

Manipur Legislative Assembly passes ‘Protection of Manipur People Bill, 2015’

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The House also unanimously passed two amendment bills, namely the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2015 and the Manipur Shops and Establishments (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015.

PM Modi released digitally restored recordings of epic ‘Ramcharitmanas’

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Important for Exam: 31 people agreed

Digital recordings of the epic is a part of AIR’s attempt to go digital in a big way so that the public broadcaster can reach audiences globally.

Ethiopia's Mare Dibaba won women's marathon at World Athletics Championships

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Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

Dibaba is the first Ethiopian female to win the lung-sapping event at the world championships.

Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Union Home secretary

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Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

At the time of appointment, Mehrishi was holding the post Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Ministry.

USITC extended anti-dumping duty on Indian preserved mushrooms for 5 years

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Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The extension was done as part of extension of anti-dumping duty orders on preserved mushrooms (mushrooms prepared or preserved by cleaning, blanching, slicing and cutting) from Chile, China, India, and Indonesia.

U Mumba won Pro Kabaddi League 2015

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

It is the second edition of the league. The first edition was won by Jaipur Pink Panthers in 2014.

Fifteenth IAAF World Championships in Athletics concluded in Beijing

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Important for Exam: **37 people agreed**

While Kenya topped the medal table with 16 medals, Jamaica stood second with 12 medals.

Eminent Kannada writer Dr. MM Kalburgi shot dead in Dharwad

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Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

The 77 year old Kannada epigraphist and renowned scholar of vachana literature, Kalburgi was awarded the Sahitya Akademi award (2006) for Marga, a collection of his research articles.

SC stayed Rajasthan HC judgment banning Santhara ritual of Jainism

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Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

Santhara is a voluntary religious practice of facing death at the end of one's life.

Indian women hockey team qualified for Olympics after 36 years

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Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

India's latest participation in Olympics was in 1980 that was held in Moscow, Russia.

National Sports Day celebrated on 29 August

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Important for Exam: **18 people agreed**

On this occasion, President Pranab Mukherjee conferred National Sports and Adventure Awards in New Delhi.

Anil won gold medal in Cadet Wrestling World Championships

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Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

To reach the finals of the competition, earlier, Anil defeated Tumentsogt Bold of Mongolia in the semi-final bout while in quarter-final he defeated Ertugrul Kahveci of Turkey.

Renowned neurologist and author Oliver Wolf Sacks died

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Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Compared to his career as a practitioner of neurology and an academician he was better known as the author of best-selling books on the grey matter like Migraine, Awakenings, The Mind's eye, etc.

Union Government launched SAHAJ scheme for online release of new LPG connections

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Important for Exam: **38 people agreed**

It will allow customers to register for new LPG connections online, as well as make on line payments for the same.

Union Government, SAHAJ, SAHAJ for new LPG connection, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister,

Dharmendra Pradhan,

Rajiv Mangla appointed as CTO of Snapdeal

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Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

As a CTO, Mangla will help the organisation in establishing its technical vision and will lead all aspects of technological development of the company.

Tripura decided to implement National Food Security Act

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Important for Exam: **30 people agreed**

Implementation of the Act will benefit over 25 lakh people from more than six lakh families of the state.

Union Government launched E-Payment Module for Deposit of Compensatory Levies into CAMPA Funds

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Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

This e-payment module will cut delays and bring transparency in the system which is meant for collecting fund from user agencies which diver forest land for non-forest purpose.

Festival Thiru Onam celebrated in Kerala

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Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Thiru Onam (Thiruvonam), celebrated by Keralites without any boundaries of caste or religion, marks birthday of Sri Padmanabham the presiding deity of Thiruvananthapuram.

Kandakatla Manohar appointed as Director of NIMS

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Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

Manohar is a native of Penchikalapeta of Warangal district and is working as the Superintendent of the MGM Hospital in Warangal.

Manipur government handed over 336.93 acres land for National Sports

University

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

The University will introduce B.PEd, MPEd, diploma/certificate courses, physiotherapy, fitness, sports management, sports journalism, etc.

Call To Action Summit 2015 on ending preventable child and maternal

deaths held in New Delhi

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The summit was a prelude to the United Nations Summit for the adoption of post-2015 development agenda that will be held in September 2015 in New York.

Law Commission of India submitted report on Early Childhood Development and Legal Entitlements

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Among other things, the report suggested for inclusion of a new Article 24A in the Constitution to ensure that the child's right to basic care and assistance becomes an enforceable right.

Air India won Guru Tegh Bahadur Hockey title after 7 years

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Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

Air India's goalkeeper Adrian D'Souza got the player of the final award from the tournament's organizers, Mumbai Hockey Association Limited. Army's goalkeeper Najmudeen was declared as the best goalkeeper in the tournament.

Union Government announced names of 98 smart cities

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

The selected cities include 13 cities from Uttar Pradesh, 12 from Tamil Nadu, 10 from Maharashtra, 7 from Madhya Pradesh, 3 each from Bihar and Andhra Pradesh.

Usain Bolt won 200 meter title at 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

It is the second gold for Bolt in the 2015 championships as he also won the 100m event against Justin Gatlin.

Reliance Communications Ltd tied up with Jasper to offer Internet of Things services in India

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

IoT refers to a network of internet connected devices which are embedded with electronic sensors and data transmitting technologies.

NITI Aayog launched second version of India Energy Security Scenarios 2047

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The open source web based tool aims to explore a range of potential future energy scenarios for India, for diverse energy demand and supply sectors leading up to 2047.

AB de Villiers broke Sourav Ganguly's record of fastest 8000 ODI runs

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Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

De Villiers, who went past 8000 runs in just his 182 innings, broke the previous record of record of former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly.

Wealth-X released the list of Top 20 Wealthiest People Under 35

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

As per the report, Facebook co-founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg is the wealthiest individual under the age of 35, with a personal fortune of 41.6 billion US dollars.

Union Cabinet approved signing of agreement between India and Afghanistan

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The agreement will come into force on the 30th day after the exchange of instrument of Ratification.

US designated Aziz Haqqani as global terrorist

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

He was declared as a global terrorist for being involved in planning and carrying out attacks against Afghan government targets.

Tennis Player Novak Djokovic appointed as Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

He also signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the World Bank and the Novak Djokovic Foundation to promote early childhood development.

GSLV-D6 successfully launched GSAT-6 communication satellite

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The launch vehicle introduced 2117 kg GSAT-6, an advanced communication satellite into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).

Serbia, Kosovo agreed to implement 2013 Brussels Agreement

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Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The decision to implement the Brussels Agreement will pave the way for diffusing troubled relations between both countries that are underway since the formation of Kosovo in 2008.

