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JUNE-01

- ◆ **World No Tobacco day** was observed on **31st May every year**. World Health Organization launched '**Stop illicit trade of tobacco products**'. Uttarakhand health minister **SS Negi** is conferred with World No Tobacco Day Award.
- ◆ **International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers** was observed across the globe on 29th May, 2015 theme '**together for peace**'.
- ◆ Finance Minister has inaugurated **New Bank note paper line unit in Hoshangabad, MP**. The project worth a total of 495 crore rupees.
- ◆ **Gatimaan Express** is the **first semi high-speed train service** that will be launched between **Delhi and Agra**. Train will run at a maximum speed of **160 kmph & is expected to cover the 200-km distance between both destinations in about 105 minutes**. Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has been not granted yet. After successful implementation of this semi high-speed train service between Delhi and Agra, Indian Railways is seeking to implement it on nine more routes. It includes Kanpur-Delhi, Hyderabad-Chennai, Goa-Mumbai, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Nagpur-Secunderabad and Chandigarh-Delhi.
- ◆ Former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** to be awarded Bangladesh Liberation Award. For his **outstanding support for the country's independence from Pakistan in 1971** when he was a Lok Sabha member. Former Indian Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi** was the 1st to be honoured with award. President **Pranab Mukherjee** also has received this award in 2013.
- ◆ **SBI has launched online customer acquisition solution (OCAS)** by SBI chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya. It is an online platform to apply for Home Loans, car loans, Education Loans and personal loans.
- ◆ Advanced version of indigenous **Pinaka** mark-II rockets were successfully tested on 30 May 2015 in Pokhran field firing ranges in Rajasthan. They were test-fired using a multi-barrel rocket launcher (**MBRL**). In the test six rounds were successfully tested which had hit the target situated 53 kms from the firing point.
- ◆ President Pranab Mukherjee has given his assent to **re-promulgation** of land ordinance for third time as per provisions of **Article 123** of Indian Constitution.
- ◆ **Punjab** government has announced that **year 2015-16** will be observed as **development year to give further fillip to the all-round development of the state**. It was announced by Chief Minister **Parkash Singh Badal**, in Dhuri Assembly segment of the state.
- ◆ **Meena Hemchandra** appointed as Executive Director of RBI replacing Chandana Sinha.
- ◆ Rear Admiral **Philipose G Pynumootil** took over as **Assistant Chief of Naval staff (Air)**.
- ◆ **Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa** is the **19th Governor of Arunachal Pradesh**; Jyoti Prasad is a former IAS officer (1968 Batch) who served as Assam Chief Secretary.
- ◆ **Veena Jain** is appointed as the Director General of **Doordarshan News**.
- ◆ **Super 30 founder and Mathematician Anand Kumar** is honoured by legislature of British Columbia in **Canada at Toronto University**. Super 30 established in 2002 by Anand Kumar in Patna, Bihar provides free residential mentoring to 30 selected students from under privileged families to appear in the entrance exam of IIT-JEE.
- ◆ Researchers from **China** have successfully developed the first automated teller machine (ATM) with **facial recognition technology**. The machine has unique security feature which does not allow users to withdraw cash unless their face matches their facial ID. **ATM Machine is created by Isinghua University and Hanzhou based technology company Tzekwan**. Key facts The machine has a camera installed in which captures the facial features of the user and then compares it with photos stored in a database for authentication.
- ◆ **1st woman President of Mauritius** is internationally –renowned **scientist** and **biologist** the Indian Ocean island nation is **Ameenah Gurib-Fakim**, she will succeed Former president Kailash Purryag.

- ◆ A **German Woman** aged 102 years is going to be **awarded doctorate** at an age of 102 years. She is going to be the **oldest person in the world** to receive a doctorate when **Hamburg University** will award her the doctorate next week. The doctorate was not awarded to her till now as **the Nazis blocked** it as she was **Jewish**.
- ◆ Opposition leader **Muhammadu Buhari** became the **5th President of Nigeria**. He won the president elections defeating **Goodluck Jonathan**. Buhari is the leader of **All Progressive Congress Party**.
- ◆ **Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis** reached the **quarterfinals of French Open** in Women's doubles category.
- ◆ **Joseph Sepp Blatter** is **re-elected as FIFA president for the 5th term**. Sepp Blatter secured 133 votes out of 206 valid votes with the total of 209 members. By defeating his rival **candidate Prince Ali bins Al Hussein of Jordan**.
- ◆ **Kolkata's Mohun Bagan Football Club (FC)** has won the I-League title by defeating Bengaluru Football Club. Mohun Bagan won the title after a 1-1 draw score against Bengaluru FC in their final game of the 2014-15 season played at the **Kanteerva Stadium, Bengaluru**.
- ◆ **Ace Indian shooter Gurpreet Singh** has secured India a fifth quota place in shooting for the 2015 Rio Olympics.
- ◆ **Ace Indian archer Deepika Kumari** wins **bronze** at Antalya Archery World Cup.
- ◆ **Dilawar Singh** of Haryana has **won 'Pedal for Kashmir'** cycling competition, held along the banks of picturesque **Dal Lake in Srinagar**.

JUNE-02

- ◆ A web portal (**Khoya Paya**) to be used as social medium for people to share information about **missing children** was launched by Union Government. **Union Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi** and **Union Minister of Communication & IT Ravi Shankar Prasad** jointly launched the website.
- ◆ **Board of Cricket in India** has decided to make a cricket advisory committee for the uplift meant of Indian Cricket, BCCI has included 3 former players to the committee, **Tendulkar , Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman**.
- ◆ Two people have died of **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)** in South Korea making it country's first fatalities from the disease. The **first victim was a 58-year-old woman who had contact with the original case, a South Korean** who visited the Middle East and second one is of a 71-year-old man. So far, 25 confirmed cases of MERS virus have detected in South Korea and around 680 people who might have come into contact with the infected patients, have been placed in isolation. **Facts about Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) MERS belongs to the family of corona viruses which includes large family** of viruses such as common cold and Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).
- ◆ India, Sweden ink six agreements during President Pranab Mukherjee's visit, he is the **first ever Indian head of state to visit Sweden**.
- ◆ **P Kunkhkrishnan** is appointed as the **director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre** Shar. He succeeded MBS Prasad who passed away last month. **SDSC SHAR** is located near **Sullurupeta on an Island in Nellore** district of Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆ **Hemant Sonawala**, one of the pioneer founders of India's **information technology (IT)** industry passed away on 30 May 2015 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ◆ **Pawan Munjal** was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) & CEO of **Hero MotoCorp Ltd (HMCL)**. He succeeded his father **Brijmohan Lall Munjal**. Brijmohan Lall has been the Chairman of Hero MotoCorp since its inception in 1984.
- ◆ **Amit Jain** is appointed as the president of **Uber Technologies in India**. Uber Technologies is a US based Taxi hailing App.
- ◆ Edward Snowden Awarded Freedom of Expression Prize in Norway.
- ◆ **Ravi Shastri** named as **interim coach of Team India for Bangladesh tour**.

JUNE-03

- ◆ **Life insurance Corporation** gets clearance to do business in **Bangladesh**.
- ◆ Trail run of **Kolkata-Dhaka-Agartala bus** service began. Agartala from Kolkata will be reduced to **17 hours**.
- ◆ India and Belarus signed **six** agreements to enhance **bilateral** co – operation.
- ◆ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reduced the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from **7.5 per cent to 7.25 per cent** with immediate effect. It was announced in the second bi-monthly policy of RBI.
- ◆ **Jaipur Metro Rail (JMRCL), was flagged off by chief minister Vasundhara Raje**. This is the **sixth** state in India to have metro rail services. The metro rail will run between **Mansarovar to Chandpole (9.6km)** in its first phase with **9** stations. completed in record **4 ½ yrs** making it one of the **fastest**-built rail metros in India with cost of **2,023 crore** rupees
- ◆ **Maharashtra** government has approved a new **Renewable Energy Policy** which aims at achieving 14,400 MW of installed capacity over a period of five years i.e. till 2020.
- ◆ US President Barack Obama signed the **USA FREEDOM Act 2015** into law. With this, the **National Security Agency (NSA)** lost its authority to collect the phone records of millions of Americans.
- ◆ Union government launched a new web portal for exchanging information of **missing and found children**. The website was launched by **Ravi Shankar Prasad and Maneka Gandhi**, the union ministers. The website was jointly developed by **DeitY** and Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ◆ Union Government has launched **IAP** Health Phone programme, **world’s largest digital mass education programme to address malnutrition in women and children**. It was launched by Union Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi in New Delhi. This programme was developed by the **Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) in partnership** with the **Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, UNICEF** and is supported by **Vodafone** India.
- ◆ **India and United States (US)** have signed a new strategically important **10-year defence framework agreement**. The agreement was signed between **Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar** and visiting US Defence Secretary Dr. Ashton Carter in New Delhi.
- ◆ **Pawan Munjal** is appointed as the **Chairman** and Managing Director and CEO **of Hero MotoCorp Ltd**.
- ◆ **Meena Hemchandra** is appointed as the **Executive Director of RBI**.
- ◆ **Ravi Shastri** is Re-appointed Director of Indian Cricket Team.
- ◆ **Punit Renjen** , Chairman of Board of **Deloitte US** is appointed as the Chief executive officer of **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** Limited.
- ◆ **Edward Snowden**, former US security contractor and electronic surveillance whistleblower has been awarded a Norwegian prize for freedom of expression (also known as Bjornson Prize).
- ◆ **Harriette Thompson**, the 92 year old woman became **the oldest woman to finish a marathon**. She completed the race in just 7 hours 24 minutes and 36 seconds.
- ◆ **Inderjeet Singh** won gold medal in men’s shot put event in the 21st Asian Athletics Championships.

