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## NEWS ANALYSIS 1<sup>ST</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2015

- 1. RBI ALLOWED NRIS TO SUBSCRIBE TO NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM:** The Reserve Bank of India has allowed non-resident Indians to subscribe to the National Pension System. National Pension System will act as an investment option for NRIs under Foreign Exchange Management Act 1999. National Pension System was launched in 2004. Its main aim is to institute pension reforms in the country and to inculcate the habit of saving for retirement amongst the citizens.
- 2. INDIA-AFRICA FORUM SUMMIT HELD IN DELHI DECLARATION:** India and Africa Forum Summit has adopted a Delhi Declaration 2015 and India-Africa Framework for Strategic Cooperation. These agreements were adopted at the conclusion of third Summit it was attended by 54 African countries and Indian New Delhi. They have discussed collaborations in the fields of peace and security between India and Africa.
- 3. DEFENCE ACQUISITION COUNCIL APPROVED MAJOR MILITARY PROJECTS:** The Defence Acquisition Council headed by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar approved new military modernisation proposals worth over 12000 crore rupees. The approvals include the acquisition of two additional regiments of the indigenous Pinaka multiple-launch rocket systems to the upgrade of 26 Ilyushin transport aircraft by Russia.
- 4. RAIF BADAWI AWARDED 2015 SAKHAROV PRIZE FOR FREEDOM OF THOUGHT:** Blogger Raif Badawi awarded Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought for the year 2015. Raif Badawi, author of the website Free Saudi Liberals, was convicted of insulting Islam and he was sentenced to 10 years in jail. Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought has been awarded by the European Parliament to individuals or organisations for their contribution to the fight for human rights and democracy.
- 5. AMIT KUMAR GRABBED SILVER MEDAL IN IPC ATHLETICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Indian para-athlete Amit Kumar Saroha grabbed silver medal in men's club throw F51 event in the IPC Athletics World Championships in Doha. Now, Amitkumar has secured his place for 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.
- 6. NAJIB SHAH APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF CBEC:** Senior IRS officer Najib Shah appointed as Chairman of Central Board of Excise and Customs. Central board of excise and customs is an apex body on Indirect Taxes. The Central Board of Excise and Custom is an national agency responsible for administering Customs and Central Excise Taxes in India.
- 7. BINDESHWAR PATHAK SELECTED FOR NEW YORK GLOBAL LEADERS DIALOGUE HUMANITARIAN AWARD:** Sociologist Bindeshwar Pathak was selected for the prestigious New York Global Leaders Dialogue Humanitarian Award. He was selected for his contribution for sanitation and improving the quality of life for millions of scavengers.
- 8. CHINA ABANDONED ITS DECADES OLD 'ONE CHILD POLICY':** China has abandoned its decade's old one child policy of children's. Now china has allowed couples to have two children as it has abolished its decades old One Child Policy. One Child Policy was introduced in 1980 to control the population and to limit demands for water and other resources.
- 9. BRICS NATIONS INKED MOSCOW DECLARATION FOR SUPPORTING MULTILATERAL SCIENCE PROJECTS:** BRICS nations signed Moscow Declaration for partnership in addressing common regional and global socio-economic challenges by utilising science, technology and innovation. It was signed at the meeting of the BRICS Ministers for Science, Technology and Innovation held in Moscow Russia. Indian delegation was led by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences. The joint declaration will promote co-investment of resources to support multilateral Research and Development Projects in mutually agreed areas by BRICS nations.
- 10. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECRETARY SHAKTIKANTA DAS NOMINATED ON RBI CENTRAL BOARD:** Union Government has nominated Economic Affairs Secretary Shaktikanta Das to the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India. Central Board of Directors is responsible for its general superintendence and direction of RBI. There are 21-members in Central Board of Directors of RBI which includes Governor, Four Deputy Governors, Two Finance Ministry representatives Ten Directors are nominated by Union Government and four directors are from local boards of RBI. **GOVERNOR OF RBI: RAGHURAM RAJAN.**
- 11. JOHN MAGUFULI ELECTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA:** John Pombe Magufuli of ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party has won the Tanzanian Presidential election. He became fifth President of Tanzania since its independence from United Kingdom. **CAPITAL OF TANZANIA:**

**DODOMA, CURRENCY OF TANZANIA: TANZANIAN SHILLING.**

- 12. INDIAN RAILWAYS LAUNCHES VIKALP SCHEME FOR WAITLISTED PASSENGERS:** Indian Railways has launched Vikalp scheme to avail waitlisted passengers to get an alternative train accommodation. The scheme has been launched in trains running on Delhi-Lucknow and Delhi-Jammu sectors. Indian Railways aims to achieve the objectives of Providing confirmed accommodation to waitlisted passengers and to Ensure optimal utilisation of available accommodation for these passengers. **UNION RAILWAY MINISTER: SURESH PRABHU.**
- 13. SANIA MIRZA AND MARTINA HINGIS WON SINGAPORE BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS:** Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis has won the 2015 BNP Paribas WTA Finals Women's double category in Singapore. They have defeated Garbine Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain. Earlier, they have also won the Indian Wells Open, Miami Open, Charleston Open, Wimbledon, US Open, Guangzhou Open, Wuhan Open and China Open.
- 14. RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015 WON BY NEW ZEALAND:** New Zealand has won the 2015 Rugby World Cup for third time by defeating Australia. Rugby World Cup is contested after every four years between the top international teams. First world cup of Rugby was first held in 1987.
- 15. BRAHMOS SUPERSONIC CRUISE MISSILE SUCCESSFULLY TEST-FIRED:** India has successfully test-fired BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile from INS Kochi. The purpose of the test was to check the capabilities of BrahMos and INS Kochi, the country's newest stealth-destroyer, which was inducted into the navy recently. BrahMos can be launched from land, Sea, Sub-seas and air.
- 16. NATIONAL UNITY DAY OBSERVED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT:** The National Unity Day was observed on 31 October. The day is observed to commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sardar Vallabhai Patel. PM Narendra Modi flagged off Run for Unity at Rajpath in New Delhi.
- 17. NICO ROSBERG WON 2015 MEXICAN GRAND PRIX FORMULA 1 CHAMPIONSHIP:** Mercedes racing driver Nico Rosberg of Germany grabbed the 2015 Mexican Grand Prix Formula 1 championship. Nico Rosberg defeated Lewis Hamilton of Britain. He had already won the titles in Spain, Monaco and Australia.
- 18. ROGER FEDERER WON 2015 SWISS INDOORS MEN'S SINGLES TITLE:** Roger Federer of Switzerland grabbed the Swiss Indoors men's singles tennis title. Roger Federer defeated Rafael Nadal of Spain in the final match held at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland.
- 19. HERO MOTOCORP FOUNDER INDUSTRIALIST BRIJMOHAN LALL MUNJAL PASSED AWAY:** Hero MotoCorp founder industrialist Brijmohan Lall Munjal passed away in New Delhi. He was the founder and chairman of Hero MotoCorp and Hero Honda which is the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer. In 1956, he had started India's first bicycle manufacturing unit under the brand name Hero Cycles later it became the world's largest cycle maker.
- 20. INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S 7TH MOST VALUED NATION BRAND:** India was placed at 7th position in world's most valuable nation brands report among the 100 nations by Brand Finance. United States had topped this list followed by China, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, France and India. India is the second most valued brand country among BRICS emerging economies after China and followed by Brazil, Russia and South Africa.
- 21. FACEBOOK AND BSNL INKED AGREEMENT TO SET UP 100 WIFI HOTSPOTS IN RURAL INDIA:** Facebook inked agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited to create 100 WiFi hotspots in rural areas of western and southern India. Facebook will invest 5 crore rupees per annum for buying bandwidth from BSNL. BSNL expects to complete the WiFi project by 31 December 2015.
- 22. NICO ROSBERG WON 2015 MEXICAN GRAND PRIX OF FORMULA 1:** Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany has grabbed the 2015 Mexican Grand Prix title of Formula One held at the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in Mexico City. It is Rosberg's overall twelfth championship title of F1 in his career and the fourth win in the 2015.
- 23. FAST PATROL VESSEL 'ICGS ARINJAY' INDUCTED IN KOCHI:** The fast patrol vessel of Aadesh-Class of Indian Coast Guard Arinjay was inducted into navy in Kochi, Kerala. It will be used for controlling smuggling and piracy activities, for rescue operation and Fisheries protection and monitoring activities. **AIR CHIEF MARSHAL: ARUP RAHA.**
- 24. SUPREME COURT ISSUED NOTICE TO UNION GOVERNMENT FOR IMPROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF MGNREGA:** The Supreme Court of India issued a notice to the Ministry of Rural Development for improper implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act,

2005. The Bench was headed by comprising Chief Justice H L Dattu and Justice Amitava Roy. The court has directed the government to set up an independent Social Audit Units for effective monitoring of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

