

GK Study Material for IBPS PO Mains Part-II

Recent appointments –

1. VK Malhotra appointed as head of the All India Council of Sports
2. MK Surana appointed as the CMD of Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd
3. Onsari Gharti became the first female Speaker in the parliamentary history of Nepal.
4. PS Jayakumar appointed as MD and CEO of Bank of Baroda.
5. Alkesh Sharma appointed as CEO and MD of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corp.
6. Telenor appointed Sharad Mehrotra as India CEO
7. Tapan Ray appointed to Board of Securities and Exchange Board of India
8. Sekhar Basu appointed as chairman of Atomic Energy Commission
9. Fiji's Parliament elected the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Jioji Konrote, as the country's next President.
10. Music composer AR Rahman named as Cultural Ambassador of Seychelles
11. Shashank Manohar elected BCCI President
12. K.P. Sharma Oli was elected as the new Prime Minister of Nepal as he defeated Sushil Koirala.
13. Cabinet Minister Rao Inderjit Singh has been appointed unopposed as the new President of the Paralympics Committee of India (PCI).
14. Steve Simon has been named as the new Chief Executive of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA).
15. South Korea's Hoesung Lee has been elected as the new head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the UN body tasked with assessing climate science at its 42nd session in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

16. Ashish Bahuguna, the Chairman of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), was given an additional charge of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FSSAI.

17. Ajay Sharma, an Indian-origin diplomat, has been appointed the new British Ambassador to Qatar.

18. Flipkart has appointed Sriram Venkataraman as the CFO for its commerce platform and Pramod Jain as Vice President and Head of Taxation.

19. Sarat Kumar Acharya assumed office as Chairman and Managing Director of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC).

20. Anil Khanna, President of All India Tennis Association has been elected as Vice President of International Tennis Federation (ITF).

21. Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as brand ambassador of Jharkhand Tourism.

22. Senior RJD leader Abdul Bari Siddiqui has been elected as President of Bihar Cricket Association (BCA) after an election held as per directions of the Supreme Court.

23. Rakesh Sharma appointed as MD and CEO of Canara Bank.

24. Ram Nath Kovind is appointed as Governors of Bihar
Acharya Dev Vrat is appointed as Governors of Himachal Pradesh.

25. Kishor Piraji Kharat appointed as IDBI MD and CEO.

26. Ashwani Lohani appointed as Air India CMD.

27. Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) succeeding Jagmohan Dalmiya as announced by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

28. Women and Child Development Ministry has appointed Stuti Narain Kacker as Head of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

29. Raman Agarwal has been appointed the new Chairman of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC).

30. P.V. Chandran was elected President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) for 2015-16.
31. A 43-year-old Indian-origin British MP Seema Malhotra has been appointed as the shadow chief secretary for Treasury by the newly elected Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.
32. J. Manjula has been appointed the first woman Director General of the Defence Research and Development Organization's Electronics and Communication Systems (ECS) cluster.
33. Agriculture expert Ramesh Chand has been appointed as new member of the Niti Aayog.
34. Alejandro Maldonado Aguirre was sworn in as new president of Guatemala following the resignation of Otto Perez Molina.
35. NTPC's Director (Technical) A.K. Jha has taken the additional charge of the post of the Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC.
36. Senior IAS officer Raghav Chandra has taken over as the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
37. Hormusji N Cama appointed as Chairman of Press Trust of India.
38. Rana Kapoor appointed as MD and CEO of YES bank
39. Senior bureaucrat Rajiv Mehrishi has been appointed country's new Home Secretary.
40. Veteran actor Anupam Kher has been appointed as the UN ambassador of the 'HeForShe' campaign for gender equality.
41. Raffi Freedman-Gurspan is the first openly transgender White House staff member, appointed by President Barack Obama.
42. Union Government appointed former Cabinet Secretary Ajit Kumar Seth as the Chairman of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

43. Om Prakash Rawat, a 1977 batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre was appointed as the Election Commissioner of India.
44. India-born Sundar Pichai was named CEO of Google by the company's founders Larry Page and Sergei Brin in course of a re-organization that created a mother company called Alphabet.
45. Indian-American Atul Keshap has been confirmed as the U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives,
46. Ved Prakash Mahawar took over as Director (Onshore) of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC).
47. Union Government appointed Ram Sewak Sharma as the new Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
48. Ratan P Watal appointed as Finance Secretary
49. . Shaktikanta Das appointed as Economic Affairs Secretary
50. Hasmukh Adhia appointed as Revenue Secretary
51. Anjuly Chib Duggal appointed as Secretary of Department of Financial Services(MoF)
52. P K Singh appointed SAIL Chairman
53. Raghav Chandra appointed as NHAI Chairman,
54. Malcolm Turnbull sworn as Australia's New Prime Minister
55. Sherif Ismail appointed as PM of Egypt
56. Ranil Wickremesinghe appointed as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
Note: President(SL) Maithripala.
57. Maurice Obstfeld appointed as Chief Economist of IMF
58. Alexis Tsipras appointed as Prime Minister, Greece

Person in News

1. Former Delhi High Court judge Reva Khetrpal has been selected as Delhi's new Lokayukta.
2. Veteran Kannada film-maker K.S.L. Swamy passes away
3. Justin Trudeau elected as Canada's new PM
4. Acclaimed Egyptian novelist and journalist Gamal al-Ghitani passed away in Cairo, Egypt. He was 70.
5. Kundhavi Kadiresan was appointed as the Assistant Director (AD) of United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific.
6. India's second largest software services firm, Infosys has appointed Ranganath D Mavinakere as new Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
7. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli of Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist)-CPN-UML was elected as new Prime Minister of Nepal.
8. Renowned scientist Shekhar Basu has been appointed as the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and Secretary of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
9. Oscar-winning composer Allah-Rakha Rahman has been named the Cultural Ambassador for Seychelles.
10. Hoesung Lee of South Korea has been elected Chairman of Inter-governmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC).
11. Micro blogging site Twitter has appointed its co-founder and interim chief executive officer (CEO) Jack Dorsey as permanent CEO for second time.
12. V Shanmuganthan has sworn in as the 17th Governor of Manipur after taking oath at ceremony held at Raj Bhawan in Imphal. He succeeded Dr. Syed Ahmed who had died in late in September 2015.
13. The Department of Posts has released a Commemorative postal stamp on father of Indian Constitution Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as part of his 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations.
14. President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed Governor of Meghalaya V. Shanmuganathan to discharge the functions of the Governor of Manipur.
15. Ace Indian shooter Abhinav Bindra has clinched gold medal in the men's 10 metre Air Rifle event of the Asian Air Gun Championships held in New Delhi.

16. Dr. P Sivakumar has been elevated as Distinguished Scientist with immediate effect by the Union Defence Ministry.
17. Sherif Ismail has sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Egypt. He was administered oath to the office by President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi.
18. Metro Man E Sreedharan to serve UN High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport
19. Malcolm Turnbull has sworn-in as Australia's new Prime Minister.
20. Queen Elizabeth II on 9th September 2015 became the longest-reigning Monarch of Britain and the longest-reigning female monarch in history.
21. Renowned Agriculture expert Professor Ramesh Chand has been appointed as new full time member of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog.
22. South African city of Durban has been selected as the host for the 22nd edition of Commonwealth Games to be held in 2022.
23. A K Jha has been given additional charge of interim Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited.
24. President of Greece's Supreme Court Vassiliki Thanou has been appointed as the first female Prime Minister of the heavily indebted country which is center of Eurozone crisis.
25. Maharashtra government has bought the house in London where social reformer and architect of the Indian Constitution Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar had stayed in the 1920s.
26. World No. 1 tennis player Novak Djokovic from Serbia has been appointed as a new goodwill ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
27. Veteran actor and director Amol Palekar has been appointed as the Chairman of India's Oscar jury by Mumbai based Film Federation of India (FFI).