Union Cabinet approved amendments in the Central List of Other Backward Classes

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The Union Cabinet approved the amendments in respect of two States Gujarat and Uttarakhand for making suitable amendments in the Central List of OBCs.

Rajendra Singh conferred with 2015 Stockholm Water Prize

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Patron of the Stockholm Water Prize presented the prize at a Royal Award Ceremony during World Water Week in Swedish Capital Stockholm.

Three Indians named Fellows of American Society for Metals for 2015

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The fellows were selected for their contributions in the field of materials science and engineering.

Union Cabinet approved Amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Bill, 2015

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Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The Government of India has decided to amend the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by introducing the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in the Parliament.

Dilip Vengsarkar elected as president of ACSSI, India's premier cricket Statisticians association

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The association was formed in 1987 to provide one-stop accurate information about Indian domestic, test and limited overs international cricket statistics.

Union Cabinet approved Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in Civil and Commercial matters with Oman

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The agreement facilitates service of judicial orders, summons and other legal and judicial documents or processes among others.

Kolkata Port adjudged as the best 'Major Port of 2014-15'

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock System under Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) together handled 16.834 million tonnes (MT) of traffic during April to June 2015, which stands against 13.698 MT handled during the corresponding period 2014.

Union Cabinet cleared 4 months extension for 7th Pay Commission

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The Sixth Pay Commission was implemented with effect from 1 January 2006, the fifth from 1 January 1996 and the fourth from 1st January 1986.

Girish Sahni assumed charge as Director General of CSIR

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Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

Additionally, Sahni will also serve as Secretary, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Union Ministry of Science & Technology.

Ananth Padmanabhan appointed as CEO of HarperCollins India

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Padmanabhan will have overall responsibility for all divisions of the business and will report to Charlie Redmayne, CEO of HarperCollins UK.

Study titled the Future of Forests: Emissions from Tropical Deforestation, 2016-2050 released

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The study says that in next 35 years, an area of tropical forest equivalent to the size of India will be deforested. It warns that the rate of deforestation will be faster than previously thought.

SAI launched School Sports Promotion Foundation

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The Sports Promotion Foundation aims to reach out to around 100000 secondary and senior secondary schools irrespective of their ownership, economic or social strata they operate in or the board they are affiliated to.

Australia-India Education Council (AIEC) meeting concluded in New Delhi

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Former cricketer Adam Gilchrist was appointed as the Australia-India Education Ambassador.

PayU India tied-up with redBus to attract customers to use its wallet PayU Money

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

This tie-up is expected to increase the wallet customers from the current 5 million users to 20 million by 2015 end.

Rajasthan Government and FCEL inked agreement to launch Annapurna Bhandar Yojana

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Annapurna Bhandars will emerge as malls in rural areas of Rajasthan and in the first phase, the scheme would be operational through five thousand Fair Price Shops.

India, Seychelles signed five Agreements/MoUs to improve bilateral relations

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

They were signed in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Seychelles President James Michel during the latter's visit to India.

RGI released Census 2011 on Population by Religious Communities

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Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

As per the Census 2011, the Total Population in 2011 was 121.09 crores.

BRIDGE programme of Australia extended to include Navodaya Schools

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The Australia-India BRIDGE school partnerships project, which is currently confined to private schools, will connect Australian and Indian schools and focus on building teacher capability.

Fortune released maiden Change the World List

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Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

It listed out the companies that have made significant progress in addressing major social problems as a part of their core business strategy.

Rajasthan Government approved Arogya Rajasthan campaign

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

During this three-month campaign, health data of residents will be collected and compiled. The residents would be issued health cards based on spot diagnoses.

Second Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIIC) Summit held in

Jaipur

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The grouping was conceptualised during Narendra Modi's visit to Fiji in November 2014.

Indian Army inaugurated Jaisalmer War Museum and Laungewala War

Memorial

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

To commemorate Battle of Laungewala, a War Memorial was constructed and inaugurated at the very site where the Pakistani offensive was blunted.

AP Government, Tata Trust signed MoU to develop villages of Vijayawada
parliamentary constituency

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

This is the first of its kind initiative taken up by the Tata Trust for developing all villages in a single parliamentary constituency.

India, Egypt signed two MoUs to deepen bilateral cooperation

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

They were related to cooperation in the fields of tourism and scientific and technical cooperation.

Union Government launched 'Sehat' to provide healthcare facilities in rural
areas

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Under the initiative people will be able to consult doctors through video link and also order generic drugs.

NGT directed civic authorities to impose 20000 rupees fine on polluters of
Hindon River

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Important for Exam: 0 people agreed

It is tributary of Yamuna River and one of the highly polluted rivers in the Ganges Basin as it flows through highly populated and polluted areas of Uttar Pradesh.

Veteran journalist Pranab Kumar Borah passed away

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Borah was associated with the prominent Assamese daily newspapers like Dainik Janambhumi, The Sentinel Group, Doordarshan and Bishmoi.

India, Nepal signed of MoU for construction of Petroleum Products Pipeline

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

The MoU was signed by Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Sunil Bahadur Thapa, Minister of Commerce and Supplies of Nepal.

eBird India Taxonomists reclassified Indian bird species

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Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The taxonomists gave out a list of species that includes all species, subspecies groups, hybrids, intergrades, spuhs, slashes, domestics, and forms.

105-year-old Urdu copy of Ramcharitmanas written by Shiv Brat Lal found

Published on: 25-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The copy carries a prologue of 20 pages and has four hand-drawn photographs, in which one photograph not only carries the pictures of Lord Ram, Sita, Laxman and Hanuman but also of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh.

NITI Aayog decided to set up expert group to draft Model Land Leasing Law

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

It was agreed that the NITI Aayog Vice-Chairperson will appoint a committee of experts to prepare a model land leasing law that the states can adopt to suit their local needs.

India, Australia signed MoU on cooperation in fields of education, training and research

Published on: 25-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The MoU was signed during the meeting of the Australia-India Education Council (AIEC) in New Delhi.

Justice ML Tahaliyani sworn-in as Lokayukta of Maharashtra

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Justice Tahaliyani succeeds Justice (retd.) PB Gaikwad, whose term as Lokayukta ended on 1 July 2014.

Syrian woman Journalist Zaina Erhaim awarded with Peter Mackler Award 2015

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

She will be presented with this award at a ceremony to be held at the National Press Club in Washington in October 2015.

Indian-American Vince Chhabria appointed as a full-time federal judge by Obama

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Along with Chhabria, Obama also elevated 10 other people as the full-time judge in the third largest US state California.

