

# MONTHLY GK CAPSULE (NEWSPAPER ANALYSIS) SEPTEMBER-2015

## NEWS ANALYSIS 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2015

- 1. FORWARD MARKET COMMISSION TO BE MERGED WITH SEBI:** Union Government has announced to merge Forward Market Commission with Securities Exchange Board of India. Forward Market Commission is the Chief Regulator of Commodity Futures market in India with its Headquarter's at Mumbai. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced merger of Forward Market commission with SEBI in order to Strengthen the Regulation of commodity Futures Market.
- 2. 'DURBAN' TO HOST 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES:** Durban city of South Africa is selected to host 22<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Games in 2022. First time an African Country is chosen to host Commonwealth Games. Gold Coast city of Australia will host 21<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Games in 2018. Commonwealth Games held after every 4 years.
- 3. 'SWACHHATA SANGRAM ABHIYAN' IN MADHYA PRADESH TO OVERCOME OPEN DEFECATION:** Swachhata Sangram Abhiyan launched in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh to reduce open defecation. The aim of the Abhiyan is to make entire district free from open defecation by the end of financial year 2015-16. CM of Andhra Pradesh : N. Chandrababu Naidu
- 4. INDIA TO PACT WITH 'BETTER THAN CASH ALLIANCE' TO SPEED UP 'PMJDY':** Indian Government to pact with United Nations 'Better Than Cash Alliance' to share success stories from the financial inclusion program 'Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana'. The pact will enhance Indian government's commitment to reduce cash in Indian Economy. India want to make Indian financial economy as digital financial economy. Digital financial services will lower the cost of providing financial services. Better than Cash Alliance is made up of Government, Companies and International Organizations which aims to makes financial economies digitalised.
- 5. COMMEMORATIVE COINS OF RUPEES 125 AND RUPEES 10 RELEASED IN HONOUR OF S.RADHA KRISHNA:** Prime minister Narendra modi released commemorative Coins of Rs 125 and Rs10 in the honour of former president Sarvepalli Radha Krishna. He remained 1st vice President of India from 1952-1962. He was the second President of India from 1962 to 1967. **Birthday of Sarvepalli Radha Krishna on 5<sup>th</sup> sept is celebrated as Teacher's day.**
- 6. 11<sup>TH</sup> JOINT COMMISSION MEET OF INDIA AND UAE HELD NEW DELHI:** 11<sup>th</sup> joint commission meeting of India and UAE for technical and economical cooperation held in new Delhi. UAE has reiterated to undertake extensive investments in india.

- 7. SAARC COUNTRIES CONFERENCE ON DISASTER MITIGATION BEGIN IN DELHI:** South asian association on regional co-operation (SAARC) countries Conference on disaster mitigation begin in new Delhi. The conference is held to discuss prevalent geo climatic conditions and natural disaster and calamities in the SAARC Region. India has requested all SAARC Countries to participate in south asian annual disaster management exercise (SAADMEX). It is an exercise augmenting current levels of individual and joint preparedness of member countries in the rescue, relief and response operation during disaster situations.
- 8. RBI TO ISSUE RUPEES 5 COINS ON GOLDEN JUBILEE OF INDO PAK WAR:** Reserve bank of india has decided to issue coins of Rs 5 to commemorate Golden jubilee year of indo pak war in 1965. The war was started in April 1965 after Pakistan started operation Gibraltar to infiltrate forces into Indian sovereign territory of Jammu & Kashmir Indian armed forces under the leadership of Lal Bahadur shastri retaliated Pakistan infiltration by launching a counter full scale military attack on Pakistan
- 9. 5TH SEPTEMBER: NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY:** 5th September is observed as National Teachers Day. This day commemorates the Birthday of India's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released commemorative coins of 125 rupees and 10 rupees in honour of former President S Radhakrishnan.
- 10. JHUMPA SELECTED FOR NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL 2014:** Indian-American Jhumpa Lahiri selected for the prestigious 2014 National Humanities Medal of White House. The award is given for her fictional works which have illuminated the Indian-American experience in beautifully wrought narratives of estrangement and belonging.
- 11. HARYANA WON SKOCH ORDER-OF-MERIT NATIONAL AWARD FOR IMPLEMENTING E-GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES:** Haryana won the Skoch Order-of-Merit national award for implementation of six e-Governance and IT initiatives in the state. The award will be given to the state government during the 41st Skoch Summit Transformative Governance, to be held on 22-23 September 2015 in New Delhi.
- 12. PUNJAB GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES SPECIAL MGNREGA CELL:** Punjab Government has established a special MGNREGA cell to have effective implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the state. It is established by Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Department at Chandigarh. **Government has set up fund of 233 crore rupees.**
- 13. INDIA TO LAUNCH INDONESIAN SATELLITE LAPAN A2/ORARI:** India is going to launch Indonesia's multi-spectral remote sensing satellite LAPAN A2/Orari. The satellite will be launched by Indian Space Research Organisation from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. It will aid disaster mitigation especially for monitoring floods, changes in the sea level and movements of the population.
- 14. G-20 LAUNCHED WORLD-20 GROUPING FOR GENDER INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH:** G-20 Group of World's 20 largest economies launched W20 involving grouping of Women leaders to push for Gender inclusive Global Economic growth. W 20 launched during G-20 summit of finance ministers and Central Bank Governor in Ankara. W20 will have 20 women leaders from G-20 countries. **Gulden Turkhan is appointed as President of W 20 Its first meeting will held in Istanbul in 2015.**
- 15. GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP BODHGAYA AS SPIRITUAL CAPITAL:** Union Government is going to develop Bodhgaya in Gaya District of Bihar as spiritual capital of the country in order to serve Civilization bond between India and the Buddhist world. Bodhgaya is a religious place where Gautama Buddha have obtained enlightenment.
- 16. SHANE WATSON ANNOUNCED RETIREMENT FROM TEST CRICKET:** Australian Cricketer Shane Watson announced retirement from Test Cricket. He started cricket in 2002. Captain of Australian Cricket Team: Steve Smith

- 17. LEWIS HAMILTON OF BRITAIN WON ITALIAN GRAND PRIX OF FORMULA ONE:** Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes Racing driver from Britain won 2015 formula one Italian Grand Prix in Italy. Lewis Hamilton won his 7<sup>th</sup> title of racing in 2015.
- 18. 'ONE RANK ONE PENSION SCHEME' ANNOUNCED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Union Government has announced one rank one pension scheme for ex-servicemen. One rank one pension means uniform pension be paid to the armed forces personnel retiring in the same rank with same length of service, regardless of their date of retirement, at present ex servicemen receive different pensions on the basis of their salary at the time of their retirement. **Defense Minister: Manohar Parekar**
- 19. TO THE BRINK AND BACK: INDIA'S 1991 STORY BOOK BY JAIRAM RAMESH:** Former Union Environment and Forest Minister Jairam Ramesh released the Book named 'To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 Story. The Book explains the fast speed changes in the economic sector introduced by P V Narsimha Rao and Manmohan Singh.
- 20. MUSIC COMPOSER AADESH DIED:** Famous Bollywood Singer, and Music Composer Aadesh Shrivatava died. He had composed music for over 100 Hindi Films.
- 21. VIKAS KRISHAN' WON SILVER MEDAL IN ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP:** Indian Boxing Player Vikas Krishan has won Silver Medal in the Asian championship held in Thailand. In 75 kg category he was defeated by Bektemir Melikuziess of Uzbekistan
- 22. INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY OBSERVED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:** The International Literacy Day was observed on 8 September to promote literacy in world.V The theme of International Literacy Day 2015 is ' Literacy and Sustainable Societies'. The theme was chosen to high light that literacy is a key element in achieving sustainable societies.
- 23. DOHA BANK INKED PACT WITH RELIANCE ADA GROUP TO GENERATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:** Doha Bank inked with Reliance ADA Group to generate business opportunities in the Gulf Cooperation Council nations and India. It will provide business opportunities and further prospects for expansion for Doha Bank and Reliance Group. It will also provide help in product development and help in infrastructure development. Doha Bank is one of the largest commercial banks in the State of Qatar **Currency of Qatar: Qatari riyal, Capital of Qatar: Doha**
- 24. INDO-MALDIVES JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE STARTS IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** Indo-Maldives joint Training Exercise started at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala. The Aim of the Joint Exercise is to increase understanding and interoperability between Armies of both countries. **PM of Maldives: Abdulla Yameen, Currency of Maldives:Maldivian Rufiyaa**
- 25. BALA TRIPURA SUNDARI DEVI TEMPLE RENOVATED UNDER INDIA-NEPAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMME:** Ranjit Rae Indian Ambassador to Nepal inaugurated the newly renovated Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Temple at Tripurakot. It is situated on the bank of glacial river Thuli Bheri in Dolpa district of Nepal. Shree Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Temple is almost 900 years old, having great socio-cultural relevance in the life of the people of the Dolpa district. **Pm of Nepal: Sushil koirala, Currency of Nepal:Nepalese rupee.**
- 26. JHARKHAND APPROVED THE FORMATION OF ANTI-TERRORISM SQUAD:** Jharkhand Government has cleared the formation of an Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in the state. It will be headed by an official of the rank of Superintendent of Police. Jharkhand has become home for terrorists, the two terrorists involved in the 2002 American Centre attack in Kolkata were from Jharkhand. The accused of Patna's Gandhi Maidan bomb blasts in 2013 was also arrested from the Jharkhand. **CM OF JHARKHAND: RAGHUBAR DAS**
- 27. TAMIL NADU LAUNCHED 'AMMA BABY CARE KIT SCHEME':** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa launched the Amma Baby Care Kit scheme. Tamil Nadu government will provide accessories for the newborn children and their mother. It will include a towel, a mosquito net, an infant mattress, an infant dress, napkin, oil bottle, baby shampoo etc