Committees in News

1. Union Government formed B S Baswan committee to revisit civil services examination pattern
2. NITI Aayog constituted T Haque Expert Group on Land Leasing
3. MP government constituted one-member commission to probe Petlawad explosion incident. The commission will be chaired by retired High Court judge Justice Aryendra Kumar Saxena
4. Union Government formed Mihir Shah Committee on restructuring water agencies
5. SM Khan-headed team constituted to assess situation in FTII by Union Government

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6. A Reserve Bank of India (RBI) committee has recommended conversion of Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) with business size of 20,000 crore rupees or more into regular banks. This recommendation was given by the High Powered Committee on UCBs headed by RBI Deputy Governor R Gandhi in its report.
7. Union Cabinet approved setting up of Panagariya Committee to classify Caste Census data, 2011
8. Union Ministry of Finance constituted a Task Force headed by D Swarup on Financial Redress Agency
9. Ministry of Railways constituted Ajay Shankar Committee to review PPP Cell functioning
10. The SIT was constituted on recommendation of Mathur Committee which in its report asked the government to start a fresh probe in the case. The new SIT will be headed by Pramod Asthana, an IPS officer of 1986 batch.
11. TSR Subramaniam Committee: to review the processes, laws and Acts of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
12. Pratyush Sinha committee: to assess compensation for coal blocks.
13. The former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh designated as the head of Future Earth Engagement Committee, a global research platform panel on sustainable development.
14. T.K. Vishwanathan committee: to provide Bankruptcy code for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).
15. Justice Prabha Sridevan committee: to function as a think-tank to help draft a new National Intellectual Property Rights Policy (National IPR Policy)
16. K.V. Kamath panel: to examine the financial architecture for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.
17. Gopalakrishna Committee: on Capacity Building in Banks and non-Banks
18. G N Bajpai Committee: to review the investment guidelines for national pension system (NPS) schemes in private sector.
19. Scientist Raghunath Anant Mashelkar panel: to recommend best technologies for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Swachh Bharat" national sanitation campaign.
20. T S R Subramanian Committee: to review five key green laws concerning protection and conservation of environment, forest, wildlife, water and air among others.

21. H R Khan Committee: to examine the un-claimed amount in PPF, Post Office and Savings Schemes.

22. H Devaraj Committee: reported that most of the deemed universities are not fit for being a university.

News from States

1. Maharashtra Government has decided to use stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) law against the hoarders and black marketers.

2. Rajasthan government has issued a notification to provide 5 per cent quota to Gujjars and other Special Backward Classes (SBC). The notification was issued by state government under the Rajasthan Special Backward Classes Reservation Act, 2015.

3. Maharashtra government has appointed Shreehari Aney as the Advocate General (AG) of the state as per provisions of Article 165 of Constitution.

4. Odisha Government has launched citizen portal www.citizenportal-op.gov.in to facilitate citizens with various services.

5. Gujarat Government has launched a special Khadi Utsav in Ahmedabad to promote khadi on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 146th birth anniversary.

6. Union Government has announced Special Assistance of 1000 crore rupees to the Andhra Pradesh Government for development projects during the financial year 2015-16.

7. Perumanna Grama Panchayat in Kozhikode district of Kerala has become the first Panchayat in the State, to declare its own water policy.

8. Godavari River was formally interlinked with the Krishna River at Ibrahimpatnam near Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.

9. Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to submit State Annual Action Plan under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

10. Tamil Nadu's first Global Investors Summit (TNGIM 2015) has begun in Chennai to woo investors to invest in the state.

11. Haryana Assembly has passed Haryana Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2015 that seeks to fix matriculation as minimum educational qualification for elections to Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs).

12. Haryana government has completely banned the gutka, pan masala and other similar products containing tobacco in the state for one year from September 3, 2015.

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13. Andhra Pradesh by has e-Pragati, a comprehensive architecture to leverage the latest advances in e-governance tools. With this launch, Andhra Pradesh became first state in India to execute and conceive state-wide enterprise e-governance architecture.
14. Haryana legislative Assembly has passed Haryana Police (Amendment) Bill, 2015 to abolish the Police Recruitment Board in order to end the nepotism in the police recruitments in the state.
15. Punjab Government has established a special MGNREGA cell to coordinate effective implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the state.
16. Maharashtra Government has decided to take ordinance route to amend Maharashtra Prevention of Dangerous Activities (MPDA) Act, 1981.
17. Manipur Legislative Assembly has unanimously passed the Protection of Manipur People Bill, 2015 along with other two amendment bills to protect indigenous people of state.
18. Punjab Government has won first award in the category of highest capacity addition in grid connected solar rooftop power in the country during the financial year 2014-15.
19. Biggest harvest festival of Thiru Onam was celebrated by Keralites across the globe.
20. Gujarat is set to become the first state in India to launch 'Agro-Solar Policy' to encourage the farmers to tap the solar energy..

Sports

1. Union Government has appointed veteran sports administrator Vijay Kumar Malhotra as President of newly established All India Council of Sports (AICS).
2. Ace Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag has announced his retirement from international cricket. This announcement comes after more than two-and-a-half years on from his last appearance in Test match for India in March 2013 against Australia in Hyderabad.
3. China's Xuerui Li has won the prestigious 2015 Denmark Open Badminton Title in the women's single category. In the final match played at Odense, Denmark, she defeated P V Sindhu of India by 19-21, 12-21 score.
4. Great Britain won the 2015 Sultan of Johor Cup under-21 field hockey tournament by defeating defending champions India.
5. India's ace tennis player Saketh Myneni has won the 2015 Vietnam Open trophy. In the summit clash which lasted for one hour and 27 minutes he defeated Australia's Jordan Thompson by 7-5, 6-3 score.

6. One of India's greatest fast bowlers Zaheer Khan has announced his retirement from international cricket with an immediate effect.

7. Winners of 2015 China Open (tennis)

Men's Singles title

Novak Djokovic of Serbia won the 2015 Men's Singles title of China Open. In the final match he defeated Rafael Nadal of Spain by 6–2, 6–2 score. Overall it was Djokovic's fourth Men's Singles title of China Open.

Women's Singles title

Garbiñe Muguruza of Spain won the 2015 Women's Singles title of China Open. In the final match she defeated Tímea Bacsinszky of Switzerland by 7–5, 6–4 score.

Men's Doubles title

Vasek Pospisil (Canada) and Jack Sock (US) pair won the 2015 Men's Doubles title of China Open. In the final match they defeated Daniel Nestor (Canada) and Édouard Roger-Vasselin (France) pair by 3–6, 6–3, [10–6] score.

Women's Doubles title

Sania Mirza (India) and Martina Hingis (Switzerland) pair won 2015 Women's Doubles title of China Open. In the final match they defeated Chinese pair Hao-ching and Chan Yung-jan by 6–7(9–11), 6–1, [10–8] score.

8. Ace Indian shuttler, Ajay Jayaram has won the 50000 dollar 2015 Dutch Open Grand Prix badminton tournament. In the title clash played at Almere in Netherlands, Jayaram defeated Estonia's Raul Must by 21-12, 21-18 score

9. Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won 2015 Russian Grand Prix title of Formula One.