- 25. PUNJABI LANGUAGE BECAME THIRD MOST COMMON LANGUAGE IN PARLIAMENT OF CANADA:** Punjabi language has become the third most common language in Canada. The first place was grabbed by English then French and Punjabi is placed on third position in the House of Commons of Canada after 20 Punjabi-speaking candidates were elected to the parliament in October 2015.
- 26. DEEPAK SINGHAL APPOINTED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESERVE BANK OF INDIA:** Deepak Singhal has been appointed as the Executive Director of RBI. Deepak Singhal has replaced K K Vohra who will now look after the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
- 27. DELHI TO HOST 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FOR THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** Delhi to host first international film festival for the persons with disabilities in December 2015. The film festival will show case cinemas that open our world to their mind space, and sensitise on issue relating to disabilities.
- 28. TROPICAL CYCLONE CHAPALA HITS YEMEN:** Tropical Cyclone Chapala has hitted Yemen triggering heavy flooding and causing damage in coastal region of the war racked country. Meteorological Department has categorized Cyclone Chapala as a Category 4 equivalent storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Cyclone Chapala is the most powerful storm that has hit Yemen in last five decades. **PRESIDENT OF YEMEN: MOHAMMED ALI AL-HOUTH, CURRENCY OF YEMEN: YEMENI RIAL.**
- 29. AIR PROGRAMME ON CHILD LABOUR BAGGED TOP PRIZE AT ABU PRIZES:** All India Radio's Programme on child labour bagged the first prize under the Community Service. Announcement category at the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Prizes 2015 at Ankara, Turkey. The programme was aired in Malayalam language and was titled Nilkkam Ivarkkoppam, which means Stand beside Them. The Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union is a non-profit, professional association of broadcasting organisations.
- 30. MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT APPROVES APJ ABDUL KALAM AMRUT YOJNA:** Maharashtra Government has approved APJ Abdul Kalam Amrut Yojna scheme to provide one full hot cooked nutritious food to pregnant, lactating women in the tribal areas. APJ Abdul Kalam Amrut Yojna is launched to curb malnutrition among tribal children by providing nutrition to pregnant women for 6 months when the child's growth is at its peak.
- 31. INTERLINKING OF INDIAN RIVERS' BOOK WRITTEN BY RADHA KANT BHARATI RELEASED:** Interlinking of Indian Rivers book written by Radha Kant Bharati was released by AB Pandya Chairman of Central Water Commission. The book explains the social, economic and commercial significance of linking of rivers in the country. It also discusses National Water Policy and disputes over the sub-continent of India.
- 32. PAKISTANI CRICKETER SHOAIB MALIK ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM TEST CRICKET:** Former Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from Test cricket. Now he will play only in the One-Day International.
- 33. SURESH N PATEL APPOINTED AS MD & CEO OF ANDHRA BANK:** Suresh N Patel was appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of Andhra Bank. He had succeeded CVR Rajendran.
- 34. SHEKHAR KAPUR TO HEAD JURY AND ANIL KAPOOR TO BE CHIEF GUEST AT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA 2015:** Anil Kapoor was selected to be the chief guest of the 46th International Film Festival of India that will began in Goa this month. Film director Shekhar Kapur was selected to be the head of the jury.
- 35. WORLD SAVINGS DAY:** The World Thrift Day is being celebrated on 31st October of every year through out the globe. In India it is observed on the 30th of October in each District of the states with the involvement of the District Collectors, local MPs, MLAs etc.
- 36. INDIA TO EMERGE AS LARGEST COTTON PRODUCER:** With domestic trade estimating cotton production at around 400 lakh bales, India is expected to emerge as the largest cotton producer in the world in 2015-16. Cotton output in all major producing countries in the year, barring India, has been anticipated to be lower than the previous season.
- 37. SHIVA THAPATHE INDIAN BOXER RANKED NO 2 IN BOXING:** As per international rankings in the 56 kilogram category Indian boxer Shiva Thapa was ranked number two. He moved up by 5 places to achieve it. He got 1550 points.
- 38. JUSTICE MB SHAH SUBMITTED ITS THIRD REPORT ON BLACK MONEY:** Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Black Money headed by Justice MB

Shah submitted its third report to the Ministry of Finance. The SIT found that over 2600 persons are directors on more than 20 companies and at least 20 companies are operating from the same address at 345 places which indicate the violation of Companies Act, 2013.

- 39. MYSURU RAILWAY STATION BECAME THE FIRST BLIND-FRIENDLY RAILWAY STATION IN INDIA:** Mysuru Railway Station (Karnataka, India) became the first blind-friendly Railway Station in India. The visually impaired – friendly facilities at Mysuru Railway Station has been inaugurated by Mysuru's Member of Parliament Pratap Simha. Tactile maps of the railway station and train schedules in Braille were unveiled on the occasion of inauguration. The authorities have also put up 400 metal signages in Braille along the railings of the staircases leading to various platforms. Anuprayaas, a Non – Governmental Organisation assisted the railways in making Mysuru railway station blind-friendly
- 40. JUSTICE T.S THAKUR APPOINTED AS NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA:** Justice T.S. Thakur would succeed Justice H.L. Dattu as the next Chief Justice of India. Justice Thakur, who would be the 43rd CJI

## NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 1<sup>ST</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2015

- 1. Japan's Takaaki Kajita and Canada's Arthur B. McDonald have won the 2015 Noble Prize for \_\_\_.**

A) Chemistry                      B) Peace  
C) Physics                         D) Biology

- 2. Which country won the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Asia Championship?**

A) India                              B) Bangladesh  
C) China                            D) South Korea

- 3. The Union government has launched second phase of the immunization programme, Mission Indradhanush, in \_\_\_\_.**

A) 352 districts                    B) 384 districts  
C) 320 districts                    D) 400 districts

- 4. Who has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement award at Jagran Fest?**

A) Shashi Kapoor                B) Chiranjeevi  
C) Dilip Kumar                    D) Suresh Das

- 5. The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) conference 2016 will held in \_\_\_\_.**

A) Bangalore                      B) New Delhi  
C) Gandhinagar                  D) Bhopal

- 6. Which bank has signed a new nine year agreement with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co Ltd to sell its insurance products?**

A) HDFC                            B) Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd  
C) Catholic Syrian Bank        D) Federal Bank Ltd

- 7. What is the Swachh Bharat cess on services?**

A) 0.25%                          B) 0.50%  
C) 0.75%                          D) 1.00%

- 8. Who is the winner of the 2015 Vishnudas Bhawe Award?**

A) Ashok Saraf                    B) Vikram Gokhale  
C) Mohan Gokhale                D) Neena Kulkarni

- 9. Who is the fastest Indian bowler to reach 150-Test wicket landmark?**

A) Mohammed Shami            B) Umesh Yadav  
C) Bhuvaneshwar Kumar        D) Ravichandran Ashwin

- 10. Which Indian state is set to develop first Mega Tourism Circuit of the country?**

A) Himachal Pradesh            B) Kerala  
C) Karnataka                      D) Gujarat

- 11. Which of the following has been named as World's healthiest country?**

A) Italy                                B) Singapore  
C) Australia                        D) Switzerland

- 12. Which Indian state has the highest graduate unemployment rate?**

A) Tamil Nadu                    B) Mizoram  
C) Kerala                          D) Punjab

- 13. The 2015 Paragliding World Cup (PWC) was held in which state?**

A) Assam                            B) Himachal Pradesh  
C) Uttarakhand                    D) Arunachal Pradesh

- 14. Under Indian Gold Coin 2015, what denominations of gold coins are issued?**

A) 5, 10 and 15 grams        B) 5, 10 and 20 grams  
C) 10, 15 and 20 grams        D) 10, 15 and 25 grams

- 15. National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is located in which city?**

A) Mumbai                        B) Hyderabad

C) Chennai

D) Kolkata

**16. Which country is World No. 1 in FIFA latest rankings?**

A) Brazil

B) Belgium

C) Germany

D) Argentina

**17. Who is appointed as MD of Oxford University Press India (OUP)?**

A) V Sivaramakrishnan

B) Vivek Patel

C) Santosh Kulkarni

D) Satish Yadav

**18. Which of the following ministries has launched SATYAM programme?**

A) Ministry of Finance

B) Ministry of External Affairs

C) Ministry of Science &amp; Technology

D) Ministry of Power

**19. Which Indian boxer registered his second successive knockout triumph?**

A) Mandeep Jangra

B) Akhil Kumar

C) Jitender Kumar

D) Vijender Singh

**20. Who is the new Prime Minister of Canada?**

A) Vivian Barbot

B) Denis Lebel

C) David Johnston

D) Justin Trudeau

**ANSWER**

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

**NEWS ANALYSIS 8<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2015**

- BELGIUM TOPPED IN THE FIFA WORLD RANKINGS:** Belgium topped in FIFA rankings in world ranking list of football for the first time. The former No. 1 ranked team, Argentina, dropped to third place, while Germany is placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> place. India dropped to 172<sup>nd</sup> place in the latest rankings. **PRESIDENT OF FIFA: ISSA HAYATOU.**
- ACTOR VIKRAM GOKHALE HONOURED WITH VISHNUDAS BHAVE AWARD:** Renowned actor Vikram Gokhale was honoured with the prestigious Vishnudas Bhave Award in Maharashtra. He was honoured with this award for his outstanding contribution to Marathi theatre. The Vishnudas Bhave Award was instituted in the memory of famous Marathi dramatist Vishnudas Bhave.
- THREE GOLD RELATED SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY PM NARENDRA MODI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three gold related schemes. The schemes are – Gold Monetization Scheme, Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme and Indian Gold Coins. The purpose of the schemes is to reduce dependence on imported gold, recycle the unutilized gold in the country and most importantly, streamline the gold business in the country. India is the largest consumer of gold in the world.
- REBOOTING INDIA BOOK WRITTEN BY NANDAN NILEKANI & VIRAL SHAH RELEASED:** Nandan Nilekani and Viral Shah released a book Rebooting India: Realizing a Billion Aspirations. The book explains the demographic dividend of India, which is expected to be the world's youngest country by 2020 with 64 percent of its population of working age.
- PM NARENDRA MODI RANKED 9TH IN 2015 FORBES' WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL PERSON:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been ranked as World's ninth Most Powerful Person in the Forbes annual ranking of persons list of 2015. Russian President Vladimir Putin has been ranked as the world's most powerful person in the list. Chancellor Angela Merkel was ranked 2nd in the list and she is also the most powerful woman on the planet for consecutive 10 years. Mukesh Ambani was placed at 36th position, steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal ranked 55th, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella is ranked 61<sup>st</sup>.
- MADHYA PRADESH GOVERNMENT PROPOSED 1656 CRORE RUPEES AMRUT ACTION PLAN:** The Madhya Pradesh Government proposed fund for 32 cities and towns under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation for the financial year 2015-16 at a cost of 1656 crore rupees. AMRUT is going to improve basic infrastructure relating to water supply, sewerage network services, storm water drainage, urban transport and parks and green services. **CM of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- NAVTEJ SINGH SARNA APPOINTED AS INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO UNITED KINGDOM:** Navtej Singh Sarna appointed as Indian High Commissioner to United Kingdom. Earlier he was in the Ministry of External Affairs looking after country's diplomatic affairs with the UK and

other European nations. He has also served as Indian Ambassador to Israel.