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JUNE-04

- ◆ The **Delhi Metro received its first train** which is capable of **running without a driver Korea based manufacturer. The train will run with a speed of 85 kmph and the maximum speed is 95 kmph.** The six-coach train has been manufactured at Changwan in South Korea and had arrived by sea at the Mundhra port in Gujarat and was brought to Delhi by road.
- ◆ State Government of **Delhi** Bans **Maggi** Noodles.
- ◆ **Dr. Achyuta Samanta**, founder of **KIIT and KISS**, has been conferred with the **'Isa Award for Service to Humanity 2015 in Bahrain.** He received the award in the field of **'Social Welfare and Fighting against Poverty'**.
- ◆ World Bank approves \$ 250 million loan for **Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project in J&K.**
- ◆ Maharashtra Govt has invoked stringent provisions of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (**MCOCA**) against ration mafia.
- ◆ **Rafael Nadal**, the 9th time champion of French Open was knocked out of the tournament in the quarter final match. He was defeated by **Djokovic** who is going to play the semi-final match with Andy Murray.
- ◆ Former director of Intelligence Bureau, **Syed Asif Ibrahim** is appointed as the PM's special envoy on countering terrorism and extremism. He retired from intelligence bureau in December last year. **1977** batch of **Indian police service** officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre.
- ◆ **Suresh Kalmadi** was conferred with the president's award of **Asian Athletic association for his contribution for development of athletics.** The award was handed over to the president of Athletics Federation of India at a function held in **China.**
- ◆ India joined the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (**MCAA**) on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (**AEOI**) in Paris, France, alongwith Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Indonesia and New Zealand. Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) is an agreement which provides for establishment of an international platform that would allow exchange of information on an annual basis, including account balances.
- ◆ Eminent **Indian** umpire **Sundaram Ravi**, along with **Chris Gaffaney of New Zealand**, was inducted into the **Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for 2015-16.** Sundaram Ravi, 11-year long wait for an Indian umpire to make place in ICC's Elite Panel of Umpires.

JUNE-05

- ◆ **World Environment Day (WED)** was observed across the world on 5 June. The day is observed every year to raise the awareness around the globe for taking positive action to protect nature and planet earth. Theme for 2015 is —" **Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care**". Host country for **WED 2015** is **ITALY.**
- ◆ India's **first rail coach lit by solar panels. Northern Railway** rolled out India's first rail coach lit by **solar panels.** Delhi division of northern railway rolled out non-ac coach lit by solar panels mounted on it's roof.
- ◆ **Taj Mahal** Ranked 3rd among World's Top Landmark, top 2 places were taken by **Machu Picchu in Peru & Angkor Wat in Cambodia.**
- ◆ **Nestle** withdrew its instant food **Maggi** from most of the Indian markets.'
- ◆ Union Government inks loan pact with **World Bank for Tamil Nadu Urbanisation Project.** The loan agreement, signed by Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Onno Ruhl, Country director of World Bank (India).
- ◆ India has lost a **poultry case against United States** at World Trade Organization (WTO) after WTO's Dispute Settlement Board (DSB) ruled that India's ban on import of poultry meat, eggs and live pigs from US is inconsistent with the international norms. India had banned imports of various agriculture products including poultry meat and eggs from the US in 2007.

- ◆ **Nitin Gadkari inaugurates first Oil Spill Response Centre for Mumbai & JNPT Harbour.** India's first of its kind Tier-I Oil Spill Response Centre (**OSRC**) for Mumbai Port Trust (MBT), Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (**JNPT**) and ONGC's facilities at Nhava and Uran was inaugurated on 5 June.
- ◆ Scientists at **Central Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow** succeeded in whole genome sequencing of **Holy basil or Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum)**.
- ◆ **Petteri Taalas, Director-General of the Finnish** Meteorological Institute, has been appointed as the next **Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** for a four-year mandate starting 1 January 2016.
- ◆ US based world justice project released rule of law index 2015. It provides data on how the rule of law is experienced in 102 countries around the globe. INDIA is paced at 59th position out of 102 countries.
- ◆ **Irwin Rose**, who shared Nobel Prize with Aaron Ciechanover & Avram Hershko 2004, passed away (88). He was born in Brooklyn.
- ◆ **AB De Villiers** is conferred the South Africa Cricketer of the year 2015 award.
- ◆ Machettira Raju Poovamma and Liksy Joseph win silver medals in Asian Athletics Championship.
- ◆ Saina Nehwal Enters Indonesian Open Women's Singles Quarterfinals.

JUNE-06

- ◆ **Andhra Pradesh** chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for new capital city **Amaravathi, in Guntur district.**
- ◆ The **first green police station in India is inaugurated in Maruthi (Maurice) Nagar in North Delhi.** The police station has roof coated with slaked lime to keep it naturally cool.
- ◆ India's second largest software services firm, **Infosys has appointed R Seshasayee** as non-executive chairman. Seshasayee replaces K V **Kamath** who stepped down to join BRICS Bank as its first president.
- ◆ Union Government launched nationwide **Jal Kranti Abhiyan.** It was launched by **Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti in Jaipur, Rajasthan.** Jal Kranti Abhiyan aims at turning one water scared village in each district of the country into water surplus village water through a holistic and integrated approach by adopting conservation and management techniques.
- ◆ Indian Medical Association(**IMA**)'s **first Aushadhi medical store** was inaugurated by Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Hansraj Gangaram Ahir at **IP Estate IMA's headquarter in New Delhi.** The store will offer over 118 commonly used drugs at a 10 to 20 percent lesser price than market value.
- ◆ **Kotak Mahindra Bank and ING Bank** have inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for exploring opportunities arising from cross-border business, investment and trade flows across various regions, including Europe. ING Bank holds 6.5 per cent stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank which is India's **fourth largest private sector lender.**
- ◆ UK author **Ali Smith** won 2015 bailey women's prize for fiction for her novel, "**HOE TO BE BOTH**".
- ◆ **Aarti Agarwal**, popular Telugu film actress died at the age of 31 years in **New Jersey.**
- ◆ Doctors from Texas State of United States **have done the world's first partial skull and scalp transplant from a human donor.** This rare medical feat which opens new frontier in transplant surgery was achieved by team of Doctors from Houston Methodist Hospital and MD Anderson Cancer Center. The recipient patient was Jim Boysen, a 55-year-old software developer who had suffered a large head wound from cancer treatment.
- ◆ Indian Wrestler **Prem Nath** passed away.

JUNE-07

- ◆ **Kerala government is going to set up first elephant hospital in the state.** This is the **first of its kind in India.** The hospital which is going to be set up with a cost of Rs. 10 crore will be set up on five acre plot in Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.
- ◆ Two bus services that will **connect West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya with Bangladesh capital Delhi** were flagged off.
- ◆ **Adani Power Limited (APL) and Reliance Power Limited** of India have signed separate memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with **Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).** These MoUs were signed on the first day of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh.
- ◆ Former bureaucrat **Dr. Mahesh N. Buch** who was widely regarded as the **architect of modern Bhopal,** passed away following a brain stroke in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He was 80. He was known for his clear views in context of urban planning and environment protection for betterment of Bhopal and Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ Andhra Pradesh chief minister Chandrababu Naidu's audio tapes were released by Telangana government which are related to Note for Vote case in which **Revanth Reddy is also arrested.** The tapes contained the **voices of Stephenson** and other voice which is said to be the voice of AP Chief minister **Chandrababu Naidu.** The tapes were leaked when the Telangana government is celebrating the anniversary of Telangana formation.
- ◆ **Lewis Hamilton (Britain)** won the **Canadian Formula 1 Grand Prix.** This was fourth win for Hamilton this year and with the win he extended his lead in the F1 standings over **fellow Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg (Germany),** who finished the race at second place. Valtteri Bottas was third. Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen and Sebastien Vettel were fourth and fifth respectively.
- ◆ **Stanislas Wawrinka** of **Switzerland** won his **1st French Open Men's single title** of Tennis. In the final match he defeated **Novak Djokovic of Serbia.** This was second grand slam title for Wawrinka after Australian Open 2014.
- ◆ **Serena Williams of America won the French Open 2015 Women's Singles Title.** This is her 20th Grand slam title. She **defeated Czech Lucie Safarova** in the final match of French open.
- ◆ **Barcelona FC** has won 2015 **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)** Champions League trophy for the fifth time.
- ◆ India has slapped anti-dumping duty on imports of certain steel products from three South Asian countries viz China, Malaysia and South Korea. The anti-dumping duty was imposed by Union Finance Ministry on the recommendation of Directorate General of Anti-Dumping Duty (**DGAD**) to protect domestic producers from below-cost inbound shipments. The duties have been imposed for five years on imports of certain varieties of steel especially on hot-rolled flat products of stainless steel used in automobile sectors.

JUNE-08

- ◆ **World Ocean Day** was observed across the globe on 8th June 2015. World Ocean Day 2015 was observed with the theme, "HEALTHY OCEANS, HEALTHY PLANET". World Ocean Day was introduced in 1992 at RIO DI JANERIO with a motive of raising awareness of people towards the crucial role that SEA plays in our lives.
- ◆ **Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar** on 8 June cleared the Coastal Road Project of Mumbai, Maharashtra. This 12000-crore project will cover 35.6 km **between Nariman Point & Kandivali,** along the western seafront. Project will begin in mid-August 2015.
- ◆ India and Bangladesh have signed land boundary agreement **1974.** According to the agreement, India received **51 enclaves out of a total of 111 enclaves** which Bangladesh had took over. India and Bangladesh have signed **22 bilateral documents.**
- ◆ **India, Netherlands** sign MoU for development of **Measles- Rubella Vaccines.**

- ◆ **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** is a nodal statutory agency responsible for protecting and promoting public health in India through the regulation and supervision of food safety. FSSAI was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and operates under aegis of Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Functions: FSSAI has been established to lay down science based standards for various food products in order to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption. It also regulates the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import of food products for human consumption.
- ◆ Dasaradhi Rangacharya, the Legendary Telugu writer passed away in Hyderabad. His **novels Chillara Devullu (The Lesser Deities)**-1969, **Moduga Poolu (Fire Flowers)**-1971 are well known for influencing Telugu people against oppression by the rulers.
- ◆ Team India is going to play **one test and three one day international** matches in Bangladesh. The team is led by **Virat Kohli**.
- ◆ **11 Indo-Canadians** are honored with ICCA annual awards 2015. Awards were presented by Toronto mayor JOHN TORY and president of the Indo-Canada chambers of commerce (ICCC) D P JAIN at the annual gala award ceremony held at Toronto.
- ◆ RC Tayal Appointed as new DG of National Security Guard.
- ◆ Former Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, **K.V. Chowdary appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)**, while the senior-most Information Commissioner, **Vijai Sharma, is the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)**. K.V. Chowdary is a former Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). He retired as CBDT chief in October last year and since then **has been working as adviser to Supreme Court appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) that is probing black money cases**. Vijai Sharma, a former Environment Secretary, working as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commissioner since 2012.
- ◆ **Winners of 2015 French Open title of Tennis**

		Winner	Country	Runner	Country
Singles	Men	Stanislas Wawrinka	Switzerland	Novak Djokovic	Serbia
Singles	Women	Serena Williams	United States	Lucie Safarova	Czechoslovakia
Doubles	Men	Ivan Dodig & Marcelo Melo	Croatia & Brazil	Bob Bryan & Mike Bryan	US
Doubles	Women	Bethanie Mattek-Sands & Lucie Šafářová	US & Czechoslovakia	Casey Dellacqua & Yaroslava Shvedova	Australia & Kazakhstan
Mixed Doubles	Men & Women	Bethanie Mattek-Sands & Mike Bryan	US	Lucie Hradecká & Marcin Matkowski	Czech Republic & Poland

- ◆ Men's Doubles Title Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Marcelo Melo (Brazil) pair won Men's Doubles Title. In the final match they defeated Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan pair from US.
- ◆ Mattek-Sands (US) and Lucie Šafářová (Czech Republic) won Women's Doubles Title. In the match they defeated Casey Dellacqua (Australia) and Yaroslava Shvedova (Kazakhstan).