Scientists identified THSD7A gene as primarily responsible for obesity in Indians

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The discovery is of particular importance as scientists will help in drug target, early detection of obesity and treatment.

Union Government released Postal stamp on Ashoka

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Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

Ashoka, born to the Mauryan emperor Bindusara and a relatively lower ranked wife of his, Dharma, was the grandson of Chandragupta Maurya, founder of Mauryan dynasty.

North, South Korea agreed to defuse military tensions along the border

Published on: 25-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 0 people agreed

The tensions between the two countries were triggered by land mining explosions on 4 August 2015 along the South Korean part of the border that injured two South Korean military personnel.

Amol Palekar appointed as Chairman of India's Oscar jury

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

He will head the 17-member jury from 17 September to 24 September 2015 that will select the country's official entry in the best foreign film category of the 88th Academy Awards.

Jains held nationwide protests against ban on Santhara by Rajasthan High

Court

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

It is a religious practice of facing death voluntarily at the end of one's life.

Two Guatemala ministers resigned amidst allegations of import bribery scandal

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Important for Exam: 0 people agreed

Earlier, the vice-president and three other ministers also resigned due to same allegations.

Raipur to host 2015 FIH Hockey World League Final

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The final of the previous edition was also held in India in 2014.

UNFCCC, MSSRF to work for conservation of coastal resources of Andhra Pradesh

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The two organisations will work together for the conservation of coastal resources, with focus on the restoration of the Sorlagondi mangrove forest cover in Krishna district.

DJB commissioned 1st ever Hydro-power plant at Chilla

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Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

The power plant set up at Chilla area of east Delhi will be run through the Hydraulic Turbine propelled by treated effluents coming out of a Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Sri Lankan cricketer Kumar Sangakkara retired from International Cricket

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

He played his last match against India as part of three match test series held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Usain Bolt won 100 meter title at 2015 World Championships in Athletics in

Beijing

Published on: 24-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The defending champion completed the race in 9.79 seconds surpassing his American rival Justin Gatlin who completed the race in 9.80 seconds.

Roger Federer won Cincinnati Masters Men's Singles tennis title for record

seventh time

Published on: 24-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Federer won in all his appearances in the finals held in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2015.

Serena Williams won Cincinnati Masters Women's Singles title for second

time

Published on: 24-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Having won the 2014 title, it is the third appearance in the finals (2013, 2014 and 2015) and the second title win for the American player.

Bandhan Financial Services started operations as Scheduled Commercial

Bank

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Important for Exam: 43 people agreed

Bandhan was a Kolkata based Micro Financial Institution.

Indian Air Force MiG-21 Bison Aircraft crashed in Kashmir, pilot ejected

safely

Published on: 24-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The pilot managed to eject safely from the aircraft. A Court of Inquiry (Col) has been ordered to investigate into the cause of the accident.

Golfer Aditi Ashok became first Indian to win the Ladies British Amateur Golf championship

Published on: 24-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

17-year-old Aditi is not only the first Indian to take the title, but also the youngest-ever winner of the tournament.

Palmyra's temple of Baalshamin destroyed by ISIS militants

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Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

As per the reports, the militant group placed a large quantity of explosives in the temple of Baalshamin and then blew it up. The explosion caused much damage to the temple.

England won 2015 Ashes Test series 3-2

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

End of the series also saw an end to the Test career of Australian Skipper Michael Clarke. He had announced his retirement after Australia's defeat in the fourth test which helped England retain the Ashes.

Infosys launched three new services Aikido

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Important for Exam: 45 people agreed

Aikido services are aimed at helping its clients address three key aspects of their business. The three service offerings are Ki in Knowledge-Based IT, Do in Design Thinking, and Ai in Platforms.

Puducherry CM N Rangasamy launched Free Laptop Scheme

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Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

The scheme envisages to provide free laptops to all students who have passed Plus Two from Government Higher Secondary Schools in the last two academic years that is 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Eminent Sanskrit Scholar and Indologist NR Varhadpande passed away

Published on: 22-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 26 people agreed

Varhadpande was famously known for his book titled Aryan Invasion: A Myth that exposes fallacy of Aryan invasion.

Noted academician Amitabh Mattoo appointed as Advisor to J&K CM Mufti

Mohammad Sayeed

Published on: 22-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Born in Srinagar, Mattoo has been the Chief Executive Officer and inaugural Director of the Australia India Institute and Professor of International Relations at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

Uber Cabs tied-up with Bharti Airtel to set up WiFi hotspots in each of its cabs

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Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

As part of this partnership, Uber riders across India can now pay for their trips using Airtel's mobile wallet service Airtel Money.

Union Government Issued Norms for Selection of CEOs and MDs of Smaller PSU Banks

Published on: 22-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The guidelines were issued after the approval by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) for selection of MDs & CEOs in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) other than five large Public Sector Banks.

Book titled Mrs Funnybones authored by Twinkle Khanna released

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Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

Mrs. Funnybones is about how a modern woman looks at India and how India looks back at her.

Himachal Pradesh Government launched RISHTA project

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Important for Exam: 41 people agreed

In this project, a total of 63484 street lights will be replaced with LEDs in all the Urban Local Bodies to achieve 45 to 55 percent energy savings.

NASA spacecraft LADEE found presence of neon gas in Moon's atmosphere

Published on: 21-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

This is the first time that the availability of the gas in the atmosphere was confirmed. Since Apollo missions, it was always a subject of speculation that the gas is present in the exosphere of the Moon.

Historian Babasaheb Purandare bestowed with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2015

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

He was bestowed this award in literature category by Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao at a function held at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.

Making India Awesome authored by Chetan Bhagat released

Published on: 21-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 34 people agreed

The second non-fiction book by Chetan Bhagat provides inspired solutions to the country's most intractable problems.

Union Government launched web portal Vidya Lakshmi for Students Seeking Educational Loans

Published on: 21-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

It is the first portal of its kind that provides single window for students to access information and make application for educational loans provided by banks as well as for government scholarships.

Ranil Wickremesinghe sworn in as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

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Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

Wickremesinghe had served the country as its Prime Minister of the country on three occasions. He held the post from 1993-94, 2002-2004 and since January 2015.

Union Cabinet approved signing of MoU between India and Australia on education and research

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The MoU will help deepen the existing partnership between India and Australia in higher education and research, including technical and professional education, schools, vocational education.

ASA and Exchange of Information with respect to Taxes between India, Seychelles approved

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The ASA will modernize and update the existing ASA signed on 30 October 1978, and signifies an important landmark in the civil aviation relations between India and Seychelles.