- 8. 'INDIA IN SHANGHAI' CULTURAL WEEK INAUGURATED AT SHANGHAI:** 'India in Shanghai' cultural week was inaugurated at China Shanghai International Arts Festival at the Shanghai Grand Theatre in china. The festival began on 16 October and will continue till 16 November 2015. The Purpose of India Culture Week is to have a better understanding of India among Chinese people. 'Visit India Year in China' is a tag given to year 2015 to encourage more Chinese tourists to travel to India.
- 9. UNION GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE 0.5% SWACHH BHARAT CESS ON ALL SERVICES:** Union Ministry of Finance decided to impose 0.5 percent Swachh Bharat Cess on all taxable services. It will be levied in addition to the 14 percent service tax. The amount collected from this will be used to support Swachh Bharat initiative. The Union Government is planning to spend around 134000 crore rupees by 2019 to construct 11 crore 11 lakh toilets in the country under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- 10. UNITED NATIONS CELEBRATED 70 YEARS OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT:** United Nations celebrated 70 years of its establishment on 24 October 2015. To mark this historic occasion, a special Annual General Assembly was held at its headquarters in New York. The United Nation was formed on 24 October 1945 with an aim to maintain international peace and security and achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character.
- 11. RBI ISSUED GUIDELINES FOR INTERNET BANKING FOR COOPERATIVE BANKS:** Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines on Internet Banking for all licensed cooperative banks including Urban Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Banks and Districts Co-operative Banks. These guidelines relate to Internet Banking facility and Internet Banking with Transaction facility. All licensed Urban Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Banks and Districts Co-operative Banks which have implemented Core Banking Solution and migrated to Internet Protocol Version 6 may offer Internet Banking facility to their customers, without prior approval of RBI.
- 12. 21ST INCOFYRA TO BE HELD IN BENGALURU IN 2016:** The 21st International Conference on Frontiers in Yoga Research and its Applications will be held at Prashanti Kutiram, Bengaluru. The event will began from 3 to 7 January in 2016. The theme of the conference is 'Yoga in Integrated Healthcare Systems'. The conference targets to promote the research findings in the field of medicine, Dialectology, Cardiology and Mental Health.
- 13. INDIA-RUSSIA JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE INDRA-2015 STARTED IN RAJASTHAN:** The India-Russia Joint Military Exercise 'Indra-2015' has started in Bikaner district of Rajasthan. The exercise is focusing on 'Counter Terrorism Operations in Desert Terrain under a United Nations Mandate'. The bilateral exercise will boost people to people as well as military to military ties between India and Russia.
- 14. INDIAN RAILWAYS WON INDIAN OIL SURJIT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT:** Indian Railways has won of Indian Oil Surjit Hockey tournament for the first time at Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Punjab. Indian Railways team defeated Indian Oil Mumbai. Surjit Memorial Hockey Tournament is an annual hockey tournament organized by Surjit Hockey Society in Jalandhar, Punjab in the memory of Surjit Singh Randhawa. Surjit Singh was an Indian field hockey player, who had represented India national field hockey team at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and was captain of team.
- 15. HEENA SIDHU WON GOLD MEDAL AT 13TH ASIAN SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Indian shooter Heena Sidhu has won Gold medal in 10 metre Air Pistol event in women's category at 13th Asian Shooting Championships held in Kuwait. 10m air pistol junior women is won by Shri Nivetha with gold medal. Junior skeet men's competition: Angad Bajwa of India won the individual gold medal.
- 16. OFF-SPINNER RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN FASTEST INDIAN TO REACH 150 TEST WICKETS:** Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin became the fastest Indian to reach 150 wickets in the Indian test cricket history. The previous record was held by Colin Blythe of England.
- 17. WHO OFFICIALLY DECLARED SIERRA LEONE EBOLA-FREE:** World Health Organization announced that Sierra Leone is free of the Ebola virus. Sierra Leone recorded the first Ebola case in May 2014 and total 8704 people were infected due to this virus. Ebola is a virus, previously known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever and is a rare deadly disease caused by infection with one of the Ebola virus species.
- 18. PT. SHIV KUMAR SHARMA HONOURED WITH KALA SHIKHAR AWARD:** Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma honoured with the Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Award for lifetime achievement. Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Puraskaar was instituted by the Sangit Kala Kendra in the memory of

Aditya Vikram Birla. The award is conferred to distinguished artist for their lifetime achievement in the chosen field of the performing and visual arts.

- 19. WHAT HAPPENED TO NETAJI? BOOK WRITTEN BY FORMER JOURNALIST ANUJ DHAR RELEASED:** Book titled What Happened to Netaji? released by former journalist Anuj Dhar was released. The book tells about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose who lived in several parts of Uttar Pradesh. The book explains about the controversy surrounding the fate of Subhas Chandra Bose and controversy about his death.
- 20. GRAND ALLIANCE WON THE 2015 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS OF BIHAR WITH MAJORITY:** Election Commission of India announced the results of the 2015 Assembly elections of Bihar. Mahagathbandhan of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), JANATA DAL (UNITED) (JD(U)) and Indian National Congress emerged as the winner of the election with two-third majority. BJP won 53 seats, Indian National Congress won 27, Janata Dal (United) 71, Lok Jan Shakti Party 2, Rashtriya Janata Dal won 80.
- 21. WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT' OBSERVED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** The World Science Day for Peace and Development was observed on 10 November. The Theme for the day is 'Science for a Sustainable Future'. The Theme for 2014 World Science Day was Quality Science Education and Ensuring a sustainable future for all.
- 22. INDIA RE-ELECTED TO UN COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW:** India was re-elected by the General Assembly to a six year term on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. The United Nations General Assembly established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on 1966. The main purpose of this commission is to promote the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law.
- 23. INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON DOPING IN SPORTS' SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY:** Independent Commission on Doping in Sports chaired by Richard Proud submitted its report to the World Anti-Doping Agency in Vienna, Switzerland. The commission was formed to investigate the validity of allegations of doping practices and corrupt practices against Russia. The allegations were based on a documentary titled Top Secret Doping: How Russia makes its Winners that was aired by the news channels.
- 24. NIGERIA WON 2015 'FIFA U-17 WORLD CUP':** Nigeria won the 2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Chile. Nigeria defeated Mali by 2-0 to win the FIFA U-17. The FIFA U-17 World cup is held after every 2 years, in 2013 FIFA U-17 World cup was also won by Nigeria.
- 25. JUSTICE AP SHAH' APPOINTED AS THE 'ETHICS OFFICER' AT BCCI:** Former Justice Ajit Prakash Shah, was appointed as the ethics officer at Board of Control for Cricket in India. He will be the sole decision maker on all conflict of interest issues relating to Indian cricket. Former Justice Ajit Prakash Shah was the Chairman of the 20th Law Commission of India. He was also the Chairman of the Committee constituted by the Union Ministry of Finance to look into Minimum Alternate Tax on Foreign Institutional Investors.
- 26. NARAYANASWAMI SRINIVASAN WAS REMOVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICC:** Narayanaswami Srinivasan was removed as the chairman of the International Cricket Council. He will be replaced by Shashank Manohar as the chief of the world body. Former India captain and current Cricket Association of Bengal president Sourav Ganguly will replace Anil Kumble as the chairman of BCCI's technical committee.  
**IPL Chairman: Rajeev Shukla, President of BCCI: Shashank Manohar.**
- 27. UNION GOVERNMENT SIGNED LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK:** The Union Government signed 273 million US dollar loan agreement with Asian Development Bank. The fund is provided for the improvement of rural roads in the States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal. The loan amount will be used to make further investments as well as supporting improved road design, road safety and asset management measures.
- 28. NUCLEAR CAPABLE AGNI-IV MISSILE SUCCESSFULLY TEST-FIRED:** Indian Army's Strategic Forces Command successfully test-fired surface-to-surface Agni-IV missile. Agni-IV nuclear capable missile was test-fired from Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. Agni-IV is a surface-to-surface missile with Range 4000 km. Strategic Forces Command is entrusted with the task of handling strategic weapons of the country.
- 29. UNION GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED E-PATHSHALA, SARANSH, SHAALA SIDDHI PORTALS:** The Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani launched the e-Pathshala, Saaransh and National Programme on School Standards and Evaluation Framework for web

portals and mobile apps. E-Pathshala is a web portal which will provide educational resources for Students, Teachers, Parents, researchers and it contains textbooks and other e-books. Shaala Siddhi web portal is a instrument for schools to evaluate their performance in more focused and strategic manner. Saransh is a tool which allows the schools to identify areas of improvement in students and teachers.