10. Sergey Karjakin of Russia has won 2015 World Cup Chess Championship held at Baku, Azerbaijan.

11. Shashank Manohar has been elected unopposed as President of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the second term.

12. Luis Leao Pinto of Portugal has won 2015 MTB Himalaya Title, Asia's premier mountain biking race for the second time in the Solo Men's category.

13. India's ace shooter Heena Sidhu has clinched a Gold medal in the 10-metre air pistol event of the Asian Air Gun Championships in New Delhi.

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14. India's ace shooter Gurpreet Singh has won silver medal at 2015 Asian Air Gun Championship held in New Delhi.

15. Former England fast bowler Frank Tyson passed away in Australia. He was 85.

16. India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani has won 2015 IBSF World Billiards Championship (Time Format) in Adelaide, Australia. It was his overall 14th World title.

17. Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain won 2015 Japanese Grand Prix title of Formula One. This was his overall eight victory of the season.

18. Indo-Swiss tennis pair of Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis have won women's doubles title of 2015 Guangzhou Open Tennis Tournament.

19. Former Indian Cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

20. Baseball legend Yogi Berra from United States has passed away. He was 90.

21. India's Ajay Jayaram has won silver medal in 2015 Korea Open Badminton tournament in the Men's singles category. In the final match played at Seoul, he lost to World no. one Cheng Long of China by 14-21, 12-21 score settling to silver medal.

22. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Jagmohan Dalmiya passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. He was 75.

23. Capital city of Zhejiang Province Hangzhou in East China has been chosen by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to host the 2022 Asian Games.

24. Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has recognized the Indian Kalarippayattu Federation (IKF) as Regional Sports Federation (RSF) with an immediate effect.

25. List of US Open 2015 Winners

1. Novak Djokovic beats Roger Federer in men's final

2. Flavia Pennetta beat fellow Italian Roberta Vinci to win her first Grand Slam title at the US Open, and then announced her retirement.

3. Martina Hingis and Sania Mirza beats C Dellacqua (AUS) and Y Shvedova (KAZ) claimed their second straight Grand Slam title in the US Open women's doubles

4. P H Herbert (FRA) and N Mahut (FRA) beats J Murray (GB) and J Peers (AUS)

5. M Hingis (SWI) and L Paes (IND) beats B Mattek-Sands (US) / S Querrey (US)

26. Indian Wrestler Narsingh Pancham Yadav has secured quota for India in the 2016 Olympic Games.
27. Ace Indian Golfer Anirban Lahiri has become the first Indian to qualify for the prestigious President's Cup of Golf.
28. Indian weightlifter Deepak Lather won a gold medal in fifth Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) held in Apia, Samoa.
29. Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to recognize Yoga as a sports discipline and place it in the Priority category.
30. Ethiopia's Mare Dibaba has won the gold medal in the women's marathon event at the World Athletics Championships 2015 held in Beijing, China.
31. Indian women's hockey team has qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics and now joining nine other teams.
32. Jamaican athlete Usain Bolt has won world 200 and 100 metre title in the World Athletics Championships held in Beijing, China.

Winners of 2015 Wimbledon Championship Titles of Tennis

1. Men's Title: Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer to win his second straight Wimbledon title and ninth career Grand Slam.
2. Women's Title: Serena Williams defeated Spaniard Garbine Muguruza to win Wimbledon title
3. Sania Mirza with Swiss partner Martina Hingis defeated Russian team of Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina
4. Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau defeated Britain's Jamie Murray and Australian John Peers
5. Leander Paes and Martina Hingis won mixed doubles title at Wimbledon defeated the fifth seed Austrian-Hungarian team of Alexander Peya and Timea Babos.
6. Indo-Vietnamese pair Sumit Nagal-Nam Hoang Ly won the 2015 Wimbledon Boys' Doubles title by defeating Opelka and Akira Santillan

-2015 FIFA Women's World Cup Awards

Golden Ball Award: Carli Lloyd (US), Amandine Henry (France), Aya Miyama (Japan).

Golden Boot Award: Celia Sasic (Germany), Carli Lloyd (US), Anja Mittag (Germany).

Golden Glove Award: Hope Solo (US).

Young Player Award: Kadeisha Buchanan (Canada).

Fair Play Award: France.

Awards and Honors –

1. Nobel Peace laureate Kailash Satyarthi has been selected for the prestigious 2015 Harvard Humanitarian of the Year Award. He has been awarded this award in recognition for championing the cause of child reform and ending all forms of violence against children.

2. Nobel Prizes 2015

1. The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015

Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald- "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"

2. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2015

Tomas Lindahl, Paul Modrich and Aziz Sancar- "for mechanistic studies of DNA repair"

3. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2015

William C. Campbell and Satoshi Ōmura- "for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites"

Youyou Tu- "for her discoveries concerning a novel therapy against Malaria"

4. The Nobel Prize in Literature 2015

Svetlana Alexievich- "for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time"

5. The Nobel Peace Prize 2015

National Dialogue Quartet- "for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011"

6. The Nobel Prize in Economics 2015

British economist Angus Deaton won the 2015 economics Nobel Prize for "his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare,"

3. Jamaican author Marlon James has won the prestigious 2015 Man Booker Prize for his novel A Brief History of Seven Killings. With this, he became first Jamaican to win Man Booker Prize.

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4. US university honoured Tibetan PM Sangay with Presidential Medal for promoting peace.
5. Arun Jaitley chosen 'Finance Minister of the Year, Asia' by Emerging Markets.
6. Al-Quds University conferred Honorary Doctorate on President Pranab Mukherjee
7. Veteran filmmaker I.V. Sasi honoured with J.C. Daniel Award.
8. A R Rehman chosen for 2015 Hridaynath Mangeskar Award
9. Indian firm Nualgi won Popular Choice Award at Climate CoLab of MIT
10. Raif Badawi, James Fenton shared 2015 PEN Pinter Prize
11. Inuit and Arctic activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier of Canada has won the 2015 Right Livelihood Award.
12. Indian-American associate professor Kartik Chandran has been named as a 2015 MacArthur Fellow. The fellowship entitles him with a prestigious genius grant of US 625,000 dollars.
13. Mathematician Dr. Jacob Tsimmerman from Canada has been chosen for the prestigious 2015 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize.
14. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been awarded SKOCH Award for Smart Governance.
15. 24th Vyaas Samman conferred on eminent Hindi writer Dr Kamal Kishore Goenka
16. Hindustan Times Group chairperson Shobhana Bharatia and PepsiCo Chairman Indra Nooyi have been awarded 2015 Global Leadership Award of the US-India Business Council (USIBC).
17. Eminent Urdu litterateur Shamim Hanfi was conferred with inaugural Jnangarima Manad Alankaran award of Bharatiya Jnanpith.
18. Afghan refugee teacher Aqeela Asifi named for 2015 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award.

19. A 15-year-old Indian-American girl Swetha Prabakaran has been selected by the White House for the prestigious Champions of Change award.

20. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina wins UN Award for Leadership on Climate Change.

21. DRDO scientist Dr G. Satheesh Reddy conferred with Silver Medal by Royal Aeronautical Society.

22. President Pranab Mukherjee conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2014 on Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar on behalf of the organisation received the prize at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

23. Indian-American Pulitzer Prize winner Jhumpa Lahiri has been selected for the prestigious 2014 National Humanities Medal of White House.

24. Haryana Government has won the Skoch Order-of-Merit national award for implementing 6 e-Governance and IT initiatives in the state.