Greek PM Alexis Tsipras resigned and called for snap polls

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Tsipras resigned with an aim to defend the country's massive bailout that saw rebellion within his left-wing Syriza party over the country's new bailout programme.

Ashwani Lohani appointed as CMD of Air India Limited

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Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

He succeeded senior IAS officer Rohit Nandan whose tenure ended on 21 August 2015. He will have a tenure of three years.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulation 2015 promulgation approved

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

This will help the Union territory to generate additional gross revenue and net tax generation that is estimated to be 120 crore rupees and seven crore rupees per annum respectively.

Lahore High Court banned film 'Phantom' from release in Pakistan

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Earlier, films like 'Agent Vinod' and 'Ek Tha Tiger' were also banned from being screened in cinema halls in the country although they are freely available on CDs and DVDs in Pakistan.

R Gandhi panel recommended conversion of UCBs into Regular Banks

Published on: 21-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

The High Powered Committee on Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) under the chairmanship of RBI Deputy Governor R Gandhi was constituted on 30 January 2015.

Bangladesh became first country to receive funds from UN for Solar Home Systems

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

The UN Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) issued 395286 carbon credits worth 3.56 million US Dollar to two Bangladeshi organisations.

Kerala Government inaugurated a 12 MW solar power project at Cochin International Airport

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Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

With this project, Cochin airport became the first airport in India to run on solar power.

YouTube tied-up with Whistling Woods International to set up YouTube Space

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Slated to open in late 2015, the YouTube Space Mumbai facility will allow YouTube creators and students at WWI to learn about video production and collaborate with other creators.

Prasar Bharti, Digital Television Russia inked MoU

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The MoU is aimed at co-producing TV programmes, repackaging and dubbing popular programmes from the both countries.

Uttar Pradesh Minister Chitranjan Swarup passed away

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

He was a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Uttar Pradesh state assembly from Muzaffarnagar constituency.

World Humanitarian Day observed with theme Inspiring the World's Humanity

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Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

2015 theme for the World Humanitarian Day is Inspiring the World's Humanity and appeals everyone to join any of the world's humanitarian organizations and become an active messenger of Humanity.

Pakistan and Russia signed defence agreement that includes the sale of four Mi-35 helicopters

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The Mi-35 helicopter is an exceedingly modernised version of the Mi-24 (Hind) combat helicopter with new onboard equipment and avionics.

Union Government issued final notification demarcating ESZ around Okhla Bird Sanctuary

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The notification was issued via the Gazette of India vide S/o-2262 (E) after the National Board of Wild Life cleared the process of demarcating the ESZ.

Haryana, Maryland agreed to cooperate in biotechnology, life sciences

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The two sides also agreed find out scope for working with companies engaged in the sector of low-cost housing.

Debut Novelist Zia Haider Rahman won the James Tait Black Award 2015

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

Zia Haider Rahman won the award for his debut novel In the Light of What We Know during the 2015 Edinburgh international book festival.

RBI granted 'in-principle' approval to 11 Payment Banks applicants

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Important for Exam: 31 people agreed

RBI's in-principle nod will be valid for a period of 18 months, during which time the applicants have to comply with the requirements under the Guidelines and fulfill the other conditions as may be stipulated by the Reserve bank.

SM Khan-headed team constituted to assess situation in FTII by Union Government

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The three-member team will be headed by the Registrar of Newspapers in India (RNI) SM Khan and comprise two more I&B Ministry officials.

Karnal Singh assigned additional charge of Director of Enforcement Directorate

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Singh, who is currently serving as Special Director in Centre Region of Enforcement Directorate, will replace Rajan S Katoch. Katoch was given three extensions as ED Director.

Olympic champion Sebastian Coe elected as President of IAAF

Published on: 20-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

Coe will take office on 31 August 2015 after the end of the IAAF World Championships of Beijing 2015.

Malayalam actor Paravoor Bharathan died

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Bharathan was known for his versatility in the Film Industry as he had played a variety of roles including negative roles, character roles and comedy roles.

Aditi Chauhan became India's first woman to play in English league football

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 34 people agreed

She made her debut for the women's team of the West Ham United in the opening game of the season against Coventry City.

Himachal to make Sanskrit mandatory in government schools

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Himachal Sanskrit Academy was directed to complete the formalities to take over Tungesh Sanskrit College at Cheog, so that it could be run in a better way.

Kishor Piraji Kharat appointed as MD and CEO of IDBI Bank

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Earlier, he had served Union Bank of India as an Executive Director and before that he had served Bank of Baroda for three decades.

The Kumbh Mela: Mapping the Ephemeral Megacity authored by Tarun

Khanna released by Akhilesh yadav

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The book is a kind of research work of the University, tells the story of the Kumbh Mela, the largest celebration on earth that depends on the positions of Jupiter, the Sun and the Moon.

UNP led UNFGG coalition won the Sri Lanka Parliamentary Elections 2015

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

Wickremesinghe also received the highest ever preferential votes in Sri Lankan history with 550000 people marking their preference for him in his constituency Colombo.

India's First Lady Suvra Mukherjee passed away

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

Suvra was a vocalist of Rabindra Sangeet and was an ardent fan of India's national poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Allahabad HC directed government servants, politicians to send children to government schools

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The Court asked the chief secretary to take steps within six months so as to make the aforesaid directions effective from the next academic session of primary schools.

M-Wallet app SBI Buddy launched

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 29 people agreed

Besides the app Buddy, logo and website of SBI Foundation was also unveiled on the occasion by the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

TPP Nair, SP Misra, Romeo James recommended for 2015 Dhyan Chand

Award

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

In 2014, the award was conferred on Gurmail Singh (Hockey), K.P.Thakkar (Swimming-Diving) and Zeeshan Ali (Tennis).

Bangladesh lifted South Asian Football Federation U-16 title

Published on: 19-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

In the title clash at the Sylhet District Stadium of Bangladesh, the hosts defeated defending champions India 4-2 in penalties.

Telangana Government launched Grama Jyothi Scheme across the state

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 44 people agreed

The scheme is aimed at comprehensive development of rural areas allowing planning and execution of works by villages themselves.

ICICI Bank launched locker facility named Smart Vault

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 33 people agreed

The Smart Vault uses robotic technology to access the lockers from the safe vault and enables customers to conveniently access their lockers at any time of their preference.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited United Arab Emirates

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 42 people agreed

During the visit, he went to the historic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, which is the third largest mosque in the world and can accommodate around 40000 people at a time.

