

Union Railway Ministry inaugurated Integrated Security System in Mumbai

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The ISS is aimed at improving security on Railway premises, ensuring safety of the people and averting terror attacks.

Rock Band Yes Guitarist Chris Squire died

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Squire formed Yes band in 1968 with Jon Anderson and their debut single titled Sweetness and first album titled Yes were released in 1968.

Elephant Census Report 2015 of Odisha released

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Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

In three Elephant Reserves (ERs), that is, Mayurbhanj, Mahanadi and Sambalpur, a total of 1450 elephants (74.21%) were recorded. These areas have eight sanctuaries.

US Supreme Court ruled against EPA limiting mercury emissions from power plants

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The case looked at the EPA's regulation of mercury and other emissions from power plants under the Clean Air Act, 1970.

ITU defined 5G network speed as 20 Gbps

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

It is 20 times faster than the 1Gbps specification for 4G.

Nearly 30 percent of China's Great Wall disappeared over time: Survey

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Nearly 1962 kms length of the wall was disappeared over centuries due to many factors including stealing the bricks to build houses.

National Level Sikh museum to be constructed in Lakhnaur Sahib

Village of Punjab

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Lakhnaur Sahib is a historical village as the mother of tenth Sikh guru Guru Gobind Singh, Mata Gujari belonged to the place.

Memorial for former PM Narasimha Rao constructed at Ekta Sthal

Samadhi Complex in New Delhi

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The completion of the work coincided with his birth anniversary that falls on 28 June.

Union Government hiked national floor-level minimum wage to 160 rupees per day

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Important for Exam: 25 people agreed

The new rate will be effective from 1 July 2015.

India, Thailand signed five MOUs during the 7th Meeting of India-Thailand Joint Commission

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Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

The agreements were signed during three days the Visit of Minister of External Affairs to Thailand from 27-29 June 2015.

Hilleman Laboratories developed affordable Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine

Published on: 30-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The new vaccine was also proved as 4 to 10 times more potent when compared to the existing licensed vaccines.

Archaeologists found fresh evidence linking Azhagankulam in TN with ancient Rome trade

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Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Azhagankulam was a part of the troika of trade centres along with Arikamedu and Pattanam between Rome and the Tamil country during the Tamil Sangam age.

Union Government approved Shimla drinking water project for World Bank funding

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The project would help the people of Shimla and adjoining Special Planning Area of chronic water shortage problem and also sewerage connectivity.

9th National Statistics Day observed with theme Social Development

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Indian Bengali scientist and applied statistician late Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

Indian Railways, Indian Army among world's biggest employers: World Economic Forum Study

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 37 people agreed

Indian Railways was ranked at the eighth place in the list of world's biggest employers with 1.4 million staff.

Famous Writer Vishwanath Tripathi chosen for 28th Moorti Devi Award

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 23 people agreed

Moorti Devi award was founded by Bharatiya Jnanpith and is given away to the authors who have contributed in the field of contemporary creative writing in modern Indian languages.

Tamil Nadu CM J Jayalalithaa launched first phase of Chennai Metro

Rail Service

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The first phase of Metro service covers the 10-km elevated stretch. It connects Alandur in south Chennai to Koyabedu in the north.

Transcendence: My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji written

by Abdul Kalam

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

Transcendence maps a journey of self-realization reflected in the eyes of Pramukh Swamiji, painting a delightful fusion of spirituality, science and leadership.

SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket broke apart in flames minutes after lifting off from Cape Canaveral

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The rocket, which had 18 straight successes prior to the meeting the accident, was in the process of sending a cargo ship to the International Space Station (ISS).

Nelson Piquet Jr won the inaugural FIA Formula E Championship title

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Piquet drove for Chinese team Nextev.

Satnam Singh Bhamara became first Indian basketball player to join

NBA

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

He will play for Dallas Mavericks during the 2015-16 season.

GFH Financial Group signed pact with Adani Group for developing

Mumbai Economic Zone

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Under the agreement, the GFH's unit Energy City Navi Mumbai (ECNM) and Adani Group will work together in creating the master plan for the lands of Phases II and III of the project.

50 countries signed Articles of Agreement for China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

The agreement outlined the financial share of each member, policymaking, business and operational systems and governance structure of the AIIB.

Wei, Li won men's & women's singles of Canada Open Badminton tournament 2015

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

In the finals played at Calgary, Wei defeated Ng Ka Long Angus 17-21 13-21 and Li defeated Kaori Imabeppu 21-17 25-23.

Gutta-Ponappa won women's doubles of Canada Open Badminton tournament 2015

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

In the final played at Calgary, the third seeded Indo-pair defeated top Dutch pair of Eefje Muskens and Selena Piek in straight games of 21-19, 21-16.

First species of Yeti Crab in Antarctica named Kiwa tyleri discovered

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Kiwa tyler is named after British deep-sea and polar biologist Professor Paul Tyler from the University of Southampton.

Bajaj Allianz launched weather-based crop insurance scheme for three districts of Maharashtra

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

This index-based insurance policy will cover losses incurred by orange fruit-growing farmers due to deviation in weather conditions.

Greece PM called for referendum on extension for bailout programme

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

The Greece Parliament is set to vote on 5 July 2015 on the referendum call.

International Cricket Council approved amendments to playing conditions in ODIs and T20Is

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

The approvals were given during the ICC Annual Conference held in Barbados.

Sri Lanka's President Maithripala Sirisena dissolved Parliament

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

Sirisena dissolved the parliament within 160 days after assuming his office in January 2015.

Nadia district won the UN Public Service Award 2015 for eliminating open defecation

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

Till October 2013, half of the district's population was defecating in open spaces but the situation improved under Sabar Souchagar (Toilets for All) programme launched on 2 October 2013

Dealing with China: An Insider Unmasks the New Economic Superpower by Henry M Paulson

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The book takes the reader behind closed doors to witness the creation and evolution and future of China's state-controlled capitalism.

President conferred Punyabhushan Award on Prataprao Pawar

Published on: 29-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

Punyabhushan award constituted by Tridal, Pune is annually announced on 23 March to commemorate memory of Indian revolutionary martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru.

US Supreme Court legalized Same-Sex Marriage Nationwide

Published on: 27-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The court ratified the Bill of Rights and added the Fourteenth Amendment that states no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

Union Government approved a proposal for setting up second airport at Jewar in NCR

Published on: 27-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Once the project gets the required approvals, the civil aviation ministry will offer the contract for building and running the proposed Jewar airport in Greater Noida to the GMR Group.

Veselin Topalov won the Norway Chess Tournament 2015

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Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

Topalov secured 6½ points while Anand ended the tournament in second place with 6 points.

Patrick Macnee, star of The Avengers, died

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

He was born as Daniel Patrick Macnee on 6 February 1922 in London and grew up in Lambourn.

Ujjwal Batria appointed as CEO of Lafarge India

Published on: 27-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

Batria succeeded Martin Kriegner, who will now be Area Manager-Central Europe of Lafarge Holcim, an entity to be formed by the proposed merger of the world's top two cement firms.

India, US signed MoUs to enhance cooperation in areas of Health Sector

Published on: 27-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

The MoUs were signed to enhance cooperation in areas such as cancer research, infrastructure development, training, capacity building and better assessment and application of new diagnostic technologies.

Delhi Budget 2015-16: Highlights

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **30 people agreed**

The 41129 crore rupees Swaraj Budget comprises of 19000 crore rupees Plan Budget and 22129 crore rupees as Non-Plan Budget

RBI extended deadline for exchanging pre-2005 currency notes by 6 months

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Important for Exam: **41 people agreed**

The notes can be exchanged for their full value and all such notes will continue to remain legal tender.

World's first flexible and skin-like display developed

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **20 people agreed**

It was developed by scientists led by Indian-American Debashis Chanda from University of Central Florida (UCF)

Main artery of 2800-km K2K Economic Corridor nearly ready: China

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **24 people agreed**

The 2800 km long corridor is at the core of the Bangladesh, India, China and Myanmar-Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC) initiated in 2014.

Assam entrepreneurs signed pact on waste management

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Basic objective of the project is to save society from hazards and pollution created by the huge amount of increasing municipality solid waste.

Two-day long annual Hemis festival of Ladakh

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Hemis festival is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava and the head lama presides over the function of the festival.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed globally

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

This important day was created by the United Nations General Assembly on 7 December 1987 to help create a society free of illegal drugs and drug abuse.

Union Government asked Bihar, TN, Rajasthan to introduce milk in mid day meal scheme

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The decision was made in a review meeting in which it was found that the State Milk Federations of these states have surplus stock of skimmed milk powder.

US Supreme Court gave nod to subsidies under US Health Care Law in States without health exchanges

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The judgment was delivered by a 9-judge bench in the King v. Burwell case with 6-3 division

RBI allowed AD Category-I Banks to borrow from International Financial Institutions

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 24 people agreed

Earlier, AD Cat-I Banks were allowed to borrow from IFIs/MFIs for a short period in 2013 with prior permission from the RBI on a case-by-case basis.

42-footlong blue whale washed ashore at Revdanda coast in

Maharashtra died

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The whale came on the coast after being washed ashore and was not able to return back to the ocean because of its weight and size.

APMDC signed MoU with NSL Mining Resources India Pvt Ltd for iron ore mining projects

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

NSL Mining Resources India Pvt Ltd is a subsidiary of Australian NSL Consolidated Ltd while APMDC works under the Andhra Pradesh Government.