JUNE-09

- ◆ Union Urban Development Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu on 9 June announced that **Jind and Karnal districts of Haryana and Muzaffarnagar of Uttar Pradesh** have been included in the National Capital Region (NCR). **With this the total number of districts included in NCR has risen to 22**. It now includes 13 districts from Haryana (Faridabad, Gurgaon, Mewat, Rohtak, Sonapat, Rewari, Jhajjar, Panipat, Palwal, Mahendragarh (Narnaul), Bhiwani, Jind and Karnal), 6 districts from Uttar Pradesh (Meerut, Ghaziabad, Bulandshahr, Gautam Budh Nagar, Baghpat and Muzaffarnagar) and 2 districts from Rajasthan (Alwar and Bharatpur), apart from Delhi.

- ◆ **16th International Indian Film Academy Awards “Bollywood Oscars,” 2015 were presented in Malaysia, Putra Indoor Stadium Kuala Lumpur.**

Best Actress	Kangana Ranaut	Queen
Supporting Actor	Riteish Deshmukh	Ek Villain
Supporting Actress	Tabu	Haider
Outstanding Achievement In International Cinema	Subhash Ghai	
Male Star Debut	Tiger Shroff	Heropanti
Female Best Debutant	Kriti Sanon	Heropanti
Best Comedian	Varun Dhawan	Main Tera Hero
Best Film	Queen	
Best Director	Rajkumar Hirani	PK
Best Actor	Shahid Kapoor	Haider
Best Performance In A Negative Role	Kay Kay Menon	Haider
Best Story	Vikas Bahl, Chaitally Parmar, Parveez Shaikh	Queen
Best Music Direction	Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy	2 States
Entertainer of the year	Deepika Padukone	

- ◆ Indian Railways has inked **Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi for research and development work**. This MOU is part of **Malaviya Chair for Railway Technology, Varanasi**. The MoU was been signed by Railway Board Advisor R K Verma and IIT (BHU)-Director, Professor Rajeev Sangal in the presence of Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu. The pact envisages for upgradation of Railway tracks for High speed trains and developing indigenous raw material for the industry in lines with Make India Programme. Apart from signing MoU it was also announced to set up Malaviya Chair Committee to supervise research work. The chair is being named after freedom fighter and Bharat Ratna recipient Madan Mohan Malaviya who was the founder of Banaras Hindu University (BHU). Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu also dedicated **1500th** Rail engine “**Gaurav**” for public services from Diesel locomotive works (**DLW**) at Maduadeeh, Varanasi.
- ◆ **Cyclonic storm Ashobaa in Arabian Sea** is the **first tropical storm of the pre-monsoon season in the Indian seas**. The cyclonic storm was formed after intensified deep depression (low pressure zone) was developed over east central Arabian Sea about 590 km west southwest of Mumbai, 470 km southwest of Veraval (Gujarat) and 960 km east-southeast of Masirah Island (Oman). After its formation the cyclonic storm has moved north westwards.
- ◆ The country’s low-cost **Mangalyaan Mars orbiter mission** which is in rendezvous with the Red Planet for an extended period has been presented with the Space **Pioneer award for the year 2015 by the US’ National Space Society**.
- ◆ **Mahendra Kumar Sharma**, the former vice-president of Hindustan Unilever (HUL), has been appointed the **non-executive chairman of ICICI Bank**. M.K.Sharma will succeed KV Kamath, who would step down from the Board to take on a bigger role as the **first President of New Development Bank**, established by the **BRICS nations**.
- ◆ **Kento Momota** won the **men’s** Indonesia Open Badminton Title held at Jakarta, Indonesia. The **women’s** singles title was won by **Ratchanok** who defeated Yui Hashimoto of Japan.

- ◆ The **Manchester United Football Club** has become the most valuable brand in the world with 1.2 billion US dollars. This is the first club to pass the mark.

JUNE-10

- ◆ **Shah Rukh Khan** became the first to acquire an overseas cricket franchise when he acquired the **Carribbean Premier League T20** team **Trinidad and Tobago**. He is the co-owner of **Kolkata Knight Riders**.
- ◆ Delhi Jal Board vice-chairman **Kapil Mishra** was named as the new Law Minister of Delhi. Mishra, who represents Karawal Nagar Assembly seat, will succeed **Jitendra Singh Tomar** resigned, following his arrest in **fake degree case**.
- ◆ World's first **prosthetic** (artificial) leg capable of simulating the feelings of a real limb and fighting phantom pain was unveiled by researchers in **Vienna, Austria**.
- ◆ India on 10 June undocked its first **indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Cochin district of Kerala**. The ship will undergo a series of fitment and trial processes along with series of static and dynamic trials before inducting it into the Indian Navy in end-2018.
- ◆ As per recent study published in the Conservation Biology journal, **Yellow-breasted buntings (Emberiza aureola)**, a **songbird** are near to extinction. The study has mentioned that population this bird species which is also known as he "**rice bird**" in China has plunged by 90 percent since 1980 and **disappearing** from Eastern Europe, Japan and parts of Russia. The main reason mentioned in the study for decline of songbirds is illegal hunting for food and sold on the black market in China.
- ◆ **Padmasree Warrior**, India-born has stepped down from her post of Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at global IT giant Cisco. She had resigned after a significant restructuring of top management of Cisco under incoming CEO **Chuck Robbins**.
- ◆ Union Cabinet approved an **interest-free loan** i.e. soft loan to the tune of 6,000 crore rupees to enable sugar mills pay arrears to farmers.
- ◆ Union Government gives nod to promulgation of Ordinance to amend Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
- ◆ P L **Subramanian** appointed as non-executive Director of India Cements Limited.
- ◆ **Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar** is appointed the director of CSIR – IICT of Hyderabad. The appointment was made by Narendra Modi. Chandrasekhar is the chief scientist at IICT presently.
- ◆ Aung san Suu Kyi, Nobel peace laureate & opposition leader of **Myanmar** is on a four day visit to China. This is her **first visit to China**.
- ◆ Former India Test cricketer **Hemant Kanitkar** has passed away at his residence in Pune.
- ◆ Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal was on 10 June conferred with the prestigious 14TH **Sant Namdev National Award- 2015** at a function in Pune, Maharashtra. He was awarded for promoting peace, communal harmony and universal brotherhood. The award was given by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on behalf of the **Sarhad Foundation**.

JUNE-11

- ◆ India successfully tested the Surface to Surface nuclear capable **Dhanush ballistic** missile from **Odhisha** coast.
- ◆ **41st G7 summit held at schloss Elmau in Bavaria, Germany**. Theme, 'Think Ahead. Act together'. 7 MEMBERS -
1. Canada 2. France 3. Germany 4. Italy 5. Japan 6. United Kingdom 7. USA 8. European Commission
- ◆ Manu Prakash developed world's **1st** water based computer. Manu Prakash is Assistant Professor of Bioengineering at **Stanford University**.
- ◆ Cricketer **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** is among Forbes magazine's **100 highest-paid athletes in the world**, the **only Indian sportsman** on the list that has been **topped** again by **American boxer Floyd Mayweather** and includes **golfer Tiger Woods, tennis star Roger Federer** and **Portuguese soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo**. Dhoni was placed at 23rd on the Forbes list with total earnings of 31 million dollars including amount from salary at 4 million dollars and endorsements worth 27 million dollars.

- ◆ HDFC bank launched **PayZapp**, a complete **digital payment and purchase solution**. The mobile app will allow customers to manage credit or debit card details, recharge and pay bills. MD of HDFC bank- **Aditya Puri**.
- ◆ Union Cabinet meet chaired by PM Modi has approved the signing of **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement**. The agreement which is similar to the **SAARC Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA)** seeks to regulate the vehicular traffic of passenger, personal and cargo amongst BBIN countries.
- ◆ Multiple-medal winner **para-athlete, Devika Malik** has been selected as one of the Queen's Young Leaders Award winners from across all the Commonwealth Nations.
- ◆ Indian-origin **US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy** has been presented with the Pride of the Community Award by a prominent Hindu advocacy group.
- ◆ **Arun Kumar**, an IES officer from 1985 batch is appointed by **Department of Personnel and Training of Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions** is appointed as the new chief executive officer of Khadi and Village Industries commission.
- ◆ 26 African countries create TFTA Tripartite Free Trade Area: Cape Town to Cairo free-trade zone, that facilitates creation of Africa's largest free-trade zone. This free-trade zone will cover 26 countries in an area from southernmost tip of African continent. TFTA pact combines existing three trade blocs among the African nations viz Southern African Development Community (**SADC**). East African Community (**EAC**). Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (**COMESA**).
- ◆ Scientists and taxonomists in India have discovered **349** new species of flora and fauna in the past one year. Of these discovered flora and fauna 173 species are genera of plants and 176 species of animals. The list of new discovered species was published by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) both headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.

