

## Beijing chosen to host 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics

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Important for Exam: 95 people agreed

With this, Beijing became the first city to host both the Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics. It hosted Summer Olympics in 2008.

## Punjab Government to create Beas Belt near Harike Patan as habitat for

### Gharials

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Important for Exam: 33 people agreed

The gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*), also known as the gavial, and the fish-eating crocodile, is a crocodylian of the family Gavialidae, native to the Indian Subcontinent.

## World Day Against Trafficking in Persons observed across the world

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Important for Exam: 30 people agreed

According to UNODC's biennial Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, at least 152 countries of origin and 124 countries of destination are affected by trafficking in persons.

## Microsoft launched Windows 10 operating system

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Important for Exam: 28 people agreed

This operating system will be available for free to Windows 7 and 8.1 users who reserved the copy.

This upgrade will be available for free for one year.

## SC upheld the commutation of death sentence of convicts in Rajiv Gandhi

### assassination case

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The decision was made on the curative plea against the dismissal of the 11-year delay in deciding on their mercy petitions.

## RBI decided to issue 10 rupees coins to commemorate International Day of

### Yoga

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Important for Exam: 75 people agreed

The reverse of the coin bears the logo of "International Day of Yoga", with inscription "सामंजस्य एवं शान्ति के लिए योग" in Devnagri Script and "YOGA FOR HARMONY AND PEACE" around the logo and design.

## SALt, a lamp that runs eight hours on water and salt, developed

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Important for Exam: 47 people agreed

The battery will work for eight hours a day for six months, which is a considerable upgrade from the constant refills required by paraffin lantern, the developers said.

## Kotak launched mobile banking app named Kotak Bharat

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Important for Exam: **21 people agreed**

At present, the application is available in Hindi and English language, but by end of August 2015 it will have other languages like Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil and Kannada.

### Film Talwar to be premiered at Toronto International Film Festival

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Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

Talwar written by Vishal Bhardwaj revolves around the sensational murder of 14-year-old Aarushi Talwar and 45-year-old Hemraj Banjade, a domestic help in Noida, India.

### Cyclone Komen formed over Bay of Bengal

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Important for Exam: **37 people agreed**

The MeT department has forecasted heavy to very heavy rains with isolated extremely heavy rains in Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha of India.

### Union Cabinet approved setting up of National Investment and Infrastructure

#### Fund

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Important for Exam: **19 people agreed**

The fund will have an initial corpus of 20000 crore rupees which can be leveraged by infrastructure companies and was proposed by the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his Budget 2015-16

### Nepal banned animal Sacrifice at Gadhimai Festival

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Important for Exam: **18 people agreed**

The temple authorities have announced the end of the centuries-old Hindu tradition of slaughter that attracts hundreds of thousands of worshippers.

### 'Visaarnai' became first Tamil film to enter Venice film festival

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Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Visaaranai is second film produced by Dhanush that will get international recognition after the critically acclaimed Kaaka Mutta.

### India to become most populous nation by 2022: UN World Population

#### Prospects

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Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

The world population reached 7.3 billion as of mid- 2015, implying that the world has added approximately one billion people in the span of the last twelve years.

### CCI imposed penalty upon three Film & TV association of Karnataka

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Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

Considering the recurring violation of the provisions of the Act, KFCC, KTVA and KFPA were imposed a penalty of 1682204 rupees, 174293 rupees and 168124 rupees, respectively.

### e-Tourist Visa scheme extended to China, Hong Kong and Macau

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Important for Exam: 40 people agreed

With the inclusion of these countries/territories, the total number of countries/territories covered under the e-Tourist Visa scheme will go up from 74 to 77.

### Union Cabinet approved Rajya Sabha panel's amendments on GST Bill, 2014

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

The amendments include compensation to the states for 5 years instead of up to 5 years for any revenue loss due to introduction of GST.

### UNSC failed to adopt proposal to create tribunal on crash of Malaysian

#### Airlines flight MH17

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Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The resolution sought to establish an international tribunal to prosecute persons responsible for the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, which crashed on 17 July 2014 in Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine.

### Yakub Memon executed as SC rejected his fresh plea in pre-dawn hearing

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Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

The State Government of Maharashtra has decided to hand over his body to his relatives, after completion of formalities.

### SEBI cancelled Certificate of Registration of Sahara Mutual Fund

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Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

Sahara has been asked to make efforts to transfer its activities to a new Sponsor and a SEBI approved Asset Management Company at the earliest.

### Hockey India appointed Roelant Oltmans as coach of Men's national team

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The 69-year old Dutchman will be at the helm of affairs at least till 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro

### Eminent vocalist Vasundhara Komkali died

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

She received training in Indian classical music by Pt. Kumar Gandharva (her husband) and Dr. BR Deodhar.

### Clive Rice, first post-apartheid captain of South Africa Cricket team, passed away

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

He represented South Africa for the first time in Kolkata on 10 November 1991 as captain and last time in New Delhi four days later.

### International Tiger Day observed across the world

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Important for Exam: **73 people agreed**

Among the 13 tiger-range countries, India with 2226 has the highest number of tiger population. India is followed by Malaysia with 500 tigers.

### Dr. Suniti Solomon, pioneering Indian HIV/AIDS researcher, passed away

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Important for Exam: **20 people agreed**

She was the first person in India who documented the nation's first HIV/AIDS case in 1986 and later set up Y R Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRG CARE)

### Court of Arbitration for Sports allowed Indian athlete Dutee Chand to compete in women's event

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Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

She became eligible with CAS suspending the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) regulation on naturally-occurring Hyperandrogenism.

### Ramon Magsaysay Awardees for the year 2015 announced; Two Indians among the awardees

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Important for Exam: **99 people agreed**

Among the five awardees who will be conferred with the so-called Asia's Nobel Prize, there are two Indians, namely Sanjiv Chaturvedi and Anshu Gupta.

### World Hepatitis Day observed with theme 'Prevent hepatitis. Act now'

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Important for Exam: **29 people agreed**

The observance of the day in 2015 focuses particularly on Hepatitis B and C. These two combined cause approximately 80 percent of all liver cancer deaths and kill close to 1.4 million people every year.

### Justice Mahajan Committee constituted for Re-drafting National Sports

#### Development Code of India

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Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

NSDCI was drafted in 2011 by amalgamating all the orders/notifications/instructions/circulars issued till 2001 with necessary modifications and it came into force with immediate effect from 31 January 2011.

### India signed Loan Agreement of \$300 Million with ADB for National Urban Health Mission

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Important for Exam: **25 people agreed**

The NUHM as a sub-mission of National Health Mission (NHM) was approved by the Union Cabinet on 1 May 2013 to improve the health status of the country's urban population.

## General Council approved Kazakhstan's membership terms to join WTO as 162nd member

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Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

In order to formally become the member of WTO, Kazakhstan Parliament now has to ratify the deal by 31 October 2015. It will become a member 30 days after it notifies the ratification.

## CCI imposed a penalty of 420 crore rupees on Hyundai

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Hyundai is one the three car companies, the other two being Reva and Premier, which were found to be guilty of involving in anti-competitive practices in contravention of the Competition Act, 2002.