25. National Sports Awards for 2014-15

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

Sania Mirza– In recognition of her outstanding achievements in game of Tennis. Presently she is ranked no 1 women's player in Women's Double category.

Dronacharya Award

Naval Singh- Athletics (Javelin throw) Para-sports coach.

Anoop Singh- Wrestling coach.

Harbans Singh- Athletics coach.

Swatantar Raj Singh- Boxing coach.

Nihar Ameen- Swimming coach.

Arjuna Award

Sandeep Kumar- Archery.

M R Poovamma- Athletics (4X400 metres relay).

Kidambi Srikanth- Badminton.

Mandeep Jangra- Boxing.

Rohit Sharma- Cricket.

Dipa Karmakar- Gymnastics.

Sreejesh P R- Hockey.

Manjeet Chhillar- Kabaddi.
Abhilasha Mhatre- Kabaddi.
Swaran Singh- Rowing.
Anup Kumar Yama- Roller Skating.
Jitu Rai- Shooting.
Sathish Kumar- Weightlifting.
Bajrang- Wrestling.
Babita Kumari- Wrestling.
Y Sanathoi Devi- Wushu.
Sharath M Gayakwad- Para-Swimming.

Dhyan Chand Award
Romeo James- Hockey.
Shiv Prakash Mishra- Tennis.
P Nair- Volleyball.

26. Noted Indian agricultural scientist Dr Modadugu Vijay Gupta has been chosen for the inaugural Sunhak Peace Prize.

27. A Syria-based woman journalist Zaina Erhaim has won the prestigious 2015 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism.

28. Punjabi University of Patiala has clinched the prestigious sports award Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) trophy for year 2014.

29. Eminent Historian writer Babasaheb Purandare has been conferred with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2015.

30. Bangladesh novelist Zia Haider Rahman has won James Tait Black award 2015, UK's oldest literary prize for his first novel, In the Light of What We Know.

31. President Pranab Mukherjee has conferred prestigious literary award Saraswati Sammaan for the year 2014 to Dr. Marpadi Veerappa Moily in New Delhi.

32. Professor Raghavendra Gadagkar has been conferred with highest civilian award of Germany, Cross of Order of the Merit.

33. Goa Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar has been conferred with the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) and Safari India South Asia Travel Award 2015.

34. Mathematician Dr. Amalendu Krishna has won the Ramanujan Prize for year 2015.

35. Noted Hindi litterateur Kashinath Singh has been chosen for the Bharat Bharti literary award for year 2014.

36. Former Jalore Electoral Officer (EO) Rajan Vishal has been chosen for Election Commission's Zonal award under the Best Electoral Practices Award-2014.

37. Jorge Sampaio and Helena Ndume have been awarded with the inaugural Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize.

38. Noted Canadian author Naomi Klein has won the 36th edition of American Book Award 2015. She has won this award for her environmental work

39. Ratan Tata honoured by UK city of Coventry.

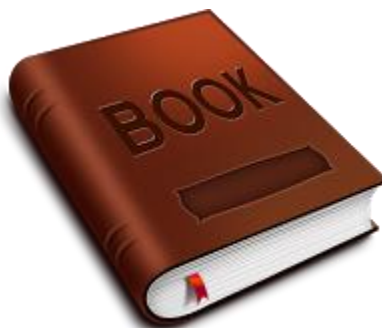
Awards IIFA 2015 Winner

Best Actor- Shahid Kapoor for Haider
Best Actress- Kangna Ranaut for Queen
Best Director- Rajkumar Hirani for PK
Best Movie- Queen

Awards 62nd National Film Awards

Best Actor- Sanchari Vijay for Nanu Avanalla Avalu
Best Actress- Kangna Ranaut for Queen
Best Director- Srijit Mukherji
Best Feature Film- Queen
Best Feature Film in Hindi- Court
Dada Saheb Phalke Award- Shashi Kapoor

Books and Author –



1. The Courage to Act - A Memoir of a Crisis and Its Aftermath by Ben S. Bernanke

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2. The Clintons' War on Women authored by Roger Stone and Robert Morrow
3. Ruled or Misruled: Story and Destiny of Bihar authored by Santosh Singh
4. Hungry Bengal: War, Famine, Riots and the End of Empire authored by Janam Mukherjee
5. Two Years Eight Months and Twenty Eight Nights written by Salman Rushdie
6. To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 Story by Jairam Ramesh
7. Book titled Globalisation, Democratization and Distributive Justice presented to Hamid Ansari
8. The Duels of the Himalayan Eagle authored by Air Marshal Bharat Kumar
9. 30 Women in Power: Their Voices, Their Stories by Naina Lal Kidwai
10. 105-year-old Urdu copy of Ramcharitmanas written by Shiv Brat Lal found
11. Book titled Mrs Funnybones authored by Twinkle Khanna
12. Making India Awesome authored by Chetan Bhagat
13. The Kumbh Mela: Mapping the Ephemeral Megacity authored by Tarun Khanna released by Akhilesh yadav
14. R.D. Burman: The Prince of Music written by Khagesh Dev Burman
15. Book titled Ghosts of Calcutta authored by Sebastian Ortiz
16. Green Signals: Ecology, Growth, and Democracy in India written by Jairam Ramesh
17. India Central Asia Relations authored by Amiya Chandra
18. Kashmir: The Vajpayee Years authored by AS Dulat & Aditya Sinha released
19. 37 Bridges authored by Aamer Hussein

20. Modi's World: Expanding India's Sphere of Influence by C Raja Mohan
21. Book titled Uniki by CH Vidyasagar Rao
22. Transcendence: My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji written by Abdul Kalam
23. Dealing with China: An Insider Unmasks the New Economic Superpower by Henry M Paulson
24. Red Tape to Red Carpet... and then some written by Gina Rinehart released
25. Beyond Doubt: A Dossier on Gandhi's Assassination written by Teesta Setalvad
26. Benazir Bhutto: A Multidimensional Portrait written by Dr Anna Suvorova
27. Book titled Bikhare Khyalat written by Abdul Haq
28. Book titled Recasting India written by Hindol Sengupta released
29. Book titled Modi - Incredible emergence of a star in Chinese language written by Tarun Vijay
30. Education of Muslims by Professor JS Rajput
31. Sourav Ganguly: Cricket, Captaincy and Controversy written by Saptarshi Sarkar
32. Flood of fire written by Amitav Ghosh
33. The China Model written by Daniel A Bell
34. Book titled Super Economies by Raghav Bahl released
35. Book titled Ahmedabad: A City in the World by Amrita Shah released
36. The Pakistan Paradox written by Christophe Jaffrelot
37. Complete Story of Indian Reforms: 2G, Power & Private -Enterprise written by Pradeep Baijal

