

## Current Affairs – April 2015

### National Current Affairs and Events

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, gave its approval for continuation of the minimum pension of Rs..... per month to the pensioners of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 (EPS) beyond 2014-15 on perpetual basis. Retirement fund body EPFO had earlier suspended this minimum monthly pension scheme from 1st April 2015 in the absence of any direction from the Government. -	<b>Rs 1,000</b>
What is the name of rescue and relief mission launched by Indian Army in Nepal which suffered massive earthquake on 25 April 2015?	<b>Operation Maitri</b>
The logo for International Day of Yoga was launched on Wednesday by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik. Which day will be celebrated every year as International Day of Yoga? (In December 2014, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) unanimously adopted an India-led resolution to observe this day as the International Day of Yoga).	<b>21st June</b>
Name the Indian Army regiment which completed 200 years of their raising recently?	<b>Gorkha Rifles</b>
Union Cabinet gave its nod to 100 smart cities project and the new urban renewal mission with a total outlay of about Rs one lakh crore. The Government approved the Smart Cities Mission for development of 100 smart cities and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) of 500 cities with outlays of Rs ..... and Rs ..... respectively. AMRUT is the new avatar of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and has been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.	<b>Rs 48,000 crore and Rs 50,000 crore</b>
Which Iconic Indian industrialist and business leader has acquired a stake in the Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi recently? (He is the first Indian to invest in the Chinese smartphone maker.)	<b>Ratan Tata</b>
Who was appointed as Chairperson of Children's Film Society of India?	<b>Mukesh Khanna</b>
Name the former Finance Minister and External Affairs Minister who has been conferred the Officer of the Legion of Honour by the French Government?	<b>Yashwant Sinha</b>
Who was conferred with 50th Jnanpith Award for his outstanding contribution in Indian Literature?	<b>Marathi litterateur Bhalchandra Nemade</b>

Which Bollywood actor was conferred with Pandit Dinanath Mangeshkar Award 2015 along with Marathi actor Dilip Prabhavalkar?	<b>Anil Kapoor</b>
Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) can now invest ....percent of its corpus in stock market?	<b>5 percent</b>
National Panchayati Raj Day was observed on?	<b>24 April</b>
Which Union Minister received an ISO 9001:2008 certification from the British Standards Institute in respect of various permissions and licences issued by it for the broadcasting and print media and films?	<b>Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting</b>
Who was honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Award 2015 for his performance in the film 'Happy New Year'?	<b>Shah Rukh Khan</b>
Union Finance Ministry retained interest rate for General Provident Fund (GPF) at .... percent for the year 2015-16?	<b>8.7 percent</b>
Which National Park in Uttarakhand is declared as India's 48th Tiger Reserve?	<b>Rajaji National Park</b>
9th Civil Services Day was observed across India on?	<b>21st April</b>
Who was elected as General Secretary of CPI (M) succeeding Prakash Karat?	<b>Sitaram Yechury</b>
With which country India has made an agreement to purchase 36 Rafale fighter jets?	<b>France</b>
Which country has made an agreement with India to supply Uranium for nuclear power plants in India?	<b>Canada</b>
Which Indian cricketer was elected as member of Laureus Sports Academy?	<b>Sachin Tendulkar</b>
Who was appointed as Ambassador of India to France?	<b>Dr Mohan Kumar</b>
Name the ballistic missile which was successfully test fired by India from Wheeler Island?	<b>Agni-III</b>
Fourth Lighthouse Museum of India will be opened at? (The other three lighthouses museums was opened at Alappuzha in Kerala and Chennai & Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu.)	<b>Kannur, Kerala</b>
Who was sworn in as the first lady judge of Sikkim High Court?	<b>Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai</b>
Name the three country which was visited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently?	<b>Germany, France and Canada</b>

Tourist Visa on Arrival scheme was renamed by Union Ministry of Home Affairs as?	<b>e-Tourist Visa</b>
Who was re-elected as the President of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)	<b>Brijbhushan Sharan Singh</b>
Who won the bronze medal in 10 m Air Rifle Women event at ISSF Rifle/Piston World Cup?	<b>Apurvi Chandela</b>
Who won the bronze medal in 10 m Air Rifle Men event at ISSF Rifle/Piston World Cup?	<b>Jitu Rai</b>
Who became the first female tennis player from India to achieve the World Number One ranking in doubles?	<b>Sania Mirza</b>
The Supreme Court directed private hospitals to provide free treatment, including specialized surgeries, to _____?	<b>Acid attack victims</b>
Who was recently appointed as the CEO of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)?	<b>Arun Kumar Jha</b>
What is the name of nuclear capable surface to surface missile which was successfully test fired from a naval ship off the Odisha Coast?	<b>Dhanush</b>
The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) elected India to four important United Nations (UN) agencies. These four UN agencies are?	<b>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)</b>
Which city was named as National Earth Hour Capital 2015 by World Wildlife Fund (WWF)? Coimbatore was the National Earth Hour Capital for the year 2014.	<b>Thane</b>
Retirement fund body EPFO has suspended the minimum monthly pension scheme. The amount of this monthly pension scheme was?	<b>Rs 1000 per month</b>

