDRP)?**
A) Uttar Pradesh B) Karnataka
C) Madhya Pradesh D) Andhra Pradesh
- Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hero Moto Corp?**
A) Suresh Kumar B) Pankaj Munjal
C) D.K. Dutt D) Sher Singh Rana
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release 'Vision 2050' for _____?**
A) poverty B) employment
C) agriculture D) infrastructure
- Who has emerged as the first Smart city to send its nomination to the Centre for the '100 Smart Cities' mission?**
A) Puducherry B) Lucknow
C) Bhopal D) Bangalore

13. Who has been appointed as Chief of Delhi Commission for Women?

- A) Preeti Desai B) Jayanti Patnaik
- C) Swati Maliwal D) Lalitha Kumaramangalam

14. Which city is named as World Book Capital for 2015 by UNESCO:

- A) Conakry B) Incheon
- C) USA D) India

15. When is National Broadcasting Day observed:

- A) 28th July B) 23rd July
- C) 21st June D) 4th August

16. What is the rank of India in Power Generation from Nuclear Source:

- A) 13 B) 12
- C) 11 D) 1st

17. Where is the head quarter of International Atomic Energy Agency:

- A) Austria B) Switzerland
- C) Japan D) Philippines

18. Who is the head of World Trade Organisation:

- A) Christine Lagarde B) Ban Ki Moom
- C) Roberto Azevedo D) Jim Yongkim

19. Name the Indian American who won US Power lifting Championship:

- A) Amitoz Chhabra B) Ramachandra Guha
- C) Genzebe D) Neha Sharma

20. Which member has joined World Trade Organisation as its 161st Member:

- A) Kazakhstan B) Seychelles
- C) Krotia D) Afghanistan

21. When is World Hepatitis Day observed:

- A) 28th July B) 23rd July
- C) 15th July D) 18th July

ANSWER

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| 1) A | 4) C | 7) C | 10) B | 13) C | 16) B | 19) A |
| 2) A | 5) C | 8) C | 11) C | 14) B | 17) A | 20) B |
| 3) B | 6) B | 9) D | 12) A | 15) B | 18) C | 21) A |