Amma Baby Care Kit is the latest in the list of social welfare schemes under the brand name Amma launched by the Tamil Nadu government. Jayalalithaa is popularly addressed as Amma by her supporters. **CM OF TAMILNADU:**

**J.JAYALALITHAA**

- 28. 'DEEPAK LATHER' GRABBED GOLD IN 2015 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES:** Indian weightlifter Deepak Lather grabbed a gold medal in the 62 kg weight category of the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Apia, Samoa. It is India's second gold in weightlifting after Jamjang Deru a 17 year old who won a gold medal in the 56 kg category.
- 29. ANDHRA PRADESH LAUNCHED 'E-PRAGATI PROJECT':** Andhra Pradesh Government launched the Andhra Pradesh State Enterprise Architecture (APSEA) 'e-Pragati project'. It is launched to bring all the government services under one roof. The aim of this project is to provide integrated one governance that will be centric on citizens, transparent and effective. **CM OF ANDHRA PRADESH: N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU**
- 30. ARUN JAITLEY LAUNCHED DIGITAL VERSION OF MAHATMA GANDHI'S COLLECTED WORK:** Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Arun Jaitley launched the 'e-version' of the 100 volumes of the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. It will provides varied, numerous and logical profiles of Gandhi's life and thought, action and engagements.
- 31. FIFA rankings: India gain a place to 155th:** India had dropped 15 positions to 156th place after two successive defeats in the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. India were recently held to a goalless draw by Nepal in an international friendly match in Pune.
- 32. India finishes fourth at Asian Boxing Championships:** India signed off a creditable fourth among the record 28 countries which participated in the Asian Boxing Championships after grabbing one silver and three bronze medals on the whole.
- 33. Anirban Lahiri becomes 1st Indian to qualify for President's Cup team:** Ace golfer Anirban Lahiri added another feather to his cap by becoming the first Indian to qualify for the prestigious President's Cup. Lahiri, World No.40, came through as one of the automatic qualifications for the International Team, which will take on United States in the biennial Presidents Cup in Korea.
- 34. Agriculture expert Ramesh Chand appointed as NitiAayog member:** Renowned farm expert Professor Ramesh Chand has been appointed as new member of NitiAayog. Chand has been working as Director of National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP), since 2010.
- 35. DRDO names new Director General, first woman in the role:** In a first, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), will have a woman scientist heading an important cluster with the high rank of a Director General. J Manjula, has been appointed the new Director General (DG - Electronics & Communications Systems or ECS) .She will be one of the seven DG's, who are heading different clusters within the DRDO, which has nearly 50 national laboratories and Institutes under its network.
- 36. First-ever Census on India's Leopard presented:** Lead scientist of the tiger census Yadvendra V Jhala presented first ever data on India's leopard. Except the northeastern region of India, around 7910 of leopards across India was shown by the team. According to the data retrieved, the team assumes leopard population to be around 12000 to 14000. The lead Scientist Jhala says that the species is well distributed across India, which means that the animal is quite healthy.
- 37. Cabinet clears gold bond, monetisation schemes:** The Cabinet on approved Gold Bond and Gold Monetisation schemes to reduce the metal's demand in physical form and fish out idle gold lying with households and other entities. "It is safer and economically more stable to go under both these schemes," Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said after the Cabinet meeting. The Gold Bond scheme will have an annual cap of 500 grams per person and such bonds would be

issued for a period of 5-7 years. "The Cabinet cleared the Gold Bond scheme. Under this scheme instead of buying physical gold, Indian residents can buy the gold bonds.

- 38. 7th session of India-Belarus Intergovernmental Commission held in Minsk:** The 7th session of India-Belarus Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation was held in the Belarus capital Minsk.
- 39. Indian economy sees 'firming growth', says OECD:** Amid the global economy witnessing mixed trends, Paris-based think tank OECD said India is expected to see "firming growth" while the outlook for China continues to deteriorate. Besides, most of the major European economies are anticipated to see stable growth momentum, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- 40. Nod to Rs800-cr infusion in EXIM Bank:** The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post-facto approval to the capital infusion made in the Export Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) of Rs 800 crore, as approved in the Demands for Grants and consented to by the Finance Minister to support the future growth of the bank. The EXIM Bank was set up as a statutory Corporation in 1982 under the Export Import Bank of India Act, 1981, for providing financial assistance to exporters and importers and for functioning as principal financial institution for coordinating the working of institutions engaged in financing export and import of goods and services.

## NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2015

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1. **Who has been conferred with the Honored Guest of Texas award for his contribution to the cinema and the world of art?**
- A) Vijay                                      B) Anupam Kher  
C) Aamir Khan                                D) Sharukh Khan
2. **Who became the first woman DG of DRDO?**
- A) Suriti Arora                                B) J Manjula  
C) Vijaylaxmi                                 D) Suniti Solomn
3. **Who has been conferred with the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2014?**
- A) ISRO                                        B) Chandi Prasad Bhatt  
C) JNU    D) Ashok Das
4. **The Union government has allowed \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under the automatic route for white label ATM operation?**
- A) 49 per cent                                B) 51 per cent  
C) 100 per cent                                D) 74 per cent
5. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the tree-day 10th Vishwa Hindi Sammelan (World Hindi Conference) in \_\_\_\_\_?**
- A) Srinagar                                      B) Allahabad  
C) Bhopal                                        D) New Delhi
6. **Which is the "most attractive brand" in India in a study titled "India's Most Attractive Brand 2015" carried out by Trust Research Advisory (TRA)?**
- A) LG Mobiles                                 B) Sony Mobile  
C) Samsung Mobiles                         D) Apple Mobile
7. **Who has been appointed as new member of NITI Aayog?**
- A) Suresh Rai                                    B) Ramesh Chand  
C) Arvind Gupta                                D) Ashok Chawla
8. **Who has been named as Vice President, human resources for the PepsiCo India region?**
- A) Suchitra Rajendra                        B) Ajeet Seth  
C) Anand Mohan                                D) Kapil Kumar
9. **Who was Judy Carne?**

- A) British actress                      B) American actress                      A) Sarnath                      B) Sanchi  
 C) French actress                      D) German actress                      C) Varanasi                      D) Bodh Gaya
- 10. Who has won the women's volleyball World Cup title 2015?**  
 A) China                      B) Serbia  
 C) Japan                      D) America
- 11. Who has won the silver medal in the Asian Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand?**  
 A) Satish Kumar                      B) Deepu Dutta  
 C) Vikas Krishnan                      D) Suresh Kumar
- 12. Who has been presented with National Humanities Medal by American President Barack Obama?**  
 A) Nandan Dutt                      B) Jhumpa Lahiri  
 C) Ashok Devra                      D) Rahul Richard Verman
- 13. Shane Watson has announced his retirement from Test cricket. He belongs to which country?**  
 A) South Africa                      B) Australia  
 C) England                      D) Sri Lanka
- 14. India has finished \_\_\_\_\_ at the Asian Boxing Championships?**  
 A) 2<sup>nd</sup>                      B) 1<sup>st</sup>  
 C) 4<sup>th</sup>                      D) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 15. Union government has decided to develop \_\_\_\_\_ as spiritual capital?**
- 16. Disaster Mitigation conference of member countries of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has begun in \_\_\_\_\_?**  
 A) Colombo                      B) New Delhi  
 C) Jakarta                      D) Islamabad
- 17. Which state government has won the Skoch Order-of-Merit national award for implementing 6 e-Governance and IT initiatives in the state?**  
 A) Maharashtra                      B) Haryana  
 C) Uttar Pradesh                      D) Karnataka
- 18. Which state government has decided to train 55,000 employees under Key Result Area (KRA) programme?**  
 A) Maharashtra                      B) Madhya Pradesh  
 C) Tamil Nadu                      D) Gujarat
- 19. Which state government has established a special MGNREGA cell to coordinate effective implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the state?**  
 A) Punjab                      B) Jammu & Kashmir  
 C) Odisha                      D) Kerala
- 20. Who was Chandra Bahadur Dangi?**  
 A) scientist                      B) sport's person  
 C) world's shortest man                      D) socialist