- 30. PAKISTAN INVITES INDIA FOR 'KEY AFGHAN MEET':** Pakistan has invited India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj for a regional conference on Afghanistan, called "Heart of Asia". It will provide an opportunity for both India and Pakistan to promote their relations. The 'Heart of Asia' conference will be held in December to discuss the current situation in Afghanistan with particular focus on helping the war-torn country's economy. The conference will be attended by China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and the UAE etc.
- 31. PM NARENDRA MODI ON A THREE DAY VISIT TO UK:** PM Narendra Modi is a three-day visit to UK to boost investment opportunities and hold talks on various bilateral issues mainly relating to security concern. It is PM Narendra Modi's first visit to Britain as Prime Minister. **PM of United Kingdom: David Cameron.**
- 32. INDIA CAN BE A CHINA-LIKE GLOBAL GROWTH POWERHOUSE OF THE 2020s: THE ECONOMIST:** The international Magazine 'THE ECONOMIST' has stated India can be a China-like global growth powerhouse of the 2020s, provided it addresses several challenges. The magazine has stated India is the only country that has the potential to change the world in the 2020s, in the way that China changed it in the 2000s.
- 33. BIS' ELECTS 'RAGHURAM RAJAN AS ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN':** Raghuram Rajan, Governor of Reserve Bank of India, has been elected as vice-chairman of the Bank of International Settlement. He will have a three-year term as vice-chairman of the BIS. Raghuram Rajan is the first Indian central bank Governor to become the vice-chairman of BIS. The Bank for International Settlements is the world's oldest international financial organization established in May 1930.
- 34. INDIA'S GSAT-15 COMMUNICATION SATELLITE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY:** GSAT-15 is India's latest communications satellite which was recently successfully launched. GSAT-15 was launched from Kourou in French Guiana in South America. GSAT 15 will replace two older spacecraft-INSAT 3A and 4B- that will likely expire in the coming months. GSAT-15 will deliver telecommunications services that will provide more bandwidth for Direct-to-Home television services.
- 35. SAMIASULUHUSWORNED IN AS THE TANZANIA'S FIRST FEMALE VICE PRESIDENT:** Samia Hassan Suluhu sworn in as the Tanzania's first female Vice President along with the new President John Pombe Magufuli. Suluhu was elected as the Vice Chairperson of the Constituent Assembly tasked with drafting Tanzania's new constitution in 2014.
- 36. UNION CABINET GIVES NOD TO UDAY SCHEME FOR FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING PACKAGE FOR POWER DISCOMS:** Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its nod Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojna (UDAY) for financial restructuring of debt of power distribution companies. The Scheme aims for financial turnaround and revival of Power Distribution companies (DISCOMs) and also ensures a sustainable permanent solution to the problem. UDAY scheme allows power DISCOMs in selected states to convert their debt into state bonds as well as roll out number of measures to improve efficiency at power plants. Seeks to ensure that struggling DISCOMs can shake off years of losses and start on a path to profitability.
- 37. CHINESE VICE PRESIDENT VISITED INDIA:** Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao arrived here tonight on a five-day India visit amid upswing in ties between the two Asian giants despite the festering border issue. Li will hold talks with Vice President Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 6, besides calling on President Pranab Mukherjee. The two countries will sign a number of MoUs after talks between Li and Ansari.
- 38. ARUNDHATI BHATTACHARYA (SBI) TOPPED THE LIST OF MOST POWERFUL BUSINESS WOMEN:** As per Fortune India report, Chairperson of country's largest bank SBI Arundhati Bhattacharya is most powerful woman in the Indian business sector. Second place has been secured by Chanda Kochhar of ICICI Bank while Shikha Sharma of Axis Bank is at third place in this list. Arundhati Bhattacharya was also at top spot in previous ranking.

- 39. GREEN TAX COLLECTIONS STAND AT RS 1.25 CRORE A DAY:** The toll tax contractor of South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has been collecting around Rs 1.25 crore of Environment Compensation Charge (ECC) every day since the 'green tax' was levied on trucks and other commercial vehicles entering Delhi as per a Supreme Court order.
- 40. FISCAL DEFICIT TO REDUCE TO 3.7% OF GDP BY FY18:** Deutsche Bank: India's fiscal deficit is likely to reduce to 3.7 per cent of GDP by financial year 2018 and the consolidation process would be gradual, says a Deutsche Bank report. The report noted that in order to achieve the medium term goal, the authorities would need to push fiscal deficit down to 3.5 per cent of GDP in the next fiscal year (FY17), which "we think would be challenging given the sluggish economic recovery."
- 41. MALDIVES LIFTS STATE OF EMERGENCY:** The 30-day emergency was declared by President Abdulla Yameen on 4th November after officials discovered explosive devices near his residence, as well as stashes of weapons. That followed an explosion on Yameen's boat in September that the government said was an attempt on his life.
- 42. IRAN APPOINTS FIRST WOMAN AMBASSADOR SINCE REVOLUTION:** Iran has appointed its first woman ambassador since the 1979 Islamic revolution, naming foreign ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham as the head of its embassy in Malaysia. Iranian Foreign Minister congratulated Afkham, who was also the first woman in the Islamic republic to serve as foreign ministry spokeswoman, saying she had carried out her duties for two years with "dignity, bravery and particular insight".

## NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 8<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2015

**1. Mana Patel and Viradhwal Khade are related to which sports?**

- A) Wrestling      B) Boxing  
C) Swimming      D) Shooting

**2. China -Taiwan summit was held in which country?**

- A) Indonesia      B) Singapore  
C) Thailand      D) Vietnam

**3. Who is appointed as MD of Oxford University Press India (OUP)?**

- A) V Sivaramakrishnan      B) Vivek Patel  
C) Santosh Kulkarni      D) Satish Yadav

**4. Which committee has recommended major changes in IIT entrance examination?**

- A) Ashok Misra committee      B) Rameshwar committee  
C) Rajesh Arora committee      D) Alok Naik committee

**5. Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Project is located in which Indian state?**

- A) Himachal Pradesh      B) Jammu and Kashmir  
C) Uttarakhand      D) Punjab

**6. Which country is sending its largest warship against Islamic State (IS) in Syria and Iraq?**

- A) France      B) Britain  
C) Canada      D) USA

**7. First international film festival for the persons with disabilities**

**(IFFPD) will be held in which city?**

- A) Jaipur      B) New Delhi  
C) Bangalore      D) Panaji

**8. Which of the following countries launched the satellite named Yaogan-28?**

- A) South Korea      B) North Korea  
C) Japan      D) China

**9. INDRA-2015, is the joint military exercise of India with which country?**

- A) Britain      B) France  
C) Russia      D) USA

**10. Who ranked first in the Fortune India list of 50 most-powerful businesswomen for 2015?**

- A) Chanda Kochhar      B) Shikha Sharma  
C) Arundhati Bhattacharya      D) Nishi Vasudeva

**11. Which country has been declared free of Ebola by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 7th November, 2015?**

- A) Guinea      B) Liberia  
C) Sierra Leone      D) Nigeria

**12. Which satellite will be launched by ISRO to study on solar eclipses?**

- A) Satellite Surya      B) Satellite Aditya  
C) Satellite Bhaskara      D) Satellite Agni

**13. What is the deadline to achieve all villages electrification under Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)?**

- A) 31st March 2016      B) 2nd October 2016  
C) 31st December 2016      D) 31st March 2017

**14. National Centre for Radio Astrophysics is located in which city?**

- A) Jaipur      B) Chennai  
C) Hyderabad      D) Pune

**15. NITI Aayog's task force on agriculture was headed by?**

- A) Ramesh Chand      B) Arvind Panagariya  
C) M S Swaminathan      D) Bibek Debroy

**16. Which day is celebrated as National Legal Services Day (NLSD) in India?**

- A) 5 November      B) 7 November

- C) 9 November      D) 11 November

**17. What is the range of India's strategic missile – Agni-IV?**

- A) 2500 KM      B) 3000 KM  
C) 3500 KM      D) 4000 KM Hide Answer 4000 KM

**18. Who is appointed as the first Ombudsman at BCCI?**

- A) S K Kapur      B) K.S. Hedge  
C) A P Shah      D) H.R. Khanna

**19. Who is the author of the book titled – 'To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 Story'?**

- A) C Rangarajan      B) Jairam Ramesh  
C) Mani Subramanian      D) Manmohan Singh

**20. Which among the following countries will host the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016?**

- A) France      B) Russia  
C) Germany      D) Turkey

## ANSWER

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

## NEWS ANALYSIS 15<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> NOV 2015

- 'INDIAN TEAM WON NASA AWARD':** Indian scientist team led by Sameer Panda won the NASA award for an innovative technology named Burst Prevention & Puncture Curative technology. They won the award in the Create the Future Design Contest- 2015 conducted by NASA in New York. Indian Team won the award for Mild Run Flat Tyre based on BPPC technology. The technology decreases the possibilities of bursts, takes care of punctures and dynamic wheel balancing.
- INDIA'S COAST GUARD OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL 'SAMARTH' COMMISSIONED INTO INDIAN NAVY:** Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar commissioned the India Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Samarth' at Vasco in Goa. Samarth patrolling vessel is equipped with most advance technology, navigation and communication equipment, sensors and machinery.
- 'ABRAHAM M KEITA' WON THE 2015 'INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE':** Abraham M Keita was honoured with the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize 2015. The award is given for his extraordinary work for justice for child victims of physical or sexual violence, and for successfully campaigning for the Liberian parliament to adopt the Children's Law. International Children's Peace Prize is awarded annually to child from across the world for his or her dedication to children's rights.
- 12TH ASEM FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEET HELD IN LUXEMBURG:** 12th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Luxembourg. The meeting was chaired by Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The Theme of the summit was 'Working Together for a Sustainable and Secure Future'.
- SUBIR GOKARN' APPOINTED AS IMF'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Former Deputy Governor of RBI Subir Vitthal Gokarn was appointed as an Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund. He will replace Rakesh Mohan at the International monetary fund.  
**President of IMF: Christine Lagarde. Members in IMF: 188. Headquarters of IMF: Washington D.C, USA.**
- PRESIDENT APPROVED 'HARYANA GAUVANSH SANRAKSHAN AND GAUSAMVARDHAN BILL':** President Pranab Mukherjee gave approval for Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Bill. Now, Cow slaughter in Haryana will invite rigorous imprisonment ranging from 3

to 10 years and a fine of up to 1 lakh rupees. Any person who attempts to export cows for slaughter will be imprisoned for not less than 3 years and up to 7 years. In addition, fine between 30000 rupees and 70000 rupees will be imposed.