JUNE-12

- ◆ **World Day against Child Labour** was observed across the world on 12 June 2015. For the year 2014 the theme is **NO to child labour – YES to quality education**. The day is the United Nations observance to bring awareness against child labour.
- ◆ **Chandigarh's** Iconic **Rock Garden** Creator **Nek Chand** Died. Rock Garden of Chandigarh was opened for public on 24th Jan 1976. Awarded Padma Shri in **1984**.
- ◆ Mobile manufacturing companies **Micromax and Celkon** are going to set up manufacturing units in Telangana.
- ◆ **China** has conducted the 4TH successful test of a new **Wu-14 hypersonic strike vehicle** which is capable of delivering **nuclear weapons**.
- ◆ World's largest search engine giant Google Inc has launched a **new lite mode of Google search engine for India and Brazil on 2 Generation (2G) network**. This lite mode has been developed by keeping the 2G network speed in mind. Before launching this feature in India, Google had tested it in Indonesia, where the network speed is similar to India.
- ◆ The 2ND border **haat (rural market)** was opened for common people at **Kamalasagar in Sipahijala district of Tripura** bordering **Brahmanbaria district of Bangladesh**. The haat was jointly inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina by video-conferencing from Dhaka.
- ◆ Union Government scraps import duties on AIDS drugs and test kits.
- ◆ RBI allows NRIs to subscribe chit funds.
- ◆ Assam, Arunachal Pradesh Hit by Floods.
- ◆ **Sunil Lalvani** who is the managing director of BlackBerry India quit the company.
- ◆ Three Indians Won Queen's Young Leaders Award. The British monarch will present the awards to **Ashwini Angadi, Akshay Jadhao and Devika Malik from India** among 60 others at a gala ceremony in Buckingham Palace.
- ◆ The International Renewable Energy Agency (**IRENA**) has announced that in past one decade renewable energy targets have quadruple globally. It was mentioned IRENA Renewable Energy Target Setting report which was released by IRENA Director-General **Adnan Z. Amin** on the side lines of IRENA's 9TH Council meeting in Dubai.

- ◆ As per recently published study, camels aged less than four years might be a major source of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (**MERS**). The study was published in the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases The research study was undertaken by international team who had looked for evidence of current or past infection in more than 800 **dromedary camels** (also called **Arabian camels**).
- ◆ Professor **Sanghmitra Bandyopadhyay** is appointed as the **Director for Indian Statistical Institute**. Her appointment was made by **Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**. She succeeded Dr Bimal K Roy. She is the first woman to be appointed for this post.
- ◆ **Dick Costolo** resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Twitter** Inc. Slow user growth and the inability to attract advertisers are said to be the main reasons for Dick Costolo to step down as CEO of Twitter. He is going to be replaced by **Jack Dorsey** who is the co-founder for time being. Jack Dorsey served as CEO of Twitter from 2007 to 2008.
- ◆ Legendary English actor, singer and writer **Sir Christopher Lee** passed away in **London**, United Kingdom. He was 93. The veteran actor was famously known as the master of horror for his famous villainy acting roles in numerous movies such as **Dracula, The Wicker Man, James Bond, Lord of the Rings**, trilogy etc.

JUNE-13

- The Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (**MOIA**) along with the Tamil Nadu Government launched the Migrant Resource Centre (**MRC**) in Chennai. The first MRC was established in 2008 in **Kochi**, Kerala by MOIA. Later, fully functional MRCs in **Hyderabad** (Telangana & Andhra Pradesh), **Gurgaon** (Haryana) were established. Migrant Resource Centres in India are located at:
a. Kochi b. Gurgaon c. Hyderabad d. Chennai
- ◆ Telangana Government Unveiled the **Telangana Industrial Policy 2015**. Self-certification system has been framed for industrialists. It will be backed by the Telangana State **Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System (TS-iPASS)**.
- ◆ Minister of State (MoS) for **External Affairs V K Singh** inaugurated **first India-China Yoga College at Yunnan Minzu University in Kunming, China**. This is first Indian government institution related Indian spiritual art form i.e. Yoga in China inaugurated ahead of the first UN Yoga Day to be observed on June 21.
- ◆ Three day long tourism promotional **Ladakh Singhey Khababs Sindhu (also known as Sindhu Darshan)** Festival has **begun in Jammu and Kashmir's** Ladakh region. It was inaugurated by Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed to promote the tourism potentials of Ladakh.
- ◆ Tamil Nadu Government and **Adani Power Ltd** have signed **PPA**(Power Purchase Agreement). PPA is signed to set up a **200 MW Solar Power Plant** in **Ramanapuram** district. Plant will be constructed with an investment of almost **1400** crore rupees.
- ◆ United States (US) government has opened an investigation against two of the biggest Indian Information Technology (IT) (**TCS, Infosys**) outsourcing companies for possible **violations of H1-B visa rules**.
- ◆ Former West Indies fast bowler **Sir Wesley Winfield** Hall was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. He is 80TH cricketer to be inducted in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame and 18TH from West Indies.
- ◆ **Sangeet Natak Akademi** Fellowships are a rare honor given to a small group at a given time for performing arts. This is the highest government of India honor in performing arts. For **2014, musicologist SR Janakiraman, film maker MS Sathyu and classical singer Vijay Kichlu** are among who are selected for the prestigious Natak Akademi fellowships.
- ◆ **China** has launched a freight train service between its **North Eastern city of Harbin and Hamburg, Heilongjiang province, Germany Europe**. The 9,820-km-long distance rail route will open new trade options for Chinese goods in the European Market. It was launched by HAO Logistics Co. Ltd which is a joint venture company that runs the freight service.
- ◆ **Vinita Bali** is appointed as the chair of Board of Directors of **GAIN**, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition. She succeeded **Jay Naidoo** who was in the position since 2002.
- ◆ Moldovan Prime Minister Gaburici Resigned.

- **US becomes world's largest oil producer, surpasses Saudi Arabia.** As per recently released report by British Petroleum (BP) Energy Company, United States (US) became the world's largest oil producer in 2014 surpassing Saudi Arabia.

US 11.6 Million Barrels per day.

Saudi Arabia 11.5 Million Barrels per day.

Russia 10.8 Million Barrels per day.

In Natural Gas

US 1,250.4 million tons of oil equivalent natural gas

Russia 1,062 million tons of oil equivalent natural gas

China had remained the world's largest growth market for **energy** in 2014.

Refining: **India** is self-sufficient and 4th largest in **refining capacity** with 4.3 million bpd. Top three nations are **US** (17.79 million bpd), **China** (14.09 million bpd) and **Russia** (6.3 million bpd).

JUNE-14

- ◆ **World Blood Donor Day** is being observed across the world on 14 June to raise the public awareness about the need for safe blood donation. **The theme of this year's campaign is Thank you for saving my life.** Union Government of India launched **a mobile app to locate nearest blood bank.** Ministry of Health assured that National Blood transfusion Council (**NBTC**) has made available directory of all 2760 licensed blood banks at National Health Portal.
- ◆ **Bibek Debroy Committee** on the **restructuring of Indian Railways** has submitted its final report to the Union Ministry of Railways. The committee has suggested measures for restructuring the Railway Board and its departments so that policy making is separated from day-to-day operations. Recommendations of Bibek Debroy committee Establishment of an independent regulator Railway Regulatory Authority of India (RRAI) with a separate budget and to be independent of the Ministry. It was seven-member panel headed by eminent economist and NITI Aayog member Bibek Debroy. The other **6 members** are former cabinet secretary K M Chandrasekhar, Gusharan Das, Ravi Narain, Partha Mukhopadhyay, Rajendra Kashyap, Ajay Tyagi and Ajay Narayan Jha.
- ◆ Union Government has launched an **Indian Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP)** of 1,500 crore rupees as per the mandatory provision under the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act (CLND), 2010. It was announced by Minister of **State (MoS) in the Department of Atomic Energy Jitendra Singh** in New Delhi. **INIP has become the 27th Insurance pool in the world.**
- ◆ Andhra Pradesh government launched digital depository of land record named as '**Mee Bhoomi**'. Mee Bhoomi lists the details of the lands such as owners, assessments, soil type, liabilities and crops grown.
- ◆ **BSNL** will launch free roaming that will allow BSNL customers to receive incoming calls at no calls across the country.
- ◆ **Sai Kiran Goud** from Hyderabad is said to be killed in **Miami, Florida**. The 21 year old is suspected to be killed by robbers when he refused to give away his iPhone.
- ◆ **International Criminal Court** called to **arrest Sudan President Omar al-Bashir**. Bashir is wanted in alleged war crimes and also crimes against humanity during Darfur Conflict in 2003. He reportedly arrived in Johannesburg and the court called for South Africa to arrest him.
- ◆ **Philae comet lander** has taken on the surface of Comet **67P (Churyumov-Gerasimenko) from seven-month hibernation**. It was announced by European Space Agency (ESA) after the comet lander managed to communicate with Earth for more than a minute. In November 2014, Philae comet lander had created space history by becoming first to probe landed on a comet. The historic feat was achieved after it was dropped on to the surface of Comet 67P by its mothership Rosetta. After successfully landing on the comet it had worked for 60 hours and had conducted experiments and transmitted that data to Earth before going into hibernation after its solar-powered battery ran flat.
- ◆ Former Himachal Pradesh governor and **ex-union minister Sheila Kaul** passed away in New Delhi.