RBI released Financial Stability Report June 2015

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

It is the eleventh issue of its half yearly publication.

Assam's Ambubachi Mela concluded

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

This yearly mela is celebrated during the monsoon season that happens to fall during the Assamese month Ahaar and is related to the Tantric cult and is also known as Kamkhya Devi Puja.

Leander Paes became 47th player to join 100 partners club on ATP

Circuit

Published on: 26-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

Of these 100 partners, While 71 played with him on the tour level, 29 at the Challenger level.

Anshula Kant appointed as CFO and Deputy Managing Director of SBI

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Important for Exam: **23 people agreed**

She succeeded P K Gupta, who was promoted as Chief Executive Officer of SBI Capital.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar conferred with Columbia's highest civilian award

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **27 people agreed**

The Order of the Democracy Simon Bolivar was created in 1980 to honour the outstanding citizens for their service to the nation in any field. It is granted by the House of Representatives of Columbia

International Conference on Nepal's Reconstruction concluded

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

The Conference was attended by at least 35 countries, including China, Britain, Norway, Japan, Sri Lanka, the European Union besides the UN, World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

Sachin Tendulkar named as greatest Test player of 21st century

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Important for Exam: **17 people agreed**

Sachin received highest number of votes (23 percent votes) to emerge on the top of the list of the 100 best Test players since 2000. The survey was participated by more than 16000 fans.

BHEL commissioned first 250-MW unit of NTPC's Bongaigaon Thermal

Power Project

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

The project located at Kunguri village of Salakati near Bongaigaon in Kokrajhar district in an area over 964 acres will be executed by PSU firm BHEL.

Union Cabinet approved to set up a National Memorial at birth place of

Lok Nayak JP Narayan in Bihar

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan was born at Lala Ka Tola, Sitab, Diara in Chhapra (Saran) district of Bihar on 11 October 1902.

Sahitya Akademi announced Bhasha Samman

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

The Bhasha Samman is given to 3-4 persons every year in different languages on the basis of recommendation of experts' committees constituted for the purpose.

UNCTAD released World Investment Report 2015

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

The report delineated the investment trends at the global, regional and country level during 2014 and offered a comparative perspective across the space and time.

Australia decided to join China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment

Bank

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

Treasurer Joe Hockey will attend the Articles of Agreement signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People, Beijing, on 29 June 2015.

Sahitya Akademi announced Bal Sahitya Puraskar for the year 2015

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The awards were conferred on five novelists, four writers of short stories and three authors of poetries, one book of one-act play and eleven writers for their contribution to children's literature.

Zaheer Abbas, former Captain of Pakistan's Cricket team, named as

President of ICC

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 23 people agreed

The ICC Council also approved the admission of the Serbia Cricket Federation (SCF) as the 58th Affiliate Member during the weeklong annual conference held in Barbados.

Union Cabinet approved setting up of six Indian Institutes of

Management (IIM)

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

These new IIMs will be located at Amritsar (Punjab), Bodh Gaya (Bihar), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Sambalpur (Odisha), Sirmour (Himachal Pradesh) and Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

Taygan Lions Park, Skazka Zoo, Thiruvananthapuram Zoo inked animal

exchange agreement

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

In exchange for three elephants from India, the Thiruvananthapuram zoo will receive two white lions, 15 coatis, two Siberian tigers, two llamas, and five squirrel monkeys.

Union Cabinet approved renaming of SECI as Renewable Energy

Corporation of India

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

SECI was established in September 2011 for the promotion and commercialization of solar energy technologies.

Veteran Journalist Praful Bidwai passed away

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

He was also an anti-nuclear activist and a founding member of Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace that was set up after the 1998 pokhran nuclear tests.

Union Government launched India's first Modernised Anganwadi Centre

at Hasanpur village in Sonapat

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The centre has been set up as part of **Nand-Ghar Yojana** of Union Government and is based on concept of **Building as a Learning Aid** piloted by UNICEF

PM launched AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission and Housing for All (Urban)

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 32 people agreed

During the occasion, the Prime Minister released logos and taglines for AMRUT and Smart Cities Mission; and guidelines for AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission and Housing for All (Urban).

Union Cabinet approved signing of MoC between India and Japan on

Industrial Property

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The MoC will focus on capacity building, human resource development and awareness generation.

Bangladesh won 3-match ODI series against India 2-1

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

Mustafizur Rahman of Bangladesh claimed the Man of the Series Award for his outstanding bowling performance. He picked up 13 wickets in the three matches.

Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee appointed as acting Chief Justice of

Karnataka High Court

Published on: 25-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

He was appointed by the President as per the powers vested in him under the Article 223 of the Constitution.

UK-based philanthropist Benni Joseph Mavelil selected for VK Krishna Menon Award 2015

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

At present, Mavelil is a registered Manager and Director for the Ideal Fostering in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Inderjeet Singh, Jinson Johnson won gold at Asian Athletics Grand Prix

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

In the first leg, India won a total of eight medals which included 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 5 Bronze medals

Three Indians won inaugural Queen's Young Leaders Award in UK

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

These three Indians are among 60 others who received the Queen's Young Leaders award from the British monarch at a gala ceremony in Buckingham Palace.

Steffi Graf appointed as Kerala's Ayurveda brand ambassador

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

Graf's 22 singles titles is second all-time behind Margaret Court who won 24 titles, and marks the record for most Major wins by a tennis player (male or female) since the introduction of the Open Era in 1968.

Indian Railway Team won World Railway Championship 2015 in Tennis and Volleyball

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **17 people agreed**

In 2011, the Indian Railway Tennis Team won Silver Medal during last USIC Tennis Championship and it won Bronze Medal during the USIC Volleyball Championship.

Red Tape to Red Carpet... and then some written by Gina Rinehart released

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

The author is the Chairperson of the Australian mining company Hancock Prospecting Group.

Union Ministry of Home Affairs designated Agatti and Minicoy Islands as Immigration Check Posts

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

Both the islands will be used as transit points for all classes of passengers with valid travel documents from 30 June 2015.

Union Ministry of Finance issued Draft Proposals for Facilitating Electronic Transactions

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The proposals are aimed at building a transactions history of an individual to enable improved credit access and financial inclusion, reduce tax avoidance and check counterfeiting of currency

FBIL overnight Mumbai Inter-Bank Offer Rate (MIBOR) to become effective from July 22

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The FBIL overnight MIBOR will be administered by the FBIL Board which will replace National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters in administering the overnight rate benchmark.

Scientists discovered a way to guide electric discharges using lasers

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The finding has many potential applications including the ability to control the path of lightning.

Maharashtra government decided to amend MPDA Act, 1981

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The amendment will be done to include criminal activities related to sand mafia and black marketing under its bracket.

SEBI relaxed the IPO norms for technological start-ups to raise funds from capital market

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

It reduced the post-listing lock-in period for tech start-up promoters to six months, instead of three years for other IPOs.

Carlyle Group committed up to 500 million US dollars to Magna Energy Ltd.

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The equity line will be invested in oil and gas opportunities across South Asia with special focus on Indian sub continent and Myanmar.

Lucknow zoo renamed after last Nawab Wajid Ali Shah

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Shah was the last Nawab of Oudh under whom the province was annexed by the British under the policy of Doctrine of Lapse in 1856. Later, Shah was exiled to Matia Birj in Bengal.

Kerala's Trinity College of Engineering launched student satellite

TASSAT project

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The satellite was named so because the funding for the ambitious initiative came from an Oman-based company called Al Adrak.

Titanic composer James Horner died

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

In 1997, Horner won two Oscars (Academy Awards) for Best Original Score and along with Best Original Song for My Heart Will Go On in the movie Titanic.

WHO's IARC classified lindane, DDT, and 2,4-D as carcinogenic to

humans

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The decision was taken by a working group of 26 experts from 13 countries after evaluating carcinogenicity of the three agents.

Austria to file complaint against UK's Hinkley Point C nuclear project in

European Court of Justice

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

The petition is expected to be filed on 29 June 2015.

Bhuvan Ganga Mobile Application launched to aid National Mission for

Clean Ganga

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Bhuvan Mobile App will enable public to collect and report information on various pollution sources that affects the water quality of river Ganga.

Maharashtra declared Blue Mormon as State butterfly

Published on: 24-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

Blue Mormon is the second largest butterfly found in India after the southern birdwing.

Task Force report on enabling the Private Sector to grow

pharmaceutical sector released

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The Task Force gave recommendations towards concerns and constraints facing the sector and suggested measures that would augment domestic production.

EPFO made UAN mandatory for all employers under Employee

Provident Fund Act, 1952

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The UAN facility that remains portable throughout the lifetime of an employee was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2014.

India to be the Partner Country for Russian Industrial Trade Fair

Innoprom 2016

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Nirmala Sitharaman was on a three day visit to Russia to participate in annual St. Petersburg International and Economic Forum (SPIEF) held on 18-20 June 2015 at St Petersburg, Russia.

Sister Nirmala Joshi, former head of Missionaries of Charity, died

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Sister Nirmala was born in Ranchi on 23 July 1934 to a Brahmin soldier who came from Nepal.

Rajasthan topped the list of States commissioning grid connected Solar

Power projects

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Gujarat, which remained the undisputed leader in solar energy generation till 2014, came second with an installed capacity of 1000MW.