PM Narendra Modi visited Masdar City of Abu Dhabi

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

Masdar City, a zero carbon planned city, relies on solar energy and other renewable energy sources. It is situated 17 km from Abu Dhabi.

Birla Corporation acquired two Indian units of Lafarge Group for 5000 crore rupees

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The transaction will be funded through existing cash reserves and incremental debt and is subject to approvals, including clearance from the Competition Commission of India.

Union Government advanced Budget 2016-17 preparations by over 2 months

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The Ministry said that in consonance with the objective of the government to have wider consultations with various stakeholders as well as to provide more time for planners, it has been decided to start the Budget exercise by middle of August 2015.

India, UAE released Joint Statement to take bilateral relations to a higher level

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The two nations agreed to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism operations, intelligence sharing and capacity building.

Kerala Government signed MoU with Adani Group for development of Vizhinjam Port

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Vizhinjam seaport project is the Kerala government ambitious project which was initiated 25 years ago in 1991 to build a deepest and natural draft port near Kovalam beach in Thiruvananthapuram.

Delhi government announced City Taxi Scheme

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Small size taxis between 600 cc and 749 cc will have a flag-down rate of 25 rupees for the first two kilometres. After two kilometres, passengers will have to pay 10 rupees per kilometer.

Second Round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Paraguay held

Published on: 18-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

They also discussed important regional and multilateral issues including India's ongoing engagement with Community of Latin American Caribbean States (CELAC), MERCOSUR and UN Reforms.

Union Government announced awardees for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2015 and Arjuna Awards 2015

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 173 people agreed

The selection of awardees was based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee headed by Justice VK Bali, former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.

Odisha government approved State Capital Region Improvement of Power System scheme

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The scheme aims to provide 24x7 quality power supply to the people in and around the state capital of Bhubaneswar.

Ajit Kumar Seth appointed as Chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Seth succeeded Atul Chaturvedi, who has completed his tenure. Prior to this appointment, Seth completed his extended tenure of four years at the Cabinet secretariat in June 2015.

Andy Murray won Rogers Cup Masters tournament

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

In the title clash, Murray defeated world number one Novak Djokovic 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. It was Murray's 11th Masters Title.

India, Bangladesh signed MoU to tackle the menace of fake Indian currency

notes

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The MoU was signed during a maiden meeting of the Joint Task Force on Fake Currency Notes (JTFFC) in Dhaka.

Abhishek Verma clinched gold for India at Archery World Cup

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

The Asian Games silver medalist defeated Esmail Ebadi of Iran 148 -145. Earlier in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games, Ebadi defeated Verma 141-145.

Union Government appointed two private sector professionals to head BoB, Canara Bank

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 26 people agreed

This is the first time that private sector professionals were appointed to head the Public Sector Banks (PSBs). Earlier, the heads of PSBs were selected from among the state-run banks or government officers.

Odisha Government approved Fisheries Policy, 2015

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The policy targets total fish production of 7.15 lakh tonnes by the end of 2019-20. At present, the state produces 4.13 lakh tonnes of fish.

Housing.com acquired Bengaluru-based HomeBuy360

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

This deal will help Housing.com to strive for efficiency in the Indian real estate sector. This will help in reduction of property prices eventually benefitting the consumers.

President Pranab Mukherjee approved 67 Gallantry Awards

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

The approved awards include two Kirti Chakras, 10 Shaurya Chakras, one Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 49 Sena Medals (Gallantry), two Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and three Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

PM Narendra Modi launched a new campaign Start-up India, Stand up India

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 56 people agreed

The campaign was launched during the celebrations of 69th Independence Day at Red Fort, Delhi. The initiative is aimed at encouraging entrepreneurship among the youth of India.

Mustansir Barma won 2015 Gujar Mal Modi award for innovative science and technology

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Barma, a distinguished Professor and former Director of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, has made immense contribution in the field of Statistical Physics in India.

World Badminton Championship: Saina became 1st Indian shuttler to win silver medal

Published on: 17-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **36 people agreed**

She lost the women's singles summit clash to Spain's Carolina Marin 16-21, 19-21 in Jakarta.

2015 United States-India Cyber Dialogue held in Washington, DC

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **32 people agreed**

The two sides discussed a range of cyber issues including cyber threats, enhanced cyber security information sharing, cyber incident management, cybersecurity cooperation in the context of 'Make in India'.

India, Slovak Republic signed MoU for technical cooperation in Railway

Sector

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The MoU was signed in New Delhi by Ganga Ram Agarwal, Secretary of Railway Board of India and Zigmund Bertok, Ambassador of Slovak Republic to India.

Indian Men's Hockey team won European series against Spain 2-1

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **20 people agreed**

The India Men Team registered their second win against Spain in the third and last match of the Europe Tour. Spain was outplayed by 4-2 in a match played in Terrassa, Spain.

Om Prakash Munjal, founder of Hero Cycle Limited, passed away

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

Om Prakash had also received various awards including Udyog Rattan Award from Punjab Government, Punjab Ratna award.

RBI notified Interest Subvention Scheme 2015-16 of Union Government for banks

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **28 people agreed**

The central bank in its notification said that interest subvention of 2 percent per annum will be made available to public and private sector banks provided they lend short term credit at the ground level at 7 percent per annum to farmers.

Pahal Scheme acknowledged by Guinness Book of World Records as largest cash transfer program

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **49 people agreed**

The scheme was formally launched as Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme for LPG subsidy in 2013 in 291 districts under the aegis of Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Assam passed Witch Hunting (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2015

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **21 people agreed**

The bill recognises all cases of witch-hunting as non-bailable, cognizable and non-compoundable within the meaning of the Code.

Maharashtra's Dahi Handi granted with the Adventure Sport status

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

From now on, Dahihandi will be played as per the rules and regulations which will be framed by a State-level association. It will not be limited to Janmashtami only.

OP Rawat appointed as Election Commissioner of India

Published on: 14-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **49 people agreed**

With Rawat's appointment, the sole vacancy in the three-member poll body has been filled. Naseem Zaidi and Achal Kumar Joti are the other members of the Election Commission.

China, Pakistan signed deals worth 1.6 billion US dollars to implement CPEC

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **32 people agreed**

Both the countries together also issued the Karamay Manifesto on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a major project under China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Researchers discovered evidence of an ancient lake on Mars

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

The findings of the research titled Late-stage formation of Martian chloride salts through ponding and evaporation were published in journal Geology on 5 August 2015.

Sanjay Jalona appointed as MD and CEO of L&T Infotech

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

Jalona will run L&T Infotech from its New Jersey office in order to add thrust to its profitable growth.