JUNE-15

- ◆ June 15th of every year is observed as **ASEAN Dengue day**. This was launched by Association of Southeast Asian Nations and World health Organization in 2011. "Theme" is '**Dengue is everybody's concern, causing socio-economic burden, but it is preventive.**
- ◆ Indian Railways on 15 June rechristened train No **19031/19032 Ahmedabad (Gujarat) -Haridwar (Uttarakhand)** Mail Express also known as '**Haridwar Mail**' as **Yoga Express**. 1208 km distance in 26 hours 05 mins. The train has number **19031** from Ahmedabad to Haridwar and number **19032** in the reverse direction. Its average speed is below 55 km/hr.
- ◆ **Suvidha trains** are going to **run in peak seasons like festivals and other special occasions**. The decision was taken by Railway Ministry. There will be no waiting list and only RAC tickets will be issued. No discounts will be offered to the customers. Advance reservation period is minimum 10 days and the maximum is 30 days. Irrespective of the age, all passengers will be charged full adult fare.
- ◆ Union government of India launched a website to connect job seekers and employers. The website was launched the digital **employment exchange for Industries (EEX)** portal by Union minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Kalraj Mishra. The website **www.eex.dcmsme.gov.in** allows job seekers to register their names in the site.
- ◆ Supreme Court has cancelled the All India Pre-Medical Test (**AIMPT**) 2015 and directed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to re-conduct the test within one month. This verdict was given by a SC bench of Justice RK Agarwal and Justice Amitava Roy on a complaint filed by candidates.
- ◆ World Bank and World Health Organisation (**WHO**) in their latest report have reported that around 400-million people worldwide lack access to essential health services. It was revealed in a report by the World Bank and WHO on tracking universal health care (UHC) coverage. It is the first report to measure health service coverage and financial protection and to assess countries' progress towards **UHC**.
- ◆ As per recently published Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Yearbook 2015, the number of nuclear weapons in the world decreased in 2015. The overall stockpile of nuclear weapons has declined to 15,850 in early 2015 from 16,350 in early 2014. Till date nine countries possesses approximately around 15, 850 nuclear weapons. They are United States, Russia, United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea.
- ◆ Domestic e-commerce giant **Snappdeal** has acquired Gurgaon based mobility solutions company **Letsgomo Labs**.
- ◆ Metal and mining giant **Vedanta** Ltd and its subsidiary oil explorer **Cairn** India have announced to merge.
- ◆ FDI Foreign Direct Investment in services sector grows **by 46%** in 2014-15 fiscal.
- ◆ India's tennis player **Rohan Bopanna** along with his **Romanian partner Florin Mergea** has won the **ATP's Stuttgart Open final doubles** trophy in Germany.

JUNE-16

- ◆ Half an Hour Free **WiFi Facility at Taj Mahal**, facility is launched by Union minister for communications Ravi Shankar Prasad. **BSNL and Quadgen**, a Bangalore company are making arrangements to introduce this facility.
- ◆ Nepal Reopens Heritage Sites for Public Two Months after Earthquake. Nepal reopened six heritage sites for public, include **Pashupathinath, Lumbini, Patan Durbarsquare, Swoymabhu and Bhaktapur Durbarsquare**.
- ◆ **World's Thinnest Light Bulb Created From Graphene**. Researchers have developed a light-emitting graphene transistor that works in the same way as the filament in a light bulb. It was created by team of scientist led by **Young Duck Kim** comprising members from **Columbia University School of Engineering, Seoul National University and Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science**.
- ◆ Narendra Modi Wishes Pakistan, Bangladesh Prime Ministers.
- ◆ **Kapil Mishra Appointed as Delhi Jal Board Chairman**.

- ◆ Union Government has launched **Augmented Reality technology** based **mobile application** named '**Sakaar**' to highlight the achievements of the Department of Space. Union Minister of State Development of North-Eastern Region (**DoNER**) Jitendra Singh launched Sakaar to highlight the achievement of the Department of space in New Delhi. Sakaar application and its multimedia content for Android devices is developed by Development and Educational Communication Unit (**DECU**) of ISRO. The application consists of 3 Dimensional (3D) models of Mars Orbiter Mission (**MOM**), RISAT, indigenous rockets such as PSLV, GSLV Mk-III etc. It also has videos of INSAT 3D-predicting cyclones, MOM launch and orbit insertion videos, 360 degree animated view of MOM, GSLV D5/Cryo and Anaglyph of Mars surface. **Augmented Reality (AR) technology** is computer-generated 3D models, animations, videos that augments (or supplements) the live direct view of a physical, real-world environment. With the help of device's camera the real time augmentation and information is overlaying takes place which enhances user's current perception. Essentially AR requires three basic elements for its functioning. They are AR application, AR Markers and Android OS enabled mobile with back camera.
- ◆ The **United Nations General Assembly** unanimously elected **Denmark's** former parliament speaker **Mogens Lykketoft as its President** for its upcoming 70TH session in September 2015. Mogens Lykketoft succeeds Uganda's Sam Kutesa who was President of 69th session of UNGA. He will preside over the 193-member UNGA in its upcoming 70th session for one-year term.
- ◆ **Sunil Chhetri** becomes **1st Indian Footballer To Score 50 (87 Matches) International Goals**. Sunil Chhetri was born 3 August 1984 in **Secunderabad district of Telangana**. . Bhaichung Bhutia: He had **scored 42 goals in 107** matches. He is former captain of Indian Football team. IM Vijayan: He had 40 goals from 79 matches.
- ◆ **Harbhajan Singh** became the 9th highest test wicket taker when he claimed 416 wickets. He took these wickets in 102 matches. Harbhajan is only 20 wickets short to equal Kapil Dev's record of 434 test wickets. Anil Kumble is in the first place with 619 wickets and Kapil Dev is the second highest wicket taker.

JUNE-17

- ◆ **Delhi is the first Kerosene Free City in India**. A Kerosene-Free City Scheme was launched in 2012 and Kerosene is not being issued in Delhi for subsidized price.
- ◆ India ranked **143 2015 (Global Peace Index) out of 162 countries on the Index**, published by Australia-based global think-tank Institute for **Economics and Peace (IEP)**. **Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world, Syria the least peaceful. Pakistan ranked 154 with a 'very low' state of peace.**
- ◆ **India's 1ST Micro Air Vehicle Acrodynamics research tunnel in Bengaluru.**
- ◆ Union Cabinet Approved **Housing For All By 2022** Mission.
- ◆ Union Cabinet approved increasing India's solar power capacity target under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (**JNNSM**) to 1 Lakh Mega Watt (MW) by 2022.
- ◆ **Madhya Pradesh** government launched **Gauravi**, a one stop crisis center in Bhopal. This is the first of its kind to be launched in India. This center will provide help to women who are victims of rape, dowry, domestic violence and so on. **Launched by Aamir Khan.**
- ◆ Bangladesh Supreme Court's appellate bench **upheld the death sentence of war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid**. Decision in this regard was taken by 4-member bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha.
- ◆ Union Government announces additional package of Rs. 2,437 crore for **J &K**. It included 770 crore rupees from Prime Minister Relief Fund, 1,602 crore rupees was released under State Disaster Relief Fund (**SDRF**) and National Disaster Relief Fund (**NDRF**).
- ◆ Book on 20TH century **Dogri literature by Dr. Vijay Seth** released. Entitled 'Beehmi Sadi Da Dogri Da Gadya Sahitya : Ik Jayzaa ' was released in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ◆ Mr. BL Joshi, Governor of Uttar Pradesh Resigned.

- ◆ Narendra Modi, prime minister of India launched a **new mobile app named after him**. This app gives day to day updates of Narendra Modi. Users can also receive emails and messages directly from Narendra Modi.
- ◆ **BSNL** to set up 40,000 wi-fi hot spots India.
- ◆ **Election Commission suspends recognition of PA Sangma-led National People's Party.**
- ◆ Union Cabinet Approves Introduction of **Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015**. The new bill seeks to replace the existing Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act, 1986 with an aim to bring in more products under the mandatory standard regime and end the inspector raj.
- ◆ **Charles Correa**, face of contemporary **architecture** in India **passes away** India's greatest contemporary architect Charles Correa passed away in **Mumbai** following a brief illness. He was 84. He had played a pivotal role in the creation of architecture for post-Independence India. **He was known for his sensitivity to the needs of the urban poor and use of traditional methods and materials for construction.** About Charles Correa Charles Correa was **born** on 1 September 1930 in **Secunderabad, Telangana**. His famous Works: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Museum at the Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad (1958–1963), Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly in Bhopal (1967), National Crafts Museum, New Delhi (1975–1990), Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal (1982), Jawahar Kala Kendra (Jawahar Arts Centre), in Jaipur, Rajasthan (1986–1992), British Council, Delhi (1987–92), McGovern Institute for Brain Research at MIT, Boston (2000–2005), City Centre (Salt Lake City) in Kolkata, Champalimaud Centre for The Unknown in Lisbon, Portugal (2007–2010). He was Chief Architect for Navi Mumbai along with Shirish Patel and Pravina Mehta from 1970–75. He also had served as first Chairman of the National Commission on Urbanization and was appointed by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1985. He is founder of Mumbai's Urban Design Research Institute (established in 1984) dedicated to protect the environment and improve lives of urban communities. Awards and Honours: He had been awarded the Padma Shri (1972), Padma Vibhushan (2006) by Government of India. He was also awarded Royal Gold Medal for Architecture (1984) by the Royal Institute of British Architects, 7TH AgaKhan Award for Architecture (1998), Praemium Imperiale of Japan
- ◆ CBI registered **FIR** against former **union textile minister Shankarsinh Vaghela** and others. They are allegedly sold prime property in Mumbai at throwaway price to a private party. Case was also filed **against Ramachandran Pillai**, then chairman-cum-managing director of National Textile Corporation.
- ◆ **Spain's Rafael Nadal** won his 3RD **Stuttgart Men's Single** Title, Nadal **defeated Serbian Viktor Troicki** in final match held in Germany
- United Kingdom celebrates 800 years of **Magna Carta**.
- ◆ **About Magna Carta** Magna Carta is a Latin word which in English means Great Charter. It is most important document of England signed on 15 June 1215 at Runnymede alongside the River Thames in the English county of Surrey. It had originated as a peace and truce treaty between King John and a group of rebellious barons within his kingdom. The document had written promises between King John and his subjects mentioning that the king will govern England and deal with its people according to the customs of feudal law. Magna Carta had laid the first steps towards parliamentary democracy and the principle supremacy of law i.e. no one is above the law. It also laid the principle of balance of power between the governed and government.
- ◆ **Tokyo** based **online recipe network Cookpad** has acquired **India's Cucumbertown, a Bengaluru-based social network for cooks and chefs** for an undisclosed amount. After this acquisition Cucumber town will remain independent subsidiary under Cookpad. By acquiring Cucumbertown, Cookpad has entered into Indian market that represents a market and culture that is rich in culinary heritage.
- ◆ **Maharashtra Government** has given nod to new Information Technology (IT) and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) **policy**. Decision in this regard was taken by State Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai. Key highlights of Maharashtra IT & ITES policy 2015 Aims at making state an IT, animation and gaming industry hub by attracting 50,000 crore rupees of investment and creating 1 million jobs in next five years i.e. by 2020.

- ◆ **United States (US- bans)** has announced to curb and eliminate majority of partially hydrogenated oils (**PHOs**) commonly called trans-fats from the country's food supply by 2018. This decision of US Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) comes after intensive lobbying by health advocates and scientists that artificial oils raise the risk of heart diseases by clogging arteries.