## Bharti Realty tied-up with Eros Group to develop housing project

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The Bharti Group has presence in telecom, agri-business, financial services, retail and real estate among others.

## Bangladesh part of Sundarbans witnessed rapid decline in tiger population between 2004 and 2015

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Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

Royal Bengal tigers live mainly in India with smaller populations in Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, China and Myanmar. Out of 2226 Bengal tigers found in India, 74 live in Indian side of Sunderbans.

## Swati Maliwal took charge as Chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Maliwal had taken charge as the DCW's Chief on 20 July 2015 itself, but her appointment was struck down by the Lt Governor Najeeb Jung at that time.

## Ashish Bahuguna appointed as Chairman of food safety regulator FSSAI

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

His tenure will be three years and he succeeded K Chandramouli whose tenure ended in January 2015. Since then the position was lying vacant and the Health Secretary Bhanu Pratap Sharma was given the interim charge of chairman of FSSAI.

## Noted Physicist P Hariharan passed away

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Hariharan had contributed in various researches including in the design of a new 3-beam interferometer, first practical radial-shear interferometer and double passed Fabry-Perot interferometer.

## Rajesh Exports acquired Switzerland-based world's largest gold refinery Valcambi

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Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

It acquired European Gold Refineries, the 100 per cent holding company of Valcambi through its fully-owned subsidiary in Singapore in all cash deal of 400 million US dollars

### Nepal's political parties agreed to remove word 'Secularism' from the Constitution

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Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

Nepal was declared a secular country in 2007 that had ended Nepal's century-old identity as the world's only Hindu kingdom.

### Ram Sevak Sharma appointed as Chairman of TRAI

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Important for Exam: **26 people agreed**

Ram Sevak Sharma is an IAS officer of 1978 batch, Jharkhand Cadre.

### Terrorist attacked Dinanagar town of Gurdaspur in Punjab killing seven people

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Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

The terrorist attack was the first such attack in Punjab in two decades or since the end of Khalistani terrorism in 1980s.

### Santasilan Kadirgamar, the veteran Sri Lankan historian, passed away

Published on: 28-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **1 people agreed**

He was among those who were instrumental in setting up the Movement for Inter-Racial Justice and Equality (MIRJE - Jaffna)

### CSC and HCL formed Joint Venture to provide technology services solutions to banks

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Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The joint venture will invest in platform modernization and product functionality enhancement and will capitalize on the proven capabilities of both companies.

### Former Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam passed away

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Important for Exam: **114 people agreed**

Considered as the People's President, Dr Kalam became the 11th President of the country and occupied the post between 2002 and 2007 during the NDA government headed Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

### Mexico defeated Jamaica to win CONCACAF Gold Cup Football tournament

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Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

Andred Guardado, the captain of Mexican team, was voted top player of the tournament for scoring 4 goals in the tournament.

## Union Government sanctioned 1000 crore rupees for Indo-Bangla Rail Link

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Important for Exam: 67 people agreed

Out of 15.06 km length connecting Agartala with Akhaura railway junction in Bangladesh, 3.7 km would comprise of elevated corridor.

## World's largest flower Amorphophallus Titanum bloomed at Jindai Botanical Gardens in Tokyo

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Important for Exam: 40 people agreed

It is commonly called the corpse flower because it smells like rotting meat that helps attract pollinators such as beetles and flies.

## Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany won Hungarain Formula One

### Grand Prix

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

In the constructors standing, Mercedes leads the board with 383 points followed by Ferrari and Williams at second and third position respectively.

## Delhi HC allowed Red FM to participate in Stage-III of FM auctions

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Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The court also quashed the Union Government's decision of 15 July 2015 wherein Red FM was denied security clearance due to its association with Sun TV promoted by Kalanithi Maran.

## Gujarat HC constituted panel to ensure amenities to labourers at Alang ship-breaking yard

Published on: 27-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The panel will be directed to examine the aspect of starting of the hospital at the earliest by Maritime Board itself or through Employee's State Insurance Corporation.

## EU banned marketing of around 700 generic medicines of GVK Biosciences

Published on: 27-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

This is the largest suspension imposed on the sales and distribution of generic drugs and it will come into effect from 21 August 2015.

## Team Sky cyclist Chris Froome of Britain won 102nd Tour de France

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

With this, Froome became the first Briton to win the Tour de France for the second time.

## PR Chari, the nuclear disarmament advocate, died

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

He was a former IAS officer who served two terms in the Defence Ministry and was also a former Director of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Analysis (IDSA) from 1975 to 1980.

### Veteran Congress leader Bijoy Krishna Handique passed away

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Handique was first elected to Assam Legislative Assembly in 1972, he then became a member of All India Congress Committee in 1973.

### 16th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas observed across the country

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

The Kargil war was also called Operation Vijay, which was the name of the Indian operation that cleared the Kargil sector, which is situated 205 kilometer from Srinagar in J&K.

### Former Bihar Governor Ramkrishna Suryabhan Gavai passed away

Published on: 27-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

It was to Gavai's credit that the Deekshabhoomi turned into a world class memorial to Ambedkar and his historic conversion to Buddhism.

### PM Narendra Modi launched Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana in

#### Patna

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Important for Exam: 63 people agreed

The Scheme has an outlay of 76000 crore rupees for implementation of the projects under which Union Government shall provide Grant of 63000 crore rupees.

### Helena Ndume, Jorge Sampaio awarded with first-ever Nelson Rolihlahla

#### Mandela Prize

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Important for Exam: 45 people agreed

The award ceremony was a part of the annual commemoration of Nelson Mandela International Day, which is observed on 18 July every year.

### Union Government constituted All India Council of Sports

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Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

The advice rendered by the council will be duly considered by the government, but it will not be binding and obligatory on the government.

### Ramachandra Guha chosen for Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize 2015

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Important for Exam: 49 people agreed

The prize will be conferred upon him on 17 September 2015 in Fukuoka International Congress Center in Japan, following which the awardees will be deliberating lectures at high-schools and universities across the city.

### Ajay Mathur appointed as Director-General of TERI

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Important for Exam: 57 people agreed



Currently, Mathur is working as the Director General of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) of the Union Government.

### WTO members sealed a deal to cut tariffs on \$1 trillion worth IT products

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

The deal was agreed as part of need to update the 18-year old Information Technology Agreement (ITA) as it has become redundant. The ITA was finalised in 1997.

### Earth-like exoplanet Kepler 452b discovered

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Important for Exam: 61 people agreed

In addition to Kepler 452b, the Kepler Mission also discovered 11 yet-to-be-confirmed candidate planets that appear to be small, rocky and potentially suitable for life.

### FSSAI proposed Draft on regulating sale of Health Supplements and

#### Nutraceuticals

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

There is need for safety norms as about 60-70 per cent supplements in the nutraceuticals market, which has potential to grow to 12.2 billion US dollars in the next five years, is fake.

### Reliance Group, Augur Overseas Operation signed MoU to manufacture

#### Aerostats and Airships

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

As per the MoU, both the parties will collaborate on new technologies for the civil and military market as part of the Make in India initiative of Union Government.