- 7. NORTHEAST INDIA'S FIRST ELEPHANT HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED AT KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK:** Northeast India's first hospital for elephants has been established at the Kaziranga National Park in Assam. Kaziranga National Park is located in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts of Assam. It was declared UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985 by UNESCO for its unique natural environment.
- 8. TERRORIST ATTACKED PARIS, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE KILLED:** Terrorists attacked six locations around Paris killing around 160 civilians and injuring hundreds of people. Maximum deaths occurred in the Bataclan concert venue, around 80000 football fans in the Stade de France (National Stadium of France) came under the deadliest attacks who were watching a friendly match between France and Germany. Recently in the January 2015 terrorists killed 11 people when they stormed into the offices of the French satirical weekly newspaper in Paris.
- 9. 126TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PT. JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU IS BEING OBSERVED AS CHILDREN'S DAY:** Birth anniversary of First Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru celebrated in all over India. The Birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is also celebrated as Children's Day.
- 10. NGT DIRECTS COLLECTION OF 'GREEN TAX':** To control and minimize the health hazards originating from bursting of firecrackers, the Pune Bench of the National Green Tribunal has directed civic bodies to levy Rs. 3,000 as 'green tax' from sellers. The fund collected from the tax will be used to clean solid waste generated from firecrackers at public places. The money will be used exclusively for environmental activities such as planting trees and constructing toilets for women.
- 11. RUSSIA'S ATHLETICS FEDERATION PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** Russia's athletics federation has been provisionally suspended from international competition - including the Olympic Games. It was suspended for its alleged involvement in widespread doping. The International Association of Athletics Federations took action after the publication of an independent World Anti-Doping Agency report that alleged "state-sponsored doping".
- 12. SHOOTER NARESH KUMAR SHARMA BECOMES FIRST PARA ATHLETE FROM INDIA FOR 2016 RIO PARALYMPICS:** Indian shooter Naresh Kumar Sharma became the first para athlete from India to grab a quota for 2016 Rio Paralympics. The grabbed place in Olympics after getting a 12th place finish in men's 50m rifle three position at the IPC Shooting World Cup at Fort Benning, USA. **VENUE FOR 2016 RIO PARALYMPICS: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.**
- 13. WORLD PNEUMONIA DAY WAS OBSERVED ON 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** World Pneumonia Day was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> November across the world. Theme of the day is Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia Now. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of pneumonia, promote prevention and treatment and generate action to fight the illness.
- 14. CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITER KAMALA LAXMAN PASSED AWAY:** Famous writer of children's books Kamala Laxman passed away in Pune. She was widow of legendary cartoonist R K Laxman. Some famous books written by kamala laxman are: The Thama Stories, Raman of Tenali & Other Stories, Thama and His Missing Mother etc.
- 15. BRITAIN ANNOUNCED '2017 AS THE UK-INDIA YEAR OF CULTURE':** 2017 is announced as the UK-India Year of Culture by Britain. Britain announced it to mark the 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence. To mark this day Britain government will send Shakespeare's First Folio and the 800 year old Magna Carta to tour India.
- '16. NAVAL SHIP VISHWAKARMA' COMMISSIONED INTO INDIAN NAVY:** INS Vishwakarma, the Shipwright School is commissioned into Indian Navy. INS Vishwakarma was commissioned in keeping with the Navy's thrust towards indigenisation and 'Make in India' initiative. Shipwright School was established in 1941 at INS Shivaji for training shipwright artificers of Indian Navy. **CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF: ADMIRAL RK DHOWAN.**
- 17. PM NARENDRA MODI INAUGURATES AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL IN LONDON:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the recently acquired Ambedkar memorial in London. Maharashtra Government recently acquired ambedkar's house at King Henry's Road in London, United Kingdom. Now it is converted into an international memorial consisting of a public museum and a library owing to its cultural and national

importance and pride of millions of people of India.

- 18. INDIA AND AUSTRALIA COMPLETE FORMALITIES FOR CIVIL NUCLEAR PACT:** India and Australia have completed procedures for the two-nation civil nuclear deal. The deal was conducted at the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull at G-20 Summit at Antalya in Turkey. The civil nuclear deal between India and Australia has been signed in last year but now they have cleared the enforcement of nuclear deal between two countries. Australia has the world's highest Uranium reserves.
- 19. HEALTH MINISTRY INAUGURATES COUNTRY'S FIRST AMRIT OUTLET AT AIIMS:** Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has opened country's first Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment outlet at AIIMS in New Delhi. AMRIT programme aims to sell drugs at highly discounted rates for cancer and cardiovascular diseases. **UNION HEALTH MINISTER: J P NADDA.**
- 20. PHILIPPINES TO HOST 2015 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUMMIT:** Philippines will host 2015 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in capital city Manila of Philippines. Philippines is going to host it for second time. The Theme of the 2015 APEC Summit is "Building Inclusive Economies, Building a Better World". Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation is regional economic forum of 21 member countries and India has the status of observer in APEC. It was established in 1989 in order to leverage the growing interdependence of Asia-Pacific region's economies and promote free trade in the region. Headquarter: Hong Kong.
- 21. XUERUI LI WON WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLE AT CHINA OPEN SUPERSERIES:** Chinese shuttler Xuerui Li grabbed Women's Singles title of China Open Superseries Premier Badminton tournament. She has defeated India's ace shuttler Saina Nehwal.
- 22. NICO ROSEBERG WINS 2015 BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX TITLE OF F1:** Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany has grabbed the 2015 Brazilian Grand Prix title of Formula One at Sao Paulo. Nico Rosberg has earlier won this year Spain, Monaco, Australian, Mexican Grand Prix and now Brazilian Grand Prix titles.
- 23. SYED AKBARUDDIN IS INDIA'S NEXT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN:** Syed Akbaruddin is appointed as India's next Permanent Representative to United Nations. Syed Akbaruddin is currently serving as an Additional Secretary in Ministry of External Affairs. He will replace Asoke Mukerji. The United Nations is an intergovernmental organization to promote international co-operation.
- 24. NEPAL FOOTBALL CHIEF GANESH THAPA BANNED BY FIFA:** FIFA has banned Nepal's football chief Ganesh Thapa for 10 years for corruption. FIFA accused Thapa of committing various acts of misconduct in 2009 and 2011 during elections at the Asian Football Confederation congress. FIFA means The Fédération Internationale de Football Association is the governing body of association football.
- 25. SIRIL VERMA WON SILVER MEDAL AT 2015 WORLD JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Indian shuttler Siril Verma has won silver medal at the prestigious 2015 BWF World Junior badminton Championships. Siril has now joined the group of Indians shuttlers such as Saina Nehwal, RMV Gurusaidutt, HS Prannoy, PV Sindhu and Sameer Verma who have won medals for India in the Junior World Championships.
- 26. CZECH REPUBLIC DEFEATED RUSSIA TO RETAIN FED CUP:** The Czech Republic grabbed Fed Cup title after beating Russia in Prague. Czech Republic has won fourth Fed Cup in five years. Fed Cup is the premier international team competition in women's tennis, launched in 1963 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the International Tennis Federation.
- 27. UNION MINISTRY OF FINANCE CONSTITUTED THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:** Union Ministry of Finance constituted the Governing Council of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund. The Governing Council was mandated to consider approval of guidelines for Investment of Trust property and Corpus of NIIF and parameters for appointment and performance of investment managers/ advisors among others. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund is set up to support new and stressed projects and help restart the investment cycle. Initial corpus of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund is 20000 crore rupees.
- 28. ODISHA IMPLEMENTED NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013 IN 14 DISTRICTS:** National Food Security Act 2013 was implemented in 14 districts of Odisha on 16 November 2015. The beneficiaries would get 5 kg of rice at 3 rupees or 5 kg of wheat at 2 rupees from Public Distribution centres in the 14 districts. The National Food Security Act, 2013 is an Act of the Parliament of India which aims to provide subsidized food grains.
- 29. ZARIN DARUWALA APPOINTED AS CEO OF STANCHART BANK INDIA:** Zarin Daruwala appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank, India. She has replaced Sunil Kaushal, who is appointed as Regional CEO for Africa and West Asia. Standard Chartered Bank is a

British multinational banking and financial services company headquartered in London.