JUNE-18

- ◆ **Beno Zephine become first 100% blind officer in IFS.** Beno Zephine is 25 year old from Chennai who was serving as a **Probationary officer in State Bank of India.**
- ◆ **Voting age in Japan Lowered from 20 to 18 years.**
- ◆ **Nationalist Congress Party , Sharad Pawar Re-elected as President of Mumbai Cricket Association.** He defeated **Vijay Patil**, other contestant by 34 votes to retain the president post. **Dilip Vengsarkar** is elected as the vice president. Vengsarkar defeated **Pratap Sarnaik** by 71 votes. **Nitin Dalal** is elected as the treasurer
- ◆ World's **Largest Renewable Energy development company, SunEdison Inc acquires Singapore based continuum Wind Energy ltd.** Sun Edison's headquarter is located in USA.
- ◆ President gives assent to Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015.
- ◆ Union Cabinet gives nod to introduction of Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015
- ◆ Critically endangered **Sangai deer** found in Manipur to be trans located.
- ◆ Union Cabinet approves Solar Power capacity target to 1 lakh MW under Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission **JNNSM** by 2022.
- ◆ **Asia Pacific region** has overtaken Europe as the world's second richest region for the first time in terms of global wealth management.
- ◆ **Aakar Patel, the journalist and a writer is appointed the new executive director of Amnesty international India.**
- ◆ **Archana Ramasundaram Appointed as Director of National Crime Records Bureau.**
- ◆ **India and Poland** have set **trade target of 5 billion** US Dollar by 2018.
- ◆ Narendra Kumar Yadav has taken charge of Chairman and Managing Director of MTNL.
- ◆ **Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh launched a free SMS service called 'Nowcast' to provide alerts on extreme weather conditions** such as hailstorm every three hours to over one crore registered farmers on their mobile phones.
- ◆ **Odhisha state co-operative bank** launched bank on wheels to help farmers. Twenty vans with ATMs will move around selected remote and tribal areas in different districts in the state. Each of these ATM vehicles cost Rs 30 lakh which is provided by center under **Rashtriya Krishi Bikas Yojana.**
- ◆ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (**CCEA**) approved inclusion of **Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh** in the list of States to be covered under the National Dairy Plan- I (NDP-I). NDP-I is being implemented in 15 states which accounts for more than 90% of the country's milk production.
- ◆ Hindi writers **Bahusha Kohli and Upasana** were honored with 10TH **Navlekhan Award of Bharatiya Jananapith.** They won the award for their works Ek Zindagi E Ek Script Bhara and poem Prem Gilhari Dil Akhrot respectively.
- ◆ **Boston Consulting Group (BCG) released Global Wealth Report 2015.** **USA** remained the country with the largest number of UHW households followed by **China** and the **UK.** **India** was observed to be **fourth largest ultra-high-net worth (UHW) households.**
- ◆ **India Ranked 3RD In WADA's Global Doping Report 2013.** India has been ranked third in Anti-Doping Rule Violations Report for year 2013 released by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). As per the report 91 athletes from Indian have been tested positive for banned substances in year 2013. Of these 91 Indians athletes, 20 were women athletes. Russia and Turkey are ahead of India in this list. Russia has maximum number of dope offenders with 212 testing positive for using banned substances. The figures for Turkey and India were 155 and 91 respectively.

JUNE-19

- ◆ Election Commission of India has **suspended Recognition of National People's Party (NPP)**. NPP is a state party in Meghalaya headed by former **Lok Sabha Speaker P.A. Sangma**. The decision was taken in lieu of its failure in filing the election expenditure statement related to 2014 Lok Sabha General Elections within the prescribed limit of 90 days.
- ◆ The **world's 1ST Electric passenger aircraft named BX1E was manufactured in China**. The BX1E has a 14.5-meter wingspan and a maximum payload of 230 kgs. It can fly at an altitude of 3,000 meters. **The charging is completed within two hours, allowing a flight time of 45 minutes to one hour, at a maximum speed of 160 km per hour**. The plane was **designed by Shenyang Aerospace University and Liaoning general aviation academy in the northeastern Liaoning Province**.
- ◆ Union Government has decided to increase from **100 days to 150 days** the number of work days under **MGNREGA** in drought hit areas.
- ◆ Advertising Standard Council of India (**ASCI**) has launched ASCI online, a mobile application in a bid to address misleading advertisements. The application will provide consumers/users platform to report complaint services for misleading advertisements on a mobile apart from ASCI's online complaint facility. **It is India's first consumer complaint mobile app**.
- ◆ State Bank of India (**SBI**), the country's largest bank, has launched SBI **eforex**, an Internet-based platform that enables customers to book their foreign exchange transactions online.
- ◆ **HDFC Launches Paperless Mortgage Plan. Country's 2ND largest private sector lender, HDFC Bank launched a 10-second paperless instant loan Scheme for its existing customers**. The 10-second loan Scheme was launched as part of HDFC Bank's digital banking platform **GoDigital**. With this, HDFC bank became first banking institution to completely automate the entire process of loan approval and disbursement.
- ◆ The **Chinese Version** of the sacred ancient Indian **scripture Bhagavad Gita** was **launched in China** during an **international yoga conference**. The book was released by **Indian Ambassador to China Ashok K. Kantha**. This is the first a well-known Hindu ancient religious text was published in China. It was translated in Chinese by **Professor Wang Zhu Cheng and Ling Hai of Zhejiang University in Shanghai and was published by Sichuan People's Publications. Foreword to the book was written by Nagaraju Naidu**.
- ◆ Indian origin **Keith Vaz**, who is the longest serving **MP in UK parliament** is re-elected as the **chairman of Parliaments Home Affairs select Committee**.
- ◆ **Haryana Government has launched a Village Mentoring Project (VMP)** in a bid to improve healthcare and education of the villagers with a special emphasis on girl child. The project was launched in Rajjipur village of Panchkula district of state in collaboration with Indian School of Business (ISB). VMP is the first of its kind initiative in Haryana under which villages in the state would be mentored by leading educational institutions, corporate houses and other organizations. It will be launched in a phased manner in 5 villages each of the 22 districts in the state.
- ◆ The decline in trade deficit came along with decline in exports and imports in May 2015 to 20.19% and 16.52% respectively.
- ◆ Two Indian Americans **Antani and Joshi** are appointed to broad of **Future Majority project of US Republican party**. Niraj Antani who is one of them is an **Ohio state legislature** and Janak Joshi is **Colorado state legislature**.
- ◆ Team India Lost first ODI Match to Bangladesh in 3 Match Series.
- ◆ **MS Dhoni, Mustafizur Rahman** fined for breaching ICC Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Eminent scientist and recipient of Bharat Ratna **CNR Rao** was conferred **Japan's highest civilian award the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star**. He was presented with the award by **Japanese Ambassador to India, Takeshi Yagi** for his outstanding contributions to science and Indo-Japanese science cooperation.

JUNE-20

- ◆ **World Refugee Day** was observed across the world. The day was **first observed in 2001 after the United Nations General Assembly** passed Resolution 55/76 on December 4, 2000.
- ◆ **ISRO's GAGAN To Provide Navigational Support To Railways.** ISRO has announced to provide navigational support to Indian Railways through **GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN)** system. GAGAN was jointly developed by the **ISRO and Airports Authority of India (AAI)** with a view to assist aircraft in accurate landing. The GAGAN signal is being broadcast through two Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO) satellites – **GSAT8 and GSAT10**. The system was launched in 2011 as a payload with GSAT-8. With this launch India had joined the club elite nations comprising of US, Europe and Japan who have the same level of space-based augmentation for navigational purpose.
- ◆ Historian-author **Ramachandra Guha** has been selected for **Japan's prestigious Fukuoka Prize 2015** in the Academic category. Apart from him Thant Myint-U (Grand Prize category) and Minh Hanh (Arts and Culture category) were also chosen for this edition of award. They have been selected for their outstanding contributions to academia, arts and culture across Asia.
- ◆ Karnataka Lokayutka filed FIRs against BS Yeddyurappa and HD Kumaraswamy former chief ministers of the state. They are made the number one and number two accused in an alleged illegal land denotification case.
- ◆ **Dhirendra Swarup** is made the head of 10 member Task Force on Financial Redress Agency constituted by Union Ministry of Finance. The task force was set up for preparatory work for FRA. D Swarup also served as the **first chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority in 2004**.
- ◆ Suleyman Demirel, Former President of Turkey Passed Away.

JUNE-21

- ◆ **The first International Day of Yoga was on 21 June 2015 observed globally.** This edition of IYD was led by India and was marked by **192 countries across the globe**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led thousands of participants of all ages at **Rajpath yoga** event. The celebrations were also held at the United Nations **headquarter in New York which was led by External affair minister Sushma Swaraj. International Yoga Day at Rajpath Creates World Record.** Most individual participants is the first record and the largest number of nationalities performing asanas at a venue is the second record. Around **36000** participants performed **asanas and 84** Nationalities joined the official observation at Rajpath in New Delhi.
- ◆ Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off **India's first Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) train service with an air-conditioned coach in Kochi, Kerala. The Angamaly-Ernakulam-Tripunithura-Piravom train** service is expected to help in reducing traffic congestion in the state's fastest growing city.
- ◆ **Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC)** celebrated the 350th foundation day of Shri Anandpur Sahib. Shri Anandpur Sahib, the holy city of Punjab was founded by the 9th Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Teg Bahadur in 1665. Shri Anandpur Sahib is the new name of **Chak Nanki**.
- ◆ **China and Australia** have signed **free Trade agreement**.
- ◆ **India and Tanzania** have signed **6 MoUs** during the visit of president of Tanzania to India.
- ◆ **Jharkhand government banned the sale of thermocol plates in the state.** This was announced by chief minister Raghuvar Das. This move is to promote the sale of leaf plates and generate employment for tribal and poor people in the state.
- ◆ A galaxy is named after Portugal football team captain Cristiano Ronaldo. The newly discovered galaxy CR7 (COSMOS REDSHIFT 7) was named after the real Madrid superstar by astronomers.
- ◆ **Carnatic vocalist Sanjay Subrahmanyam has been selected 'Sangita Kalanidhi award' 2015.**
- ◆ **Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg from Germany won the Austrian F1 Grand Prix.** Nico Rosberg defeated his Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton (Britain).
- ◆ Indian shuttler **B Sai Praneeth** entered the semifinals of US Open Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament.