### ANSWER

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

# NEWS ANALYSIS 11<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2015

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- 1. ABITHA MARY AND ANAMIKA DAS GRABBED BRONZE MEDALS IN 2015 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES:** Abitha Mary Manuel and Anamika Das have won bronze medals in Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in Apia, Samoa. Abitha Mary Manuel won the medal in girls 800m race and Anamika Das won it in shot put. **MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS: SARBANANDA SONOWAL.**
- 2. UNION GOVERNMENT ALLOWS 100 PER CENT FDI UNDER AUTOMATIC ROUTE FOR WHITE LABEL ATMS:** The Union Cabinet has allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) under the automatic route for white label ATM operations (WLAO). It will expedite and ease FDI inflows in white label ATM operations. It will promote the government's ambitious effort for financial inclusion in the country, including the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY). Earlier foreign investment in WLAO was allowed through the government approval route which required long processing time and projects were delayed. **White labeled ATMs:** Private non-bank companies that own and operate their own brand of ATMs are known as White labeled ATMs. They were meant to expand the reach of ATMs. According to the RBI guidelines, it is mandatory to non-bank companies owning white labelled ATMs to provide banking services to customers based on cards (credit/debit/prepaid) issued by banks.
- 3. ANUPAM KHER CONFERRED WITH 'HONOURED GUEST OF TEXAS AWARD':** Bollywood actor Anupam Kher conferred with the Honoured Guest of Texas award for his contribution to the cinema and the world of art. Earlier as a result of his success in US, Anupam Kher was appointed as UN ambassador for the "HeforShe" campaign for gender equality.
- 4. PRESIDENT CONFERRED GANDHI PEACE PRIZE ON 'ISRO':** President Pranab Mukherjee conferred Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2014 to Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). It was awarded for its contribution in development of space. Technology and satellite-based services like launch of Manglayan, PSLV, and others. The Gandhi Peace Prize is given to individuals and institutions for their contributions towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods. **CHAIRMAN OF ISRO: A.S KIRAN KUMAR.**
- 5. 'TELANGANA LANGUAGE DAY' OBSERVED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:** First Telangana Language Day observed on 9 September 2015. It was observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of noted poet Kalo Ji Narayana Rao, who was known as People's Poet. Kaloji Narayana Rao's 100th birth anniversary is observed as 'Telangana language Day' **CM OF TELEGANA: K. CHANDRASHEKAR RAO.**
- 6. UNION CABINET GIVES CONSENT TO CONSTITUTE 21ST LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA:** The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its consent to constitute the 21st Law Commission of India. It will have a term of 3 years with effect from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2018. It will undertake research in law and review of existing laws in India for making reforms therein and enacting new legislations. It shall also undertake studies and research for bringing reforms in the justice delivery systems for elimination of delay in procedures, speedy disposal of cases, reduction in cost of litigation etc. The Law Commission of India is a non-statutory and non-constitutional body constituted by the Union Government.
- 7. HRD MINISTRY LAUNCHED 'NATIONAL WEB PORTAL' FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING:** Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani launched the 'National Web Portal' for apprenticeship training. It is launched for promoting National Apprenticeship Scheme for Graduates, Diploma holders and 10+2 pass-outs vocational certificate holders. The Union Ministry also released a Logo and a Slogan 'Sashakt Yuva, Samarth Bharat' for the National Web Portal.

- 8. INS VAJRAKOSH COMMISSIONED INTO INDIAN NAVY:** The INS Vajrakosh was commissioned by the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar at Karwar, Karnataka into the Indian Navy. INS Vajrakosh will be the biggest missiles, ammunition and spares dump on the Western Sea Board. **CHIEF OF INDIA NAVY: ADMIRAL R.K DHOWAN**
- 9. 'WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY' OBSERVED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:** World Suicide Prevention Day was observed on 10 September. The theme of the World Suicide Prevention Day 2015 was 'Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives'. The day is observed to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world.
- 10. 'WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE' BEGINS IN BHOPAL:** The Tenth World Hindi Conference started in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The Theme of world Hindi conference is 'Jagat-Vistar and Sambhavnaye' It has been organised in India after 32 years. The First World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur chaired by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. **CM OF MADHYA PRADESH: SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN**
- 11. RAJASTHAN FIRST STATE TO SUBMIT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN UNDER 'AMRUT':** Rajasthan became the first Indian state to submit State Annual Action Plan under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). Rajasthan has targeted universal coverage for water supply and sewerage connections and urban transport to all urban households in the state. **AMRUT IS STARTED TO ENSURE :** i. Every household has access to a tap with assured supply of water and a sewerage connection. ii. To Increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well maintained open spaces. iii. To Reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling).
- 12. INDRA NOOYI, 2ND POWERFUL WOMEN IN FORTUNE'S BUSINESS LIST:** Indra Nooyi, CEO of food and beverage giant PepsiCo is the only Indian-origin executive in 2015 edition of Fortune's list of 50 Most Powerful Women in Business. The list was topped by General Motors CEO Mary Barra. Fortune is an American business magazine.
- 13. TAMIL NADU'S 'FIRST GLOBAL INVESTORS SUMMIT' BEGINS IN CHENNAI:** Tamil Nadu's first Global Investors Summit started in Chennai. It is started to woo investors to invest in the state. It is seeking to target investment commitment of one-lakh crore rupees. Over five thousand delegates including from foreign nations are attending the two-day summit. **CM OF TAMILNADU: J.JAYALALITHA**
- 14. 'ZIGWHEELS' AUTO PORTAL ACQUIRED CARDEKHO:** CarDekho company has acquired Zigwheels, an auto portal owned by Times Internet. CarDekho is a subsidiary of Girnar Soft, which runs the CarDekho, BikeDekho, PriceDekho sites and Gaadi.com as well.
- 15. 'AUSINDEX15' 1<sup>ST</sup> AUSTRALIAN AND INDIAN MARINE EXERCISE BEGIN IN VISKHAPATNAM:** Marine time exercise between India and Australia named 'Ausindex15' started in Viskhapatnam. The Ausindex15 naval exercise is conducted under 'frame work for security co-operation. It was announced by Prime Minister of Australia and India In 2014. **PM OF AUSTRALIA: MALCOLM TURNBULL.**
- 16. 'HORMUSHI N CAMA' ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF PRESS TRUST OF INDIA:** Harmusji N Cama elected as the New Chairman of the Press Trust of India He has replaced Mohan Gupta as Chairman of Press Trust of India.
- 17. 'BSF AND PAKISTAN' RANGERS HELD BI-ANNUAL TALKS IN NEW DELHI:** Director General of BSF and Pakistan Rangers held Bi annual talks in new Delhi. Border security Force was led by BSF DK Pathak and Pakistan Delegation was led by Director General of Pakistan Rangers Major General Umar Farooq Burki.
- 18. DRDO SCIENTIST DR G SATHEESH REDDY HONOURED WITH 'SILVER MEDAL':** Dr. G Satheesh Reddy, a missile scientist of Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO) has been honoured with silver medal by Royal Aeronautical society locate at London. Royal Aeronautical Society is oldest Aero Nautical Society in World.

**DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION:** is an agency of India, charged with the military's research and development. **HEADQUARTER OF DRDO:** NEW DELHI.

19. **SANIA AND MARTINA WON 2015 'US OPEN WOMEN'S DOUBLE TITLE':** Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis won 2015 US Open women's Double Title. In mixed doubles category Sania has already won Australia Open 2009, French Open 2012 and 2014 US Open. Sania Mirza is world no.1 player in lawn tennis mixed doubles.
20. **NOVAK DJOKOVIC WON 2015 'US OPEN MEN'S SINGLES':** Serbian Lawn Tennis player Novak Djokovic has defeated Roger Federer in 2015 US open men's singles title in New York. Novak Djokovic is world No.1 Player in Lawn Tennis.
21. **'NARSINGH PANCHAM YADAV' QUALIFIES FOR 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS:** Indian wrestler Narsingh Pancham Yadav has qualified for 2016 Summer Olympic Games. He qualified for Olympic Games after winning a bronze medal in men's 74 kg freestyle category at the world wrestling championship in United States. 2016 summer Olympics are going to be held in.
22. **IRDAI MAKES 'LISTING' A MUST FOR LARGE INSURERS:** Insurance Regulatory Development Authority is going to make listing mandatory for large life insurance companies. Companies which are in the Business of Insurance from last 10 years are eligible to list on the equity market. Private sector insurance companies with assets under management of more than Rs 60000 crore will be the first ones that will have to list. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is an autonomous apex statutory body which regulates and develops the insurance industry in India. **HEADQUARTER OF IRDAI: HYDERABAD, CHAIRMAN OF IRDAI: T.S. VIJAYAN.**
23. **WORLD BANK REPORT 'GUJARAT' TOPS IN 'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN INDIA':** Gujarat ranked first in World Bank's first ever ranking of Indian States on the ease of doing business in India. Top 5 States in the list are: Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. **Eight key parameters:** The setting up of a business, complying with environment procedures, complying with labour regulations, allotment of land and obtaining construction permit, registering and complying with tax procedures, obtaining infrastructure-related utilities, carrying out inspections and enforcing contracts.
24. **'RBI AND NEPAL RASTRA BANK' INKED MOU FOR SUPERVISORY INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** Reserve Bank of India has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nepal Rastra Bank on Supervisory Cooperation and Exchange of Supervisory Information. The memorandum of understanding will promote co-operation and share supervisory information between the countries. **GOVERNOR OF RBI: Dr. Raghuram Rajan.**
25. **TONY ABBOTT EXPELLED AS AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER:** Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott was ousted from power as leader of the ruling centre-right Liberal Party by challenger Malcolm Turnbull on 14 September 2015. Tony Abbott lost in internal party leadership ballot against Malcolm Turnbull. In the ballot, Abbott received 44 votes while Turnbull received 54 votes.
26. **UN ADOPTED 9 DECEMBER AS 'INTERNATIONAL GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION DAY':** United Nations General Assembly announced to observe 9<sup>th</sup> December as International genocide commemoration day. 9<sup>th</sup> of December will be observed as International Genocide Commemoration Day to commemorate and honour the victims of the crime of genocide around the world. **Members in United Nations: 193 countries**
27. **GOVERNMENT APPROVES ADDITIONAL 50 WORK DAYS TO FARMERS UNDER MGNREGA:** Central Government to provide additional 50 days of unskilled manual work in the financial year 2015-16 to farmers in drought-hit areas under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act scheme. It will bring relief to farmers which are effected by deficit monsoon in various parts of the country. **MGNREGA was started in 2006, it is regulated under MGNREGA act, 2005**