### Forbes Asia's Fabulous 50 List of the year 2015 released

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 34 people agreed

The companies from China dominate this year's list that depicts the region's best big publicly traded companies.

### Mosquirix, world's first malaria vaccine, approved by European Medicines

#### Agency

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 36 people agreed

The vaccine was approved on basis of trail data released showing reduction in episodes of malaria in babies aged 6-12 weeks by 27 percent, and by around 46 percent in children aged 5-17 months.

### No citizen or institution has a fundamental right to affiliation or recognition:

#### SC

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The 1993 judicial case says that citizen of India may have a right to establish an educational institution but no citizen, person or institution has a right, much less of fundamental right, to affiliation or recognition.

### Shubham Jaglan won IJGA World Stars of Junior Golf event 2015

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Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

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### Haryanavi film 'Pagdi: The Honour' made tax free in Haryana

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

Pagdi: The Honour is the first Haryanvi film which has won two national awards, namely best Haryanavi film and best supporting actor (female) award at the 62nd National Film Awards.

### SC allowed States to release life convicts; Rajiv Gandhi assassination case

#### kept out of purview

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

This power will not apply to cases probed by central agencies like CBI and for those incarcerated under central laws such as Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA).

### Peter Higgs received Royal Society's Copley Medal, the world's oldest

#### scientific prize

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

Higgs received the Copley Medal for his fundamental contribution to particle physics with his theory explaining the Higgs Boson, which was confirmed by the experiments at the Large Hadron Collider in 2012.

### Lupin acquired US generics company GAVIS Pharmaceuticals LLC

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The deal is cash-free and debt-free and it will be funded by a bridge loan, with 10 crore rupees from existing cash reserves deployed for it.

### Maharashtra cabinet approved scheme for development of villages around

#### Tiger reserves

Published on: 24-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

The scheme proposed by Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar aims at creation of comprehensive development of villages in the buffer zones of tiger reserves and around them.

### First All Women Trans Continental road expedition from Delhi to London

#### flagged off

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Important for Exam: 31 people agreed

The three women participating in the expedition will reach United Kingdom in 55 days via Myanmar, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium and France.

### Union I&B Ministry approved ENIL proposal to purchase TV Today Network's Oye FM

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The purchase will be subjected to the fulfilment of conditions specified by I&B Ministry that is execution of relevant documents with TVTN and completion of all other relevant formalities.

### Indian-American Amitoj Chhabra won Junior Title at US Powerlifting Championships 2015

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Chhabra squatted 485 pounds, bench pressed 325 and dead-lifted 573. He has added 100 pounds to his dead-lift in the 2014 championship.

### Longtime cartoonist Tom Moore died

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Moore began drawing cartoons while serving in the US Navy during the Korean War.

### India ranked 12th in terms of power generation from nuclear source

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Important for Exam: 41 people agreed

India is positioned at 7th position with 21 reactors, while total capacity wise it was placed at 12th position with generation of 5308 MWe.

### 61st edition of Fortune 500 list released; 7 Indian companies in the list

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 38 people agreed

The list has been topped by retail giant Walmart and is followed by petroleum refining giants Exxon Mobil and Chevron at 2nd and 3rd place.

### National Broadcasting Day observed across the country

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

Broadcasting in India began in July 1923 with programmes by the Radio Club of Mumbai. According to an agreement of 23 July 1927, the Indian Broadcasting Company started broadcasting from Bombay station.

### R.D. Burman: The Prince of Music written by Khagesh Dev Burman

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The author through the book has tried to look into life of R.D. Burman and reveals the fact about number of songs and tunes of Burman.

### Book titled Ghosts of Calcutta authored by Sebastian Ortiz released

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The book not only tells about the Ghosts of Calcutta but also about other characters like friends, associates, passer-bys, who were around him.

### Conakry named as World Book Capital for 2017 by UNESCO

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Important for Exam: 69 people agreed

With this, Conakry becomes the 17th city to be designated as World Book Capital.

### Glenmark launched affordable Type 2 diabetes drug Teneligliptin

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Teneligliptin introduced under the brand names **Ziten** and **Zita Plusis** effective in suppressing glucagon release and increasing insulin to subsequently lower blood glucose levels.

### BEE signed agreement with RECPDCL for Partial Risk Guarantee Fund for

#### Energy Efficiency

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

PRGFEE, an innovative financing mechanism under Framework for Energy Efficient Economic Development (FEEED), is one of initiatives under National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency.

### French film The Big Day to showcase Anand Kumar's Super 30

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Super 30 of Anand Kumar came in news because of a 90-minute film, The Big Day, made by famous French director Pascal Plisson.

### China returned passport to dissident artist Ai Weiwei

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

World renowned artist Weiwei is mostly remembered for his famous British installations Sunflower Seeds at Tate Modern in 2010.

### Soyuz rocket with 3 astronauts launched towards ISS

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The spacecraft blasted off on schedule from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in the barren Kazakh steppe, carrying cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko, NASA astronaut Kjell Lindgren and Kimiya Yui of Japan.

### 36th annual American Book Awards announced

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The awards are presented by the Before Columbus Foundation, a non-profit educational and service organisation.

### CCEA extended CCTNS deadline to March 2017

Published on: 23-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

CCTNS will integrate all the data and records of crime into a Core Application Software (CAS), which is presently spreading across 29 states and 7 union territories of India

### NDRI scientists developed technique to decrease cholesterol level in Ghee

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **35 people agreed**

Use of this technique will help to reduce the level of cholesterol in Ghee up to 85 to 90 percent. It also does not affect the taste and quality of the ghee.

### Committee to draft bill for protection of indigenous people of Manipur

#### constituted

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The committee will be chaired by State Law Minister Thoudam Debendra Singh and other members include Bijoy Singh, N Biren and RK Anand.

### SC rejected curative petition of Mumbai serial bomb blasts convict Yakub

#### Memon

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

It came into news after Mumbai serial bomb blasts convict Yakub Memon's Curative Petition was rejected by the SC bench headed by Chief Justice HL Dattu on 21 July 2015.

### SC rejected Union Government's review plea seeking OBC status for Jats

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

SC in its verdict scrapped the March 2014 notification to include Jats in the central list of the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category in nine states.

### Union Government extended Interest Subvention Scheme to banks

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **34 people agreed**

Cabinet also approved a Central Agricultural University at Samastipur and revival of Banana Research Centre at Goraul in Vaishali, Bihar.

### Ananth Narayanan appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Myntra

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Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

With the appointment of Narayanan, Bansal will assume the role of Chairman of Board of Myntra and will contribute to Myntra's vision, strategy and overall direction.

### New fish species named Puntius Dolichopterus discovered in Kerala

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

The fish has received Zoo bank register number from International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature, the official body approving the new names of animals.

### Hisao Tanaka resigned as CEO and President of Toshiba

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Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

He will be succeeded by Masashi Muromachi, who is presently the Chairman of Toshiba.