Indian Railways signed 4 MoUs with Union Ministries of Power and New &

Renewable Energy

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The MoUs were signed for Cooperation in areas of electricity transmission, energy conservation and promotion of renewable Energy in a time bound manner.

Sania Mirza became second Tennis player to be recommended for Rajiv

Gandhi Khel Ratna

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 29 people agreed

The first tennis player to be named for the top award was Leander Paes. He was bestowed the honour way back in 1996 after his bronze medal in the Atlanta Olympics.

Libyan PM Abdullah al-Thani resigned hours after peace talks restarted

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

During the talk show Al-Thani faced a bombardment of angry questions from citizens, who blamed him and his government for the lack of basic services such as electricity and security in areas it controls.

Acharya Dev Vrat sworn-in as Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

He replaced Kalyan Singh, who was given the additional charge of Himachal Pradesh Governor on 28 January 2015 after Urmila Singh completed her term as Governor in the state on 25 January 2015.

Forbes released list of 100 Richest People In Technology

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

The list is dominated by American billionaires as just over half of the tech billionaires are from the United States.

Jayant Patel appointed as acting Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

During his three-decade career as advocate, he had appeared for Union Government, Railways and Income Tax department.

Union Government approved 300 crore package to save standing kharif crops from weak monsoon

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The package will help farmers to be better equipped to deal with challenges posed by delayed and aberrant monsoon, as immediate remedial measures to save standing agricultural crops and perennial orchards in rainfall deficient districts will be initiated.

Union Cabinet approved MoU between India, Nepal for construction of petroleum pipeline

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

The MoU will promote bilateral cooperation in the oil and gas sector and secure long term supply of petroleum products to Nepal.

Union Cabinet nod for India, US MoU on cooperation to establish the Pace Setter Fund

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The PSF seeks to support the PEACE track of the US-India Partnership to Advance Clean Energy (PACE).

Sudhakar Shetty elected as President of Gymnastics Federation of India

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

Kandhari, the outgoing president who was in the fray for a third term, could not contest the elections after his nomination was rejected as he didn't filed his address in the nomination form.

Survey started to erect memorial for Dr. Kalam at Rameswaram

Published on: 13-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Dr. Kalam expired on 27 July 2015 at Shillong and was laid to rest at Peikarumbu in Rameswaram on 30 July 2015.

India lost 41 tigers in 7 months: NTCA & Traffic India data

Published on: 12-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

It says that tigers are dying not just from natural causes, but are being shot to death by authorities in case of man-animal conflicts.

Maharashtra Government constituted Cabinet sub-panel to tackle impending drought crisis

Published on: 12-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

At present, Beed, Osmanabad and Latur districts of Maharashtra are facing the worst crisis.

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced marketing of Bio Fuel Blended HSD

Published on: 12-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

It is a path breaking step in India's retail sector for launching Bio-diesel B 5 blend to diesel consumers.

India & World Bank signed agreement of US\$ 308.40 Million for NCRMP-II

Published on: 12-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

The project aims at to reduce vulnerability to cyclone & other hydro-meteorological hazards of coastal communities in Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

Delhi government constituted panel to probe CNG fitness scam

Published on: 12-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The CNG fitness scam surfaced in 2012 when Anti Corruption Bureau found that the Delhi government had lost over 100 crore rupees by awarding the contract to operate and maintain certification of CNG vehicles at the transport authority in Burari to ESP India instead of ESP USA.

Uttar Pradesh Government approved new guidelines for Begum Akhtar Award

Published on: 12-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The award will be annually awarded on singers of ghazal, dadra, and thumri, who are a local resident of the state and should not be less than 40 years of age.

President Pranab Mukherjee presented Saraswati Sammaan to Dr. M Veerappa Moily

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 42 people agreed

In the poem Ramayana Mahaveshanam, Moily tried to explore the Ramarajya or the true principle of the ideal State from a secular and modern point of view in his collection of poems.

Veteran Marathi stage actor Bhalchandra Pendharkar died

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Born on 25 November 1921, at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Pendharkar was affectionately known as Anna. He gained popularity through his play Duritanche Timir Javo.

No unauthorised construction in Taj eco-sensitive zone: NGT to UP

Government

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The NGT bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar directed the state government to conduct physical demarcation of the forest area and the green belt within 500 meters of the Taj Trapezium Zone.

Kochi became first Indian city to join World Tourism Cities Federation

Council

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 47 people agreed

Kochi became the member of the council on ground of its partnerships in culture, sports and tourism.

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

2015 Theme of the day is "Post 2015 Agenda: Ensuring indigenous peoples' health and well-being".

Xiaomi Corp tied up with Foxconn to set up facility in Andhra Pradesh under

Make in India initiative

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

These two Smartphone manufacturers will together roll out Xiaomi's first locally made Smartphone, the Redmi2 Prime to expand Xiomi's market share in India.

Union Ministry for Minority Affairs launched Nai Manzil Scheme in Patna

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

The scheme will address educational and livelihood needs of minority communities in general and muslims in particular as it lags behind other minority communities in terms of educational attainments.

Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched new train services in Northeast

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

This 510 Km Gauge Conversion project costing about 3600 crore rupees was sanctioned in 2002-03. The project suffered delay mainly due to funds constraint in the past.

Google launched its parent company Alphabet Inc

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 32 people agreed

The new parent company was formed as part of Google's new organisational structure which will help the company to keep tremendous focus on the extraordinary opportunities and products.

World Bio-Fuel Day observed globally on 10 August

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

The day is observed every year with an aim to create awareness about non fossil-fuels (Green Fuels).

Telecom Ministry launched mobile app named Disha to promote digital literacy in Bihar

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 31 people agreed

The app aims to help people learn about computers and Internet through self learning modules.

Rajasthan High Court banned Santhara ritual in Jain Community

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

The ritual was banned by the court on a Public Interest Litigation filed by human rights activist Nikhil Soni a decade ago, claiming that the ritual is a social evil and should be considered as a suicide.

Amitabh Bachchan accepted the proposal to be Maharashtra's tiger ambassador

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

To promote eco tourism, especially tiger tourism in Maharashtra, Mungantiwar requested Bachchan to represent the state as its tiger ambassador.

Hockey India suspended Gurbaj Singh for 9 months

Published on: 11-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The decision to suspend Gurbaj was taken after a meeting of Hockey India's disciplinary committee headed by Harbinder Singh with the midfielder and former India coach Jude Felix.