- 28. SUNJEEV SAHOTA SHORTLISTED FOR 2015 'MAN BOOKER PRIZE FOR FICTION':** Indian origin author Sunjeev Sahota has been shortlisted for the prestigious 2015 Man Booker Prize for fiction. Sunjeev Sahota's novel 'The year of the Runaways' is shortlisted. This novel explains about the life experience of illegal immigrants from India in Britain.
- 29. INDIAN AMERICAN SWETHA PRABAKARAN SELECTED FOR 'CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE AWARD':** Indian-American Swetha Prabhakaran a 15 year old girl has been selected for champion of change award. The award is given for his work to empower the community by imparting education of internet coding through her non-profit organization.
- 30. 'MALCOLM TURNBULL' SWORN IN AS NEW PM OF AUSTRALIA:** Malcolm Turnbull sworn as new PM of Australia he replaced Tony Abbott. Turnbull defeated Tony Abbott in an internal party leadership ballot. Turnbull got 54 votes against 44 votes received by Tony Abbott.
- 31. RENOWNED CLASSICAL DANCER 'KALAMANDALAM' DIED:** Veteran Classical dancer Kalamandalam Sathyabhama passed away in Palakkad district of Kerala. Satyabhama is credited with purifying the Mohiniyattam dance form by weeding out external influences.
- 32. THE INDIAN KALARIPPAYATTU FEDERATION IS RECOGNISED BY SPORTS MINISTRY AS 'REGIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION':** The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognized the Indian Kalaripayattu Federation as Regional Sports Federation. It will grant a major role to the Indian Kalaripayattu Federation in promoting and developing Kalaripayattu sport in India. **Kalaripayattu sport** is a Martial art sport that is performed in Southern state of Kerala and in some parts of Tamil Nadu.
- 33. India ranks 34th out of 60 nations in biz growth environment:** India has been ranked 34th among 60 leading economies in terms of 'business growth environment'. In the Grant Thornton Global Dynamism Index (GDI), which ranks business growth environments of 60 leading economies, India was ranked at the 34th place. India was ranked 53rd out of 60 in the GDI when it comes to its business operating environment.
- 34. New 'rurban' scheme to get 5,142 crore:** The government has announced a scheme for rural areas with an outlay of 5,142.08 crore. The programme, named Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), will develop 300 rural clusters, each containing a population of about 50,000. The government says the 'rurban mission' will develop a cluster of smart villages. The clusters would be developed by stimulating economic activities, developing skills and infrastructure amenities, as well as supporting local entrepreneurship.
- 35. Google honours M.F. Husain on his 100th birthday:** Search engine giant Google celebrated one of India's most prolific artists, Maqbool Fida Husain with a doodle on its homepage. The doodle, in the form of an abstract art, has the 'Picasso of India' holding a paintbrush.
- 36. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina has won the United Nations Champions of the Earth Award 2015 –** The United Nations Champions of the Earth Award for Policy Leadership to address the issue of climate change was won by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She has signified leadership in making climate change an issue of national priority and promoting for an ambitious global response.
- 37. 70th UNGA session begins with new President:** Mogens Lykketoft of Denmark has succeeded Uganda's Sam Kutesa and will be the President of this session which runs from September 2015 to September 2016.
- 38. Mihir Shah Committee formed by Union Government on restructuring water agencies:** Mihir Shah Committee was formed by the Union Ministry of Water Resources to advise it on restructuring the the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and Central Water Commission (CWC). The committee was commanded to recommend ways for optimal development of water resources in the country.
- 39. Government takes Rs 3000 crore dent on Public Sector Bank recapitalisation:** The government has taken a Rs 3,000 -crore dent from the recent bank recapitalisation, as the sell-off in shares has pulled down valuations. The loss,

though, is notional - because it is based on current share prices and as the returns will not be realised until the shares are sold - and the government doesn't seem to be too concerned about it either.

**40. Rakesh Sharma appointed as MD and CEO of Canara Bank:** Rakesh Sharma was appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bengaluru-headquartered Canara Bank.

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- Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of Federal Bank?**  
A) Surendra Gupta                      B) Ganesh Sankara  
C) Santosh Rathi                        D) Umesh Kumar
- Which bank has launched SimplyCLICK, a credit card targeted at the online shopper?**  
A) HDFC                                      B) ICICI  
C) SBI    D) BOB
- What is the name of Indian, who is among six writers shortlisted for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction 2015?**  
A) Sunjeev Sahota                        B) Pradeep Rai  
C) Saroj Das                                 D) Jhumpa Lahiri
- Which state has topped with a score of 71.14% in ease of doing business report, prepared by government along with World Bank?**  
A) Maharashtra                         B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Gujarat                                    D) Madhya Pradesh
- Who was sworn-in as new Prime Minister of Australia?**  
A) Julie Bishop                            B) Malcolm Turnbull  
C) Joe Hockey                                D) Tony Abbott
- Which country will host 2022 Asian Games?**  
A) China                                        B) South Korea  
C) India                                         D) Vietnam
- Who has been honoured with the United Nations Champions of the Earth award for climate change?**  
A) PM Sheikh Hasina                    B) D.S. Edwin  
C) Edward Snowden                      D) M.S. Swaminathan
- Who has been selected by the White House for the prestigious Champions of Change award in US?**  
A) Ashok Rai                                 B) Priyanka Chopra  
C) Swetha Prabakaran                    D) Suresh Anjali
- Who has been awarded with the 2015 Nansen Refugee Award by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?**  
A) Jason Day                                B) Prateek Bashir  
C) Jim Lee                                     D) Aqeela Asifi
- Which state to host India's largest mobile manufacturing hub?**  
A) Tamil Nadu                                B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Karnataka                                D) Maharashtra
- Who has been conferred with honoured Guest of Texas award?**  
A) Jhumpa Lahiri                            B) Anupam Kher  
C) Kiran Kher                                D) Sania Mirza
- Telangana language day was observed on :**  
A) 9<sup>th</sup> Aug                                      B) 9<sup>th</sup> September  
C) 7<sup>th</sup> Aug                                      D) 20<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Who was the chairman of 20<sup>th</sup> law commission?**  
A) Arun Singla                                B) A.P. Shah  
C) Anupam Kher                              D) Neha Sharma

14. When is world Hindi conference day is observed?

- A) 10<sup>th</sup> September      B) 9<sup>th</sup> Sept  
C) 11<sup>th</sup> Aug              D) 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

15. Which state has become first state to submit annual action plan under AMRUT?

- A) Punjab                      B) Rajasthan  
C) Chandigarh              D) U.P

16. Who has won US open men's Single 2015?

- A) Novak Djokovic          B) Andy Murrah  
C) Roger Federer          D) Leader Peas

17. Who is the head of Insurance Regulatory development authority of India?

- A) T S Vijayan              B) U K Sinha

- C) S S Mundra              D) Raghuram Rajan

18. When is international Genocide Day observed?

- A) 9<sup>th</sup> September          B) 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
C) 9<sup>th</sup> Aug                      D) 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

19. Name the Indian who has been shortlisted for 2015 man Booker prize for fiction?

- A) Sunjeev Sahota          B) Arun Kumar  
C) Jairam Ramesh          D) Arun Jaitely

20. Who has been appointed as new Chairman of Press Trust of India?

- A) Umar Farooq Burki      B) D K Pathak  
C) Harmushi N CAMA      D) Suresh Kapoor