### India and Singapore signed agreement to enhance maritime cooperation

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Important for Exam: **34 people agreed**

The agreement was signed during the visit of Navy chief Admiral R K Dhowan to Singapore.

### Union Government launched Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **38 people agreed**

The initiative complements the widely popular multi-media campaign Jago Grahak Jago which empowers the consumers of its rights and demands.

### BCCI announced venues for ICC World Twenty20; Kolkata's Eden Gardens to host final

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Important for Exam: **25 people agreed**

BCCI also constituted a tournament managing committee with President Jagmohan Dalmiya as its chairman.

### Noted Hollywood actor Olaf Pooley passed away

Published on: 22-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

Pooley was most famous for his role as villainous scientist Professor Stahlman in Doctor Who show, which he starred in during the 1970s.

### Union Government launched National Career Counselling portal

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **37 people agreed**

The portal aims to bring on board around 20 million job seekers already registered with employment exchanges across India. It also aspires to bring 900000 establishments and companies on the portal.

### Japanese Cabinet approved Defence White Paper 2015

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

In the White Paper 2015, the cabinet described the security situation surrounding Japan as increasingly tough. The defence white paper for 2015 examines a range of global threats.

### Maurice Obstfeld appointed as Chief Economist of IMF

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **34 people agreed**

Obstfeld will succeed outgoing IMF economist Olivier Blanchard.

### Workshop held to discuss Pam Rajput Committee's recommendation on

#### Status of Women

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Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

The workshop discussed the recommendations under four groups including Women and Economy; Women and Social Empowerment; Women, Media and Information Technology; Women and Law and lastly, Institutional Mechanism and Governance.

### Telugu cartoonist Pamarthy Shankar won Grand Prix World Press Cartoon

#### 2014 Award

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

He was presented the award at Cascais in Portugal by World Press Cartoon Director Antonio Antunes.

### Benoy Behl won the Best Documentary Producer award at Madrid

#### International Film Festival

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Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

He was awarded for producing and directing a documentary film titled Indian Roots of Tibetan Buddhism.

### UNSC adopted resolution endorsing Iran nuclear deal

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The agreement with Iran was reached in 14 July 2015 in Vienna, in which Iran reaffirmed that it will under no circumstances ever seek, develop or acquire any nuclear weapons.

### Bhanu Pratap Sharma appointed as Chairperson of FSSAI

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

Sharma was given this additional charge of FSSAI for three months or till the appointment of a regular incumbent.

### Indian Railways and Odisha Government signed MoU for Dasapla-Bolangir

#### Railway Line

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Khurda Road-Bolangir (289 km), new broad gauge line project, was taken up by Indian Railways at an anticipated cost of 3050 crore rupees.

### BCCI constituted IPL working group to study Lodha committee verdict

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The four member group includes IPL chairman Rajiv Shukla, BCCI secretary Anurag Thakur, BCCI treasurer Anirudh Choudhury and former India captain Sourav Ganguly.

### Indigenous Visibility Measuring System, DRISHTI, installed at IGI Airport

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The system will be used for reporting the runway visual range, which is a critical parameter for safe landing and take-off of aircraft in poor visibility conditions (<25 to >2000 meters).

### Pankaj Munjal appointed as CMD of Hero Motors Group

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Pankaj Munjal joined the Hero group in 1988 as a trainee and was appointed as its Co-Chairman and Managing Director in December 2011.

### India's 1st indigenously designed and developed High Thrust cryogenic rocket engine tested

Published on: 21-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

The engine will be used for powering the Cryogenic stage (C25), the upper stage of the next generation GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle of ISRO, capable of launching four tonne class satellites.

### Swati Maliwal takes charge as Chairperson of DCW

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

Prior to her appointment to the post of Chairperson of DSW, she worked as an adviser (grievances) to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on public grievances and handled Janta Samwad.

### Varunavat Mountain witnessed crack in its range; landslides feared

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Crack on the range triggered doubts of landslides in Indira Colony and Jansu residents of Uttarkashi.

### Alex Rocco, the actor known for his role in Godfather, died at 79

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Rocco won the Emmy award as Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for his role in sitcom The Famous Teddy Z.

### Noted Urdu writer Dr Bisheshar Pradeep died

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

Pradeep was a prolific writer who penned more than a dozen fiction books in Urdu and was best known for his 'Afsana Nigari', the fiction writing form in Urdu.

### Kerala tourism's Muziris heritage project bagged PATA award

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

MHP that stretches across from municipality of North Paravur in Ernakulam district to that of Kodungalloor in Thrissur district is designed to involve & integrate the local community in all intended developmental initiatives.

### Indian-origin Shiv Pande received honorary fellowship from University of Central Lancashire

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

He received the prestigious fellowship for his contribution to the community as a general practitioner and medical educator.



## Amelie Mauresmo inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

She's one of only three Frenchwomen to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era, alongside Mary Pierce and Marion Bartoli.

## Nelson Mandela International Day observed on 18 July

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 34 people agreed

The day has been observed since 2010 to honour the Nobel Peace Prize laureate's contribution to end the discriminatory apartheid system in South Africa.

## India, Myanmar issued joint statement on bilateral cooperation

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The joint statement was issued after the conclusion of the first meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) in New Delhi.

## 2 new plant species named Vellithumpa & Eriocaulon manoharanii

### discovered in Western Ghats

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The findings of the discovery were published in the June 2015 issue of the international journal Webbia: Journal of Plant Taxonomy and Phytogeography.

## Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated first 'Aam Aadmi Clinic' at Peeragarhi

### Relief Camp

Published on: 20-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The clinic was opened with an aim to make primary health care more accessible to people, mainly the weaker sections of society.

## Uruguayan soccer legend Alcides Edgardo Ghiggia died

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Ghiggia won the goal in a stunning 2-1 victory over Brazil in the final game of the 1950 FIFA World Cup.

## CCI approved deal involving Aegon Religare Life Insurance Joint Venture

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Under the transaction, Religare Enterprises will sell its entire holding in the life insurance joint venture.

## Prashant Pathrabe appointed as Interim Director of Film and Television

### Institute of India

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

His appointment was approved by Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry. However, he will also continue to serve as the Director of Press Information Bureau (PIB) unit in Pune.

### Ministry of Railways modified few tatkal ticket booking rules

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **61 people agreed**

Passengers booking tatkal tickets from computerised reservation counters will no longer be required to furnish photocopy of identity proof or to indicate its number at the time of booking at the counter or through internet.

### A woman having a child through surrogacy is entitled to maternity leave:

#### Delhi HC

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The court said that non-provision of leave to a commissioning mother, who is an employee, would, be in derogation of the stated Directive Principles of State Policy as contained in the Constitution.

### Union Government launched Delhi Police Railway Helpline Number 1512

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

This helpline will serve as a very useful mechanism for rail passengers.

### MAIT- IMRB released ITOPS 2015 Study on IT hardware market performance

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

As per the study, while demand for desktop computers and notebook PCs in urban areas is declining, the popularity of these devices is picking up smartly in rural India.

### Scientists created mini heart on microchip with stem cells

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

It is hardly the width of a human hair and is expected to replace non-human animal models that are used in drug discovery and development process.