38. Book titled Unbelievable – Delhi to Islamabad written by Prof -Bhim Singh released

39. A Book titled China – Confucius in the Shadows written by Poonam Surie released

Summits and Conferences

- Disaster Mitigation conference of member counties of South Asian Association on Regional- New Delhi
- South Asian Sub-Regional Drug Focal Point meeting- New Delhi
- The Tenth World Hindi Conference (विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन- Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh)
- The 7th BRICS summit held on 8-9 July 2015 summit of the head of states or government of the BRICS member states. It was held in the Russian city of Ufa in Bashkortostan.
- During the 6th BRICS summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, the BRICS leaders signed a declaration reading: "Brazil, India, China and South Africa convey their appreciation to Russia for its offer to host the Seventh BRICS Summit in 2015 in the city of Ufa and extend their full support to that end."
- 11th session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting for Technical and Economical Cooperation held in New Delhi.
- Second Round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Paraguay held
- 2015 United States-India Cyber Dialogue held in Washington, DC
- 7th BRICS Summit held in Ufa, Russia. While the 6th BRICS summit was held at Fortaleza in Brazil in 2014, New Delhi will be hosting the 8th summit in 2016.
- 41st G7 summit held in Germany. The theme for the summit was Think Ahead. Act Together.
- India assumed Presidency of the 68th World Health Assembly after 19 years
- 6th National Conference on Nuclear Energy held in New Delhi
- 13th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in Doha
- World Economic Forum annual Summit 2015 Davos - Switzerland
- World Diamond Conference 2014 New Delhi
- 19th SAARC Summit 2016 Islamabad, Pakistan
- 15th G - 20 Summit 2015 Turkey
- 16th G - 20 Summit 2016 China
- 4th Nuclear security summit 2016 United States
- IBSA Summit 2015 (IBSA = India - Brazil - South Africa) - New Delhi
- International Buddhist Conference 2014 held in Nepal
- 19th East Asia Summit held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
- 45th International Film Festival of India begins in Goa.
- The International Renewable Energy Agency, IRENA hold its eighth Council meeting in Abu Dhabi.
- G-4 foreign minister meeting held in New York to discuss Security Council reform

- 13th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) will be held for the first time in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Defence and Technology

Dear Readers, we are presenting news related with defense and technology for upcoming IBPS PO Mians exam..

1. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has launched Trident Juncture Military Exercise in Italy to test the alliance's ability to respond to new security threats.
2. Defence Research Development Organisation's (DRDO's) Missile Complex in Hyderabad has been renamed as Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex.
3. India, United States and Japan navies have started 2015 Malabar Naval Exercise of the eastern coast in Bay of Bengal and India Ocean.
4. The third edition of India- Sri Lanka Joint Training Exercise Mitra Shakti-2015 concluded at Aundh Military Camp in Pune, Maharashtra
5. India-China Joint Military Training Exercise HAND-IN-HAND 2015 will be conducted at Kunming Military Academy of Yunnan province in China from 12 to 23 October 2015.
6. Indian Air Force (IAF) on 8 October 2015 celebrated its 83rd foundation day at the Hindon Air Force Station in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
7. INS Astradharani was commissioned into Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It is Indian Navy's first totally indigenously-designed and built Torpedo launch and recovery vessel (TRV). It is advanced replacement for INS Astravahini which was decommissioned from India Navy in July, 2015.
8. Reliance Defence has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Emirates Defence Industries Company (EDIC) in defence sector. The MoU seeks to boost partnership between both countries for manufacturing, knowledge transfer, services and technology development from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
9. Union Government has given its approval for implementation of Integrated Air Command & Control System (IACCS) project of Indian Air force (IAF) with allocation of 8,000-crore rupees.
10. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has given its approval to a multi-billion dollar deal to purchase Military helicopters from United States aviation giant

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Boeing. Under this deal, India will purchase 22 Apache Attack helicopters and 15 Chinook heavy-lift choppers from Boeing.

11. Indian Coast Guard has commissioned two new ships named Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Apoorva and Interceptor Boat C-421. The ships were commissioned by Vice Admiral SPS Cheema, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of Western Naval Command (Mumbai) off the naval dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

12. An indigenously developed second generation anti-tank guided missile, Amogha-I was successfully test fired.

13. Inaugural bilateral maritime exercise between India and Australia AUSINDEX15, commenced off coast of Visakhapatnam. The inaugural biennial exercise began with briefings and practical demonstrations ashore between Royal Australian Navy and Indian Navy before moving to sea.

14. The sixth Indo-Maldives joint Training Exercise, KUEVERIN 2015 has commenced at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala.

15. China and its strategic partner Pakistan have launched a joint air exercise called Shaheen (Eagle)-4 in China.

16. Union Government has given its nod to implement One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme for ex-servicemen.

17. Delhi High Court in its landmark judgment has allowed women to get permanent commission in Indian Navy and allowed them to board on warships.

18. 50th anniversary of 1965 India-Pakistan war was observed across the country on 28 August 2015.

19. India has gifted its former Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Ship Varaha to Sri Lanka. The ceremonial of handing over of the ship took place at the port of Colombo in keeping with naval customs and traditions.

20. Pakistan and Russia have signed a landmark defence deal including the sale of 4 advance Mi-35 'Hind E' combat helicopters to Pakistan.

21. The US military has launched the largest NATO airborne drills dubbed as Swift Response 15 since the end of the Cold War to enhance security and stability in the European region

22. India-US Combined Military Training Exercise YUDH ABHYAS 2015 will be held from 9th September 2015 at Joint Base Lewis McChord in United States

23. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 10 August has fully commissioned and started commercial production at the first indigenous Titanium Sponge Plant at Chavara in Kerala.

24. India's first Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System (IUHDSS) was commissioned in Kochi, Kerala.

25. India's Kalyani Group and Israel's Rafael have partnered to produce Spike Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) in India.

Resignations

1. Filmmaker Rahul Rawail resigned from Oscar Selection Jury. Court directed by debutant Chaitanya Tamhane was selected to officially represent India at the 88th Oscars in 2015 in the Best Foreign Film category.
2. Justice Gian Parkash Mittal resigned from the Office of the Judge of Delhi High Court
3. Shivinder Mohan Singh resigned as executive vice-chairman of Fortis Healthcare Limited.
4. Said Djinnit, UN envoy to Burundi crisis, stepped down as mediator
5. Hisao Tanaka resigned as CEO and President of Toshiba
6. Justice Gian Parkash Mittal resigned from the Office of the Judge of Delhi High Court
7. Said Djinnit, UN envoy to Burundi crisis, stepped down as mediator
8. Sepp Blatter resigned as FIFA president amid corruption scandal
9. Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair resigned as Special Envoy of the Middle East Quartet

Persons Died

1. Renowned marine biologist Syed Zahoor Qasim died
2. Veteran Kannada film-maker KSL Swamy passed away
3. Renowned Egyptian writer Gamal al-Ghitani died
4. Admiral Radhakrishna Hariram Tahiliani (Retd) passed away
5. Former British Finance Minister Geoffrey Howe died.
6. He was Margaret Thatcher's longest-serving Cabinet minister who served as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1979 to 1983
6. Manorama acted in over 1500 movies in her career spanning almost six decades.