SoftBank Corp, Bharti Enterprises Limited and Foxconn formed a JV

named SBG Cleantech Ltd

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

SBG Cleantech will be a harbinger of solar and wind energy. The venture will invest in developing renewable energy plants across India.

Russia won European Team Athletics Championships 2015

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

In totality, Russia won the 368.5 points, 22 points ahead of Germany which secured second place.

Nepal-India Treaty of Transit amended to facilitate import of vehicles

into Nepal

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The four border points are Raxaul-Birgunj, Jogbani-Biratnagar, Sunauli-Bhairahawa and Nepalgunj Road-Nepalgunj border points.

EU launched Operation EU NAVFOR Med against migrant-traffickers

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

During the operation, ships will operate in international waters and airspace until the EU can secure a UN Security Council resolution endorsing its effort and permission from Libyan officials to enter their territory.

World Anti-Doping Agency published Anti-Doping Rule Violations Report for 2013

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

It is the first of its kind report released by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on ADRVs.

Maharashtra topped the list of States and UTs in IPR filing in 2013-14:

IBEF report

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

While Maharashtra topped the list of states and Union Territories (UTs), Bengaluru was the top city in IPR filing.

IEP released Global Peace Index 2015

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

India is ranked 143rd out of 162 countries and maintained the same position compared to the GPI 2014.

GADL, Oman Airport Management Company signed MoU on Aviation

Consultancy Services

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The MoU is aimed at knowledge sharing and skills development for the OAMC staff by the GADL.

Pitcairn Island passed law to allow same-sex marriage

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Pitcairn Island, a tiny speck in the Pacific with a small population of 48 people, passed the law on suggestion of British authorities after England, Wales and Scotland legalised the same-sex marriage in 2014.

Columbia's FARC blew up oil pipeline in Catatumbo

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

FARC is Colombia's largest rebel group and Latin America's oldest left-wing insurgency.

Typhoon Kujira struck south China's Hainan Province

Published on: 23-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The typhoon made its landfall in south China's Hainan province with heavy rain in the drought hit island.

Jordan Spieth of US won US Open of Golf

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **1 people agreed**

Overall, he is the fourth-youngest player to win two majors and the sixth to win the Masters and US Open in the same year.

NHAI invited bids for Bharat Mala Project

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **23 people agreed**

Bharat Mala project came in news after NHAI invited bids for preparing the Detailed Project Reports (DRPs) of over 3500km of roads along the border and coast lines.

Malvani hooch tragedy: more than 90 people died

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

This incident was the second biggest hooch tragedy in over the decade. Earlier in 2004, about 87 people were killed after consuming spurious liquor in suburban Vikhroli.

India placed at 61st position in terms of foreigners' money in Swiss

banks

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The countries to top the list are the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) with UK alone accounting for 22 percent of total global funds in Swiss banks.

Sanjay Subrahmanyam selected for Sangitha Kalanidhi award for the year 2015

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

With this nomination, Subrahmanyam joined the league of stalwarts like Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, who received the award before turning 50.

Commemorations of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo

concluded

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The anniversary is celebrated to remember the June 1815 battle in which Napoleon's French army was defeated by Duke of Wellington's allied forces.

Overnight Liquid Transaction facility on NSE's Web-based Mutual Fund platform began functioning

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

Earlier in May 2015, a similar product was introduced by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) to allow the participants to place purchase and redemption orders simultaneously in liquid schemes

China won 2015 Nongfu Spring World Cup of Snooker

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

India stood at the third position in the competition that was held at Wuxi near Shanghai in China.

Beyond Doubt: A Dossier on Gandhi's Assassination written by Teesta

Setalvad

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

In the book, the author tried to de-construct the ideology responsible for the killing of Mahatma Gandhi on 30 June 1948.

Andy Murray won the men's singles of Aegon Tennis Championships at the Queen's Club

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Murray, who has won the title at the Queen's Club in 2009, 2011, 2013 and now 2015, defeated South African Kevin Anderson 6-3, 6-4.

First International Day of Yoga observed globally

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The idea to celebrate 21 June, which is the Summer Solstice, as the International Day of Yoga was mooted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27 September 2014 during his address to the UN General Assembly.

Immunogen eOD-GT8 60mer can stimulate immune system to block

HIV/AIDS infection in mice: Study

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The immunogen eOD-GT8 60mer, essentially a protein nanoparticle, has the potential to inform immunization strategies against AIDS for humans.

Debendranath Sarangi elected as President of Squash Rackets

Federation of India

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

He will be in the office till 2019.

Benazir Bhutto: A Multidimensional Portrait written by Dr Anna

Suvorova

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The book is based on Bhutto's own books, articles and speeches and on the author's interviews with her close friends and colleagues.

International Yoga Day celebration at Rajpath sets two world records

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **24 people agreed**

Around 36 thousand participants performed asanas and 84 nationalities joined the official observation of International Yoga Day at Rajpath in New Delhi.

Serbia won 2015 FIFA U-20 World Cup by defeating Brazil 2-1

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

It is Serbia's first title since it became an independent nation in 2006.

Roger Federer won Gerry Weber Open tennis title for eighth time

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

It is Federer's 10th Halle final and his most at a single event in his career.

Former Indian women's hockey captain Shashi Bala died

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

Bala who made her international debut in 1987 was captain of the national team during the 1997 FIH Women World Cup Qualifier held in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany won Austrian Grand Prix of Formula One

Published on: 22-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

It is the eleventh overall championship title for Rosberg and the second title in Austria having won the 2014 title too.

Former Turkey President Suleyman Demirel died

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Demirel launched his political career in the aftermath of the 1960 military coup that deposed the Government of Prime Minister Adnan Menderes.

Justice Gian Parkash Mittal resigned from the Office of the Judge of Delhi High Court

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

Mittal tendered his resignation from the office of the Judge of Delhi High Court, in pursuance of provision (a) to clause (1) of article 217 of the Indian Constitution.

France announced ban on earphones for Drivers and Cyclists

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

Those found using earphones while driving a vehicle or riding a cycle will be fined 135 Euro (214 dollar) and lose three license points.

New series of Atithi Devo Bhava TV commercials launched

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

Veteran actor Aamir Khan is the brand ambassador for these impressive films and these films have been directed by the eminent ad maker Prasoon Joshi.

China launched world's first electric passenger aircraft BX1E

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 21 people agreed

The aircraft was designed together by Shenyang Aerospace University and Liaoning General Aviation Academy.

FSSAI set up an Expert Group on Salt, Sugar and Fat in Indian Food

Products

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

The 11-member Expert Group will be headed by Dr. D Prabhakaran, Director, Centre for Chronic Conditions and Injuries and Vice-President, Public Health Foundation of India.

Brightest Galaxy in Early Universe named after Cristiano Ronaldo as

CR7

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

CR7 is three times brighter than the brightest distant galaxy known till now. This brightest galaxy was discovered in the early universe that contains the first generation of stars.

Union Ministry of Finance released Draft Outline of Sovereign Gold

Bond Scheme

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

It is aimed at shifting part of the estimated 300 tons of physical bars and coins purchased every year for investment into Demat gold bonds.

First-ever indigenously developed VRF ACs launched by Blue Star

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

This VRF IV Plus AC system powered by inverter-driven compressor was designed after two years of indigenous R&D work.

Union Ministry of Finance constituted a Task Force headed by D Swarup on Financial Redress Agency

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

FRA was envisaged in the draft Indian Financial Code (IFC) and was recommended by the FSLRC. It would act as the first forum of independent grievance redress which a financial consumer can access

350th foundation day of Shri Anandpur Sahib celebrated

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The holy city was founded by the 9th Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Tegh Bahadur in 1665.

Department of State of USA released Country Reports on Terrorism 2014

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

As per the report, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria accounted for more than 60 percent of terrorist attacks in 2014.

IAMA released Social Media in India 2014 report

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

The report analysed the trends in using social media across the country between March 2014 and April 2015.

Ricoh India Ltd. launched Picasso for improved access to medical images

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

It is combination of healthcare and information technology and based on the Ricoh cloud.

CBRE Research released Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **1 people agreed**

Connaught Place (CP) –Central Business District (CBD) in New Delhi was the fifth costliest office market in the world.

India, Tanzania signed six MoUs during the visit of President of Tanzania to India

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

Agreement on establishing a collaborative program in official statistics was inked between Tanzania's EASTC and India's NSSTA.

Blue Opposition Bloc led by Lars Loekke Rasmussen won Denmark's Parliamentary Elections

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **1 people agreed**

Incumbent Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt, the first woman Prime Minister of Denmark, conceding defeat quit as the head of Social Democrat Party.

Jharkhand Government banned sale of thermocol plates

Published on: 20-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

Sale of Thermocol Plates was banned with an aim to promote leaf plates and generate employment for the poor and tribal people of the state, who is engaged in making leaf plates.

Wealth-X released World's Wealthiest Self-Made Billionaires List

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

The list was topped by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates with a personal fortune totaling nearly 86 billion US dollars.

Antani, Joshi appointed to the board of Future Majority Project of US Republican Party

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

The Future Majority Project (FMP) seeks to recruit, train and elect Republican candidates from diverse communities on the state level who better represent the full diversity of America.

Chinese Version of Bhagavad Gita launched in China

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

The book was translated by Chinese Professor Wang Zhu Cheng and Ling Hai of the Zhejiang University in Shanghai and was published by the Sichuan People's Publications.