Name the former Air Chief Marshal of Indian Air Force who died recently?	<b>Hrushikesh Moolgavkar</b>
Mobile recharge platform Freecharge was recently acquired by?	<b>Snapdeal</b>
For how many days Union Ministry of Home Affairs suspended the registration of Greenpeace India Society?	<b>180 days</b>
What is the name of legendary Tamil writer and winner of Jnanpith Award who died recently?	<b>Jayakanthan</b>
Who was elected as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2015-16?	<b>Sumit Mazumder, Chairman and Managing Director, TIL Limited</b>
Who was appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India by the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee?	<b>Dr Nasim Zaidi</b>
What is the name of bank recently launched by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi under PM Jan Dhan Yojana to provide credit to small entrepreneurs?	<b>Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Bank (MUDRA Bank)</b>
What is the name of Indian chess grandmaster who won bronze medal in World Women's Chess Championship?	<b>Dronavalli Harika</b>
The National Green Tribunal (NGT), on Tuesday, banned all diesel vehicles over _____ years old from plying on Delhi roads?	<b>10 years</b>
Who was appointed as the Chairman of Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council?	<b>Rajeev Shukla</b>
Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched National Air Quality Index to monitor pollution level in 10 Indian cities. Name of these cities are?	<b>Delhi, Kanpur, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Agra, Varanasi, Lucknow and Faridabad</b>
Who was appointed as the 16th Governor of Mizoram?	<b>Keshari Nath Tripathi</b>

What is the name of Indian mountaineer who died recently? (He was the fastest mountaineer to climb 7 summits of the world in record 172 days in 2006. He hails from Nellore in Andhra region.)	<b>Malli Mastan Babu</b>
Which city was approved as Capital by the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet?	<b>Amaravathi</b>
What is the name of operation launched by India to evacuate 4000 Indian nationals from Yemen?	<b>Operation Rahat</b>
Amalgamation of Kotak Mahindra Bank with which bank was recently approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?	<b>ING Vysa Bank</b>

### International Current Affairs & Events

Japan's maglev (magnetic levitation) train notches up new world speed record at?	<b>603 kmph</b>
International Mother Earth Day with the theme It's Our Turn to Lead was observed on?	<b>22nd April</b>
Which country became the 161st Member of WTO?	<b>Seychelles</b>
Which country won the World Team Chess Championship in Tsaghkadzor?	<b>China</b>
Which country won the Women's World Team Chess Championship held at Chengdu	<b>Georgia</b>
World Dance Day was observed across the world on? (It was introduced in 1982.)	<b>29th April</b>
Who defeated Bryant Jennings to defend heavyweight title of Boxing?	<b>Wladimir Klitschko</b>
Which country recently suffered massive earthquake of magnitude 7.9 on the Richter Scale in which thousands of people had died?	<b>Nepal</b>
World Malaria Day was observed across the world on? (The theme from 2013 to 2015 is Invest in the future, Defeat malaria)	<b>25 April</b>
United Nations (UN) celebrated World Book and Copyright Day across the world on?	<b>23rd April</b>
Pakistan conferred its highest civilian award Nishan-e-Pakistan on?	<b>Chinese president Xi Jinping</b>
13th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in?	<b>Doha</b>

Name the Nepalese mountaineer who will take with her bat belonging to the late Australian cricketer Phil Hughes to the Mount Everest as a mark of tribute to the player? She was the first woman to climb the 8,850 metre Mount Everest summit twice in a week in 12 May 2012 and 19 May 2012, a record which was recognised by the

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World Records as a first. (Phil Hughes died in November 2014 after he was hit on his head while batting in a domestic match in Sydney.)	
World Heritage Day 2015 was observed across the world on?	<b>18th April</b>
World Hemophilia Day 2015 was observed across the world on?	<b>17th April</b>
Name the former Nepalese Prime Minister who died recently?	<b>Surya Bahadur Thapa</b>
Name the Pakistani girl and winner of Nobel Peace Prize 2014 after whom the NASA has named the Asteroid 316201?	<b>Malala Yousafzai</b>
Which country won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup men's hockey tournament defeating Australia?	<b>New Zealand</b>
Who won the Formula One Chinese Grand Prix?	<b>Lewis Hamilton of Britain</b>
Which city won the WWF's Earth Hour City Challenge to become the Global Earth Hour Capital 2015?	<b>Seoul</b>
Name the former captain of Australian cricket team and commentator who died at the age of 84?	<b>Richie Benaud</b>
World Health Day 2015 was observed across the world on 7th April. What is the theme of World Health Day 2015?	<b>Food Safety</b>
Name the New Zealand cricketer who was awarded the country's highest cricketing honour 'Sir Richard Hadlee Medal' for the year 2014-15?	<b>Brendon McCullum</b>
What is the name of President of International Cricket Council (ICC) who resigned from his post recently?	<b>Mustafa Kamal</b>

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