**ANSWER**

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

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- 1. RESERVE BANK OF INDIA GRANTED 'INPRINCIPLE' LICENSE TO '10 SMALL FINANCE BANKS':** RBI has granted Inprinciple approval to 10 entities, to set up small finance banks to provide basic Banking services to small formers and micro industries. RBI gives license to banks under section 22(l) of the Banking regulation act 1949. Inprinciple means license for 18 month. **GOVERNOR OF RBI: Raghuram Rajan**
- 2. OECD PROJECTED INDIA'S GROWTH AT 7.2% FOR 2015-2016:** Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development projected India's growth at a lower pace than expected earlier. It projected India's growth at 7.2% for this fiscal year. It has also projected that India is expected to be the fastest growing major economy in next two years. **OECD:** It is a group of countries describing themselves as committed to democracy and the market economy, providing a platform to compare policy experiences, seeking answers to common problems, identify good practices and coordinate domestic and international policies of its members.
- 3. 'HANGZHOU CITY' CHOSEN TO HOST 2022 ASIAN GAMES:** Hangzhou city in East China is chosen to host 2022 Asian Games. It will be the Third Chinese city to host the Asian Games after Beijing and Guangzhou. First Asian games was held in India in 1951. Incheon, South Korea hosted Asian Games, Jakarta is going to host in 2018 Asian Games
- 4. RAILWAYS SHOT PUTTER 'MANPREET KAUR' SHATTERED NATIONAL RECORD:** Railways Shot Put player Manpreet Kaur shattered 18 year old national record at national open athletics championship at Kolkata. She broke Harbans Kaur's earlier record of 17.43 meter by throwing shot put at 17.96 meter. Now she has qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics.
- 5. 'M.SHIKSHA MITRA MOBILE APP' LAUNCHED BY MADHYA PRADESH:** Madhya Pradesh Government launched Application M-Shiksha Mitra for teachers. Madhya Pardesh becomes first state to launch app for development of teachers. Teachers can use this app to browse salary slip, fund sends to school under various heads, scholarships, teachers can use this application for applying leave and also e-attendance. **CM OF MADHYA PARDESH-Shivraj Chauhan**
- 6. 'EPFO' INCREASED MAXIMUM INSURANCE COVER TO 6 LAKH RUPEES:** Employees provident fund organization increased the life insurance cover of its subscribers from 3.6 lakh to 6 lakh rupees. The life cover known as employees Deposit linked insurance that is paid to the family of the EPF subscriber in case of his/her death.
- 7. 'NANA PATEKAR' ESTABLISHED 'NAAM FOUNDATION' TO FUND DROUGHT HIT FARMERS:** Nan Patekar established Naam foundation to fund drought relief for farmers. It will provide help to overcome draught conditions in India. The foundation will collect funds from public and use it to provide gainful employment to youth in villages facing drought.
- 8. 'PMKKKY' LAUNCHED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) is launched by union government to transform the lives of people living in the areas which are affected directly or indirectly by mining. The aim of Yojna is to minimize the adverse impacts, during and after mining, on the environment, health and socio-economics of people in mining districts. The another aim is to ensure long-term sustainable livelihoods for the affected people in mining areas by providing drinking water,health care, sanitation, education, skill development, women and child care, welfare of aged and disabled people, skill development to ensure a prosper life.
- 9. GOVERNMENT HIKES DUTY ON EDIBLE OIL BY 5 %:** The government has hiked import duty on edible oil by 5%. Import duty on crude edible oil has been hike from 7.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent and on refined edible oil it is hiked

from 15 to 20 per cent. Edible oil imports have been increased to 14 million tonnes in the 2014 -15 from 11.6 million tonnes in the previous year.

- 10. PM NARENDRA MODI LAUNCHES 'IPDS' IN VARANASI:** PM Narendra Modi launched National Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The main aim scheme is to provide 24x7 power supply to every house. **CM OF UTTAR PRADESH: AKHILESH YADAV.**
- 11. ANTI-TANK GUIDED 'AMOGHA-I MISSILE' TEST FIRED:** Indigenously developed second generation anti-tank missile Amogha-I was successfully test fired at Babina Army Range, Madhya Pradesh. Amogha-I Missile is developed by state owned Bharat Dynamics Limited. Target range of Amogha-I is 2.8 kms.
- 12. INDIA AND US CREATED 'JOINT CHALLENGE COIN' TO MARK PARTNERSHIP:** India and United States jointly created a Joint Challenge coin to mark their unique partnership in creating a next-generation aircraft carrier for the Indian Navy. One side of the coin will have 'Forward Together We Go' with 'Chale Saath Saath' in Hindi. The other side of the coin which is golden in colour will have the flags of India and the United States and an aircraft carrier floating on blue water.
- 13. INDIA-KUWAIT WORKING GROUP MEETING ON HYDROCARBONS HELD IN NEW DELHI:** The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the India-Kuwait joint Working Group on Hydrocarbons was held on 16 September in New Delhi. The meeting was jointly headed by Ashutosh Jindal, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Dr Ahmad Al-Qattan, representative of the Kuwaiti Oil Sector. Both countries discussed various issues of bilateral engagement in the hydrocarbon sector and expressed satisfaction at the progress achieved on the decisions taken during the 3<sup>rd</sup> joint working group signed in 2014 in Kuwait. They have also discussed opportunities for joint investment in the oil and gas sector in India and abroad. **PM OF KUWAIT: Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. CURRENCY OF KUWAIT: Kuwaiti dinar.**
- 14. 'GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2015' RELEASED BY WIPO:** 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Global Innovation Index 2015 was released by the World Intellectual Property Organisation the rankings of countries are based on the implementation of Effective Innovation Policies for Development. The index is topped by Switzerland for being the most innovative nation. Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Sweden, the Netherlands and the United States of America are the world's five most innovative nations. India's ranking has slipped to 81 in the list as compared to 76 in 2014.
- 15. PRESIDENT PRESENTED 'NATIONAL TOURISM AWARDS 2013-14':** President Pranab Mukherjee presented the National Tourism Awards 2013-14 at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. Gujarat was awarded for the Best State/UT for Comprehensive Tourism Development. Gwalior The Heritage City in Madhya Pradesh awarded as the Best Heritage City. Gujarat has also been awarded for the Best Film Promotion Friendly State/Union territory. The Best Tourism Film award is given to Kerala tourism.
- 16. 'SANIA MIRZA & AJINKYA RAHANE' GOT CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Indian tennis player Sania Mirza and cricketer Ajinkya Rahane were conferred with honorary life membership of Cricket Club of India. The membership of CCI is a prestigious ownership which is awarded regularly to sportsmen and eminent persons as recognition of their contribution to their respective fields.
- 17. 'MARIKO KIPCHUMBA' GRABBED BEIJING INTERNATIONAL MARATHON 2015:** Mariko Kipchumba of Kenya grabbed Beijing International Marathon. He finished the 42.195-km course in 2 hours 14 minutes and 25 seconds. Ethiopian women runner Betelhem Cherenet won the title in 2 hours 27 minutes and 31 seconds.
- 18. 'METRO MAN E SREEDHARAN' TO SERVE UN HIGH LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT:** Metro Man Elattuvalapil Sreedharan has been invited to the United Nations' High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon invited him to serve on UN High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport for a period of three years.

- 19. 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE' OBSERVED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER:** The International Day of Peace was observed on 21 September in world to mark the efforts of those people who have worked hard to end conflict and promote peace. The theme of International Day of Peace for the year 2015 is 'Partnerships for Peace- Dignity for All' The United Nations General Assembly has marked this day to promote the peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.
- 20. 'NEW CONSTITUTION' ADOPTED BY NEPAL GOVERNMENT:** Nepal government has adopted new Constitution to mark the country's transition to a secular and democratic republic. President of Nepal Ram Baran Yadav unveiled the new Constitution at a special ceremony in Parliament at Kathmandu.
- 21. 'AJAY JAYARAM' GRABBED SILVER MEDAL IN KOREA OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT:** India's badminton player Ajay Jayram grabbed silver medal in 2015 Korea Open Badminton tournament in Men's singles category. Gold medal was won by World No. 1 Chen Long of China. Ajay Jayaram became the first Indian badminton player who grabbed a medal in Korea Open Badminton tournament.
- 22. SEBASTIAN VETTEL GRABBED 2015 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX OF FORMULA ONE:** Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel from Germany grabbed 2015 Singapore Grand Prix of Formula One. The Event was held on the Marina Bay Street Circuit, which is the first street circuit in Asia. It was his fourth victory in Singapore Grand, earlier he had won in 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- 23. BCCI PRESIDENT 'JAGMOHAN DALMIYA' PASSED AWAY:** Board of Control for Cricket in India President Jagmohan Dalmiya passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. Jagmohan Dalmiya was with the BCCI from more than three decades since 1983. He became BCCI president first time in 2001, second time; he became President of BCCI in March 2015. He had also served as President of the International Cricket Council (ICC) from 1997 to 2000. He was first Indian and first Asian to head the ICC.
- 24. NEPAL DECLARED 'COW' AS NATIONAL ANIMAL:** Nepal declared Cow as the National Animal of Nepal. Nepal president Ram Baran Yadav unveiled new constitution of Nepal. Hindu religion consider cow as a sacred animal and Nepal is a Hindu country.
- 25. DR. P SIVAKUMAR' ELEVATED AS DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST BY UNION DEFENCE MINISTRY:** Union defence Ministry elevated Dr. P Sivakumar as Distinguished Scientist. Union Defence Ministry promoted him in recognition of his diligence and dedication in self-reliance effort for defence combat vehicle systems and sub-systems. He has been awarded with Scientist of the Year Award 2010 of DRDO.
- 26. 'RICHIE RICHARDSON' APPOINTED TO ELITE PANEL OF ICC MATCH REFEREES:** The International Cricket Council appointed former West Indies cricket captain Richie Richardson to the Elite Panel of ICC Match Referees. Richie richardson will replace Sri Lanka's Roshan Mahanama.
- 27. 'INDIAN WUSHU TEAM' WON 12 MEDALS AT PARS INTERNATIONAL CUP:** The Indian Wushu team grabbed 12 medals including of one gold, four silver and seven bronze medals at the Fifth International Pars Wushu Cup held in Tehran. Gold medalis grabbed by L. Budhachandra Singh after defeating Masod Ansari of Iran. Wushu is an both an exhibition and a full-contact sport derived from traditional Chinese martial arts.
- 28. 'INDRA NOOYI AND SHOBHANA BHARTIA' AWARDED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD:** Shobhana Bharatia chairperson of Hindustan Times Group and PepsiCo CEo Indra Nooyi have been awarded 2015 Global Leadership Award. Indra Nooyi and Shobhana Bhartia were honoured with this award for their roles as top women leaders in the Business world and their commitment for a more inclusive global economy.
- 29. ' NATIONAL HEALTH PROFILE 2015' RELEASED BY UNION GOVERNMENT:** Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda released the National Health Profile 2015. It was prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence. It provides report about significant progress that has been made by the country for various health