Micromax launched world's slimmest 4G phone Micromax Canvas Sliver

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Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The 97-gram device comes in a 5.1 mm thick body, with a 4.8 inch AMOLED touchscreen with high definition (1280x720 pixels) resolution.

Keith Vaz re-elected as chairman of UK Parliament committee

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

Keith Vaz born is a British Labour Party politician who has been Member of Parliament (MP) for Leicester East since the 1987 election.

UNHCR released Global Trends: World at War report on forced displacement

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

The report declared that ongoing refugee crisis due to wars, conflicts and persecution is the worst in recorded history and over half of the world's refugees are children.

WB State Assembly passed West Bengal Tea Plantation Employees

Welfare Fund Bill, 2015

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

It will provide interest subvention and matching grants to the employers of tea gardens as soft loan which they may take for undertaking social welfare schemes, medical facilities, housing, primary education, potable water supply, sanitation and child care.

Hong Kong lawmakers rejected Beijing-backed election reform package

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

The election reform package was voted down by 28 votes to eight in the Legislative Council (known as legco) of 70 legislators.

Exercise Ajeya Warrior -2015

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **24 people agreed**

It is a joint exercise between the armies of India and UK.

SoftBank teamed up with Alibaba, Foxconn to market Pepper robot

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

The company in its statement said that the robot will go on sale to general consumers from 20 June 2015 for 198000 yen (1610.54 dollars) each plus monthly fee and insurance.

China and Australia signed Free Trade Agreement

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) will ensure 85 percent of all exports of Australia to China tariff-free.

Union Ministry of Finance formed two committees for facilitating implementation of GST

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **27 people agreed**

These committees are intended to speed up the process of establishing necessary administrative infrastructure to implement the GST.

Aakar Patel appointed as Executive Director of Amnesty International India

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

Patel as the organization's chief political advisor, strategist and spokesperson will give direction to its goal of being an independent, effective, and deep-rooted organization in India.

CCEA approved Minimum Support Prices for Kharif Crops of 2015-16 season

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

The CCEA decided to give a bonus of 200 rupees per quintal for pulses over and above the recommendations of the CACP in view of a huge deficit of pulses in the country.

Union Government launched weather alert service NOWCAST

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **23 people agreed**

NOWCAST will be used to send SMS alerts on extreme weather data originated by IMD to over one crore farmers whose mobile numbers are registered on government's mKisan portal.

Indian paddlers won team titles at South Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships

Published on: 19-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

To retain the title in junior boys section, the Indian paddlers won all the four matches without dropping a set. Similarly, cadet girls won all their matches without a hiccup.

CCEA approved inclusion of Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh in National Dairy Plan- I

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

It also extended the implementation period for two years to 2018-19 to achieve key outputs of National Dairy Plan- I.

India, China can protect 1.4 million premature deaths by improving quality of Air: Study

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The study also warned that if air pollution is not controlled or changed than in next 15 years deaths per capita due to air pollution would increase by 20 to 30 percent in these two countries.

Union Cabinet approved agreement with Spain on abolishing visa requirements for diplomatic passports

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Similar agreements on abolishing visa requirements for diplomatic passports holders have been signed by India with 40 countries.

G Gurucharan given additional charge as Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Presently, he is serving as an Additional Secretary in Department of Food and Public Distribution.

Book titled Bikhare Khyalat written by Abdul Haq presented to Vice-President

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The book is an Urdu translation of Mohammed Iqbal's writing in English titled Stray Reflections.

CCEA approved setting up of 2000 MW of Grid connected Solar PV Power Projects under JNNSM

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The project will be developed on Build, Own and Operate basis by Solar Power Developers (SPDs) with Viability Gap Funding (VGF).

Sharad Pawar re-elected as President of Mumbai Cricket Association

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Former Indian cricketer Dilip Vengsarkar along with Ashish Shelar was elected as Vice-President of the MCA.

Union Cabinet approved transfer of NIL's land to DRDO for establishing a defence research centre

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The land will be transferred by Jadavpur University in West Bengal to DRDO on long-term lease for establishing a defence research centre namely the Jagadish Chandra Bose Centre for Advanced Technology (JCBCAT).

Union Government launched Cluster Development Programme for Pharma Sector

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The scheme is intended to enhance quality, productivity and innovative capabilities of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the pharmacy sector.

Japan's Parliament passed a Bill to lower voting age from 20 to 18

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The last time Japan's voting age was revised in 1945 post World War II, when the voting age was lowered to 20 from 25, and women were given the right to vote.

Union Government decided to increase number of work days under MGNREGA in drought hit areas

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The cost of providing 50 more days of work to the rural households will be borne by the Union Government and it will be applicable to those households only that complete its 100 days work.

Union Cabinet revised target of solar power under JNNSM to 100000

MW by 2022

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The earlier target was producing solar power of 20000 MW by 2022.

Union Cabinet approved Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

It will repeal the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act, 1986 and seeks to improve the quality of goods, services and systems in the country.

Madras HC made wearing of helmets for two-wheelers compulsory from 1 July 2015

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The high court also told officials to install CCTV cameras in all junctions and roads for monitoring the implementation of the respective order.

TCS launched Center of Excellence (CoE) for Next-Gen Technology

Solutions in Hyderabad

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

Its primary focus is on emerging communication technologies such as Software Defined Networks (SDN), Network Function Virtualization (NFV), 5G and Wireless LAN (WLAN).

Renowned architect Charles Correa passed away

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

He was the Chief Architect behind the development of Navi Mumbai along with Shirish Patel and Pravina Mehta.

Anti-Malarial compound DDD107498 that inhibits protein synthesis discovered

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The compound was found to have all the attributes of an anti-malarial drug which extends to multiple lifecycle stages of the Plasmodium parasite. The results gain prominence as the malaria parasite has developed resistance to anti-malaria drugs.

Union Cabinet approved Housing for All by 2022 Mission

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

It is aimed at providing housing facilities to all eligible people in urban areas by 2022.

Hindi writers Babusha Kohli, Upasana won 10th Navlekhan Award of

Bharatiya Jnanpith

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

Kohli was awarded for poem Prem Gilhari Dil Akhrot and Upasana for her novel Ek Zindagi Eke K Script Bhar.

Archana Ramasundaram appointed as Director of National Crime

Records Bureau

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet on 17 June 2015 approved her posting to NCRB by curtailing her tenure as Additional Director of the CBI, New Delhi.

ASIC launched mobile app ASCIonline for consumer complaint

Published on: 18-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 0 people agreed

The app will allow consumers to raise their voice against misleading advertisements and register their complaint in an easy manner by providing advertisement details and the objection.

One Rank, One Pension scheme for ex-servicemen

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 46 people agreed

The One Rank, One Pension (OROP) scheme for ex-servicemen was recently in news on 16 June 2015 as the scheme is likely to be rolled out ahead of the Bihar Assembly polls 2015.

SunEdison Inc acquired Singapore-based Continuum Wind Energy Ltd

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

With the acquisition of Continuum, SunEdison added significant assets and a skilled wind development team to drive further growth in the renewable energy development platform.

Critically endangered Sangai deer found in Manipur's Loktak Lake to be translocated

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

Sangai, also known as state animal of Manipur and once found across the Manipur Valley, now lives in Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLNP) situated inside the Loktak Lake.

Las Vegas casino tycoon Kirk Kerkorian died

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

Kerkorian founded MGM Resorts International (MGM.N) and was its largest shareholder.

Election Commission of India (ECI) suspended recognition of National

People's Party (NPP)

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The NPP is headed by former Lok Sabha Speaker PA Sangma and had been a recognised state party in Meghalaya before the suspension order.

Commission on GSJG released the Confronting the Crisis of Global Governance report

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The report says that the United Nations and other global institutions aren't equipped to tackle today's global challenges ranging from massive violence in fragile states to runaway climate change.

Previously unknown extreme star formation Eye of Medusa observed 100 million light years away

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The observations were conducted by Institut de Radioastronomie Millimétrique (IRAM) using the NOEMA (Northern Extended Millimeter Array).

India's trade deficit in May 2015 narrowed to 10.4 billion US dollars

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Exports during May 2015 were valued at 22.34 billion US dollars which was 20.19 percent lower than the level of 27.99 billion US dollars during May 2014.

AIBA constituted Ad-hoc committee chaired by Kishan Narsi for boxing in India

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The ad-hoc committee will be chaired by Kishan Narsi and other members are Jay Kowli, Manisha Malhotra and Injeti Srinivas.

BCG released Global Wealth 2015 report; India home to fourth largest ultra-high-net worth households

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The annual report listed out the status of generation and distribution of private wealth in 2014. It also estimated the future prospects of global private financial wealth.

Nathu La pass in Sikkim reopened for Kailash-Manasarovar pilgrims after 53 years

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 125 people agreed

The pass was closed by Chinese authorities in 1962 following a war between the two countries.

Book titled Recasting India written by Hindol Sengupta released

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

In the book the author explains emergence of new class of entrepreneurs in India, in recent times, especially from geographically and socially disadvantaged spaces.

Narendra Kumar Yadav took charge as Chairman and Managing Director of MTNL

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

Yadav succeeded PK Purwar, who was given additional charge of the post after company's CMD AK Garg retired on 30 May 2014.

Bengaluru based Ganit labs developed 5000 rupees test for tongue cancer patients

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

The low cost gene mapping based test assumes significance against the backdrop of growing instances of tongue cancer cases across India.