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7. Renowned Carnatic Flautist Natesan Ramani died
8. Veteran music director Ravindra Jain passed away
9. Renowned Swedish crime writer Henning Mankell died
10. Noted Telugu film producer Edida Nageswara Rao died
11. Former England Fast Bowler Frank Tyson Died
12. Manipur Governor Syed Ahmed died
13. Hoping Stone Lyngdoh, Meghalaya's oldest & longest serving legislator, passed away
14. Revered monk of the Hindu monastic order Swami Dayanand Saraswati died
15. Baseball legend Yogi Berra died
16. Odia Lyricist Nizam Died in Bhubaneswar at 62
17. British-born author Jackie Collins died
18. Malayalam playback singer Radhika Thilak died
19. Sadhan gupta was an eminent barrister and Independent India's first visually challenged person to be elected as an MP.
20. BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya passed away
21. Renowned Marathi cricket commentator and writer Bal Pandit died
22. Renowned Classical dancer Kalamandalam Sathyabhama died
23. Pulitzer prize-winning playwright Frank D Gilroy died
24. Hollywood Actor John P Connell died
25. Renowned water policy expert Ramaswamy R Iyer died
26. Former Member of Parliament Balkrishna Wasnik died
27. Music Composer Aadesh Shrivastava died
28. Master of horror cinema Wes Craven died

29. Eminent Kannada writer Dr. MM Kalburgi shot dead in Dharwad
30. Renowned neurologist and author Oliver Wolf Sacks died
31. Veteran journalist Pranab Kumar Borah passed away
32. Eminent Sanskrit Scholar and Indologist NR Varhadpande passed away
33. Uttar Pradesh Minister Chitrnanjan Swarup passed away
34. Malayalam actor Paravoor Bharathan died
35. India's First Lady Suvra Mukherjee passed away
36. Om Prakash Munjal, founder of Hero Cycle Limited, passed away
37. Veteran Marathi stage actor Bhalchandra Pendharkar died
38. Freedom fighter Kayyara Kinnanna Rai passed away
39. Frances Oldham Kelsey, the anti-thalidomide Canadian doctor, died
40. Hollywood Actor George Cole passed away

Country And Currency

- Afghanistan----- afghani
- Algeria----- dinar
- Argentina----- austral
- Australia----- dollar
- Austria----- euro
- Belgium----- euro
- Bolivia----- boliviano
- Brazil----- real
- Canada----- dollar
- Chad----- franc

- Chile----- peso
- China----- yuan
- Columbia----- peso
- Congo----- franc
- Costa Rica----- colon
- Cuba----- peso
- Czechoslovakia----- koruna
- Denmark----- krone
- Djibouti----- franc
- Dominican Rep.----- peso
- Ecuador----- dollar
- Egypt----- pound
- Fiji----- dollar
- Finland----- euro
- France----- euro
- Germany----- euro
- Ghana----- cedi
- Greece----- euro
- Guinea----- franc
- Guyana----- dollar
- Haiti----- gourde
- Hong Kong----- dollar
- Hungary----- forint

- Iceland----- Krona
- India----- rupee
- Indonesia----- rupiah
- Iraq----- dinar
- Ireland----- euro
- Israel----- shekel
- Italy----- euro
- Ivory Coast----- franc
- Jamaica----- dollar
- Japan----- yen
- Jordan----- dinar
- Lebanon----- pound
- Luxembourg----- euro
- Malawi----- kwacha
- Malaysia----- ringgit
- Maldives----- rufiyaa
- Malta----- euro
- Mauritania----- ouguiya
- Mauritius----- rupee
- Mexico----- peso
- Morocco----- dirham
- Nepal----- rupee
- Netherlands----- euro

- New Zealand----- dollar
- Norway----- krone
- Pakistan----- rupee
- Philippines----- peso
- Poland----- zloty
- Portugal----- euro
- Qatar----- riyal
- Romania----- leu
- Saudi Arabia----- riyal
- Singapore----- dollar
- South Africa----- rand
- South Korea----- won
- Spain----- euro
- Sri Lanka----- rupee
- Sudan----- Sudanese pound
- Switzerland----- franc
- Syria----- pound
- Taiwan----- dollar
- Thailand----- baht
- Turkey----- lira
- United Arab Emirates----- dirham
- United Kingdom----- pound
- United States----- dollar

- Uruguay----- peso
- Venezuela----- bolivar
- Vietnam----- dong
- Western Samoa----- tala
- Zambia----- kwacha
- Zimbabwe----- dollar

Country And Capital

afghanistan- Kabul
Algeria - Algiers
Angola - Luanda
Argentina - Buenos Aires
Armenia - Yerevan
Australia - Canberra
Austria - Vienna
Azerbaijan - Baku
Bahrain - Manama
Bangladesh - Dhaka
Belarus - Minsk
Belgium - Brussels
Bhutan - Thimphu
Bolivia - Sucre
Brazil - Brasília
Bulgaria - Sofia
Cambodia - Phnom Penh
Cameroon - Yaoundé
Canada - Ottawa
Chad - N'Djamena
Chile - Santiago
China - Beijing
Colombia - Bogotá
Costa Rica - San José
Croatia - Zagreb
Cuba - Havana
Cyprus - Nicosia
Czech Republic - Prague
Denmark - Copenhagen
Ecuador - Quito
Egypt - Cairo
Ethiopia - Addis Ababa

Fiji - Suva
Finland - Helsinki
France - Paris
Gambia - Banjul
Germany - Berlin
Ghana - Accra
Greece - Athens
Guinea - Conakry
Hong Kong (China) - Hong Kong City
Hungary - Budapest
Iceland - Reykjavík
India - New Delhi
Indonesia - Jakarta
Iran - Tehran
Iraq - Baghdad
Ireland - Dublin
Israel - Jerusalem
Italy - Rome
Ivory Coast - Yamoussoukro
Jamaica - Kingston
Japan - Tokyo
Jordan - Amman
Kazakhstan - Astana
Kenya - Nairobi
Kuwait - Kuwait City
Kyrgyzstan - Bishkek
Laos - Vientiane
Latvia - Riga
Lebanon - Beirut
Liberia - Monrovia
Libya - Tripoli
Malaysia - Kuala Lumpur
Maldives - Malé
Mali - Bamako
Malta - Valletta
Mauritius - Port Louis
Mexico - Mexico City
Mongolia - Ulan Bator
Morocco - Rabat
Mozambique - Maputo
Myanmar - Naypyidaw
Namibia - Windhoek
Nepal - Kathmandu
Netherlands - Amsterdam
New Zealand - Wellington
Nigeria - Abuja

North Korea - Pyongyang
Norway - Oslo
Oman - Muscat
Pakistan - Islamabad
Palestine - Ramallah and Gaza
Paraguay - Asunción
Peru - Lima
Philippines - Manila
Poland - Warsaw
Portugal - Lisbon
Qatar - Doha
Republic of the Congo - Brazzaville
Romania - Bucharest
Russia - Moscow
Rwanda- Kigali
Saudi Arabia - Riyadh
Senegal - Dakar
Serbia - Belgrade
Seychelles - Victoria
Sierra Leone- Freetown
Singapore - Singapore
Somalia - Mogadishu
South Africa - Cape Town
South Korea - Seoul
South Sudan - Juba
Spain - Madrid
Sri Lanka - Sri Jayawardenapura-kotte, colombo
Sudan- Khartoum
Sweden - Stockholm
Switzerland - Bern
Syria - Damascus
Taiwan - Taipei
Tajikistan- Dushanbe
Tanzania - Dodoma
Thailand - Bangkok
Trinidad and Tobago - Port Of Spain
Turkey - Ankara
Turkmenistan - Ashgabat
Uganda - Kampala
Ukraine - Kiev
United Arab Emirates - Abu Dhabi
United Kingdom - London
United States - Washington D.C.
Uruguay - Montevideo
Uzbekistan - Tashkent
Vatican City - Vatican City

Venezuela - Caracas

Vietnam - Hanoi

Yemen - Sana'a

Zambia - Lusaka

Zimbabwe - Harare

Banks And Headquarters

Banks And their Headquarters	Headquarters
Banks	
Delhi	Punjab National bank Punjab and sind bank Bharatiya Mahilla Bank Oriental Bank of Commerce(Gurgaon)
Mumbai	Bank of India Union Bank IDBI ECGC Dena Bank Central Bank of India
Bangalore	Canara Bank Vijaya Bank Syndicate bank(Manipal) Corporation Bank(Mangalore)
Kolkata	Uco bank Allahabad bank United Bank
Vadodara	Bank Of Baroda
Chennai	Indian Overseas Bank Indian Bank
Pune	Bank of Maharashtra