BHEL commissioned 500 MW Thermal Unit at Vindhyachal STPS

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

With the commissioning of this unit, BHEL has now commissioned seven sets of 500 MW each aggregating to 3500 MW, the highest by BHEL in a power project.

Union Government launched School Nursery Yojana to bring students closer to nature

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 30 people agreed

The programme in its first phase would cover 1000 schools and would be extended to 5000 schools in 2016 and 10000 schools the following year.

Raghavendra Gadagkar awarded with Germany's Cross of Order of the Merit

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

He was bestowed with the honour for his contribution in the field of behavioural ecology and sociobiology and for strengthening research corporation between India and Germany.

Deoghar Stampede: At least 11 killed and several injured

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The stampede was triggered when some devotees allegedly tried to run ahead of others, while queue formation for onward journey for darshan.

Ram Nath Kovind appointed as Governor of Bihar

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

He succeeds West Bengal Governor Keshri Nath Tripathi, who was holding additional charge of Bihar.

Param Tyag Chakra Initiative launched to honour families of martyrs

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

For this initiative, the Alumni Association of Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology in association with the management and students launched a web platform aimed at collecting the details of these family members.

Union Government & Delhi Government agreed to prepare blueprint to Clean & Rejuvenate Yamuna River

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The two governments agreed to prepare a blueprint for this purpose during the next 45 days. They also discussed the issues related to beautification of the Yamuna River Front.

Freedom fighter Kayyara Kinhanna Rai passed away

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

He was an author, poet, journalist and Indian independence activist.

Michael Clarke announced retirement from International Cricket

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Clark will play his last Test at the Oval, London, scheduled to be held from 20 August to 24 August 2015.

Suraksha Bandhan drive launched to facilitate enrolment under Social Security Schemes

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

The last date for enrolling under the PMSBY & PMJJBY schemes has been extended till 30 September 2015, and persons enrolling within this period would not be required to submit a certificate of good health for PMJJBY.

Ajeet Kumar Saroj, Varanasi jail inmate awarded with IGNOU gold medal

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Ajeet, who is serving a 10-year imprisonment, was lodged in jail in February 2012. He has pursued four certificate courses from IGNOU before pursuing the Diploma in Tourism Studies.

Foxconn decided to invest 5 billion US dollar in Maharashtra over next five years

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The agreement was signed after Foxconn plant was granted 1500 acres of land at Talegaon in Pune district along the Pune-Mumbai expressway.

Goa Tourism Minister Parulekar conferred with PATWA 2015 award

Published on: 10-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

Parulekar is the first tourism minister of Goa to receive this prestigious award.

Global satellite named 'GlobalSat for DRR' proposed to be named after Abdul Kalam

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 102 people agreed

The satellite to be used for earth observation and disaster risk reduction will be renamed as UN Kalam GlobalSat.

Typhoon Soudelor battered Taiwan leaving four people dead & a trail of devastation

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

After the landfall, the typhoon battered Taiwan with fierce winds (ranging 230km/h (142mph)) and rain leaving four people dead and a trail of devastation.

Accenture appointed Rekha Menon as Chairperson of India's operation

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

Accenture appointed Anindya Basu as Managing Director of Accenture India who will take the charge from 21 August 2015.

BHEL commissioned 500 MW unit of Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Station

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

With this unit, BHEL has now commissioned seven sets of 500 MW each aggregating to 3500 MW at Vindhyachal power station, which is the highest by BHEL in a power project.

Frances Oldham Kelsey, the anti-thalidomide Canadian doctor, died

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

Kelsey was the second woman to be awarded the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service by President John F Kennedy.

Tendong Lho Rum Faat, annual festival of ethnic Lepcha tribe of Sikkim celebrated

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

According to Lepcha belief, their ancestors went atop the Tendong Mountain to escape from 40 days and 40 nights of continuous rain. This festival commemorates that happening.

BCCI announced Ad-Hoc Committee for Cricket Administration in Bihar and Uttarakhand

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The Ad-Hoc Committee for these states will help ensure participation of budding cricketers from these states in the BCCI Associate and Affiliate members tournament.

Tripura Legislative Assembly passed a resolution against death penalty

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

In India, 72 new death sentences were known to have been imposed in 2013 and at least 400 people were believed to be on death row at the end of the year 2013.

India decided to boycott 61st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in Islamabad

Published on: 08-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 28 people agreed

The decision to boycott the 61st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was taken in lieu of Pakistan's unilateral decision to not invite the Speaker of J&K Assembly.

Lok Sabha passed Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015

Published on: 07-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 44 people agreed

The Bill seeks to amend the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. It will have implications for over 18 lakh cheque bounce cases pending in various courts.

Hollywood Actor George Cole passed away

Published on: 07-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Cole attributed his success to his mentor, the actor Alastair Sim, who guided his early career and was a lifelong influence.

Egypt unveiled New Suez Canal expansion

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

This new waterway is expected to boost the traffic. The project got completed in one year span with an estimated cost of 8 billion US dollars.

August Edition of FIFA World Rankings released

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Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

Argentina is followed by Belgium at No 2 (moved up 1) and the World Cup winner Germany at No 3 position (moved down 1). India with 161 points retained its 156th position in FIFA World rankings.

Snapdeal tied-up with department store chain Shoppers Stop Ltd

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

With this partnership, customers ordering from Shoppers Stop brand store on Snapdeal can now pick up the ordered products or get them delivered from the nearest Shoppers Stop store.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated first National Handloom Day

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Important for Exam: 37 people agreed

He also gave away the Sant Kabir Awards and National Awards for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 to distinguished handloom personalities.

RBI relaxed Branch Authorisation Policy to allow banks to merge or close branches in urban areas

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Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

The banks should ensure that they continue to fulfill the role entrusted to these branches under the government sponsored programmes and Direct Benefit Transfer Schemes.

70th Hiroshima Day observed to commemorate dropping of Atomic bomb on Hiroshima

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Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

On the 70th anniversary of the day, names of survivors of the explosion named as the hibakusha, who died in the previous 12 months, was added to the peace park's cenotaph.

Indian-American Atul Keshap appointed as the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives

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Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

He is currently working as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in South and Central Asian Affairs Bureau of State Department.

SBI Life Insurance launched Smart Humsafar Plan

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Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

The plan complements the couple's efforts to achieve prosperity along with protection to fulfill their dream of leading a better life.

48th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meet held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Important for Exam: 37 people agreed

The meet was held under the theme "Our People, Our Community, Our Vision", to create an ASEAN Community which is truly people-oriented, people-centred comprising all areas of cooperation.

Southern states to set up Inter-State Coordination Council to resolve forest-related issues

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

A regional wildlife crime control bureau will be established in the line of the national wildlife crime control bureau.