### Jagannath Rath Yatra began in Puri, Odisha

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

During the Rath Yatra, Lord Jagannath and his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra are brought out of the temple and are taken to Gundicha temple (their aunt's house).

### 2nd Sohra Marathon held in Meghalaya

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

The marathon was flagged off at Mawkdok in East Khashi Hills District by Chief Minister Mukul Sangma, who also joined the runners in the marathon.

### Kutchi New Year observed in Kutch Region of Gujarat

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

Kutchi community observes this New Year on the second day of shukla paksha or waxing phase of moon in Ashada month – Ashadhi Beej or Dwitiya.

### SC judge sought clarity on constitutional status of Chief Justice of India

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **18 people agreed**

While the Schedule 3 of the constitution addresses him as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, the Article 124 identifies him/her as the Chief Justice of India.

### J&K's special status under article 370 of the Indian Constitution cannot be altered: HC

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

Under the article 370, the state is allowed to have a constitution of its own and freed from enforcement of legislations made by the parliament until it gets ratified by the state legislature.

### Veteran Telugu playback singer V Ramakrishna died

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Born in 1947, Ramakrishna sang about 5000 songs in a career spanning nearly four decades.

### RBI signed Special Currency Swap Agreement with the Central Bank of Sri

#### Lanka

Published on: 18-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **40 people agreed**

Under the arrangement, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka can draw up to 1.1 billion US dollar for a maximum period of six months.

### Indian American Sunita Viswanath honoured as Champions of Change by US

#### White House

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **33 people agreed**

Sunita was selected for her work to encourage Hindus to take care of the environment.

### Union Government brought 39 more drugs under price control regime

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

These drugs include the ones to treat diseases such as diabetes, infections, digestive disorders and pain among others, in an effort to make them affordable.

### White-Fi technology of Microsoft to boost Digital India Initiative

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **56 people agreed**

White-Fi technology uses the unused spectrum in frequencies utilised for broadcasting of television signals and use it for the internet. In technology parlance, these unused spectrum spaces are called White Space

### INS Astravahini decommissioned after 31 years of service

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

The vessel had immensely contributed in the trials of indigenous torpedoes developed by Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL).

### Union Cabinet approved redevelopment of 400 railway stations through

#### Swiss Challenge method

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

The Swiss Challenge method will allow interested parties to come up with their designs and business ideas including permitting commercial development of real estate by the Zonal Railways.

### Union Cabinet approved setting up of Panagariya Committee to classify

#### Caste Census data, 2011

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **30 people agreed**

The expert group will be serviced by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Welfare.

### India and World Bank signed Financing Agreement for Andhra Pradesh

#### Disaster Recovery Project

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

The objective of the project is to restore, improve and enhance resilience of public services, environmental facilities, and livelihoods in targeted Communities of Andhra Pradesh.

### CCEA approved creation of Intra State Transmission System in 7 States

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

The seven states include Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

### IAMAI-ICRIER released a report titled An Inquiry into the Impact of India's

#### App Economy

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

It provides a detailed analysis of the entire value chain of the App Economy in India, including importantly its impact on growth and employment.

### RBI permitted CBS-enabled Cooperative Banks to issue ATM cards in tie-up

#### with a sponsor bank

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **25 people agreed**

The decision is in addition to the earlier decision of the RBI to allow State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) to install offsite/ mobile ATMs as per their need and potential in their area of operation.

### DoT released A K Bhargava committee report on Net Neutrality

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

Though the Committee unhesitatingly recommended for adherence of the core principles of Net Neutrality, it recommended few exceptions in the interests of national security and businesses.

### CCI imposed Rs 671 crore penalty on 4 state-run insurance companies

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The penalty was imposed for manipulating the bidding process initiated by Government of Kerala for selecting insurance service provider for Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna.

### Overall direct lending to farmers should not fall below average of past 3

#### years: RBI

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The target for direct lending by banks to agriculture under Priority Sector Norms stands at 18 percent out of total 40 percent target fixed under priority sector lending.

### Greek parliament passed a bill to implement EU mandated austerity

#### measures

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The approval paves the way for Greece to tap into EU bailout funds.

### Champions League T20 scrapped due to limited public following

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

A decision in this regard was taken by the Governing Council (GC) of CLT20 consisting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Cricket South Africa (CSA) and Cricket Australia (CA).

### Cameroon banned Islamic veil after suicide bombings in Fotokol

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

The decision was taken in the backdrop of two suicide bomb attacks in which two women dressed in the religious garments blew themselves up in Fotokol, Cameroon.

### FlipKart appointed Eric Lange as Vice President of Product Management

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Lange is a Silicon Valley veteran and earlier worked with Yahoo and search engine major Google.

### Kerala Cricket Association not a public office: Kerala High Court

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The observation was made in a judgment related to proceedings of Thrissur Vigilance Court on the purchase of land by the KCA officials for a proposed stadium at Edakochi in Ernakulam district.

### PM launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana to impart skill training to

#### youth

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

It aims to impart skill training to 24 lakh youth during 2015-16 with focus on first time entrants to the labour market and class 10 and class 12 drop outs.

### Union Government approved signing of India-Canada Civil Aviation Pact

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The MoU will help in enhancing the experience and technical knowledge in the field of Civil Aviation between India and Canada.

### AAI formed enquiry panel to probe World University Games fiasco

Published on: 17-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The committee comprises AAI secretary general Anil Kamineni, treasurer Virendra Sachdeva and Ethics Committee chairman KS Kang.

### Lower House of Japan's Parliament approved bills changing self-defence law

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The change paves the way for the Japanese military to potentially fight abroad for the first time since World War II.

### Remnants of India's one of the oldest port discovered in Goa

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

The Port is supposed to be existed between 1000 to 3500 AD which makes it India's oldest ports.

### Sayed Haider Raza honoured with highest French civilian honour Legion of

#### Honour

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

The award was presented by French Ambassador Francois Richier on the occasion of the French National Day celebrations.

### Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Churachandpur of Manipur won 18th National

#### Youth Parliament Competition

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

JNV Churachandpur emerged winner from a list of 64 JNVs spread across 8 regions of Navodaya Vidyalaya Saimiti in the country.

### SC termed National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy as unreasonable and

#### irrational

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The apex court asked the Government to review its market-based drug pricing policy within six months and file a copy of its decision on the representation of NGO in six weeks.

### WADA published new Guidelines for aspects of anti-doping programming

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The guidelines relates to reporting and management of Urinary Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin (hCG) & Luteinizing Hormone (LH) and biomarkers test for Human Growth Hormone (hGH).

### Union Agriculture Minister launched PGS-India, Soil Health Card and FQCS

#### Web Portals

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

Soil Health Card Portal is developed for registration of soil samples, recording test results of soil samples and generation of Soil Health Card (SHC) along with fertilizer recommendations.

### PetroFed Oil & Gas Industry Awards 2014 conferred

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The winners were selected through a rigorous process of collation by knowledge partner PricewaterhouseCoopers.