JUNE-22

- ◆ **Kerala** Govt declared 22nd June as **Snake Bird Day**. Declared by State Govt as part of protecting the endangered species campaign.
- ◆ Commemorations of the **200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo held in Belgium**.
- ◆ **China opened 2nd land border crossing in Tibet via Nathu La, Sikkim to allow the Indian pilgrims for Kailash-Mansarovar yatra**. The new route is in addition and alternative to the existing **Lipulekh Pass route** located in **Uttarakhand** which was only route earlier. This route was damaged in the devastating Uttarakhand floods in 2013.
- ◆ Taliban capture **Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz** province in northern Afghanistan.
- ◆ **James Horner**, the Oscar-winning **composer** of Titanic, has died in a plane crash in southern California. He was 67.
- ◆ Indian hockey player **Shashi Bala** who led the Indian hockey team during 1997 women world cup qualifier died in a road accident. Her son also passed away in the accident.
- ◆ **Gerry Weber Open Tennis 2015 title is won by Roger Federer**. He defeated Andreas Seppi of Italy.
- ◆ Benazir Bhutto Book Written by Dr Anna Suworova Released. The Book was published by Oxford University Press.
- ◆ Russia has won the European team athletics championships by winning 10 of the 40 events on the program. The championships were held **in Cheboksary, Russia**.

JUNE-23

- ◆ **International Olympic Day** is celebrated every year on June 23 since 1948 to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games. Modern Olympic Games were started on 23rd June, 1894 at Sorbonne in Paris. The day is observed to promote participation in sports irrespective of age, gender across the globe.
- ◆ **Red Tape to Red Carpets... and then Some, Book Released by Narendra Modi**. The book is written by Mrs. Gina Rinehart who is the chairperson on Australian Mining Company Hancock Prospecting Group.
- ◆ Sister **Nirmala Joshi**, who **succeeded Mother Teresa** as the head of Missionaries of Charity, **died** on 23 June in Kolkata. She was 81. She had taken over as Superior General in March **1997** after the death of Mother Teresa. In April 2009, Sister **Mary Prema** was elected to succeed Sister Nirmala during a general chapter held in **Calcutta**.
- ◆ Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti has launched the **'Bhuvan Ganga Mobile Application'** to enable the public to collect and report information on various pollution sources that affect the water quality of the river. The application and web portal was launched after a Memorandum of Understanding **(MoU) was signed between the National Mission for Clean Ganga and the National Remote Sensing Centre (ISRO)**.
- ◆ **India's oldest and largest shipping trade union, National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) has been honoured with the 'Best Welfare Organisation of the Year - 2015'** award. The award was presented to Abdulgani Y Serang, NUSI general secretary by Koji Sekimizu, Secretary General of International Maritime Organisation at a function held in London.
- ◆ **India and South Africa** have renewed an agreement to extend cooperation in the various fields of science and technology such as astronomy, social innovation, biotechnology, agriculture and indigenous knowledge systems.
- ◆ **Uttar Pradesh government** decided to **rename Lucknow Zoological Garden and Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary in Unnao after Nawab Wajid Ali Shah** and freedom fighter Chandrashekhar Azad respectively.
- ◆ **Typhoon Kujira hits south China's Hainan Province**.
- ◆ **Sri Lanka, China begin joint military training exercise 'Silk Route- 2015'**
- ◆ **Maharashtra government** chose **Blue Mormon** to be their state butterfly and became the first state to have state butterfly. Blue Mormon is the second largest butterfly in the world. The butterfly is found in coastal belts of India, western ghats of Maharashtra and Sri Lanka only. It has black wings with blue spots.
- ◆ The re-examination of AIPMT 2015 is going to be conducted on July 25 this year

- ◆ India is placed at **61st position** in terms of foreigners money in **Swiss Banks**. United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) holds the largest shares of the foreign clients money with Swiss Banks.
- ◆ **China won Nongfu spring World Cup of Snooker** 2015 defeated Scotland to win the cup.
- ◆ **Andy Murray of Britain won Men's single of Aegon Tennis** Championship at the Queen's Club. Defeated South African Kevin Anderson.
- ◆ **Serbia won the FIFA U-20 World Cup** 2015. defeated **Brazil** in the final Match, U-20 FIFA World Cup, 2015 held at **New Zealand**.
- ◆ **Maharashtra has topped in Patent filing in India during year 2013-14**. While, the Bengaluru was the top city in IPR filing in the country. It was revealed in recently published annual report of the office of the **Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (CGPDTM)**. Top five states are: Maharashtra (2892 patents). Karnataka (1639 patents). The state has shown 40 per cent rise in IPR fillings in a year. Tamil Nadu (1436 patents). Delhi (1009 patents). Andhra Pradesh (879 patents).

JUNE-24

- ◆ Kerala government has appointed Tennis Icon **Steffanie Graf** as **Ayurveda brand ambassador**. As an Ayurveda brand ambassador she will promote Ayurveda tourism of state in North America and Europe with theme Visit Kerala Destination. . In 1988, she became **the first and only tennis player** (male or female) **to achieve the Calendar Year Golden Slam by winning all four Grand Slam singles titles** and the Olympic gold medal in the same calendar year. She retired from professional tennis in 1999, and married to former World No. 1 men's tennis player Andre Agassi in October 2001.
- ◆ Union Minister **Maneka Gandhi** **launched the country's 1stmodernised anganwadi centre at Hasanpur village of Sonapat in Haryana**. The centre has been setup as part of **Nand-Ghar Yojana** of Union Govt which aims at transforming the **Anganwadi centres**.
- ◆ **Amazon Joins Hands with Akshay Kumar Best Deal TV**. Amazon made a deal with Best Deal TV to sell fashion and lifestyle products. Best Deal TV is co-founded by Akshay Kumar. this is the first celebrity shopping channel and is co founded by Shilpa Shetty and her husband apart form Akshay Kumar.
- ◆ SEBI relaxed the **IPO Norms for Technological start-ups** to raise funds from capital market. It reduced the post listing lock in period for tech start up **promoters to six months, instead of three years** for other IPOs.
- ◆ Indian Telecom major Bharti Airtel has launched 4th Generation (4G) services in Mysuru (or Mysore), Karnataka. With this launch, Airtel customers in Mysore can now access high speed access to the Internet using 4G LTE (Long Term Evolution) technology and enjoy the most advanced Internet experience in India. Bharti Airtel **is first Telecom major in India to launch 4G LTE** services in the country.
- ◆ India has emerged as the **third largest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** source for United Kingdom (UK) in 2014-15.
- ◆ **India and Japan To Sign Agreement on Increasing Industrial Property Cooperation**.
- ◆ Inderjeet Singh and Jinson Johnson won Gold Medals at Asian Athletics Grand Prix. India won a total of 8 medals out of which 2 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze. Inderjit Singh won Gold in Shotgun (men) and Jinson Johnson won Gold in 800 mt event. The venue for Asian Athletics Grand Prix, 2015 is **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- ◆ Rajasthan has become number one state in the country in terms of total installed capacity of solar energy. It was revealed in recently released data by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Top five states in India are (in terms of installed capacity) Rajasthan: 1147 MW. Gujarat: 1000 MW. Madhya Pradesh: 58 MW. Maharashtra: 7 MW. Andhra Pradesh: 4 MW.
- ◆ UK Based **Benni Joseph Maveli**, the philanthropist is selected for his professional, Altruistic achievement and services for **VK Krishna Menon award** for the year 2015.
- ◆ Veteran journalist, author and anti-nuclear activist **Praful Bidwai** has died in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He was 64. Bidwai had written number of books including the '1999 New Nukes: India, Pakistan and Global Nuclear Disarmament', The Politics of Climate Change and the Global Crisis: Mortgaging Our Future (2012). He worked for The Times of India and also wrote columns for Frontline, Hindustan Times.
- ◆ Monsoon Session of Parliament to begin from July 21, 2015.
- ◆ Team India Avoids White-wash with a Win in Final ODI against Bangladesh.

- ◆ BJP MP **Dileep Singh Bhuria passed away** in Gurgaon.

JUNE-25

- ◆ Former **Pakistan cricket team captain Zaheer Abbas** was appointed as the President of International Cricket Council (**ICC**) for one year term. He succeeded Mustafa Kamal of Bangladesh as the **13th ICC President**.
- ◆ **Union Cabinet given nod to rename Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) as Renewable Energy Corporation of India (RECI)**.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 June launched the Smart Cities Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (**AMRUT**) and Housing for All. The main objective of the three ambitious schemes launched by the Prime Minister is to develop Indian cities and towns as new engines of growth. **The Housing for all scheme or Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** that aims to provide at least 20 million homes to people belonging to the economically weaker sections and lower income categories over the next seven years is expected to cost around Rs.3 trillion. The **Smart City and AMRUT** projects are expected to cost Rs.48,000 crore and Rs.50,000 crore, respectively, over the next five years.
- ◆ Union cabinet approved to **set up six new Indian Institute of Managements (IIM's)** in the country. The new IIMs are going to be located in places **like Nagpur, Bodh Gaya, Amritsar, Visakhapatnam, Sirmaur and Sambalpur**. The first academic session in these institutes is going to begin from 2015 – 16. Each institute will intake 140 students in the post graduate programme.
- ◆ Indian spiritual **leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** has been conferred with **Colombia's highest civilian award 'Orden de la Democracia Simon Bolivar en el grado de cruz Caballero (Order of the Democracy Simon Bolivar)'**. He was bestowed with this award for spreading the message of peace in society, reducing stress, intermediation in war, combating violence through yoga & breathing exercises.
- ◆ **Andhra Pradesh inks MoU with Australian firm** for iron ore mining.
- ◆ India Pledges 1 **billion Dollar Aid For Nepal's** Reconstruction.
- ◆ Government of India approved to build a **national memorial for Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narayan in Bihar**. This was announced by the government just a day before 40th anniversary of emergency.
- ◆ Union Cabinet gives nod to revised estimate for East-West freight corridor.
- ◆ **Sahitya Akademi announced the Bal Sahitya Puraskar** for the year 2015 and it will be conferred to the recipients on 14TH November, 2015. The awards are given to the writers for contribution to children's literature. Some of the recipients are Tiren Boro, Sowmya Rajendran, Ramnath G Gawade, Ramdeo Jha, Mukti Upadhyay Baral, Tara Chand Kalandri, Srikanta Saren, Sella Ganpathi & Bano Sartaj.