outcomes, which is an encouraging signal. The E-book of National health profile was also released for the first time. The National Health Profile provides information about demographic, socio-economic, health status and health finance indicators, along with complete information on health infrastructure and human resources in health.

30. **'WORLD RHINO DAY' OBSERVED ON 22 SEPTEMBER** : The World Rhino Day was observed on 22 September. In India, world Rhino day was observed with all-day awareness programmes at Kaziranga National Park (Assam), Manas National Park (Assam) and Laokhowa Burachapori (Assam).
31. **'ADB' LOWERED INDIA'S GROWTH RATE FOR 2016 FROM 7.8% TO 7.4%**: Asian Development Bank lowered India's gross domestic (GDP) growth projections for the fiscal year 2016 to 7.4 percent from 7.8 percent. Indian economy growth is forecasted at 7.8 percent which is lower than the earlier forecast of 8.2 percent.
32. **INDIA RANKED 22ND IN ASIAN FOOTBALL TECHNICAL RANKING RELEASED BY AFC**: The Asian Football Confederation released a new technical ranking system which has placed India on 22nd spot among the continent's 46-member countries. The position of India is the highest among the South Asian nations. The positions of the countries were decided while keeping in account the performance of the national team and clubs in the previous four years.
33. **INTEGRATED POWER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FROM VARANASI HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY - PM NARENDRAMODI**: The nationwide Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) has been launched by PM Narendra Modi from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The aim of the scheme is to enhance power transmission and distribution network in urban areas.
34. **IRELAND VISIT A FIRST BY INDIAN PM IN 60 YEARS**: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on the twin-nation tour of Ireland and the US starting, underscoring it is after nearly 60 years that an Indian PM will visit Ireland. This year, India will host a summit of G-4 leaders in New York where the main agenda would be the UNSC reforms.
35. **UIDAI SHIFTED TO IT MINISTRY FROM NITI AAYOG**: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which issues Aadhaar cards, has been shifted to the administrative control of the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology from NitiAayog. Earlier, UIDAI was the part of Planning Commission. NITI Aayog is headed by Prime Minister NarendraModi as its chairperson.
36. **SEBI FINES PACL RS 7,269 CR FOR ILLEGAL RAISING OF FUNDS**: Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) fined a Pearl Group company, PACL for over 7000 crore for illegal raising of funds. This is the biggest ever fine by SEBI. PACL's four directors have also been fined for illegal and fraudulent mobilisation of funds from the public.
37. **NITI AAYOG CONSTITUTED 'T HAQUE EXPERT GROUP ON LAND LEASING'**: National Institution for Transforming India Aayog constituted an Expert Group on Land Leasing. The expert group will have 10-member committee which will be headed by T Haque. The committee will review the existing agricultural laws of states and will suggest appropriate amendments, keeping in view the need to legalise and liberalise land leasing for agricultural efficiency, equity, occupational diversification, and rapid rural transformation.
38. **'1<sup>ST</sup> INDIA-US STRATEGIC AND COMMERCIAL DIALOGUE' HELD IN WASHINGTON**: 1<sup>st</sup> India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue was held in Washington, USA. It was chaired by the External Affairs minister Sushma Swaraj from India and US Secretary of State John Kerry chaired it from US. The purpose of the dialogue was to ramp up bilateral economic exchange to 500 billion US dollars and enhance regional security.
39. **'HINDI WRITER DR KAMAL KISHORE' CONFERRED WITH VYAAS SAMMAN**: Hindi writer Dr Kamal Kishore Goenka has been conferred with Vyaas Samman for year 2014. The award is given for his work 'Premchand ki Kahaniyon ka Kaal Kramanusaar Adhyayan'.
40. **'MUKESH AMBANI' INDIA'S RICHEST PERSON FOR 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**: Mukesh Ambani has been named as India's richest person for ninth consecutive year by Forbes with worth of 18.9 billion dollars. Reliance India Limited is India's second most

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1. **Which state government has launched M Shiksha Mitra mobile app for teachers?**  
A) Punjab                      B) Gujarat  
C) Madhya Pradesh          D) Uttar Pradesh
2. **Who has been honoured with the honorary life membership by the Cricket Club of India (CCI)?**  
A) Rohit Sharma              B) Virat Kohli  
C) Ajinkya Rahane            D) Ravichandra Ashwin
3. **Which airport has won the award of the Best Airport (under class X cities) at National Tourism Awards (NTA) for the year 2013-14?**  
A) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA)  
B) Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)  
C) Raja Bhoj Airport (RBA)  
D) Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)
4. **Who was Bal Pandit?**  
A) cricket commentator      B) politician  
C) scientist                      D) artist
5. **Which state has recently established a butterfly park, with an estimated cost over 6.70 crore at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park?**  
A) Goa                              B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Kerala                          D) Karnataka
6. **A centralized drugs control and regulatory cell has been set up in \_\_\_\_\_?**  
A) Punjab                          B) Rajasthan  
C) Madhya Pradesh            D) Gujarat
7. **Who has won the finals of Korea Open Super series?**  
A) Chen Long                      B) Andy Murray  
C) Lee Wei Ling                  D) Ajay Jayaram
8. **Which country will provide assistance and advanced technologies to boost India's Renewable energy sector?**  
A) New Zealand                B) US  
C) France                          D) Japan
9. **National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned RIDF assistance of Rs. 1, 134.74 crore for \_\_\_\_\_?**  
A) Karnataka                      B) Maharashtra  
C) Odisha                          D) Bihar
10. **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered India's growth forecast for 2015-16 to \_\_\_\_\_?**  
A) 7.0%                              B) 7.4%  
C) 7.6%                              D) 8.0%
11. **Which state government has entered into a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Chhattisgarh for purchasing 1000 mw of power?**  
A) Telangana                      B) Goa  
C) Madhya Pradesh              D) Maharashtra
12. **The Union government has approved \_\_\_\_\_ highway project in Odisha under its flagship highways building programme NHDP?**  
A) Rs 1, 200 crore                  B) Rs 1, 575 crore  
C) Rs 1, 417croe                  D) Rs 1, 000 crore
13. **Which bank sold its Indian private banking business to Sanctum Wealth Management Private Limited?**

- A) Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)
- B) HSBC bank
- C) Ratnakar Bank Ltd (RBL)
- D) Qatar Doha Bank

- C) 23 oct
- D) 27 oct

**14. Which film has been selected as India's official entry to the Best Foreign Language category of the 88th Academy Awards 2016?**

- A) Queen
- B) Massan
- C) Court Jam
- D) Buddha in a Traffic

**15. Who has been named as India's richest person in the 2015 Forbes magazine's India rich list?**

- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Shiv Nadar
- C) Azim Premji
- D) Dilip Shanghvi

**16. When is World Rhino Day is observed:**

- A) 21 September
- B) 22 sept

**17. Who was conferred with Vyaas Samman:**

- A) Jhumpa Lahiri
- B) Kamal Keshore
- C) Ashok Khana
- D) Sunjeev Sahota

**18. Which country is topped in Asian football technical ranking:**

- A) India
- B) Afganistan
- C) Brazil
- D) South Korea

**19. Which country topped in Global innovation index 2015:**

- A) Switzerland
- B) Scotland
- C) Singapore
- D) Malaysia

**20. Which state is awarded for the best state/UT for comprehensive tourism development :**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Gwalior