### PM unveiled National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

#### 2015

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

It is the second such policy on skill development since independence and intended to replace the National Policy on Skill Development 2009 by adding entrepreneurship to the policy framework.

### World Youth Skills Day observed globally

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **18 people agreed**

The day was observed under the theme Youth skills for work and life in the post-2015 agenda.

### Union Government launched four initiatives as part of Skill India vision

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

The four initiatives were aimed at making India as a hub of world's human resource capital.

### Manipur Legislative Assembly unanimously resolved to withdraw MRVTMW

#### Bill, 2015

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

It was withdrawn as people were sceptical about the effectiveness of the Bill to protect indigenous communities of the State.

### RBI constituted Deepak Mohanty Committee on Medium-term Path on

#### Financial Inclusion

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

The 14-member panel will be headed by RBI executive director Deepak Mohanty.

### AP Government formed one-member panel to probe Rajahmundry stampede

#### during Godavari Maha Pushkaram

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The committee will probe stampede incident that killed 27 people on the first day of Godavari Maha Pushkaram celebrations on 14 July 2015.

### Bangladesh won 3-match ODI series against South Africa 2-1

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

In the third and final match of the series, South Africa scored 168 runs in 40 over and in reply to the target Bangladesh scored 170 runs in 26.1 over.

### Rakesh Sahni appointed as Chairman of Narmada Valley Development

#### Authority

Published on: 16-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Sahni retired as an IAS officer after serving post of chief secretary of States. However, post retirement, he served as the Chairman of MP Electricity Regulatory Commission.

### Union Government launched National Mission for Skill Development

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The Mission seeks to provide the institutional capacity to train a minimum of 300 million skilled people by the year 2022.

### NGT suggested variable office hours to cut pollution

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

The idea was mooted by an NGT bench headed by Justice Swatanter Kumar, who said that it needed to take everyone along and come up with an innovative approach to curb pollution.

### Scientist at Large Hadron Collider discovered the existence of subatomic

#### particle Pentaquarks

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

Pentaquark is a sub-atomic particle composed of five-quarks (four quarks and an antiquark). These are not new particles but simply aggregation of quarks.

### Union Government approved Transit Oriented Development policy for Delhi

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

TOD is a key policy initiative for low-carbon, high-density and compact living spaces. The TOD zone would comprise approximately 20 percent of Delhi's overall area.

### Defence Acquisition Council approved defence proposals worth 30000 crore

#### rupees

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Moreover, Six ships will see new surface-to-air missile system that would be bought from Russia, besides new radars.



### India's first railway-line built under PPP model inaugurated in Gujarat

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 32 people agreed

The broad-gauge railway-line between Gandhidham and Tuna-Tekra Port in Gujarat has been built for M/s Kandla Port Trust (KPT) in coordination with Western Zone of Indian Railways.

### Maharashtra assembly passed Guarantee of Public Services Bill, 2015

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The bill will empower citizens to avail their rights in stipulated time with less efforts and cost. It will also pave way to curb corruption, bring transparency and for empowering citizens.

### Iconic musician Joan Sebastian passed away

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Born as Jose Manuel Figueroa, he was best known for his sentimental love songs such as Secreto de Amor and Tatuajes.

### US Defense Department set up Working Group on allowing Transgender

#### persons into Military Service

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

The working group will be headed by Brad Carson, Acting Under-Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and it will be composed of military and civilian personnel.

### Indigenously developed helicopter-launched Nag missile test fired from

#### Jaisalmer in Rajasthan

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

Besides helicopter-launched Nag (HeliNa), Nag has land, air-launched and man portable (weighing 14 kg) versions.

### Make in India initiative of DIPP won Frost and Sullivan's 2015 Economic

#### Development Innovation Award

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The award was given in recognition of its outstanding contribution to nurture India's economic and industrial transformation and was received by Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP

### India-based Comparex India Pvt Ltd won Microsoft Country Partner of the Year Award 2015

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The company was awarded along with 110 awardees by Microsoft at its Worldwide Partner Conference 2015.

### Union Government decided to cap kerosene subsidy at Rs 12 per litre

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

At present, kerosene is sold through public distribution system at 14.96 rupees per litre against the actual cost of 33.47 rupees. The difference of 18.51 rupees per litre is termed as under-recovery or revenue loss.

### Professor Kamal Bawa, an Indian-origin scientist, elected to Royal Society of London

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

He along with other two Indian-origin scientists- Ajay Sood and John Kuriayn- were elected for life to the society through a peer review process on the basis of excellence in science.

### Union Government, Facebook launched #100Women Initiative to recognize 100 women achievers of India

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The initiative is aimed at recognizing and acknowledging women who are making a difference in their communities across the country.

### NASA's New Horizons made closest approach to Pluto

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

The space probe made closest approach to Pluto when it flew 12600 km from the surface of the dwarf planet at an average speed of 49750 kph.

### Union Ministry of Urban Development launched nationwide HRIDAY scheme from Amritsar

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

The scheme seeks to preserve and rejuvenate the rich cultural heritage of the country in the selected 12 cities in the country, including Amritsar.

### India won 3-match ODI series against Zimbabwe 3-0

Published on: 15-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

India batting first in the third match of series scored 276 runs at a loss of five and in reply to the target Zimbabwe was bowled out at the score of 193 in 42.4 over.

### Iran, P5+1 countries reached agreement on Iran's nuclear programme at Vienna

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 48 people agreed

The agreement called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPA) or Vienna agreement was reached after 17 days of almost uninterrupted negotiations in Vienna.

### Tamil music composer Manayangath Subramanian Viswanathan died

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

He had composed music for over 1700 films in Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada and worked with three Chief Ministers MG Ramachandran, M Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa.

### India and Georgia signed MoU for cooperation in field of Election

#### Management

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **32 people agreed**

The MoU was signed by Chief Election Commissioner of India Nasim Zaidi and Tamar Zhvania, Chairperson, Central Election Commission, Georgia.

### Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Kumbh Mela began in Maharsashtra

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

Kumbh Mela is a mass Hindu pilgrimage of faith and held every third year at one of the four places by rotation: Haridwar, Allahabad (Prayaga), Nashik and Ujjain.

### IPL franchise Chennai Super Kings, Rajasthan Royals suspended for two years by Justice Lodha panel

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

The panel also suspended Gurunath Meiyappan and Raj Kundra from all cricket matches for life as they were found guilty of illegal betting.

### IT department launched OTP to e-file Income Tax

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

This OTP will help in ending the practice of sending paper acknowledgement, called called ITR-V, through post to the I-T Central Processing Centre (CPC) based in Bengaluru.

### PM Narendra Modi concluded his 6-nation tour to Russia and five Central

#### Asian nations

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **63 people agreed**

During his eight-day visit, Modi met the leaders of the five nations namely Emomali Rahmon, Almazbek Atambaev, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Nursultan Nazarbayev, and Islam Karimov.

### BCCI suspended Mumbai Ranji player Hiken Shah for corruption

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

BCCI in its decision said that his involvement in any form of cricket, affiliated with the BCCI stands suspended till the time the disciplinary committee of the BCCI passes appropriate orders.