- 30. CHINA'S TIANHE-II SUPERCOMPUTER NAMED AS THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SUPERCOMPUTER SYSTEM:** China's Tianhe-II supercomputer is named as the world's most powerful supercomputer system for the sixth consecutive time. It was stated in 46th edition of Top500 list of supercomputers. The Top500 list is published after every 2 years.
- 31. FOUNDATION OF MEGA FOOD PARK IN TELANGANA LAID:** Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal has laid the foundation stone of the first Mega Food Park in Telangana. It is the first Mega Food Park in Telangana and will be set up with the project cost of Rs. 108.95 crore. Mega Food Park aims to provide modern infrastructure facilities to the market with strong backward and forward linkages.
- 32. PRITHVI RAJ SINGH ELECTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WORLD WATER COUNCIL:** Prithvi Raj Singh of Jal Bhagirathi Foundation was elected to Board of Governors of World Water Council for 2016-18. The elections took place during the seventh General Assembly of WWC Members in Marseille, France. World Water Council is an international platform to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, management, development, planning, and use of water in all its dimensions. It was established in 1996 and headquartered in Marseille, France.
- 33. DELHI TO HOST THE 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL QAWWALI FESTIVAL 2016:** Delhi is going to host the first International Qawwali Festival 2016. The festival is named as 'Taali Ho' going to be held from 12 February 2015 to 14 February 2015.
- 34. IAMAI RELEASED INTERNET IN INDIA 2015 REPORT:** Internet and Mobile Association of India released a report 'Internet in India 2015 report'. The report stated the usage of internet on different devices in different areas (village and urban) and among different demographic segments. The report has stated that India is the second-largest in internet users in the world after China.
- 35. KIREN RIJITU HONOURED WITH DISASTER RISK REDUCTION ASIA CHAMPION TITLE:** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijitu, declared as the Disaster Risk Reduction champion for the Asia Region by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. Kiren Rijitu has become the first Indian to be conferred with this honour. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction was established in December 1999 and its main purpose is the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.
- 36. PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED HARYANA GAUVANSHSANRAKSHAN AND GAUSAMVARDHAN BILL:** President Pranab Mukherjee approved Haryana GauvanshSanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Bill. Haryana Legislative Assembly passed the bill. Characteristics of the bill: Imprisonment of 3 to 10 years and a fine of up to 1 lakh rupees will be imposed on slaughtering of cows. Imprisonment for not less than 3 years and up to 7 years will be imposed in addition of fine between 30000 rupees and 70000 for importing the cows for slaughtering.
- 37. WORLD KINDNESS DAY:** 13 November was World Kindness Day, a celebration of people who want to bring goodness into the world. On Nov. 13th, 1998, the World Kindness Movement was officially designated a holiday and the international community has observed it ever since.
- 38. PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI LAUNCHES NEEV FUND IN UK:** India's first Low Income State Infrastructure Equity Partnership (the Neev Fund) was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in UK. The fund has co-investment from the UK Department of International Development and the State Bank of India. The fund aims to provide equity partnerships for small infrastructure development in sectors like water & sanitation, clean energy and urban infrastructure.
- 39. 2017 HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS THE UK-INDIA YEAR OF CULTURE:** To mark 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence Britain has announced 2017 as UK-India Year of culture. To mark the Occasion, UK Institute will partner with Indian Institutes for the program and the British Library will digitize 2,00,000 pages from its South Asian Archives.
- 40. GOVT EXTENDS IDEA SCHEME FOR 5 YEARS:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for second extension to the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme. India has been extending lines of credit to African and other developing countries under this Scheme since 2005-06. It has been decided to give second extension to the Scheme for another five years, 2015-16 to 2019-20.

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1. Which Indian state is considered home to the Citrus Indica, the very first species of citrus fruits in the world?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Manipur  
(C) Meghalaya (D) Kerala

2. Which Indian state has launched the Asia's first 'Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme'?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Haryana  
(C) Gujarat (D) Rajasthan

3. Wangala (also known as Hundred Drums), a harvest festival is celebrated by which tribe in India?

- (A) Jaintia tribe (B) Khasi tribe  
(C) Garo tribe (D) Bodo tribe

4. Which Indian state is set to open an university exclusively for research-oriented studies related to gender?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Kerala  
(C) Karnataka (D) Tamilnadu

5. Who is the chairman of a governing council formed to oversee the activities of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?

- (A) Prime Minister (B) Finance Minister  
(C) Commerce Minister (D) Vice Chairman, Niti Aayog

6. Presently, what is the maximum value that can be stored in any prepaid card (issued by banks and authorised non-bank entities) at any point of time?

- (A) Rs 25,000/- (B) Rs 50,000/-  
© Rs 1,00,000/- (D) Rs 2,00,000/-

7. Aung San Suu Kyi led National League for Democracy (NLD) party has won the election in which country?

- (A) Cambodia (B) Myanmar  
(C) Thailand (D) Indonesia

8. Which one of the following has launched the country's first low-income state infrastructure equity partnership (or the Neev fund)?

- (A) State Bank of India (B) HDFC Bank  
(C) ICICI Bank (D) Life Insurance Corporation of India

9. What is the name of India's first mobile-based platform to facilitate global investments for domestic retail investors?

- (A) Indostock (B) Infystock  
(C) Stockal (D) Glostock

10. What is the free remittance limit under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)?

- (A) USD 1,50,000 per financial year  
(B) USD 2,50,000 per financial year  
(C) USD 3,50,000 per financial year  
(D) USD 5,00,000 per financial year

11. Kamala Laxman, who passed away recently, was related to which of the following fields?

- (A) Architect (B) Environmentalist  
(C) Author (D) Journalist

12. Which one of the following organisation has launched Financial Infrastructure Development Network (FIDN)?

- (A) BRICS (B) OECD  
(C) APEC (D) IMF

13. Which country is set to host the 2015 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders' summit?

- (A) Australia (B) Thailand  
(C) Philippines (D) Indonesia

14. In context to India's defence system, "Maareech" refers which one of the following?

- (A) Intercontinental Ballistic Missile  
(B) Autonomous Underwater Vehicle  
(C) Advanced Torpedo Defence System  
(D) Integrated Submarine Sonar System

15. Who is set to become the India's next Permanent Representative to UN?

- (A) Arun Kumar Singh  
(B) Syed Akbaruddin  
(C) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar  
(D) Sujatha Singh

16. On which date, The United Nations' (UN) International Day for Tolerance is observed?

- (A) November 10 (B) November 16  
© November 21 (D) November 24

17. Which country is considered to have the largest reserve of

**recoverable uranium in the world?**

- (A) Canada (B) Australia  
(C) Russia (D) Kazakhstan

**18. In context to defence system in India, "Samarth" refers which one of the following?**

- (A) Torpedo recovery vessel (B) Offshore patrol vessel  
(C) Aircraft carrier (D) Amphibious warfare ship

**19. In which among the following cities, India's first AMRIT pharmacy outlet was opened?**

- (A) Bhuvneshwar (B) Surat  
(C) Mangalore (D) New Delhi

**20. Who among the following is the winner of the 2015 Infosys Prize for Social Sciences?**

- (A) Srinath Raghavan (B) Amit Sharma  
© Mohan Maharaj (D) G Ravindra Kumar

**ANSWER**

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

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- 1. WORLD TOILET DAY OBSERVED ON 19 NOVEMBER:** World Toilet Day was observed on 19 November across the world. The theme of the world toilet day was Sanitation and Nutrition. The main aim of the world toilet day is to raise awareness among the people in the world who don't have access to a toilet. Indian government launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 2 October 2014 to clean india and government is planning to spend 134000 crore rupees by 2019 to construct 11 crore 11 lakh toilets.
- 2. GLOBAL TERRORISM INDEX 2015 RELEASED BY INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS AND PEACE:** Institute for Economics and Peace released Global Terrorism Index 2015. It is a summary of the impact of terrorism in 162 countries regarding lives lost, injuries, property damage and number of incidents. According to this report deaths from terrorism increased 80 percent in 2014 to the highest level ever. Iraq topped in list of terrorism and India was ranked sixth in the list. Global Terrorism Index was launched by the Institute for Economics & Peace, it ranks countries by the impact of terrorist.
- 3. EK KADAM UNNATI KI AUR' INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY INTEL FROM TELANGANA:** Intel India launched Ek Kadam Unnati Ki Aur initiative from Nadimpalle village in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana. The main of the programme is to promote digitalization in rural India. It will be implemented in 10 states across the country.
- 4. JUSTICE T. S. THAKUR APPOINTED AS THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA:** The President has appointed Justice Tirath Singh Thakur as the Chief Justice of India. President appoints new chief justice by exercising the powers given under article 124 of the Constitution of India, Justice Thakur is the 43rd Chief Justice of India.
- 5. UNION CABINET APPROVED GERMAN AS ADDITIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS:** Union Cabinet gave its approval for German as additional foreign language in Kendriya Vidyalayas. German language will now be taught as an additional foreign language in KVs. It was agreed to support the respective programmes and efforts in India and Germany to broaden knowledge of each other's languages in accordance with the National Policy of each country.
- 6. WADA SUSPENDS RUSSIAN ANTI-DOPING AGENCY:** World Anti-Doping Agency has suspended Russia's anti-doping agency. The decision had been taken after Russian anti doping agency had been implicated in the scandal and was accused of destroying samples requested for analysis by WADA. World Anti-Doping Agency is a foundation created through a collective initiative led by the International Olympic Committee established on 1999 in Lausanne, Switzerland, to fight against drugs in sports.
- 7. INDIAN CYCLISTS WON FIVE MEDALS IN TRACK ASIA CUP:** Indian cyclists won five medals on the opening day of the Track Asia Cup in new delhi. The cyclists won one gold medal, three silver medals and one bronze medal in Track asia cup. Anu Chutia grabbed a silver medal in the 500m race in the junior women category Deborah grabbed a silver medal in new national record time of 35.77 seconds. Junior women team of Anu Chutia

and Rajesh Nayana won a gold medal in Team Sprint event. The women elite team of Deborah and Kezia Vargheese grabbed silver in Team Sprint. The trio of Emerson, Arkaprava Baul and Ranjith Singh grabbed one bronze in Team Sprint event in junior men category.