JUNE-26

- ◆ **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** was observed on 26 June 2015. The **theme** of the 2015 **is Let's Develop our Lives, our Communities, our identities without Drugs**.
- ◆ Gay Marriage Legalised By **US Supreme Court**.
- ◆ The Sri Lankan President, **Maithripala Sirisena, has dissolved his country's Parliament, 160 days** after assuming office in January 2015.
- ◆ 1st President of **New Development Bank**, (BRICS Bank) K V Kamath revealed that the operations of bank are expected to begin on April 15.
- ◆ UNCTAD- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. released World Investment Report 2015. The report was titled as, **'Reforming International Investment Governance'**.
- ◆ BHEL commissioned first 250 MW unit of **NTPC's Bongaigaon Thermal Power** Project of NTPC in **Assam**. BHEL is executing the NTPC's project for setting up three units of 250 MW each as coal- based project which will be completed by 2016.
- ◆ Union Government has exempted builders from obtaining prior green nod for construction of Universities, School, College and Hostel facilities. In this regard Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (**MoEFCC**) has issued a circular to exempt green nod for educational institutions provided they should follow sustainable environment practises of construction.

- ◆ RBI extends deadline for exchanging pre-2005 currency notes till December 2015.
- ◆ India leads FDI in South Asia with 34 billion investments in 2014.
- ◆ **Anshula Kana** Appointed CFO and **Deputy MD of SBI**.
- ◆ **Indian Tennis Player Leander Paes joined the 100 partners club on ATP circuit.** He is the **47TH player in the world to play with 100 different partners.** He is going to pair with Marcel Granollers of Spain.
- ◆ **Andhra Pradesh** government has decided to form a Cabinet sub-committee named as **Krishi Cabinet.** This sub-committee will focus on the challenges of the Primary Sector Mission of state government undertaken to make agriculture and its allied activities profitable and sustainable for all-round improvement of the rural economy.
- ◆ Himachal Pradesh High Court has ruled that the daughters in tribal areas in the state shall inherit the property in accordance with Hindu Succession Act, 1956. This landmark judgment will help to bring a new resolution in the tribal society's in order to grant equal rights to the girls and bring down gender disparity. The ruling was given by Justice Rajiv Sharma by upholding the earlier order passed by District Judge of Chamba in 2002 to grant legal rights to women in family property.
- ◆ **Sachin Tendulkar**, who retired from international cricket in 2013 after playing his 200th Test, has been voted the 'Best Test player' of the 21st century in an online poll. Sachin Tendulkar got 23% votes and was followed by Srilanka's Kumar Sangakara (14% votes) and Australia's Adam Gilchrist(13% votes).

JUNE-27

- ◆ **India has become most attractive investment destination in world after it was ranked first among 110 countries in a ranking of destinations for attractiveness to foreign investors.** The ranking was based on baseline profitability index (BPI) 2015. In this edition of **China was placed at the 65th** position and **US was placed at the 50th.**
- ◆ **Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan to Supply Free Mil in Mid Day Meal.**
- ◆ Andhra Pradesh Mining Development Corporation Signed MoU with NSL Mining Resources India. **India is fourth largest carbon emitter in the world in** terms of per capita emission accounting for 6.6 % of global emissions for the year 2012. It was revealed by the World Resources Institute (WRI) in its latest analyses of the country-wise carbon emissions of climate-damaging greenhouse gases (GHGs). According to the analysis figures of WRI, Top 10 emitters are: China (25.26%), US (14.4%), European Union (10.16%), India (6.69%), Russia (5.36%), Japan (3.11%), Brazil (2.34%), Indonesia (1.76%), Mexico (1.67%) and Iran (1.65%).
- ◆ Indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) prototype has been successfully cleared hot weather trials at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- ◆ The 28TH **Moorthidevi Award for 2014 is awarded to Vyomkesh Darvesh**, written by Vishwanath Tripathi. Vyomkesh Darvesh is the fictional biography of Hazariprasad Dwivedi, noted Hindi critic.
- ◆ A medical team in **Sharjah's Al Qasimi Hospital** successfully completed a pioneering surgery implanting a left ventricular assist device (**LVAD**) on a 21-year-old **Emirati** patient. The surgery is the first-of-its-kind in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- ◆ A team of scientists led by **Indian-American Debashis Chanda** from University of Central Florida (**UCF**) developed a nature-inspired technique for creating the world's **first full-colour, flexible thin-film reflective display.** This technology can help you switch your dress colour to a different colour in the blink of an eye, if someone at a wedding reception is wearing the same dress as yours.
- ◆ **Ujjwal Batria** has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of French **cement maker Lafarge's** India operations.
- ◆ The **Vatican** signed an historic 1st accord with "**Palestine**," two years after officially recognizing the **Palestinian Authority** (PA) as a state.
- ◆ Popular star of Avengers TV series **Patrick Macnee** passed away at the age of 93.
- ◆ Veselin Topalov Wins Norway Chess Tournament 2015.

JUNE-28

- ◆ According to research published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), **Indian Railways is the 8th largest employer in the world with 1.4 employees**. It is followed by the **Indian armed forces which employs 1.3 million people**. The research shows that the world's biggest employer is the **U.S. Department of Defense with 3.2 million employees**, followed by **People's Liberation Army (the Chinese military) with 2.3 million**.
- ◆ Basketball Player born in India, **Satnam Singh Bharmara** is chosen by Dallas Mavericks Team as the 52ND pick. He became the **first Indian born player to be drafted by NBA** team.
- ◆ **United Nations To Release \$ 25 million Fund For Relief Efforts In Yemen**.
- ◆ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)'s indigenously designed & developed LCH attained a milestone by successfully completing the hot weather flight trials. (**LCH**) Light Combat Helicopter prototype, TD-3 was ferried from Bengaluru to Jodhpur for the trials.
- ◆ Indian pair of **Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponappa** won the women's doubles of **Canada Open Badminton** tournament 2015.
- ◆ Space X Falcon-9 rocket broke apart in flames minutes after lifting off from Cape Canaveral. The accident occurred in only two and half minutes after the launch. This incident is the third failure to send supplies to the ISS (**International Space Station**) in the last 8 months.
- ◆ Jwala and Ashwini enter the Women's Doubles Final of Canada Open.

JUNE-29

- ◆ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalithaa flagged off the **Chennai Metro Rail services** through video conferencing from the state secretariat. The **first phase of Metro service covers the 10-km overhead (elevated) stretch**. It connects **Alandur in south Chennai to Koyabedu in the north**. The metro service will bear capacity of 1276 passengers with four coaches. It will cover seven stations in the stretch. **They are Koyabedu, Arumbakkam, Vadapalani, Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus, Ashok Nagar, Ekkattuthangal. Five stations and will stop for 30 seconds in each station**.
- ◆ **Varttavali** is the name of the **new Sanskrit News** program launched by **Doordarshan**. Varttavali is a weekly program and will focus on news, features and discussions on events around the world and will be conducted in Sanskrit
- ◆ After **Maggi**, now is the turn of **Top Ramen** to get withdrew from the Indian markets.
- ◆ 50 founding nations including India on 29 June signed 60-article agreement of China-led multilateral **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**. **Australia was the first country to sign the agreement and was followed by 49 other members**. Indian Ambassador Ashok Kantha signed the agreement on behalf of country.
- ◆ **India and Thailand** Signed MoU on Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement.
- ◆ **Ajinkya Rahane** Made Captain of Team India for **Zimbabwe** Tour.
- ◆ **Prataprao Pawar**, the chairman of **Sakal Media Group** is conferred with **Punyabhushan award** in Pune.
- ◆ **Narendra Singh Tomar**, the accrued in MPPEB scam passed away in Indore jail.
- ◆ Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi expressed concern over the declining sex ratio in the country. He was on Mann Ki Baat programme on radio. He mentioned the Beti Bachao, Beti Padoo schema and also other three social security schemes introduced by the government.
- ◆ Former **Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov** Died.

JUNE-30

- ◆ Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the **Integrated Security System (ISS) installed with a total cost Rs 21.72 crore at four railway stations** in the metropolis comprising **CST, Dadar, Kurla and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT)**. The system will monitor passenger activities through a network of CCTV cameras at **6 rly stations** comprising CST, Dadar, Kurla, LTT, Kalyan and Thane.
- ◆ **Nadia district in West Bengal** has won the **United Nations Public Service Award 2015** in the category of improving delivery of public services for or eliminating open defecation in the district.

- ◆ Famous **Writer Vishwanath Tripathi Selected For 28th Moorti Devi** Award.
- ◆ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha Wins by-poll By **1.50 Lakh** Votes Margin.
- ◆ **Airtel Becomes 3rd largest Mobile Operator In The World.** (303 million mobile subscribers across its operations in 20 countries). **Vodafone** group is the 2nd in the list with more than 400-million customers.
- ◆ The **CEO of Suzuki Motor Corp**, Japan's fourth biggest auto-maker named his son as the next president of the firm. **Toshihiro Suzuki**, the executive vice president took over as president from his **father Osamu Suzuki**.
- ◆ **Social network giant Facebook launched Facebook Lite**, a new version of its application for Android phones in India. Facebook Lite is a lighter version of its app which has been optimised for slower data connections and aims at catering the customers of emerging markets.
- ◆ **Bajaj Allianz launched weather-based crop insurance scheme for 3 districts of Maharashtra.** Insurance covers orange crops in Nagpur, Hingoli and Washim districts of Maharashtra.
- ◆ An Indian-origin surgeon Dr. Joseph Vettukattil for first time have printed three dimensional (3D) anatomic heart model using multiple imaging techniques. This hybrid 3D model of heart was successfully printed using integration of 3D transesophageal echocardiography (3DTEE) and computed tomography (CT). The team had used specialised software to register images in order to selectively integrate datasets and produce an accurate anatomic model of the heart. This study is considered as a huge leap for individualised medicine in the medical field of cardiology and congenital heart disease.
- ◆ India & Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on double taxation avoidance treaty (**DTAT**). The MoU was signed during 7th meeting of the India-Thailand Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation co-chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.
- ◆ Arrested TDP Telangana MLA Revanth Reddy Gets Bail.
- ◆ **Rahul Agarwal** is going to succeed Amar Babu as the managing director of **Lenovo** India.

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