Beno Zephine became first 100% blind officer in IFS

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

At the time of being named as IFS officer, Beno was serving the State Bank of India as a probationary officer. She is a postgraduate in English from Madras University.

Documentary on cricket titled Death of Gentleman screened at Sheffield

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The documentary made in four years came into news as it raised questions on existence of Tests Cricket in future and shows the its decline.

India and Poland set trade target of 5 billion US dollars by 2018

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **6 people agreed**

The decision was taken on 15 June 2015 at the fourth session of the bilateral Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation, held in Warsaw, capital city of Poland.

Sunil Chhetri became first Indian footballer to score 50 international goals

Published on: 17-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

Guam defeated India 2-1, in the India's second match of the second round of qualifiers for 2018 football World Cup qualifying group match.

Book titled Modi - Incredible emergence of a star in Chinese language written by Tarun Vijay

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

The book based on life and economic vision of PM Narendra Modi has been published by Sichuan University's South Asia Study Centre.

CSIR set up India's first Micro Air Vehicle Aerodynamics Research

Tunnel in Bengaluru

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The tunnel first of its kind in India will be used to test the fixed-wing, flapping-wing and rotary-wing MAVs in the 500 mm wingspan category.

UN elected Denmark's Mogens Lykketoft to head General Assembly

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

Lykketoft will succeed Uganda's Sam Kutesa. His Presidency will begin in September 2015 at the commencement of the 70th General Assembly session.

Kapil Mishra appointed as Chairman of Delhi Jal Board

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

Kapil Mishra succeeded Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Harbajan Singh became 9th highest wicket-taker in Test Cricket

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

The 'Turbanator' is now only 20 wickets short of beating Kapil Dev's 434 Test wickets to become second highest wicket-taker in history of Indian Test cricket after Anil Kumble's 619 wickets.

Union Government launched Augmented Reality Application named

Sakaar

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **13 people agreed**

The application has been developed by Development and Educational Communication Unit (DECU) of ISRO for Android devices.

Australia applied holding order to Maggi Noodles from India

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

The department took this measure in response to reports of levels of lead that are potentially noncompliant with the permissible levels in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

Karbons to set up its first mobile phone manufacturing facility in

Hyderabad

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

The facility will be established with an estimated cost of 450 crore rupees as part of a joint venture (JV) with a Chinese company.

Britain celebrated 800th anniversary of Magna Carta

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

The Great Charter, as it is often called, was said to be the foundation stone of the rights and liberties of the English people that gradually paved way for principle of Rule of Law across the world.

800-year-old Buddha statue with 1000 hands unveiled by China after 7

years of restoration

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **10 people agreed**

The restoration work of the statue, one integral part of the Dazu Rock Carvings, was started on 18 April 2008

PM Narendra Modi launched book titled Education of Muslims by

Professor JS Rajput

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The book is aimed at informing and educating policy-makers, scholars and readers about role of Islam in pursuit of education and knowledge.

Rafael Nadal won Stuttgart Open

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

It was Rafael Nadal's third Stuttgart Men's single title and with this victory he also became first tennis player to win titles at the event on both clay and grass surface.

Indian Railways rechristened Haridwar Mail as Yoga Express

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

Indian Railways with immediate effect rechristened train No 19031/19032 Ahmedabad-Haridwar Mail Express also known as 'Haridwar Mail' as Yoga Express.

Snapdeal.com acquired Letsgomo Labs

Published on: 16-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

With this acquisition, Snapdeal will strengthen its position in mobile commerce as online consumers in India are increasingly choosing to shop over their phones.

Union Government launched website to connect employers, job seekers

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The employers and job seekers can now register at www.eex.dcmsme.gov.in.

RTA of UAE included four Indian languages into its driving tests

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

Out of seven languages included are Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Bengali (Indian languages) and Chinese, Russian and Persian.

Israeli government approved bill to force feed prisoners

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The Bill is called as Law to Prevent Harm Caused by Hunger Strikes.

Comet lander Philae woke up after seven months of hibernation

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The signals from the spacecraft were received at the European Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt, Germany on 13 June 2015.

Spain passed law awarding citizenship to descendants of expelled Jews

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

Tens of thousands of Jews were expelled in 1492 during the Spanish Inquisition, who were forced to convert them to Catholicism or were burnt at the stake.

Railway Ministry decided to run Suvidha Trains

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **18 people agreed**

Under Suvidha train services only confirmed and RAC tickets will be issued and there will be no waiting list.

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement signed in Thimpu

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

It is aimed at regulation of Passenger, Personal and Cargo Vehicular Traffic amongst four SAARC member countries.

Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) launched India Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP)

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **17 people agreed**

It will cover the risks of liability of nuclear operators and suppliers under Section 6(2) and Section 17 of the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damages (CLND) Act, 2010 respectively.

Aegus Pvt Ltd acquired Paris-based T&K Machine Inc

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **1 people agreed**

T&K acquisition will help Aegus to expand its footprint in North American market.

Bibek Debroy committee on railway restructuring submitted report to

Union Ministry of Railways

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

The High Level Committee (HLC) headed by Dr Bibek Debroy was formed in September 2015.

World famous Buddhas of Bamiyan resurrected in Afghanistan

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

The statues were among the most famous cultural landmarks of the region and the site was listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

Sheila Kaul, former Governor of Himachal Pradesh, died

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

Kaul, sister-in-law of Jawaharlal Nehru, was the oldest surviving former Parliamentarian was a Member of Parliament (MP) for five times.

Union Government launched mobile app to locate nearest blood bank

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The app was launched with an aim to ease access of information regarding the nearest blood bank in the country.

World Blood Donors Day observed with theme Thank you for saving my life

Published on: 15-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 28 people agreed

The theme of WBDD focuses on thanking blood donors who save lives every day through their blood donation and encourages more people across the earth to donate blood voluntarily and regularly with the slogan "Give freely, give often. Blood donation matters."

Sir Wesley Winfield Hall inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of fame

Published on: 13-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

With this, Hall became 80th cricketer to be inducted in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame and 18th from West Indies itself.

Sangeet Natak Akademi announced awardees for 2014 Akademi Awards and fellowships

Published on: 13-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 22 people agreed

The Akademi recognizes the contribution of outstanding musicians, dancers and theatre artists by bestowing them the Fellowships and Awards on yearly basis

RBI issued final guidelines for 6-year and 13-year Interest Rate Futures

Published on: 13-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

For this purpose, RBI amended the Interest Rate Futures (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2013 dated 5 December 2013.

Dromedary camels are key source of MERS Virus: Study

Published on: 13-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

The research study was carried out by international team who had looked for evidence of current or past MERS infection in more than 800 dromedary camels or Arabian camels.

Telangana Government unveiled Telangana Industrial Policy 2015

Published on: 13-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The policy is intended to boost industrial activity and employment opportunities in the state.

Moldova's Prime Minister Chiril Gaburuci resigned

Published on: 13-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

Gaburuci became the Prime Minister of Moldova in February 2015. He headed a pro-European government that relies on the Communist Party of Moldova.

Dick Costolo resigned as CEO of Twitter Inc

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Twitter co-founder and Square Inc's CEO Jack Dorsey will take over as the Interim CEO of the company on 1 July 2015 and will stay until a replacement is found.

Vinita Bali appointed as Chair of Board of Directors of GAIN

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

Vinita succeeded Jay Naidoo, who led GAIN in the global fight against malnutrition since its creation in 2002.

World Day Against Child Labour observed globally

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The theme of the 2015 World Day Against Child Labour is NO to child labour – YES to quality education!

Forbes released 2015 World's 100 Highest-Paid Athletes list

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

Mahendra Singh Dhoni is the sole Indian and only cricketer in the list with earnings of 31 million US dollars.

England's cricketer Matt Prior retired from all forms of cricket

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The first English wicketkeeper to score a century on debut was not able to play any match since July 2014 due to the recurring Achilles tendon injury.

Veteran actor Sir Christopher Lee died at the age of 93

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Lee was knitted in 2009 for services to drama and charity. In 2011 and 2013, he was awarded with the Bafta fellowship and BFI Fellowship, respectively.

Said Djinnit, UN envoy to Burundi crisis, stepped down as mediator

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Till date, Djinnit was hosting talks between the governing party and those who do not want President Pierre Nkurunziza to stand for re-election.

Union Government scrapped import duties on AIDS drugs

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

At present, more than a third of India's 2.1 million HIV/AIDS patients depend on getting their daily anti-retroviral for free from state-run distribution centers, which have been facing shortages.

Union Government launched Migrant Resource Centre in Chennai

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The MRC will provide information, guidance, advise and counselling on all aspects of overseas employment to intending migrants and overseas Indian workers.

Prof S Bandyopadhyay appointed as Director of Indian Statistical

Institute (ISI)

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

She replaced Dr Bimal K Roy who was removed on charges of indiscipline by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).

Ravi Garikipati appointed as Entrepreneur in Residence of Flipkart

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **4 people agreed**

In this position, he will work closely with Flipkart founders Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal and head of Flipkart's e-commerce platform Mukesh Bansal on new business projects.

Tamil Nadu and Adani Power Ltd signed PPA to set up 200 MW solar power plant in Ramanathapuram

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

The plant will be constructed with an investment of nearly 1400 crore rupees.