### Radiative impact of volcanic aerosol in lowermost stratosphere slowed global warming: Study

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

The volcanic aerosols have acted during the last one decade as a natural umbrella to slow down global temperature increase from greenhouse gases.

### Former BSFI president Pashupatinath Roy died

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

He was the secretary and advisor at BSFI for some time and later went on to join the Asian body of the game as Secretary and President.

### European Union gave in-principle approval for 86 billion euro bailout package to Greece

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

A final MoU related to the bailout package will be reached between the creditors and Greece only after Greece undertakes reforms specified under the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) programme.

### 4 Indians figured in Asia 21 Young Leaders Class of 2015 list

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

They will be part of the Asia 21 Network where they will find mentors, potential collaborators, who are devoted to find solutions to most vexing socio-economic problems in the Asia-Pacific region.

### India second among 40 countries in terms of Confidence in National

#### Government: OECD

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

Out of 1000 Indian citizens surveyed, 730 answered in the affirmative to the question related to confidence of citizens and businesses in government to do what is right and perceived as fair.

### 55th National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships concluded in Tamil

#### Nadu

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Kerala topped the table with combined team score (both male and female) of 177.5 points.

### MoD and MSDE signed MoU to increase employability of ex-servicemen

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

It will boost employability and acceptability of Ex-servicemen (ESM) by the industry for those service personnel who are on the verge of retirement or already retired.

### Lt General Man Mohan Singh Rai appointed as Vice-Chief of Indian Army

Published on: 14-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

Rai will succeed Lt Gen Philip Campose, who will superannuate the office on 31 July 2015.

### Ufa Declaration released at 7th BRICS Summit in Ufa

Published on: 10-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 33 people agreed

7th BRICS Summit was held under the theme 'BRICS Partnership – a Powerful Factor of Global Development'.

### India's 1st Earthquake Warning System successfully installed in Uttarakhand

Published on: 10-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 70 people agreed

The system was designed and manufactured by Italian firm Space Dynamics which already installed this system in Japan, Italy and US.

### 7th BRICS Summit held in Ufa, Russia

Published on: 10-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 54 people agreed

While the 6th BRICS summit was held at Fortaleza in Brazil in 2014, New Delhi will be hosting the 8th summit in 2016.

### India, USA signed MoU on cooperation to establish PACEsetter Fund

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Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

It is aimed at accelerating commercialization of off-grid clean energy products, systems and business models.

### Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank appointed its Chairman, Boards of Directors

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Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

Ashok Kumar Lahiri, former Chief Economic Adviser to the Union Government, was appointed as the Chairman of the bank.

### Typhoon Chan-hom lashed Okinawa island chain in Japan

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

After Japan, the storm is due to pass northern Taiwan before making landfall on the east coast of mainland China on 11 July 2015.

### Dus Kadam: 10 Steps for the Future proposed by PM Narendra Modi for BRICS countries

Published on: 10-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 45 people agreed

He proposed the initiative Dus Kadam: 10 Steps for the Future, while addressing the BRICS summit in Ufa, Russia.

### India, US signed Inter Governmental Agreement to implement FATCA

Published on: 10-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

FFIs in India will be required to report tax information about US account holders directly to the Indian Government which will, in turn, relay that information to the IRS.

### Guidelines for Border Area Development Programme released

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

The BADP was started in the year 1986-87 for balanced development of border areas of States bordering Pakistan, and subsequently was extended to all the land borders.

## Inderjeet Singh became first Indian to win a Gold Medal at World University

### Games in Gwangju

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Important for Exam: **55 people agreed**

The silver medal of the event was won by Andrei Marius Gag of Romania with a throw of 19.92m while Alexander Bulanov of Russia took the bronze with a throw of 19.84m.

## Russian Investment Fund to set up joint mechanism for financing infrastructure in BRICS countries

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

The framework agreement was signed between RDIF, India's IDFC group, Brazil's BTG Pactual, China's Silk Road Fund, and the Development Bank of Southern Africa at the BRICS summit in Ufa.

## Operation Smile led to tracing of 44 missing children in Uttarakhand

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **23 people agreed**

Uttarakhand police traced those children under 'Operation Smile' and successfully united 31 of those to their families.

## BRICS central banks signed Agreement to operationalise Contingent Reserve

### Arrangement

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **32 people agreed**

It specifies the procedures to be followed by the central banks of BRICS countries in the event that national financial systems encounter dollar liquidity problems.

## Union Home Ministry extended the 'disturbed area' status of Nagaland for one more year

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **20 people agreed**

Nagaland was declared as a disturbed area for a period of one year in exercise of the powers conferred to Union Government by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958.

## Lord Kamlesh Patel became first British-Asian appointee to ECB Management

### Board

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Lord Patel, who currently sits in the House of Lords as a Labour Peer replaced Lord Morris of Handsworth who stepped down after serving for eleven years as an ECB Director.

## World Bank released State of Safety Nets 2015 report

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

It aggregated spending on social safety net programs and beneficiaries in 157 countries, economies and territories and presented a comparative analysis of those programmes.

## Union Sports Ministry constituted Ashwini Nachappa committee to study status of SAI training centers

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

It was formed against the backdrop of suicide attempt by four girl inmates at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) SAG Water Sports centre at Alappuzha, Kerala in May 2015.

## SN Sahai appointed as Home Secretary of Delhi

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Sahal is the Finance Secretary of Delhi and had played crucial role in preparing budget for Delhi government.

## WHO released Global Tobacco Epidemic 2015 Report

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **16 people agreed**

The focus of the report is on R of MPOWER measure which stands for Raise taxes on tobacco.

## Electronic Nose for environmental monitoring jointly developed by CSIR-NEERI & C-DAC

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **16 people agreed**

It uses an array of sensors that function on the principle similar to that of human olfaction to sniff out variety of volatile organic compounds.

## Union Railway Ministry launched Mobile ticketing app for suburban commuters

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

Developed by Centre for Railway Information Systems, the paperless unreserved ticketing feature in mobile application aims to eliminate the need for printing of unreserved tickets.

## Indian Army dedicated Prerna Sthal at Hussainiwala to the nation

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **19 people agreed**

Prerna Sthal encompasses seven pillars made of sand stone with copper finish metallic inscription plaques. The central pillar that is large in size carries a portrait of Bhagat Singh.

## Climate Change to be the theme of Science Express in 2015

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **27 people agreed**

Science Express is a unique science exhibition mounted on a 16-coach AC train travelling across India since 2007.

## Rahul Bhatnagar appointed as MD and CFO of Bharti Enterprises

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

Bhatnagar succeeded Manoj Kohli, who has assumed the role of Executive Chairman of SBG Cleantech, a Joint Venture between SoftBank, Bharti and Foxconn for renewable energy.

### Sriram Kalyanaraman appointed as MD and CEO of National Housing Bank

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

Presently, Kalyanaraman is Director-Business Development of Equifax Credit Information Services. Prior to joining Equifax, Sriram was Director of Business Clients and Asset Products at Deutsche Bank India.