- 8. 7TH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION HEADED BY JUSTICE AK MATHUR SUBMITTED ITS REPORT:** The 7th Central Pay Commission headed by Justice AK Mathur submitted its report to the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. The commission has recommended 23.55 percent hike in pay and allowances of government employees. The recommended pay revision will come into effect from 1 January 2016. The minimum pay for government employees is recommended to be set at 18000 rupees per month. One Rank One Pension proposed for civilian government employees on line of OROP for armed forces.
- 9. 2<sup>ND</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT STARTED IN VISAKHAPATNAM:** The second World Congress on Disaster Management has started in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It was inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. It was jointly hosted by the Disaster Management, Infrastructure and Control Society and Andhra Pradesh government.
- 10. NITISH KUMAR TO TAKE OATH AS BIHAR CM FOR 5TH TIME:** Janta Dal United leader Nitish Kumar will be sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar for the fifth time today. Rashtriyee Janta Dal president Lalu Prasad's son MLA Tejaswi Prasad Yadav will sworn in as deputy Chief Minister.
- 11. UNHCR SELECTED FOR INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE FOR PEACE, DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR 2015:** The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is chosen for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2015. The jury was headed by Vice President of India Mohammad Hamid Ansari on birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi. UNHCR was chosen for the award in recognition of its immense contributions in helping millions of refugees in their rehabilitation and resettlement. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established on 1950 by the UN General Assembly with an aim to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. **Headquarters of UNHCR: Geneva, Switzerland.**
- 12. CCEA APPROVED EXTENSION OF INDIAN DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved extension of Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme for next five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20. It was approved by the Prime Minister presiding CCEA in view of continued relevance of the scheme. The main aim of the scheme is to promote India's strategic political and economic interest abroad by positioning it as an emerging economic power, investor country and partner for developing countries.
- 13. RAM KRISHAN TRIVEDI, THE FORMER GUJARAT GOVERNOR AND CEC, DIED:** Former Gujarat Governor Ram Krishna Trivedi died on 19 November after prolonged illness in Lucknow. He also served as the Chief Election Commissioner from 1982 to 1985. He was the first person to introduce the voter ID cards in Indian Elections.
- 14. SYRIAN JOURNALIST ZAINA ERHAIM WINS 2015 REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS PRIZE:** Syrian woman journalist Zaina Erhaim has been honoured with 'Reporters without Borders Prize' The award is announced for her determination and courage covering news in civil war and conflict ravaged Syria which is known as the most dangerous country in the world for journalists. She has trained about 100 citizen reporters, maximum from them are women of Syria. Reporters Without Borders Prize is given annually by Paris based NGO Reporters Without Borders. It is given to those journalists who have contributed to the defence and promotion of press freedom.
- 15. UNION GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED THE TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND:** Union government has launched the Technology Acquisition and Development Fund under the National Manufacturing Policy. The Scheme facilitates acquisition of clean & green technologies by micro, small and medium units across the sectors. Under this scheme financial support will be provided in acquiring of technology or Patent from across the Globe based on applications received from MSMEs.
- 16. PRESIDENT TO INAUGURATE 1<sup>ST</sup> EVER WORLD INDOLOGY CONFERENCE:** President Pranab Mukherjee will inaugurate the 1<sup>st</sup> ever World Indology Conference at Rashtrapati Bhavan today. World Indology Conference is organised in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. President Pranab mukherjee will present a Distinguished Indologist Award to Prof. Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron from Germany. The conference is a platform for bringing the best scholars from across the world, to discuss the present state of Indology, its relevance and also the

challenges faced by them in India and abroad.

- 17. 23RD APEC ECONOMIC LEADERS SUMMIT HELD AT MANILA:** 23rd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Economic Leaders Summit was held at Manila, Philippines. The summit was chaired by Philippines President Benigno. Aquino III. The theme of the Summit was 'Building Inclusive Economies, Building a Better World'. Peru will host the next 24th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2016. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation is a forum for 21 countries to promote free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region. It was established in 1989.
- 18. RBI APPROVAL MANDATORY FOR BUYING OVER 5% STAKE IN PRIVATE BANK:** RBI has announced it is mandatory for individuals and companies to take prior approval before acquiring shares or voting rights in a private bank for increasing the holding to 5 percent or more than 5%. RBI has directed banks to report any suspects who may have used dubious methods to get over the ceiling of 5 percent with a view to acquire controlling interest in the bank. RBI has also stated that the provisions will apply to the existing and proposed major shareholders of the private sector banks and all private sector banks, including Local Area Banks.
- 19. UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE TO ASHOK AMRITRAJ:** Ashok Amritraj Tennis champion-turned Hollywood filmmaker, was awarded with an honorary doctorate of Arts by the University of East London. He was honoured with this award for promoting talented moviemakers from across the world, including India. The University of East London is located in London, England.
- 20. HARSHAVARDHAN NEOTIA ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF FICCI:** Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman of Ambuja Neotia group, was elected as the President of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry for the year 2016. He will replace the current FICCI President Jyotsna Suri. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry is an association of business organizations in India. It was Established in 1927, it is the largest and oldest business organisation in India.
- 21. UTTAR PRADESH IN GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS FOR PLANTATION DRIVE:** Uttar Pradesh's name has been entered in the Guinness Book of World Records for the state government's green drive. Under this green drive 10 lakh saplings were planted in one day within a span of eight hours. **CM OF UTTAR PARDESH: AKHILESH YADAV.**
- 22. DJOKOVIC BECAME 1ST PLAYER TO WIN ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS FOR 4TH CONSECUTIVE TIME:** World number one Novak Djokovic won the ATP World Tour title in London. Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer in finals. He became the first player to win ATP world tour finals for the fourth consecutive time.
- 23. INDIA JUNIORS WON 8TH MEN'S JUNIOR ASIA HOCKEY CUP:** India's junior men's hockey team won 8th Men's Junior Asia hockey cup at Wisma Belia Hockey Stadium in Kuantan, Malaysia after defeating Pakistan. Harmanpreet Singh was the top scorer with four goals, Armaan Qureshi and Manpreet chipped in with a goal each. **CAPTAIN OF INDIA JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM - HARJEET SINGH, CAPTAIN OF PAKISTAN JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM - AHMAD SHAKEEL BUTT.**
- 24. 2ND WORLD CONGRESS ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT HELD AT VISAKHAPATNAM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Disaster Management held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It was attended by more than 1000 delegates from 40 countries and 20 states. The 2nd World Congress on Disaster Management Congress ended with the adoption of 'Visakhapatnam Declaration'. It recommended for building a platform of knowledge management, good practices, innovations. It also recommended for promoting private sector participation to strengthen humanitarian commitments.
- 25. URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER LAUNCHED PORTAL FOR SMALL TRADERS' E-LALA:** Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 'E-lala' an e-commerce portal of Confederation of All India Traders in New Delhi. The E-lala initiative is aimed to promote small businesses for the rapid expansion of e-commerce in the country. E-lala will enable physical stores to have their own online stores enabling them to retain their customer base besides additional source of growth in business. It seeks to eliminate middlemen and in reduced cost of goods and services.
- 26. ARUN KUMAR KAPOOR APPOINTED CEO OF DISH TV:** Direct-to-home service provider Dish TV appointed Arun Kumar Kapoor as its Chief Executive Officer. He has replaced Venkateish who resigned from his office in October.

- 27. MAHATMA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE INAUGURATED IN MATALE BY SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT:** The President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi International Centre in Matale. The center is a tribute to the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to humanity and the continuing relevance of his principles and philosophy to mankind. It was funded by Indian government's Development Cooperation in Partnership with Sri Lanka.
- 28. SWATI DANDEKAR APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADB:** Indian-American politician Swati Dandekar was appointed as executive director to the Asian Development Bank by US President Barack Obama. Swati Dandekar will replace Robert M Orr. The Asian Development Bank is an international organization that provides loans, grants, policy aid, technical assistance and equity investments to countries in Asia and the Pacific. It was established in 1966 which is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- 29. KULDIP NAYAR GOT RAMNATH GOENKA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Kuldip Nayar, a veteran journalist and author was honoured with Ramnath Goenka Lifetime Achievement Award in Delhi. He was awarded this award for his contribution to journalism. Kuldip Nayar has authored many famous books such as Distant Neighbours: A Tale of the Subcontinent, India after Nehru, India House, The Judgement: Inside story of the emergency in India, The Martyr: Bhagat Singh Experiments in Revolution etc.
- 30. THE HUMAN COST OF WEATHER RELATED DISASTERS REPORT RELEASED BY UNISDR:** The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction released the report titled The Human Cost of Weather Related Disasters. The report stated that the 5 countries United States, China, India, Philippines and Indonesia are mostly hit by Disasters. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction was established in December 1999. UNISDR was established to ensure the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.
- 31. 3. OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE: US MILITARY OPERATION FOR THE INTERVENTION AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA:** Operation Inherent Resolve was came into news after the Paris terror attack on 13 November in which about 130 people were killed. Operation Inherent Resolve is the US military operation name for the intervention against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, including campaigning in Iraq and Syria. The anti-ISIS coalition is a coalition of 65-member nations. The mission aims to dismantle ISIS, Stabilise Syria and surroundings, to kick start a political process in Syria.
- 32. ROGER VAN GENT APPOINTED AS STRATEGIC COACH OF INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM:** Dutchman Roger Van Gent was appointed as the strategic coach for the Indian men's Hockey. He will be the strategic coach of the team for the 2016 Rio Olympics. **CAPTAIN OF MEN HOCKEY TEAM: SARDARA SINGH, CAPTAIN OF WOMEN HOCKEY TEAM: RITU RANI.**
- 33. SEBI INKED MOU WITH BANGLADESH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION:** Securities and Exchange Board of India signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission on bilateral cooperation and technical assistance. It will provide training and technical assistance program between the two jurisdictions. The MoU will promote development of economic links and cooperation between the two Organisations. It aims to enhance investor protection and creating conditions for an effective development of securities markets in the two countries. **CHAIRMAN OF SEBI: UK SINHA, CHAIRMAN OF BANGLADESH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION: DR M KHAIRUL HOSSAIN.**
- 34. MAHARASHTRA TO LAUNCH GOPINATH MUNDE FARMERS ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME:** The Maharashtra government is going to launch Gopinath Munde Farmers Accident Insurance Scheme. The scheme will cover accidental death of handicap of the farmers. The insurance scheme is aimed to ensure social and economic security to farmers and their families. The farmer will get two lakh rupees annual insurance cover. **CM OF MAHARASHTRA: DEVENDRA FADNAVIS.**
- 35. INDIA AND SINGAPORE ENTERED INTO STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:** India and Singapore have signed a joint declaration for a Strategic Partnership to enhance bilateral relations between both countries. The focus of the visit included 'five S plank' which includes enhancing up trade and investment, smart cities, speeding up connectivity, skills development and state focus. The Partnership aims to promote the strategic relations between both countries for political, defence and security cooperation.
- 36. NUCLEAR-CAPABLE DHANUSH MISSILE SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRED FROM WARSHIP SUBHADRA:** The nuclear-capable Dhanush ballistic

missile was successfully test fired from warship Subhadra, from Odisha in the Bay of Bengal. Dhanush missile is One of the five missiles indigenously developed by the DRDO under its strategic Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme. Dhanush is surface-to-surface missile with range of 350 kms.