Chandigarh's Rock Garden creator Nek Chand died

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **8 people agreed**

Chand's creation the Rock Garden of Chandigarh was opened for public on 24 January 1976 and at present is maintained by the Nek Chand Foundation, formed in 1996.

Dr Bimal K Roy removed as Director of Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)

Published on: 12-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

He was replaced by director designate Prof S Bandyopadhyay who was set to assume the office on 1 August 2015 on Roy's superannuation.

Big Band Leader James Last passed away

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

James was born as Hans Last in the northern city of Bremen in 1929 and was originally a piano player.

African leaders signed 26-nation Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) agreement

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

It is expected to benefit 625 million people living in 26 member countries of the pact.

ISRO presented with 2015 Space Pioneer Award for Mars Orbiter Mission

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 27 people agreed

The award was presented by National Space Society (NSS) of USA in recognition of ISRO's efforts in accomplishing Mars Orbiter Mission in its very first attempt.

Union Cabinet approved proposal to promulgate the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Ordinance

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

The intended ordinance will amend the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 that is focused on clarifying the jurisdiction related issues for filing cases for offence committed under section 138 of the NI Act.

NASA scientist developed tool to predict destructive solar storms

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The model will help predict solar geomagnetic storms 24 hours in advance.

Amazon opened its biggest Fulfilment Centre in Hyderabad

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

It is the biggest such facility for Amazon in the country having previously established 10 Fulfilment Centres across seven states.

3800-year-old statuettes of priestess and politicians discovered in Peru

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

The Caral civilisation first emerged some 5000-year-ago and covered an area of over 60 hectares, with around 3000 inhabitants.

Indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant undocked in Kochi

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Upon its induction, the aircraft carrier puts India in the elite group of four countries in the world viz., USA, Russia, the UK and France that are capable of designing and constructing aircraft carriers.

Kapil Mishra named as Delhi Law Minister

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Mishra who represents Karawal Nagar Assembly seat will succeed Jitendra Singh Tomar who resigned on 9 June 2015 following his arrest in fake degree case.

CCEA approved 4721 crore rupees road projects in Madhya Pradesh, Telangana

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

The projects will be executed under the flagship road building programme National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

FC Barcelona won 2015 UEFA Champions League title

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

This was the fifth time Barcelona has been crowned with the title and their fourth in the last decade after their victories in 2006, 2009 and 2011.

HDFC Bank launched PayZapp

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The mobile app PayZapp will allow customers to manage credit or debit card details, recharge and pay bills, use virtual card, send money through a wallet and shop.

Former Indian Cricketer Hemant Kanitkar died

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Kanitkar, a stalwart of domestic cricket, played two Tests as a wicketkeeper-batsman in the home series against Clive Lloyd's West Indies in 1974-75.

Parkash Singh Badal conferred with 2015 Sant Namdev National Award

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 28 people agreed

Badal was honoured with a citation, a prize amount of 101000 rupees and a memento by the foundation.

India, Japan and Australia held first ever trilateral dialogue

Published on: 11-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

The representatives of three countries discussed prospects of cooperation in the fields of economy and security with special emphasis on maritime security.

Indian-origin scientist Manu Prakash developed World's first water-based computer

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 31 people agreed

They have built a synchronous computer that operates using the unique physics of moving water droplets.

Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar appointed as Director of CSIR-IICT

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The appointment was made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is President of the CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research).

PVR Ltd agreed to acquire DLF's DT Cinemas for 500 crore rupees

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **0 people agreed**

The board of directors of the company at its meeting approved the acquisition of the cinema exhibition business of DLF Utilities Ltd.

Illegal trapping of migratory songbird Yellow-Breasted Bunting leading to its extinction: Study

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

The study claimed that the bird is being hunted to near extinction because of Chinese eating habits.

India-born Padmasree Warrior resigned as Chief Technology Officer of Cisco

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **1 people agreed**

She resigned after a major restructuring at the top management level under incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chuck Robbins.

Indian Army carried out cross-border operation against militants in Myanmar

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

The elite commandos of the Army during this cross-border operation went few kilometers inside the Myanmar territory and destroyed two camps of insurgents hiding along the Nagaland and Manipur borders.

Indian Basketball Players Association launched in New Delhi

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

The launching ceremony also saw the nomination of President and other members of the IBPA.

RBI issued Draft Framework on Issuance of Rupee linked Bonds Overseas

Overseas

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

It is intended to permit Indian corporate and International Financial Institutions to issue rupee-linked bonds overseas.

Bihar launched campaign Badh Chala Bihar to produce Bihar@2025 vision document

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

It is touted as world's largest campaign for participatory agenda through massive engagement of citizens.

Nepal political parties reached agreement on proposed Constitution framework

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The agreement is related to the number of federal states, form of governance and electoral and judicial systems to be set out in the constitution.

Shah Rukh Khan acquired CPL T20 team Trinidad & Tobago

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Shah Rukh Khan is the first owner of an Indian Premier League team to own an overseas cricket franchise.

AMC launched USE and GET PAID scheme; Public Toilet Users to be paid 1 rupee

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The civic body will pay the money after identifying people who defecate in open and sensitise them to use public toilets and reward them.

RBI announced Strategic Debt Restructuring Scheme

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The scheme will benefit Scheduled Commercial Banks and term-lending and refinancing institutions which are suffering from high Non Performing Assets (NAPs).

Bombay High Court banned horse driven carriages in Mumbai

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The court termed that the use of horse carriages for joyrides is illegal and granted one year to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) to implement the complete ban.

ICICI Bank appointed MK Sharma as non-executive chairman

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Sharma succeeded KV Kamath, who would step down from the bank's board after he was nominated as the first president of the New Development Bank, established by BRICS nations.

41st G7 summit held in Germany

Published on: 10-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 40 people agreed

The theme for the summit was Think Ahead. Act Together.

Haryana's Jind, Karnal & UP's Muzaffarnagar included in NCR

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

Earlier on 1 July 2013, Bhiwani and Mahendragarh districts of Haryana and Bharatpur district of Rajasthan were included in the National Capital Region.

Vijai Sharma appointed as Chief Information Commissioner of India

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

Prior to this appointment, he was serving as an Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission since 2012.

KV Chowdary appointed as Chief Vigilance Commissioner

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

With this appointment, Chowdary became first non-IAS officer to head the CVC since it was formed in 1964.

Justice and Development Party won Turkey's parliamentary polls

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

According to preliminary results, the pro-Kurdish left-wing Peoples' Democracy Party (HDP) which crossed the 10 percent threshold, managed to enter Parliament for the first time.

Cyclone ASHOBAA intensified into severe cyclonic storm

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 13 people agreed

ASHOBAA was formed after a depression over Arabian Sea converted itself into deep depression and later as a cyclonic storm.

RC Tayal appointed as Director General of National Security Guard

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Prior to this appointment, Tayal was serving as the Special Director General (DG) in paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Denudation in mangrove vegetation of Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 23 people agreed

Ecosystem of the Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary harbours the largest number of saltwater crocodile population in the Indian sub-continent.

World Ocean Day observed with theme Healthy oceans, Healthy planet

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

To mark the occasion, various events were organised across the globe to spread awareness about the importance of oceans in our day to day lives.

Sourav Ganguly: Cricket, Captaincy and Controversy written by

Saptarshi Sarkar

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

It is a biography of former Indian Cricket Captain Sourav Ganguly and deals with his cricketing career.

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won 2015 Canada Grand Prix of Formula 1

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

For Hamilton, it was the fourth victory at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve on Montreal's Isle Notre-Dame, where he earned his first Grand Prix win in 2007.

Momota and Ratchanok won Indonesia Open Badminton titles

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Japanese rising star shuttler Kento Momota and Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon won the men's and women's singles respectively of the Indonesia Open Badminton tournament.

Union Environment Ministry approved Coastal Road Project of Mumbai

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

This 12000-crore project will cover 35.6 km between Nariman Point and Kandivali, along the western seafront.

Manchester United Football Club became World's most valuable brand with 1.2 billion US dollars

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Also, it became the first club to pass the 1 billion US dollar mark.

International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2015

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 29 people agreed

The 16th IIFA Awards were presented in the first week of June 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

NMCG, NYKS signed MoU for involvement of youth in restoring the health of Ganga river

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The MoU aims to involve youth in creating awareness and outreaching public by carrying out afforestation drive for medicinal plants species, promoting sanitation and construction of toilets.

Telugu writer Dasaradhi Rangacharya died at 87

Published on: 09-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Inspired by Marxism and socialism, Rangacharya wrote several books that highlighted the life and agony of the people at the grass roots level especially in the then Telangana region.

Eleven Indo-Canadians honoured with ICCA Annual Awards 2015

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The award was presented by Toronto Mayor John Tory and President of the Indo-Canada Chambers of Commerce (ICCC) DP Jain at the annual gala award ceremony held at Toronto.

Flood of fire written by Amitav Ghosh

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

With the novel, he has concluded the Ibis trilogy, his fictional recreation of the events leading up to the first opium war of 1839-42.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bangladesh

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **30 people agreed**

Modi along with her Bangladeshi Counterpart Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee flagged off the Dhaka-Shillong-Guwahati and Kolkata-Dhaka-Tripura bus services.

India, Bangladesh signed Land Boundary Agreement of 1974

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **20 people agreed**

Under the agreement, the countries will exchange territories, with 111 enclaves being transferred to Bangladesh and 51 to India.