### Telangana government, ICRISAT signed MoU to improve profitability of farmers

Published on: 09-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The partnership will explore areas of collaboration in the field of digital agriculture along agriculture value chain and also explore the possibilities of ICRISAT playing an active role in the T Hub.

### Goa to host the Youth Delphic Games in February 2016

Published on: 08-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

The Youth Delphic Games are held at every four years and invites participants of the age group of 15 to 25 years.

### Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka entered Guinness World Records for spending 804 days on ISS

Published on: 08-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

He surpassed cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, also a Russian, record of 803 days, nine hours and 41 minutes in the space which Sergei achieved across six missions from 1998 to 2005.

### India, Kazakhstan signed five Agreements including a contract for supply of uranium

Published on: 08-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 47 people agreed

The two leaders also issue a joint statement title **Tej Kadam** highlighting the strategic partnership between the two nations that was established on 2009

### NDDB launched mobile application Pashu Poshan to boost dairy farmers' income

Published on: 08-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 29 people agreed

The mobile application was launched by the Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh.

### Renowned Urdu novelist Abdullah Hussain passed away

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

He authored the bestseller and critically acclaimed novel Udas Naslain, it is considered as a masterpiece of Urdu literature.

### Hollywood actress Diana Douglas died

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed



Douglas was best known for her work in television in late 1940s when she appeared in live dramas.

### Modi's World: Expanding India's Sphere of Influence by C Raja Mohan

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

The focus of the book is on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign policy with special reference to the regional politics.

### Corporation Bank launched first MUDRA card under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA

#### Yojana

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **37 people agreed**

The card is based on the RuPay platform and facilitates the withdrawal and use of the working capital finance by micro entrepreneurs.

### India won 2015 South Asian Basketball Championship

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **23 people agreed**

With this win, India qualified for the FIBA Asia Championship in China to be played in September 2015.

### President of Tunisia declared 30-day state of emergency

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

The decision was taken against the backdrop of ISIS gun attack on 26 June 2015 that killed 38 foreign tourists in a beach hotel on the Mediterranean coast.

### Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won 2015 Formula 1 British Grand

#### Prix title

Published on: 06-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

It was third British GP win for the reigning world champion and his fifth in the 2015 season having won the titles in Australia, China, Bahrain and Canada.

### Union Government released the Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 for

#### Rural India

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **58 people agreed**

The survey was completed in all the 640 districts. It provides very useful data on households regarding various aspects of their socio-economic status— housing, land-holding, educational status, status of women.

### 58 percent school kids in Maharashtra suffer from orthopaedic ailment due

#### to heavy bags: Report

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

After perusing the report, the court observed that children will have to carry trolley bags soon as the backpacks they carry at present are not enough.

### Former Chief Justice of India Y K Sabharwal passed away

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Born on 14 January 1942, Justice Sabharwal mainly practised in civil and constitutional cases.

### Microsoft agreed to set up Digital Village in Maharashtra

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **16 people agreed**

Microsoft agreed to provide technology support for health care services in remote tribal areas; it will setup a pilot project at Melghat in Amravati district in this regard.

### Mahindra Defence tied-up with Airbus Helicopters to form a Joint Venture

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

This Joint Venture will act as the prime contractor for India's military helicopter tenders including the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Helicopter.

### Rajasthan to replicate Maharashtra's Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **19 people agreed**

Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan is an ambitious program of Devendra Fadnavis, aims to make 5000 villages free of water scarcity every year and make Maharashtra a drought-free state by 2019.

### Army launched Operation Shiva to secure Amarnath Yatra

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **30 people agreed**

The operation was launched to provide security to those devotees taking part in the 59-day-long annual Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir that started on 2 July 2015.

### Progress on Sanitation and Drinking Water: 2015 Update and MDG

#### Assessment released

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

Five developing regions met the drinking water target, but the Caucasus and Central Asia, Northern Africa, Oceania and sub-Saharan Africa did not.

### Four Indian-Americans honoured with 2015 Great Immigrants: The Pride of

#### America award

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

These Indian-Americans are among 38 individuals that were honoured for having enlightened the society, culture, and economy.

### Indian-American Professor R. Paul Singh named for GCHERA World

#### Agriculture Prize 2015

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

He will be awarded in recognition of remarkable internationally renowned contributions to food engineering research, education, development, consulting, and technology transfer.

### C D Balaji took charge as Director of the Aeronautical Development Agency

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

Prior to this appointment, Balaji, an outstanding scientist, was Project Director of the LCA's naval version.

### World Food Prize 2015 to be conferred on Sir Fazle Hasan Abed of

#### Bangladesh

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Sir Abed has been recognized for his decades of service to human development and through building Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), the largest NGO in the world.

### UP Government gave in-principle approval to give ownership rights to lease holder farmers

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

The decision was taken on the basis of recommendations of the Revenue committee that was set up by the government in 2012.

### Union Government approved introduction of Common Norms for all the Skill

#### Development Schemes

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

Common Norms seek to rationalise the whole spectrum of skill development processes and systems including inputs, outputs and empanelment of training providers.

### Sir Fazle Hasan Abed of Bangladesh won 2015 World Food Prize

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

The award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity, or availability of food in the world.

### Union Cabinet approved National Policy for Skill Development and

#### Entrepreneurship 2015

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The Policy acknowledges the need for an effective roadmap for promotion of entrepreneurship as the key to a successful skills strategy.

### SBI launched Project Tatkal

Published on: 04-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **33 people agreed**

The project will help home loan applicants to get the loan within 10 days after receipt of application form and relevant supporting documents.

### National Green Tribunal banned use of Plastic in Haridwar & Rishikesh

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar gave the direction on a complaint filed by environmentalist MC Mehta against pollution of the Ganga River.

### Adelaide Crows football coach Phil Walsh died

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Phil Walsh, 55, who turned to coaching after a long playing career, was killed.

### MobiKwik tied up with stationary retailer WHSmith India

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

With this tie-up, WHSmith India stores will also serve as MobiKwik Nodes where users can load money on their MobiKwik wallet.

### ZSI monitoring climate change impact on Sundarban animals

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

For this purpose, monitoring bases were established at 25 plots in the five islands of Bali, Gosaba, Basanti, Sagar and Satjelia.

### NASA successfully flight tested Prandtl-d, prototype of first Mars airplane

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

Prandtl-d will undergo further flight tests in 2015 and 2016, results of which will be used in developing the Prandtl-m aircraft.

### President Pranab Mukherjee received first copy of book titled Uniki by CH

#### Vidyasagar Rao

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

It is a compilation of writings and reflections on his life and experiences that were published in various news papers.

### Cuba became first country in the World to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and Syphilis

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 35 people agreed

A validation in this regard was issued on 30 June by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

### Keltron founding chairman K P P Nambiar passed away

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

A native of Kannur in Kerala, Nambiar was credited with setting up India's first state-run electronics venture Keltron and India's first IT park Technopark.

### Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal launched Punjab ePMS portal

Published on: 03-JUL-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

The portal will fast track infrastructure investment stalled projects, both in the public and private sectors, involving investment between 100 crore rupees and 1000 crore rupees.

PBI