- 37. 2019 NEW DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF PMGSY:** Union Government has reduced the deadline for completion of flagship Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for rural connectivity from 2022 to 2019. The government is focusing to accelerate the implementation of rural connectivity by reducing the deadline. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was launched in 2000, as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The main objective of scheme is to provide road connectivity to all eligible unconnected rural villages.
- 38. HRD MINISTRY SETS UP EXCLUSIVE PANEL ON SANSKRIT PROMOTION:** The human Resource Development Ministry has constituted a 13-member expert committee on Sanskrit. The main of this committee is to revive interest in the ancient language. The committee is headed by N Gopaldaswami, the former chief election. The committee will recommend measures to integrate the study of the ancient language with other disciplines such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, medical science and law, and to promote Sanskrit education in schools and universities and recommend ways to promote Sanskrit education through modern tools. **HRD MINISTER: SMRITI IRANI.**
- 39. DONER MINISTRY TO DEVELOP MIZORAM AS THE 'BAMBOO STATE OF INDIA:** Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region, Dr Jitendra Singh stated that the government is going to develop Mizoram as the 'Bamboo State of India'. The State of Mizoram produces very high amount of bamboo, which can be used as a source for, not only for furniture but also for paper supply to the country. It will help the state to generate revenue for the State.
- 40. FRANCOIS HOLLANDE TO BE CHIEF GUEST AT 2016 REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS:** French President Francois Hollande will be the Chief Guest at the 67th Republic Day parade of January 26, 2016. The announcement might have been finalised during the talks between French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius and his counterpart Sushma Swaraj and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi.

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- Which of the following is related to 99th constitutional amendment act in Indian constitution?
  - Formation of a National Judicial Appointments Commission
  - Amendment of First Schedule to Constitution
  - Promotion of Co-operative Societies
  - Governor of Karnataka
- Which two diseases have been reported to cause for highest number of global death of children in India?
  - Pneumonia, Diarrhoea
  - Measles, Chickenpox
  - Rubella, Whooping cough
  - Rubella, Pneumonia
- Which of the following is the prevailing system for appointment of Judges to High Court and Supreme Court of India?
  - National Judicial Appointment Commission
  - Collegium System
  - Executive method of appointment
  - Merit selection and legislative appointment
- What is the India's rank in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2015?
  - 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 10<sup>th</sup>
- On which date, World Fisheries Day is observed?
  - November 15
  - November 17
  - November 19
  - November 21
- Which country hosted the 2015 ASEAN summit?
  - Singapore
  - Indonesia
  - Vietnam
  - Malaysia
- Who has won the 2015 Reporters without Borders Prize?
  - Nizar Nayyuf
  - Zaina Erhaim
  - Wang Juntao
  - Reza Alijani
- Which among the following will be awarded with Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2015?
  - African Development Bank
  - UNESCO

C) UNHCR D) Red Cross Society

**9. Who is the chairman of the Seventh Central Pay Commission?**A) R M Lodha B) A.K Mathur  
C) Altamas Kabir D) P Sathasivam**10. Who among the following has been elected as President of FICCI for 2016?**A) Venugopal Dhoot B) Rajan Raheja  
C) Harshavardhan Neotia D) Sanjiv Goenka**11. In which country, the world's second largest diamond ever has been discovered?**A) South Africa B) Botswana  
C) Democratic Republic of Congo D) Namibia**12. Who is the author of the book titled- 'The modern Gurukul'?**A) Rekha Ganesan B) Sonali Bendre  
C) Anupam Kher D) Amitabh Harivansh**13. The East Asia Summit 2015 was held in which country?**A) Singapore B) Indonesia  
C) Philippines D) Malaysia**14. Who will be the Chief Guest at the 67th Republic Day parade of January 26, 2016?**A) Dilma Rousseff B) Joko Widodo  
C) Francois Hollande D) Jacob Zuma**15. Which Indian state has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for planting the most number of saplings in one day?**

A) Karnataka B) Tamil Nadu

C) Rajasthan D) Uttar Pradesh

**16. What are masala bonds?**A) Rupee denominated domestic bonds  
B) Rupee denominated overseas bonds  
C) Dollar denominated overseas bonds  
D) Dollar denominated domestic bonds**17. Who among the following will be awarded with the Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award in 2016?**A) Aruna Irani B) Kiran Kumar  
C) Prashant Damle D) Mohan Joshi**18. Who among the following has won the 2015 ATP World Tour Finals title?**A) Rafael Nadal B) S Wawrinka  
C) Novak Djokovic D) Roger Federer**19. For what purpose, a web-based Portal "e-lala" was launched?**A) To eradicate child labour  
B) To promote rural education  
C) To protect small traders  
D) To promote ancient languages**20. Which country has signed a deal to install first nuclear power plant in Egypt?**A) China B) Russia  
C) United States D) Iran**ANSWER**

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

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## आरके महाजन ने 27 साल की उम्र में शुरू कर दी थी कोचिंग एकेडमी

सुमित सिंह श्यौराण

चंडीगढ़। बचपन में स्कूली पढ़ाई गांव के सरकारी स्कूल से हिंदी माध्यम से हासिल की। लेकिन, अच्छी नौकरी की चाहत उन्हें चंडीगढ़ शहर में ले आई। शुरुआत में अंग्रेजी पर अच्छी पकड़ नहीं होने के कारण यूनिवर्सिटी में पढ़ते हुए काफी दिक्कतें आईं। लेकिन, बुलंद

अब तक पांच हजार स्टूडेंट को दिया चुके हैं नई राह एए-ब्राइट एकेडमी के हैं डायरेक्टर तक की चाह रखने वाला शख्स आज हजारों को कैरियर की नई राह दिखा रहा है। चंडीगढ़ के सेक्टर-15 स्थित एए ब्राइट एकेडमी के डायरेक्टर आरके महाजन ऐसे ही खास प्रतिभाशाली लोगों

### 70 किलोमीटर का सफर तय कर जाते थे पढ़ने

आरके महाजन का जन्म हिमाचल के कांगड़ा स्थित हरीपुर गुलेर गांव में हुआ। महाजन के स्व. पिता सुरेशचंद्र सरकारी कर्मचारी और स्व. मां ऊषा जेबीटी टीचर थीं। शुरू से ही पढ़ाई में तेज रमन गांव के स्कूल से 12वीं नॉन मेडिकल में पास होने वाले एकमात्र छात्र थे। ग्रेजुएशन की पढ़ाई के लिए हर रोज 70 किलोमीटर का सफर कर धर्मशाला स्थित गवर्नमेंट कालेज में जाते थे। उन्होंने बताया कि चंडीगढ़ की चमक उन्हें पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी में खींच लाई। स्टेटेस्टिक विभाग से एमएससी करने वाले महाजन ने बताया कि स्कूली स्तर पर हिंदी मीडियम से पढ़ाई के कारण उन्हें शुरुआत में काफी दिक्कतें आईं। पढ़ते हुए डिविजनरी साथ रखनी पड़ती थी। एमएससी करने के बाद दोस्तों की सलाह पर बैंक पीओ की तैयारी शुरू की। करीब एक साल की कड़ी मेहनत के बाद महाजन का 4-5 बैंक में सिलेक्शन हो गया। लेकिन, अब उन्होंने सरकारी नौकरी की जगह खुद का इंस्टीट्यूट स्थापित करने का फैसला लिया। 5 स्टूडेंट से बीएड की कोचिंग देने वाले महाजन के ट्राइसिटी और साथ लगते राज्यों में 12 कोचिंग इंस्टीट्यूट चल रहे हैं। जहां पर टीचिंग, एएसएससी और यूजीसी नेट की बेहतरीन कोचिंग दी जाती है। उन्होंने कहा कि उनके पास 100 से अधिक लोगों के फ्रेंचाइजी लेने के ऑफर आए हैं। लेकिन, वह क्वालिटी एजुकेशन के मामले में कोई समझौता करने को तैयार नहीं।



आरके महाजन

में शुमार हैं। महाजन ने पिछले 12 सालों हजार से अधिक युवाओं को अपने पैरों में विभिन्न प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं के तहत 5 पर खड़ा किया है।

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28 मई 2014

### गरीबों को निशुल्क कोचिंग

महाजन हर साल आर्थिक तौर पर गरीब विद्यार्थियों को पढ़ाई का पूरा खर्च उठाते हैं। लड़कियों के लिए खास स्कॉलरशिप दी जाती है। साल में 4-5 लाख रुपये स्कॉलरशिप पर खर्च करते हैं। विभिन्न प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं में अक्वल आने वालों को भी सम्मानित किया जाता है। महाजन का कहना है कि आज के युवाओं को सही समय पर सही मार्गदर्शन की जरूरत है, लेकिन उन्हें यह नहीं मिल पाता।

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