Anshu Jain, Juergen Fitschen resigned as Co-CEO of Deutsche Bank

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

John Cryan was named as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Deutsche Bank.

India and Bangladesh signed 22 bilateral documents

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **17 people agreed**

Instruments of Ratification of 1974 Land Boundary Agreement and its 2011 Protocol as well as letters on Modalities for implementation of 1974 Land Boundary Agreement were exchanged.

Rahul Dravid named coach of India 'A', U-19 cricket teams

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The decision to appoint Dravid as the coach was taken at the first meeting of BCCI's advisory committee in Kolkata.

Stanislas Wawrinka won Men's single title of French Open

Published on: 08-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **23 people agreed**

This was second grand slam title for Wawrinka after Australian Open 2014.

Union Government inaugurated Tier-I Oil Spill Response Centre for

Mumbai and JNPT Harbour

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **12 people agreed**

The objective behind setting up the centre is to develop appropriate and effective systems for the detection and reporting of oil spillage.

Industrial effluents caused fire on water of Bellandur Lake

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Researchers in its study titled, 'Pathetic status of wetlands in Bengaluru: epitome of inefficient and uncoordinated governance', concluded that the flames were caused due to industrial effluents in the water.

UK Author Ali Smith won 2015 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 19 people agreed

Baileys Prize was set up in 1996 with an aim to celebrate and promote international fiction by women throughout the world. Earlier it was known as the Orange Prize.

IMA's first Jan Aushadhi medical store launched in Delhi

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The Jan Aushadhi store will offer over 118 commonly used drugs at a 10 to 20 percent lesser price than market value.

R Seshasayee appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of Infosys Limited

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

He succeeded KV Kamath, who resigned to head the proposed BRICS New Development Bank in China.

Union Ministry of Water Resources launched nationwide Jal Kranti

Abhiyan from Jaipur

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

The campaign aims to strengthen grass root involvement of all stake holders including Panchyati raj institutions and local bodies in the water security and development schemes.

AP Postal Circle decided to sell River Godavari water as GOD-JAL

during Pushkaram festival

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

The water can be ordered online at www.appost/in/eshop by devotees till 14 July 2015. The order will be delivered at their doorstep from 15 July 2015.

HP High Court asked state government to establish separate homes for

differently-abled people

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

The court directed Principal Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment) to release adequate funds for the purpose within eight weeks and asked state government to complete the work within a year.

Hollywood actor Hiroshi Koizumi died

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

Making debut in 1951 on silver screen, Koizumi appeared in a string of monster films including Mothra vs Godzilla, Ghidorah, the Three-Headed Monster and Dogara, the Space Monster.

Wrestler Prem Nath passed away

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Prem Nath, a President's Medal-winning retired Delhi Police official, was known for his efforts to popularise wrestling in Delhi.

Prominent scientist Ameenah Gurib-Fakim sworn-in as President of Mauritius

Published on: 06-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Gurib-Fakim, 56, is the first female president of Mauritius, which gained independence from Britain in 1968 and replaced Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state in 1992.

WTO's Dispute Settlement Board ruled against India's ban on poultry imports from the US

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The appellate body agreed with the panel's finding that India's AI (avian influenza) measures are inconsistent, because they are not based on a risk assessment

Fortune released 61st edition of list of top 500 companies

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 18 people agreed

These Fortune 500 companies account for 12.5 trillion US dollar in revenues, 945 billion US dollar in profits, 17 trillion US dollar in market value and employ 26.8 million people worldwide.

Delhi Government introduced mechanical road sweepers

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The mechanical sweeping machines are the initiative of the New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC).

Volvo India appointed Tom von Bonsdorff as Managing Director

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

He succeeded Tomas Ernberg. Tomas Ernberg is moving back to Sweden in a new role.

IREDA awarded Miniratna (Category-1) status by Department of Public Enterprises

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 17 people agreed

Grant of status allows IREDA to make capital expenditure on new projects, modernization, purchase of equipment, etc. without Government approval up to 500 crores rupees, or equal to their net worth, whichever is lower.

Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry Irwin Rose passed away

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

Rose won the Nobel Prize for discovering a way that cells destroy unwanted proteins for developing new therapies for diseases such as cervical cancer and cystic fibrosis.

Union Government signed 400 million US dollars loan agreement with

World Bank for TNSUDP

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The objective of the project is to improve urban services in participating Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in a financially sustainable manner and to pilot improved urban management practices in selected cities of Tamil Nadu. The total project size is 600 million US dollars

India and the Netherlands signed agreements to enhance bilateral

cooperation

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The agreements were signed during the visit of Prime Minister of Netherland Mark Rutte to India.

Union Government filed complaint against Maggi under Section 12(1)(d)

of Consumer Protection Act

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 14 people agreed

The government took this decision against the backdrop of alleged lapses related to food safety standards in Maggi noodles containing high levels of lead and Monosodium Glutamate (MSG).

20 soldiers killed in militant ambush at Tengnoupal, Manipur

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Three militant organizations, namely NSCN-K, KYKL and KCP have jointly claimed responsibility for the ambush.

AIFF signed an agreement with French Football Federation

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

The agreement was signed by Praful Patel, President, AIFF in the presence of Kushal Das, General Secretary of AIFF.

AB De Villiers conferred with South Africa Cricketer of the Year Award

for 2015

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

Having received the annual award for 2014 also, he joined Makhaya Ntini who received the award in successive years- 2005 and 2006.

World Environment Day observed globally

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **17 people agreed**

Theme Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with. highlights that by 2050 we will need three planets to sustain our ways of living and consumption.

Sundaram Ravi inducted into Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for 2015-16

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **5 people agreed**

Sunder Ravi has become the first Indian after S Venkataraghavan who was inducted into the elite panel in 2004.

Delhi Metro got its first driver-less train

Published on: 05-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **14 people agreed**

A total of 20 such train sets of Hyundai Rotem will be manufactured in South Korea's Changwan by the end of 2015.

India and the US signed 2015 Framework for the India-US Defence Relationship

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **35 people agreed**

Apart from this, both India and the United States also finalized two project agreements for joint development of Mobile Electric Hybrid Power Sources and the Next Generation Protective Ensembles.

India and Belarus signed six Agreements during the visit of President to Belarus

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **11 people agreed**

The two nations inked a protocol amending the agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Property (Capital) of the 27 September 1997.

Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2015-16 announced;

Repo rate cut by 0.25 percent

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **26 people agreed**

As a result, the reverse repo rate, the rate at which RBI borrows from commercial banks, stands adjusted to 6.25 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 8.25 per cent.

Suresh Kalmadi conferred with Asian Athletics Association President's award

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 12 people agreed

Kalmadi is credited of introducing top events like Asian Grand Prix series, Asian Indoor Championships and Asian All Star Meet and others during his tenure as the president of AAA from 2000 to 2013.

Stempeucel, a stem cell drug, received Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) in Europe

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

By virtue of being an ODD, it will have 10 years of market exclusivity from product launch in the European Union (EU), fee reductions and access to the central authorisation procedure.

India joined MCAA on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account

Information (AEOI)

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

The declaration to comply with the provisions of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) was signed in Paris by Mohan Kumar, the Indian ambassador to France.

Jharkhand Cabinet approved Jharkhand Special Courts Ordinance, 2015

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Raghubar Das gave the nod for the Ordinance to make Jharkhand rid of corruption by setting up adequate special courts.

WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 released; India placed 59th out of 102 countries

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The index has been topped by Denmark followed by Norway, Sweden and Finland at second, third and fourth place respectively. All the four countries have score above 0.85.

Maharashtra Government invoked MCOCA against ration mafia

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

This is the first time that MCOCA was applied against ration mafia with an aim of weeding out the widespread corruption in public distribution system.

Chinese cruise ship Eastern Star capsized in the Yangtze River

Published on: 04-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The ship was headed from the eastern city of Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing. Most of the passengers had retired for the night when the incident happened.

President Pranab Mukherjee concluded two-nation visit to Sweden and Belarus

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Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

He visited Sweden from 31 May to 2 June and Belarus from 2 June to 4 June 2015 and these visits were first ever by an Indian President to either country.

Northern Railway rolled out India's first rail coach lit by solar panels

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

This is the first time in the history of Indian Railways, that a solar photovoltaic system has been used for power requirements of light and fan in a broad gauge coach.

Syed Asif Ibrahim appointed as PM's Special Envoy on Countering

Terrorism and Extremism

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

In this new capacity, he will liaise with governments in West Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and South East Asia, among others, in setting up channels for the exchange of intelligence and information on terror groups.

Inderjeet won gold in shot put at 21st Asian Athletics Championships

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Inderjeet heaved the iron ball to a new championship record of 20.41 metres, which he achieved in his fourth attempt.

Scientists at CIMAP succeeded in whole genome sequencing of Holy basil or Tulsi

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

This is the first report of complete genome sequence of Tulsi, which is both used as an essential medicinal plant and revered as Vishnupriya and worshipped for over 3000 years in India.

Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje inaugurated Phase 1A of Jaipur Metro

Rail Services

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Important for Exam: 20 people agreed

In the first phase, the metro will run on 9.6 kilometer stretch and cover nine stations from residential area Mansarovar to business hub in Chandpole.

US President Barack Obama signed USA FREEDOM Act 2015 into law

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

This Act has limited government's ability to collect phone data, which was done through a policy named as 2001 USA Patriot Act, which was in existence since the attacks of 11 September 2001.