India and Myanmar inked agreement to set up CESDT in Myanmar

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Important for Exam: 33 people agreed

The agreement was signed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the visit of Minister of State for External Affairs of India Gen (Retd) VK Singh. Singh was in Malaysia to attend the ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Amitava Ghosh appointed as Vice President-engineering of Snapdeal

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Prior to this appointment, he was the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at TaxiForSure.

Delhi Government reconstituted Urdu Academy

Published on: 07-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Dr. Majid Deobandi, a very well known and popular figure in the Urdu Circle, was appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of the Urdu Academy.

Fashion designer Arnold Scaasi passed away

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Scaasi was known for bringing the techniques of the French couture to prominent American women.

Lok Sabha passed Delhi High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2015

Published on: 06-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

The Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 17 February 2014 and was passed by Rajya Sabha on 6 May 2015. The Bill amends the Delhi High Court Act, 1966.

World War-II hero Colonel Harwant Singh passed away

Published on: 06-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

He was officer-in-charge of the flag hoisting ceremony on the first Independence Day of India in 1947.

Bharti Airtel launched 4G services in 296 towns across India

Published on: 06-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

With this the largest telecom company of India became the first company to roll out the pan-India 4G network which is built on an open partner ecosystem model

Hindi litterateur Kashinath Singh chosen for Bharat Bharti literary award

2014

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Important for Exam: **16 people agreed**

Singh has penned many novels and short stories. One of his most famous novel is Kashi ka Assi, which captures the vibrant hues of Banaras.

Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope being constructed in

China

Published on: 04-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **20 people agreed**

The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) is an Aricibo-type telescope. It is funded by the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

ITBP climbing & ski down expedition to Saser Kangri-III peak in Ladakh

flagged off

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Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

For the first time the Saser Kangri-III peak was successfully submitted by 6 Mountaineers of ITBP led by SP Chamoli, Commandant in 1986.

Union Government signed historic peace accord with NSCN (I-M)

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Important for Exam: **41 people agreed**

The signing of the pact is the end of over 80 rounds of negotiations that spanned 16 years with first breakthrough in 1997 when ceasefire agreement was sealed.

Delhi Police launched Operation Shishtachar to teach lesson to eve-teasers

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Important for Exam: **16 people agreed**

The operation Shishtachar aims at nabbing offender and teach lesson of manner to them.

193 UN members reached agreement on sustainable development agenda

Published on: 04-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **19 people agreed**

With this agreement, the document called "Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" will be adopted at a UN summit to be held in September 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Afghanistan banned mourning ceremonies for deceased Taliban leader Omar

Published on: 04-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The intelligence agency of the government of Afghanistan warned that any gatherings condoling Mullah Omar's death would be a "legitimate target" for Afghan forces.

Dipa Karmakar won bronze medal at 6th Senior ART Gymnastics Asian

Championships

Published on: 04-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

Dipa, who won a bronze in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, stood third at the podium with 14.725 points.

Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children 2015 came into effect

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The new Guidelines are intend to provide for more effective regulation for adoption of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children and would bring more transparency and efficiency in the adoption system.

NASA enhanced collision-avoidance system to avoid traffic jams between satellites orbiting Mars

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

The step was taken after addition of two new spacecraft, namely NASA's MAVEN and India's Mangalyaan, to orbit the Mars has gone up to five.

India to produce at least dozen billionaires among start-ups by 2020:

ASSOCHAM

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The paper said that India will be among the top among the Asian start-ups along with the Chinese and the South East countries.

Aadi Perukku festival celebrated with traditional gaiety in Tamil Nadu

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Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Aadiperukku is a Hindu Tamil festival celebrated on the 18th day of the Tamil month of Aadi (mid-July to mid-August) in gratitude to water bodies especially Cauvery River.

India foiled UK's Pangaea Laboratories bid to patent use of turmeric, pine bark and tea

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

Earlier, CSIR-TKDL also foiled an attempt of Colgate-Palmolive Company to patent a mouthwash formula containing herb (Nutmeg- Jayaphal) extract used in Indian traditional systems.

Tiju Thomas initiative emerged as UAE's first and biggest donor registry

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

The initiative that had a soft launch on World Blood Donor Day on 14 June 2015 and was formally launched on 21 June 2015 on International Yoga Day.

MCA lifted 3-year old Wankhede Stadium entry ban on Shah Rukh Khan

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

The Association imposed the ban following a 2012 fracas involving the Kolkata Knight Rider's co-owner and security personnel during an IPL match.

Copenhagen Archery Championships: Indian women's recurve team clinched silver medal

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

In the Summit clash, the Indian trio lost the World Championship final to top seeded Russians 4-5 to settle for the silver at the Christiansborg Palace.

Victorian Open WSA: Joshna Chinappa won squash title

Published on: 03-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: **26 people agreed**

This was tenth WSA title for 28-year-old Joshna, the last being the Richmond Open title win in April 2014.

First National Handloom Day to be observed on 7 August 2015

Published on: 01-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 60 people agreed

On this occasion a new **India Handloom** brand for better market positioning of quality handloom products would be launched.

Tamil Nadu government instituted youth award in name of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

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Important for Exam: 68 people agreed

Tamil Nadu government also announced that Dr Kalam's birthday on October 15th would be celebrated as the Youth Revival Day.

Union Government released the Census data on Highest Educational Level Attained

Published on: 01-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The improvements at higher educational levels along with decline in percentage share at below-Primary and Primary level are indication of educational advancement in the country during the decade 2001-11.

Sri Lankan government decided to renovate temples destroyed in Nepal quake

Published on: 01-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

It will undertake the repair of Buddhist temple in Swayambhunath and Hindu temple of Rato Machindranath in Lalitpur.

1974 Land Border Agreement between India and Bangladesh came into effect

Published on: 01-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 81 people agreed

The transfer helped about 50000 people to get citizenship of either country, bringing them access to all legal rights and civic amenities.

14-year-old Lucknow boy Prabhroop Sekhon won 2 Gold at Special Olympics World Games

Published on: 01-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 34 people agreed

Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 is the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games.

Maharashtra government announced construction of 800-km Nagpur-Mumbai expressway

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Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The Nagpur-Amravati-Aurangabad-Ghoti-Mumbai expressway, also called Communication Super-expressway, would be build at the cost of 30000 crore rupees.

Union Government formulated Draft Rules for Mass Emission Standards for Bio-diesel fuelled vehicles

Published on: 01-AUG-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The Draft rules further seek to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and these Rules may be called Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2015.