**ANSWER**

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

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- 1. 'EPFO' GRABBED SKOCH AWARD FOR SMART GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES:** Employees' Provident Fund Organisation grabbed the Skoch Award for Smart Governance. Skoch Smart Governance Award is an initiative recognising top performing government organisations working with the government, operating at local, state and national level. The award is given in the area of Health, Education, Rural Development, Urban Development, Finance, and Security. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, is a statutory body of the Government of India .It administers Provident Fund Scheme, Pension Scheme and an Insurance Scheme.
- 2. WEST BENGAL GOVERNOR KN TRIPATHI GOT 'ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF TRIPURA':** West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi was appointed as additional Governor of Tripura by the President Pranab Mukherjee. Tathagata Roy is the present Governor of Tripura but he is on leave so west Bengal Governor keshari Nath Tripathi got additional charge of Tripura. Article 153 provides there shall be a Governor for each State but the 7th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1956 provides the right to appoint of same person as governor for two or more states.
- 3. 'SOURAV GANGULY' APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL:** Former Indian Cricket captain Sourav Ganguly was appointed as the President of Cricket Association of Bengal. Sourav Ganguly has replaced Jagmohan Dalmiya after the sudden demise of Dalmiya. **CM OF WEST BENGAL: Mamata Banerjee**
- 4. 'STUTI NARAIN' APPOINTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS:** Stuti Narain Kacker appointed as the chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Stuti Narain kackerwas appointed by the Union Women and Child Development Ministry. The main aim of the commission is to promote education, child development, elimination of child labour, child psychology, care of neglected, children under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.
- 5. 'RAHUL RAWAIL' RESIGNED FROM OSCAR SELECTION JURY:** Filmmaker Rahul Rawail ' resigned from the Oscar Selection Jury. Rahul Rawail gave his resignation due to his differences with chairperson of the Jury Amol Palekar. The Oscars is an annual American awards ceremony honoring cinematic achievements in the film industry.
- 6. GOVERNMENT TO DISBURSE ' 1, 22,000 CRORE RUPEE' LOAN UNDER MUDRA SCHEME:** Union government has set a target of disbursing 1, 22,000 CRORE rupee loan to micro and marginal businesses under MUDRA scheme in current fiscal for the development of country.
- 7. UNGA ADOPTED 'NEW GLOBAL AGENDA TO END POVERTY' BY 2030:** United Nations General Assembly adopted the new global agenda to end poverty by 2030, for sustainable future. The new sustainable development agenda with 17 goals was adopted at UN Summit on sustainable development in New York, USA. Some important agenda's: sustainable development, economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection, ending poverty in all its forms, achieve food security; ensure healthy lives, quality education, gender equality, water and sanitation and access to energy. **UN SECRETARY GENERAL: BAN KI-MOON. NEW PRESIDENT OF UNGA: MOGENS LYKKETOFT.**
- 8. 'MARS ORBITER MISSION' COMPLETES 1 YEAR OF MISSION LIFE AROUND MARS:** India's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) spacecraft also known as Mangalyaan has completed one year of the mission life around Mars.
- 9. EU IMPOSES 'ANTI-DUMPING DUTY' ON INDIAN STEEL PIPES:** European Union has imposed anti-dumping duty of up to 31.2 per cent on imports of sewage and water steel pipes from India for six months to protect its domestic industry.

- 10. UNION GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED 'PACKAGE OF RS 1000 CRORE' TO ANDHRA PRADESH:** Union Government has announced Special Assistance of 1000 crore rupees to the Andhra Pradesh for the development projects during the current financial year. These funds will be utilised for the development of backward districts and other essential infrastructure of Andhra Pradesh. **CM OF ANDHRA PRADESH: N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU.**
- 11. 'ARVIND PANAGARIYA' APPOINTED AS SHERPA FOR G-20:** The Union Government has decided to appoint Arvind Panagariya as the Sherpa for the 2015 G-20 Summit. G-20 Summit will take place in Antalya, Turkey in November 2015. Sherpa means a senior official responsible for preparing the agenda for leaders to consider during the summit. G-20 was founded in 1999. It is an international forum for the government and central bank governors from 20 major economies. The forum focuses on promoting high-level discussion of policy issues related to the promotion of international financial permanence.
- 12. 'WORLD TOURISM DAY' OBSERVED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:** World Tourism Day is observed on September 27 to raise awareness about the importance of tourism. The Theme for world tourism day: "One Billion Tourists, One Billion Opportunities". The Theme emphasizes the impact of the tourism sector on economic growth, job creation and development.
- 13. 'GHANGZHOU OPEN' WOMEN'S DOUBLES TITLE WON BY SANIA MIRZA-MARTINA HINGIS:** Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis won the Guangzhou Open title of tennis at Guangzhou of China. Sania has won seventh title of the 2015 season. Sania and Hingis have now won six titles such as Indian Wells, Miami, Charleston, Wimbledon, the US Open and Guangzhou of lawn tennis.
- 14. 'LEVERAGING URBANISATION IN SOUTH ASIA' REPORT RELEASED BY WORLD BANK:** World Bank released a report entitled Leveraging Urbanisation in South Asia: Managing Spatial Transformation for Prosperity and Livability. The report provided diagnostic analysis of urbanization and related economic trends in the South Asia region. **Report with respect to India:** i) 1 in 7 in urban areas live below the poverty line in the country. ii) Delhi is the world's most polluted city.
- 15. 'IBSF WORLD BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP' WON BY PANKAJ ADVANI:** India's Pankaj Advani has grabbed IBSF World Billiards Championship in Adelaide, Australia. Pankaj Advani won IBSF World title after defeating Peter Gilchrist of Singapore. Pankaj Advani is only player in the world to win world titles in all formats of both, Billiards and Snooker.
- 16. 'INDIA INKED LOAN AGREEMENT' WITH ADB FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT:** Union Government inked a loan agreement with Asian Development Bank for US 123.51 million dollars for Infrastructure Development Investment Program. The loan will be used for upgrading Tourism infrastructure and services in three states Punjab, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. **The fund will be used:** i) For development of places of tourist attractions. ii) To improve basic tourism facilities and build the capacity of tourism sector agencies and local communities in above three States. iii) Develop eco-parks and eco-tourism in order to help the states to attract more tourists. **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ESTABLISHED IN: 1966, HEADQUARTERS: MANILA, PHILIPPINES, PRESIDENT OF ADB: TAKEHIKO NAKAO.**
- 17. GOVERNOR OF MEGHALAYA 'V. SHANMUGANATHAN' GETS ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MANIPUR:** President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed Governor of Meghalaya V. Shanmuganathan as additional governor of Meghalaya to discharge the functions of the Governor of Manipur. He got additional charge of Manipur after demise of previous Governor Dr. Syed Ahmed.
- 18. UNION GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTE 'EXPERT COMMITTEE' TO REVIVE UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAM PATTERN:** Union Government has constituted an expert committee to examine various issues related to UPSC civil

services examination. The committee will be headed by the former IAS officer B.S. Baswan. The committee will look into all aspects of civil services examination including age relaxation, eligibility, syllabus and pattern of examination.

**Chairman of UPSC: Deepak Gupta.**

19. **'ASTROSAT' INDIA'S 1ST SATELLITE FOR ASTRONOMY RESEARCH LAUNCHED:** Indian Space Research Organisation launched India's first dedicated satellite for astronomy research, named ASTROSAT. The satellite was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota..
20. **GOOGLE TO PROVIDE 'WI-FI IN 400 INDIAN RAILWAY STATIONS'** Google is going to provide high-speed public Wi-Fi in 400 Indian railway stations. Google is working with the Indian Railways and RailTel, a government-owned provider of telecommunications infrastructure to the railways. The internet service will be offered free initially with an aim to make the project self-sustainable in order to provide Wi-Fi to more stations and other places. **Union Railway Minister: Suresh Prabhu.**
21. **'MITRA SHAKTI' JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE BETWEEN INDIA-SRI LANKA:** MITRA SHAKTI 2015 India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise started in Pune, Maharashtra. The joint training exercise between both countries is started to promote Military to Military co-operation and interoperability. **President of Sri Lanka: Maithripala Sirisena.**  
**Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan Rupee.**
22. **'CSIR-CIMAP' CONFERRED WITH CSIR AWARD FOR S&T INNOVATIONS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT:** Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants located at Lucknow grabbed, CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development, 2014. The award is given for enhancing incomes of farm communities through Vetiver based Technological Interventions. CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development. The award is given to recognize and honour S&T innovations that have helped transform the lives of rural people. The Vetiver System is a system of soil and water conservation.
23. **'JACOB TSIMERMAN' GRABBED 2015 SASTRA RAMANUJAN PRIZE:** Mathematician Jacob Tsimerman of Canada was chosen for the prestigious 2015 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize. He will be honoured with the prize during the International Conference on Number Theory at SASTRA University in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu.
24. **'GURPREET SINGH' GRABBED SILVER MEDAL AT 2015 ASIAN AIR GUN CHAMPIONSHIP:** Indian shooter Gurpreet Singh grabbed silver medal at 2015 Asian Air Gun Championship in New Delhi. Gurpreet Singh won silver in 10 metre Air Pistol event. India's Jitu Rai won bronze medal in this event.
25. **'RBI LOWERS REPO RATE BY 50 BASIS POINTS TO 6.75%:** Reserve Bank of India has lowered the repo rate by 50 basis points from 7.25 per cent to 6.75 per cent. RBI announced it in the fourth bi-monthly monetary policy of RBI. Repo rate is the rate at which RBI lends to commercial bank. The reverse repo rate is the rate at which RBI borrows from commercial banks, it is also changed to 5.75 percent from 6.25 and the marginal standing facility rate and the Bank Rate is also changed to 7.75 per cent. The cash reserve ratio was kept unchanged at 4 percent of net demand and time liabilities. **Governor of Reserve Bank of India: Raghuram Rajan.**
26. **'M.R. POOVAMMA AND BABITA KUMARI' CONFERRED WITH ARJUNA AWARD:** M.R. Poovamma and Babita Kumari have been honoured with prestigious Arjuna Award 2015 for their individual achievements in sports. The award was presented by Union Minister of State for Youth affairs and Sports, Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi. Poovamma is honoured with this award for her contributions in Athletics. Babita Kumari is honoured with this award for her contribution in the field of Wrestling.
27. **UNION GOVERNMENT UNVEILS 'GREEN HIGHWAYS POLICY 2015':** Union Government has launched Green Highways Policy-2015 to promote greening of National Highway corridors across the country. The policy was unveiled by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi.