Banks and Their Taglines

State Bank Group- Pure banking nothing else;

Allahabad Bank- A tradition of trust

Andhra Bank- Much more to do, with YOU in focus

Bank of Baroda- India's international bank

Bank of India- Relationships beyond banking

Bank of Maharashtra - One family one bank

Canara Bank - Together We Can

Central Bank of India- Build A Better Life Around Us

Corporation Bank- Prosperity for All

Dena Bank- Trusted Family Bank

IDBI Bank- Banking for All

Indian Bank- Taking banking technology to the common man

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Indian Overseas Bank- Good people to grow with
 Oriental Bank of Commerce- Where every individual is committed

Punjab National Bank- A Name you can Bank Upon

Syndicate Bank- Your faithful & friendly financial partner

UCO Bank Honours Your Trust

Union Bank of India- Good People to Bank with

United Bank of India- The Bank that begins with U

Vijaya Bank - A Friend You can Bank Upon

Important Days

January

January 1 ----- Global Family Day

January 15 ----- Army Day

January 23 ----- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary

January 26 ----- Republic Day

January 26 ----- International Customs day

January 28 ----- Birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai

January 28 ----- Data Protection Day

January 30 ----- World Leprosy Eradication Day

February

February 4 ----- World Cancer Day

February 5 ----- Kashmir Day

February 6 ----- International Day against Female Genital Mutilation

February 12 ----- Darwin Day

February 12 ----- World Day of the Sick

February 14 ----- Valentine's Day

February 20 ----- World Day of Social Justice

February 21 ----- International Mother Language Day

February 22 ----- World Scout Day

February 23 ----- World Peaces and Understanding Day

March

March 4 ----- World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation

March 8 ----- International Womens' Day

March 13 ----- World Kidney Day

March 13 ----- World Rotaract Day

March 15 ----- World Consumer Rights Day
March 20 ----- International Day of the Francophonie
March 20 ----- World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People
March 21 ----- World Sleep Day
March 21 ----- World Forestry Day
March 21 ----- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
March 22 ----- World Water Day
March 23 ----- World Meteorological Day
March 24 ----- World TB Day
March 24 ----- International Day for Achievers
March 25 ----- International Day of Remembrance - Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade
March 27 ----- World Drama Day

April

April 2 ----- World Autism Awareness Day
April 7 ----- World Health Day
April 17 ----- World Haemophilia Day
April 18 ----- World heritage Day
April 22 ----- Earth Day
April 23 ----- World Book and Copyright Day
April 25 ----- World Malaria Day
April 29 ----- International Dance Day

May

May 1 ----- International Labour day
May 3 ----- Press Freedom Day
May 4 ----- Coal Miners day
May 8 ----- World Red Cross day
May 9 ----- Victory Day
May 11 ----- National Technology Day
May 12 ----- International Nurses day
May 14 ----- World Migratory day
May 15 ----- International Day of the Family
May 17 ----- World Information Society Day
May 21 ----- Anti-Terrorism Day
May 31 ----- World No Tobacco Day

June

June 4 ----- International day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 5 ----- World Environment Day
June 7 ----- International Level Crossing Awareness Day
June 8 ----- World oceans Day
June 12 ----- World Day against Child Labour
June 14 ----- World Blood Donor day
June 17 ----- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
June 20 ----- World Refugee Day
June 23 ----- United Nations Public Service Day
June 23 ----- International widow's day
June 26 ----- International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
June 27 ----- International Diabetes Day

July

July 1 ----- National doctor's Day
July 11 ----- World Population Day
July 12 ----- Malala Day
July 18 ----- Nelson Mandela International Day
July 28 ----- World Nature Conservation day
July 30 ----- International Day of Friendship

August

August 3 ----- Independence Day of Niger
August 5 ----- Independence Day of Upper Volta
August 9 ----- International day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12 ----- International Youth Day
August 15 ----- Independence Day (India)
August 23 ----- Internatinal Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
August 29 ----- National Sports Day (Birthday of Dhyan Chand)

September

September 5 ----- Teacher's Day (Dr. Radhakrishnan's Birth Day)
September 7 ----- Forgiveness Day
September 8 ----- International Literacy Day
September 14 ----- Hindi day, World First Aid Day

September 16 ----- World Ozone Day
September 21 ----- International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer's day
September 25 ----- Social Justice Day
September 27 ----- World Tourism Day

October

October 1 ----- International Day of Older Persons
October 2 ----- International day of Non-Violence
October 3 ----- World Nature Day, World Habitat Day (first monday of every october)
October 4 ----- World Animal Day
October 5 ----- World Teacher's Day
October 8 ----- Indian Airforce Day
October 9 ----- World Post Day
October 11 ----- International Girl Child Day
October 12 ----- World Arthritis Day
October 14 ----- World Standards Day

October 15 ----- World Students Day
October 16 ----- World Food day
October 17 ----- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
October 20 ----- World Statistics Day
October 24 ----- United Nations Day
October 31 ----- World Thrift Day

November

November 1 ----- world vegan Day
November 5 ----- World Radiography Day
November 9 ----- World Services Day
November 14 ----- Children's Day (Birth Anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru)
November 16 ----- International Day for Endurance
November 17 ----- International students Day
November 17 ----- National Journalism Day
November 18 ----- World Adult Day
November 19 ----- World Citizen Day
November 20 ----- Universal Children's Day
November 21 ----- World Television Day
November 21 ----- World Fisheries day
November 25 ----- World Non-veg Day

November 26 ----- Law Day

November 30 ----- Flag Day

December

December 1 ----- World AIDS Day

December 2 ----- World Computer Literacy Day

December 2 ----- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

December 3 ----- International Day of People with Disability

December 3 ----- World Conservation Day

December 4 ----- Navy Day

December 5 ----- International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

December 7 ----- International Civil Aviation Day

December 9 ----- The International Day Against Corruption

December 10 ----- International Day of Broadcasting

December 10 ----- Human Rights Day

December 11 ----- International Mountain Day

December 14 ----- World Energy Day

December 18 ----- International Migrants Day

December 19 ----- Goa's Liberation Day

December 20 ----- International Human Solidarity Day

December 29 ----- International Biodiversity Day

Indian States and Ministers:

States (in alphabetical order)	Capital City	Minister – Political party
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad (shared with Telangana)	Chandrababu Naidu
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Nabam Tuki – Congress
Assam	Dispur	Tarun Gogoi (Congress)

Bihar	Patna	Nitish Kumar (JDU)
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Raman Singh (BJP)
Goa	Panaji	Laxmikant Parsekar (BJP)
Gujarat	Gandhinagar	Anandiben Patel (BJP)
Haryana	Chandigarh (shared with Punjab)	Manohar Lal Khatter (BJP)
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Virbhadr Singh (Congress)
Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar (Summer) Jammu (Winter)	Mufti Mohammed Sayeed (PDP)
Jharkhand	Ranchi	Raghubar Das (BJP)
Karnataka	Bangalore	Siddaramaiah (Congress)
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Oomen Chandy (Congress)

Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Shivraj Singh Chauhan (BJP)
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Devendra Fadnavis (BJP)
Manipur	Imphal	Okram Ibobi Singh (Congress)
Meghalaya	Shillong	Mukul Sangma (Congress)
Mizoram	Aizawl	Pu Lalthanhawla (Congress)
Nagaland	Kohima	T.R. Zeliang (Nagaland People's Front)
Odisha (Orissa)	Bhubaneswar	Naveen Patnaik (BJD)
Punjab	Chandigarh (shared with Haryana)	Parkash Singh Badal (SAD)
Rajasthan	Jaipur	Vasundhara Raje (BJP)
Sikkim	Gangtok	Pawan Chamling (SDF)

Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Jayalalithaa Jayaram (AIADMK)
Telangana (from June 2, 2014)	Hyderabad (shared with Andhra Pradesh)	K Chandrashekhara Rao (TRS)
Tripura	Agartala	Manik Sarkar (CPM)
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	Akhilesh Yadav (SP)
Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Harish Rawat (Congress)
West Bengal	Kolkata	Mamata Banerjee (Trinamool Congress)

PM Visits (Recent Ones)

1. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (i) Area visited : Abu Dhabi, Dubai (ii) Agreements: India and the United Arab Emirates decided to set up a multi-billion dollar fund to raise \$75 billion to support investment in India's investment sector. PM Narendra Modi offered \$1 trillion investment opportunity to UAE. (iii) President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan (iv) Prime Minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (v) Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham (vi) Capital: Abu Dhabi

2. TURKMENISTAN (i) Area visited : Ashgabat (ii) Agreements: India and Turkmenistan signed 7 agreements in the fields of defence, supply of chemical products, foreign affairs, sports, science and technology, medicine and tourism. (iii) President: Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow (iv) Currency: Turkmen new manat (v) Capital: Ashgabat 16. **KYRGYZSTAN** (i) Area visited : Bishkek (ii) Agreements: Both the countries signed 4 agreements on cooperation in defence, culture, Election Commissions and in the sphere of Standards. (iii) President: Almazbek Atambayev (iv) Prime Minister: Temir Sariyev

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(v) Currency: Kyrgyzstani som (vi) Capital: Bishkek 17.

3. TAJIKISTAN (i) Area visited : Dushanbe (ii) Agreements: Both the countries signed 2 agreements in the field of culture and human resource development. India is to set up computer labs in 37 schools in Tajikistan.

(iii) President: Emomali Rahmon (iv) Prime Minister: Kokhir Rasulzoda

(v) Currency: Tajikistani somoni (vi) Capital: Dushanbe

4. RUSSIA (i) Area visited : Ufa, Bashkortostan (ii) Purpose: To attend 7th BRICS Summit (Theme: BRICS partnership: A powerful factor for global development) and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit. [Note: India will host the 8th BRICS Summit in 2016]

(iii) President: Vladimir Putin (iv) Prime Minister: Dmitry Medvedev

(v) Currency: Russian ruble

(vi) Capital: Moscow

5. KAZAKHSTAN (i) Area visited : Astana (ii) Agreements: Both the countries signed 5 agreements on including defence, railways and uranium supply, cooperation in the framework of the International North South Transport Corridor and to improve surface connectivity.

(iii) President: Nursultan Nazarbayev (iv) Prime Minister: Karim Massimov

(v) Currency: Kazakhstani tenge (vi) Capital: Astana 14.

6. UZBEKISTAN (i) Area visited : Tashkent (ii) Agreements: Both the countries signed 3 agreements to boost cooperation between their foreign offices and in the field of culture and tourism

(iii) President: Islam Karimov (iv) Prime Minister: Shavkat Mirziyoyev

(v) Currency: Uzbekistani som (vi) Capital: Tashkent 13.

7. BANGLADESH (i) Area visited : Dhaka (ii) Purpose: Modi's visit to South Korea was part of India's East Asia policy and Modi's attempt to promote his Make in India concept to Korean investors.

(iii) Agreements: Both the countries inked 22 agreements on curbing human trafficking, smuggling of fake currency and setting up an Indian Economic Zone, Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) etc. (iv) President: Md. Abdul Hamid

(v) Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina (vi) Currency: Bangladeshi taka

(vii) Capital: Dhaka 12.

Lines b/w Different Countries in the World

1. Durand Line: Pakistan and Afghanistan

2. Mc. Mohan Line: India(Arunachal Pradesh Region) and China

3. Radcliff Line: India and Pakistan

4. Line of Control :It divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

5. Hidden berg Line: Germany and Poland

6. Maginot Line: France and Germany

7. Older Neisse Line: Germany and Poland

8. Mannerheim Line :Russia and Finland border.

9. Siegfried Line : Germany and France.
10. 17th Parallel: North Vietnam and South Vietnam
11. 24th Parallel : India and Pakistan.
12. 26th Parallel : Australia & South Africa
13. 38th Parallel: North Korea and South Korea
14. 49th Parallel: Canada and USA

Recent Apps and Products by Banks

Digital Banking “POCKET” – ICICI Bank

M-Pesa – ICICI+Vodafone

M-Wallet – Canara Bank

India’s First” Transparent Credit Card “In Association With American Express – ICICI

India’s First Credit Card Exclusively For GOLF LOVERS- – RBL Bank

M visa Electronic Card-less Transactions For Pockets App- Launched By ICICI Bank

Smart vault- ICICI Bank

M buddy- SBI

Fedbook Selfie App (India’s First Mobile App For Bank

Account Opening) – Federal Bank

EMI ON DEBIT CARD – ICICI BANK

E-Wallet – IRCTC

Facebook-Based Funds Transfer Platform “Kaypay” – Kotak Mahindra Bank

Awards related with various Fields

Grammy - Music

Pulitzer -Journalism and Literature

Arjun -Sports

Bowley -Agriculture

Kalinga -Science

Dhanwantri -Medical Science

Bhatnagar -Science

Nobel Prize -Peace, Literature, Economics, Physics,

Chemistry, Medical Science

Abel -Maths

Merlin -Magic

Bharat Ratna -Art, Science, Public Service, Sports

Vyas Samman-Literature

Saraswati Samman- Literature

Man Booker- Literature

Vachspati Samman- Sanskrit Literature-

Param Vir Chakra- Military

Dronacharya Award- Sports Coaches

Sahitya Akademi Award -Literary

Census 2011 Highlights

Total Population - 1,21,01,93,422

□ India's Rank in population - 2nd with 17.5% (1st China with 19%)

□ Most Populous State - Uttar Pradesh

□ Least Populous State - Sikkim

□ Most Literate State - Kerala (93.9%)

□ Least Literate State - Bihar (63.82%)

□ National Sex Ratio - Female : Male (940 : 1000)

□ Highest Sex Ratio (State) - Kerala (1084 : 1000)

□ Lowest Sex Ratio (State) - Haryana

□ Highest Sex Ratio (UT) - Puducherry

□ Least Sex Ratio (UT) - Daman & Diu (61 : 1000)

□ Literacy of Male - 82.14%

□ Literacy of Female - 65.46%

□ Population Growth Rate - 17.64%

□ Highest fertility Rate - Meghalaya

□ Most literate union territory - Lakshadweep (92.2%)

□ Least literate Union Territory - Dadra Nagar & Haveli

□ Most Literate District - Serechhip (Mizoram)

□ Least Literate District - Dadra Naga & Haveli

□ Highest Density of Population - Bihar (1102 sq.km)

□ Lowest Density of Population - Arunachal Pradesh (17)

□ Total number of districts - 640

□ Highest Populous District - Thane (Mumbai)

□ 100% Literacy District - Palakkad (Kerala)

□ 100% Banking State - Kerala

□ 100% Banking District - Palakkad (Kerala)

□ Density of Population in India - 382 sq. km

□ Increase in population (during 2001-2011) - 181

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