Punit Renjen appointed as CEO of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited

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Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

Renjen succeeded Barry Salzberg, who retired from Deloitte Global on 31 May 2015.

Union Government launched Khoya Paya web portal to exchange information on missing children

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

It was jointly launched by Maneka Gandhi, Union Minister of Women & Child Development and Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Communication & Information Technology.

Ravi Shastri re-appointed as Director of Indian Cricket team

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Important for Exam: 2 people agreed

Team India's tour to Bangladesh will start from 10 June 2015. During the tour, India will play one Test and three One-Day Internationals matches.

Union Ministry of Women and Child Development launched IAP

HealthPhone programme

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

This programme was developed by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) in partnership with the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, UNICEF and is supported by Vodafone India.

Fishing ban of 61 days along the Western Coast became effective except in Kerala

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Instead, the state will stick to the 47-day ban, as in previous years, and allowed its fishermen to continue operating till June 15.

The Constitution (100th Amendment) Act, 2015

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Important for Exam: 50 people agreed

The amendment deals with the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) between India and Bangladesh.

Maharashtra Cabinet approved a Composite Renewable Energy Policy

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The policy aims at achieving 14400 MW of installed capacity over a period of five years, that is, till 2020. The current installed capacity of renewable energy in the state is 6700 MW.

Harley-Davidson tied-up with Myntra for online merchandise sale

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Known for rebellious designs and bold urban styling, Harley-Davidson will now offer its casual merchandise on an exclusive online store on Myntra.

South Korea and China signed bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

It aims to gradually remove tariffs on more than 90 percent of traded goods between both the countries within 20 years.

Union Government simplified defence rules to woo foreign companies

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

In order to provide a level-playing field to private players, the government withdrew excise and Customs duty exemptions enjoyed by the Ordinance Factory Board and defence Public Sector Undertakings.

Sepp Blatter resigned as FIFA president amid corruption scandal

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Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

Blatter, who was re-elected as FIFA president on 29 May 2015, will exercise his functions as FIFA president until an election is held.

Emami Limited acquired hair care brand Kesh King

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

With this acquisition, Emami forays into the fast-growing hair-care segment. Emami's current oil portfolio includes Navratna Cool Oil and Emami 7 Oil in One Damage Control Hair Oil.

Pawan Munjal appointed as the CMD of Hero MotoCorp Ltd

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 95 people agreed

He succeeded his father Brijmohan Lall Munjal, who resigned on 1 June 2015.

McCullum, Hesson honoured in Queen's Birthday Honours in New

Zealand

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Important for Exam: 7 people agreed

The head of the New Zealand World Cup organizing committee, Therese Walsh, was made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

92-year-old Harriette Thompson became oldest woman to complete a marathon

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

Harriette Thompson of 92 year 65 days broke the previous record of Gladys Burrill, who created the record in 2010 at the age of 92 years and 19 days.

Trial run of Kolkata-Dhaka-Agartala bus service began

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Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

In its journey, the bus will cross two international checkpoints and they are Petrapole on West Bengal-Bangladesh border and at Akhuara on Tripura-Bangladesh border.

Hollywood actress Betsy Palmer passed away

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Important for Exam: 1 people agreed

Betsy was famously known for playing the character of Jason Voorhees' mother in Friday the 13th movie in 1980.

Two patients died from MERS virus in South Korea

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Important for Exam: 16 people agreed

So far, there have been 25 confirmed cases of MERS since a man tested positive following a trip to Saudi Arabia and became the country's first MERS patient in May 2015.

RBI permitted cross holding in infrastructure bonds

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

With this, now banks would be able to cross hold these bonds among themselves for financing infrastructure and affordable housing loans, which earlier was not permitted.

Intel announced to buy Altera for 16.7 billion US dollars

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Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Intel will pay 54 dollar a share in cash to Altera to complete the acquisition process.

President gave assent to 119th Constitutional Amendment Bill on LBA between India and Bangladesh

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Important for Exam: 36 people agreed

It is the 100th amendment to the Indian Constitution and amends its first schedule.

K Sivan appointed as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC),

ISRO

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Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

Before the present appointment, he was the Distinguished Scientist and Director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Thiruvananthapuram.

S Somanath appointed as Director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre,

ISRO

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Before the present appointment, he was an Associate Director (Projects), VSSC as well as Project Director of GSLV Mk-III.

Hemant Sonawala, the pioneer of India's IT industry, died

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 3 people agreed

Sonawala the chairman of Hinditron was also the founder of Digital Equipment India (DEI), which was the first technology IPO in India.

Union Ministry of Textiles announced to hold 30th India Carpet Expo in Varanasi in October 2015

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The Expo will be organized by Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) set up by Union Ministry of Textiles.

P Kunhikrishnan appointed as Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 8 people agreed

He succeeded MYS Prasad, who superannuated in May 2015.

India, Sweden signed 6 agreements during visit of Pranab Mukherjee to Sweden

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Important for Exam: 9 people agreed

Mukherjee who is on a five-day long visit to Sweden and Belarus between 31 May and 4 June 2015 is the first ever Indian head of state to visit Sweden.

Philipose G Pynumootil appointed as Assistant Chief of Naval staff (Air)

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

Being a Flag officer, he has commanded the 1241 RE corvette, INS Nashak, the missile corvette INS Kirpan and the Guided Missile Frigate INS Brahmaputra.

Mauritius designated Ameenah Gurib-Fakim as its first woman President

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

Ameenah will be the first female president of the nation, which gained independence from Britain in 1968 and replaced Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state in 1992.

Meena Hemchandra appointed as Executive Director of RBI

Published on: 02-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 15 people agreed

As an ED, She will look after Department of Banking Supervision, Department of Co-operative Banking Supervision and Department of Non-Banking Supervision.

Footballer Rio Ferdinand announced his retirement

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Ferdinand last played for Queens Park Rangers (QPR) in March 2015.

Amit Jain appointed as President of Uber Technologies Inc's India

Operations

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Important for Exam: 4 people agreed

Prior to this appointment, Jain was president of Rent.com, a property portal in the US. Jain is a B. Tech from IIT, Delhi.

Tendulkar, Ganguly, Laxman inducted in BCCI's Cricket Advisory

Committee

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

This Cricket Advisory Committee will advise the BCCI on various progressive steps needed to enable Indian Cricket to be better prepared for the challenges of the future.

WHO launched campaign against illicit trade of tobacco products on

World No Tobacco Day 2015

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Important for Exam: 10 people agreed

The theme was chosen to raise awareness about the problems posed by the illicit trade of tobacco products in health, legal, economic and governance sectors.

China unveiled world's first facial recognition ATM machine

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Important for Exam: 33 people agreed

The ATM machine was created by Tsinghua University and Hangzhou-based technology company Tzekwan.

Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa sworn-in as Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

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Important for Exam: 11 people agreed

His appointment was necessitated after Lt General (Retired) Nirbhay Sharma was transferred to Mizoram in second week of May 2015.

US removed Cuba from terror blacklist to strengthen ties with Cuba

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Important for Exam: 5 people agreed

The removal of Cuba from the terror list would also help in the process of lifting economic sanctions.

The China Model written by Daniel A Bell

Published on: 01-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: 6 people agreed

The book titled The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy by Daniel A. Bell was in news in May 2015.

Doris Hart, winner of three Wimbledon titles in a day, died at 89

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Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

She retired from professional tennis in 1955 and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1969.

Mohun Bagan won I-League title of football after 13 years

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Important for Exam: **2 people agreed**

In the final clash at Kanteerva Stadium in Bengaluru, Mohun Bagan managed a 1-1 draw against the defending champions Bengaluru FC.

Uttarakhand's Health Minister SS Negi conferred with World No

Tobacco Day Award 2015

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Important for Exam: **22 people agreed**

He was one of the six awardees from the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Hike in Service Tax to 14 percent became operational

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Important for Exam: **15 people agreed**

Now, the new rate subsumes the education cess (2 percent on the service tax amount) which was earlier levied separately.

Union Government formed a Committee to oversee 125th Bhim Jayanti

celebrations

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Important for Exam: **16 people agreed**

The national committee under the chairpersonship of the Prime Minister will suggest different programmes and activities to spread the thoughts and ideas of Dr B R Ambedkar.

Muhammadu Buhari assumed the office of President of Nigeria

Published on: 01-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

He became the 5th President of the country by defeating the incumbent President Goodluck Jonathan in the March 2015 general election.

Union Government notified Undisclosed Foreign Income as Assets and imposition of Tax Act, 2015

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Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

The Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets (Imposition of Tax) Bill, 2015 was introduced in Lok Sabha on 20 March 2015

Ex-Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili appointed as Governor of

Ukraine's Odessa region

Published on: 01-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

Saakashvili who left Georgia after his term as President ended in 2013 is widely credited with carrying out radical reforms in Georgia during his terms in office in 2004-13.

Former Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo appointed as Chancellor of Nalanda University

Published on: 01-JUN-2015

Important for Exam: **7 people agreed**

Yeo succeeds the Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, who withdrew his candidature for a second term as Chancellor of the Nalanda University in February 2015.

Union Cabinet approved Agreement on Coastal and Maritime Shipping between India and Bangladesh

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Important for Exam: **9 people agreed**

The agreement paves the way for the commencement of coastal shipping between the two countries.

Barcelona Football Club won King's Cup title for 27th time

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Important for Exam: **3 people agreed**

This was 27th Copa del Rey title for Barcelona and second of the season after La Liga.