- 28. MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT DECLARED 2017 AS 'VISIT MAHARASHTRA YEAR':** The Maharashtra government declared the year 2017 as the Visit Maharashtra Year to promote tourism in the state and to attract more tourists. The government also launched international tourism promotion project Maharashtra International Travel Mart 2015. It is a global tourism promotion platform started by the state's Tourism department to attract buyers and sellers of tourism industry from across the globe to explore common growth opportunities in tourism in the state. **CM OF MAHARASHTRA: Devendra Fadnavis**
- 29. Delhi as the most polluted city as per the World Bank Report:** The latest World Bank report on leveraging Urbanisation in South Asia has identified 'air pollution' as a big challenge for major cities from developing countries. 19 of the 20 most polluted cities are from South Asia. Karachi, Dhaka and Kabul all feature in the top 20.
- 30. Indian tribal woman Permila Tirkey has won first discrimination-based Case in United Kingdom:** Permila Tirkey, a tribal woman from India working as a maid in the United Kingdom, won the country's first caste discrimination case against her Indian-origin employers Ajay Chandhok and Pooja Chandhok. Tirkey was discriminated against because of her low caste. With this, Tirkey will receive compensation of 184000 UK pounds from Ajay and his wife Pooja for making her work 18 hours a day for an hourly rate of 11 pence.
- 31. S K Sharma appointed as Chairman of Bhakra Beas Management Board:** S K Sharma was appointed as the Chairman of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). In 1980, he joined Haryana irrigation and water resources department as sub divisional officer. While working in Haryana Irrigation & Water Resources Department, he has observed various canal regulation related hydraulic structures, pump houses, canal and drainage network, NABARD projects etc.
- 32. Lata Mangeshkar award to be conferred on noted violinist Prabhakar Jog:** Prabhakar Jog, noted violinist and music composer, will be awarded the 2015 Lata Mangeshkar Award for Lifetime Achievement for his contributions in the field of music by the Maharashtra government. The Maharashtra government has chosen Jog for this honour due to his significant contributions to the Marathi and Hindi music industry over the past 60 years.
- 33. Abhinav Bindra bags gold at the Asian Air Gun Championships:** Indian shooter, Abhinav Bindra, recently won a gold medal in the men's 10-metre Air Rifle event of the Asian Air Gun Championships in New Delhi.
- 34. India to hold G20 Chair in 2018, Delhi may play host:** India is set to be the G20 Chair in 2018, and New Delhi could host the prestigious annual G20 summit. The G20 member nations took a decision on the Chair for 2018 earlier in September, a top Finance Ministry source told The Hindu. "China is chairing the G20 this time, following which Germany will in 2017 and then ... the Chair will pass on to India for 2018."
- 35. Indian-American Professor wins 'genius grant':** Kartik Chandran, an Indian-American Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Engineering at Columbia Engineering, has been named a 2015 MacArthur Fellow with a "genius grant" of \$625,000 (Rs. 4.09 crore). Mr. Chandran, an IIT-Roorkee graduate, has won the fellowship for his work in "transforming wastewater from a pollutant requiring disposal to a resource for useful products, such as commodity chemicals, energy sources, and fertilizers"
- 36. Heena Sidhu grabbed gold at Asian Air Gun Championships:** Heena Sidhu clinched a Gold medal in the 10-metre air pistol event of the Asian Air Gun Championships in New Delhi. Heena Sidhu, who was India's first pistol shooter to be ranked number one in the world. Silver medal is also won by India's Shweta Singh .
- 37. India to hold G20 Chair in 2018:** India is set to hold the G20 Chair in 2018, and New Delhi could host the prestigious annual G20 summit. G-20, (Group of Twenty) is an international forum for the governments and central bank governors from 20 major economies. The members include 19 individual countries and the European Union.

- 38. India climbs 16 places in WEF's Global Competitiveness Index:** India has moved up 16 positions to 55th place on a global index of world's most competitive economies for the year 2015-16. Global Competitiveness Report is released annually by the World Economic Forum. Switzerland has retained its top position as the world's most competitive economy for 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row and is followed by Singapore, the US, Germany and the Netherlands in the top-five. India stood at the 71st position.
- 39. India emerged most-favoured destination for fdi :data released by Financial Times:** London-based business daily Financial Times released data on Foreign Direct Investment. it was topped by India in the first half of 2015, india has surpassed China to emerge as the most-favoured destination for FDI. India received 31 billion dollar through FDI during January-June 2015 while China received 28 billion dollars is placed at number two position. India received the maximum FDI from Mauritius followed by Singapore.
- 40. Commemorative Stamp on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar released by union government:** Commemorative postal stamp released by Department of Posts on Father of Indian Constitution Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Postal stamps are released on his 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations.

## NEWS ANALYSIS QUIZ 25<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2015

- Who is to be named permanent CEO of Twitter?**
  - A) Jordan Spieth
  - B) Rory Mclloy
  - C) Jack Dorsey
  - D) Bubba Watson
- Who was sworn-in as Tripura governor?**
  - A) Keshari Nath Tripathi
  - B) Kamla Beniwal
  - C) Ashok Devrat
  - D) Amar Singh
- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tata AIG General Insurance Co Ltd?**
  - A) Pradeep Gupta
  - B) Pyush Chawla
  - C) Neelesh Garg
  - D) D.P. Pathak
- Which country will be host the combined shotgun/rifle/pistol World Cup in 2017?**
  - A) China
  - B) India
  - C) Myanmar
  - D) Vietnam
- Who is the Chairperson of HSBC India?**
  - A) Chanda Kochhar
  - B) Kiran Mazumdar
  - C) Naina Lal Kidwai
  - D) Shikha Sharma
- Who has won the women's singles title of Wuhan Open 2015?**
  - A) Sania Mirza
  - B) Venus Williams
  - C) Maria Sharapova
  - D) Serena Williams
- Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of London Stock Exchange (LSE)?**
  - A) Jason Day
  - B) Peter D. Kim
  - C) Nikhil Rathi
  - D) Aurn Pachi
- ISRO has successfully launched its first space research observatory\_\_\_\_\_?**
  - A) Long-1
  - B) Param Akash
  - C) UniD-1
  - D) Astrosat
- A national dance museum, claimed to be the first such in the country, will be opened in \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A) Gujarat
  - B) Rajasthan
  - C) Kerala
  - D) Tamil Nadu
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Goa FC?**
  - A) Ashok Rao
  - B) Pradeep Kamal
  - C) Sukhvinder Singh
  - D) Arvind Gupta

11. Who has inked a pact with India to lend \$123.51 million for upgrading tourism infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab?
- A) BDB                                      B) WF  
C) ADB                                      D) IMF
12. With which firm Google has signed hands to equip 400 railways station in the India with high speed Wi-Fi networks, making it one of the largest public Wi-Fi projects in the world?
- A) RailTel Corp.                              B) Wipro  
C) TCS                                      D) IRCTC
13. Who has got an addition charge of governor of Manipur?
- A) Margaret Alva                              B) V Shanmuganathan  
C) O P Kohli                                      D) Pyush Goyal
14. India has set-up Department of Ayush services in \_?
- A) Dhaka                                      B) Kathmandu  
C) Dubai                                      D) Colombo
15. PSLV-C30 carrying India's Astrosat satellite to be launched on September 28 from 2015 \_\_\_\_\_?
- A) Sriharikota                              B) Gandhinagar  
C) Trombay                                      D) Thiruvananthapuram
16. Which IT firm will help India to set up base free Wi-Fi at 500 railway stations.
- A) Google                                      B) Facebook  
C) Microsoft                                      D) Qualcomm
17. Who has won the IBSF World Billiards Championship 2015
- A) Peter Gilchrist                              B) Jason Day  
C) Pankaj Advani                              D) Somdev Devvarman
18. Which film has crossed a milestone figure of over Rs 300 crore in overseas markets, turning out to be one of Bollywood's biggest success stories internationally?
- A) PK                                      B) Tanu weds Manu  
C) Court                                      D) Bajrangi Bhaijan
19. Who have won the women's double title of Guangzhou Open title?
- A) Sania Mirza and Venus Williams  
B) Sania Mirza and Serena Williams  
C) Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis  
D) None of these
20. Who has been elected as the President of International Tennis Federation (ITF)?
- A) Anil Chopra                                      B) Leander Paes  
C) David Haggerty                                      D) Mahesh Bhupati

## ANSWER

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