

## Current Affairs – January 2015

### National Current Affairs and Events

30th January, the Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi is celebrated every year as the?	<b>Anti-Leprosy Day</b>
In which year India will host the ICC T20 World Cup?	<b>2016</b>
Who became the first lady officer to lead the Inter-Service Guard of Honour which was inspected by US President Barack Obama at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi?	<b>Wing Commander Pooja Thakur</b>
Who was appointed as the Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi?	<b>Shekhar Sen</b>
What is the name of the founder of Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) who died recently? (He led the GNLF to a violent movement for carving a separate Gorkhaland out of Bengal resulting in bloodbath in the Darjeeling Hills between 1986 and 1988.)	<b>Subash Ghising</b>
Name the Public Sector Company whose 10% shares was sold by the Union Government and raised more than Rs 22,500 crore?	<b>Coal India Limited</b>
Name the Censor Board Chief who resigned from her post over clearance of Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh's film Messenger of God from Film Certification Appellate Tribunal (FCAT)?	<b>Leela Samson</b>
Name the missile with striking range of more than 5000 km which was successfully tested for the first time in its canister-launch version which gives Indian Army the requisite operational flexibility to swiftly transport and fire the ballistic missile from anywhere they want?	<b>Agni-V</b>
What is the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious initiative financial inclusion scheme which has made its way into the Guinness Book of World Records for opening the highest number of bank accounts in the least time?	<b>Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY)</b>
Name the legendary cartoonist, the creator of "Common Man" who died recently?	<b>R K Laxman</b>
The National Immunization Day for pulse polio was observed on?	<b>18th January</b>
Who won the National Billiards title for the 7th time?	<b>Pankaj Advani</b>
Whom did the President of India appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner?	<b>Hari Shankar Bramha</b>

67th Army Day observed on?	<b>15th January</b>
Who has been named as the winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award for Sanskrit, 2014 for his collection of 16 short stories called 'Kanakalochanaha'?	<b>Prabhu Nath Dwivedi</b>
Name the Indian swimmer who created world record by swimming 1.4 miles in 52 minutes in one degree temperature at Antarctic Ocean?	<b>Bhakti Sharma</b>
Name India's first district with high-speed rural broadband network?	<b>Idduki (Kerala)</b>
Who was appointed as the first Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?	<b>Arvind Panagariya</b>
What is the name of Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) who was sacked by the Union Government recently?	<b>Avinash Chander</b>
In which state Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off India's first CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) based trains? (These trains are based on dual fuel system - diesel and CNG - it will reduce greenhouse gas emission and also the consumption of diesel)	<b>Haryana (Rewari Station)</b>
Who won the prestigious 2015 Space Pioneer Award in the science and engineering category in recognition of achieving the rare feat in its very first attempt?	<b>ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission team</b>
Who was named as the "governor of the year" in the Central Banking Awards for 2015 by a British magazine for "his deep understanding of the root causes of economic problems of the country combined with an impressive leadership style"?	<b>RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan</b>
Who was appointed as the 8th Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) after succeeding K Radhakrishnan?	<b>A S Kiran Kumar</b>
Assembly elections in Delhi will be held on?	<b>7th February 2015</b>
13th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas 2015 was held at?	<b>Gujarat</b>
What is the name of director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota Range (SHAR), who has been selected for the Vikram Sarabhai memorial award to be presented by the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) for his outstanding contribution to R&D in the field of space science?	<b>M Y S Prasad</b>
What is the name of India's First Digital Village launched by ICICI Bank?	<b>Akodara in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat</b>
National Youth Day was observed across India to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on?	<b>12th January</b>

Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog?	<b>Former Planning Commission Secretary Sindhushree Khullar</b>
In which state President rule was imposed after the recommendation of the Governor?	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>
Prime Minister Narendra Modi released Commemorative Postage Stamp to mark 100 Years of?	<b>Mahatma Gandhi's Return from South Africa to India</b>
42nd World Bridge Championships will be held from 26 September 2015 to 10 October 2015 in India at?	<b>Chennai</b>
Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases a commemorative coin to mark the 175th birth anniversary of?	<b>Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata</b>
Government of which state increased maternity leave period to 180 days from 135 days?	<b>Bihar</b>
In an all stock amalgamation which bank decided to merge with Kotak Mahindra Bank, creating the fourth largest private sector bank in the country?	<b>ING Vysya Bank</b>
Name the village of Tamil Nadu where the central government has approved the setting up of Neutrino observatory?	<b>Pottipuram</b>
Who was appointed as the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?	<b>Economist Arvind Panagariya</b>
In which financial institution Union Government will increase its stake to 51% to make it a government company?	<b>Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)</b>
To reform banking sector the Union Government announced to split the post of Chairman and Managing Director in two in?	<b>Public Sector Banks</b>
B.G. Verghese who passed away recently was related to which field?	<b>Journalism</b>
Who took over as the new chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI) replacing Sudheer Raheja?	<b>R K Srivastava</b>
Who was appointed as Director General of Civil Aviation recently?	<b>M Sathiyavathy</b>
What is the name of mobile phone-based application launched by Delhi Police to ensure safety of women in Delhi?	<b>Himmat</b>
Who retired recently as chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	<b>Koppillil Radhakrishnan</b>

after a stint of five years marked by historic achievements for the national space agency?	
Who was appointed as Chairman of Railway Board recently?	<b>A. K. Mittal</b>
What is the name of e-governance project for which the Union Government has announced Rs 1900 crore to deploy technology, connecting all the ESIC (Employees State Insurance Corporation), organisations and employees?	<b>Panch Deep</b>
What is the theme of 102nd Indian Science Congress (ISC) held recently at University of Mumbai?	<b>Science and Technology for Human Development</b>
By which name Planning Commission had been revamped and rechristened with a multi-tiered structure including a governing council that comprises the chief ministers of all states and lieutenant governors of union territories.	<b>NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog</b>

Who broke Adam Gilchrist's world record of 472 dismissal in One Day Internationals?	<b>Kumar Sangakarra</b>
Where is world's largest vertical maze tower located which is recently listed by Guinness World Records?	<b>Dubai</b>
Name the world leader in mobile messaging application which launched a new service for sending messages from a web browser?	<b>WhatsApp</b>
Name the Prime Minister of Bhutan who recently visited India?	<b>Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay</b>
Which South African cricketer broke the Corey Anderson's world record of fastest century in One Day International (ODI)? (He made 100 runs in 31 balls)	<b>A B de Villiers</b>
Name the Australian cricketer who announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after a 20-year career?	<b>Brett Lee</b>
Who won the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for 2014?	<b>Cristiano Ronaldo</b>
What is the name of headquarters of satirical weekly in Paris which was attacked by terrorists recently?	<b>Charlie Hebdo</b>
By which margin Australia won the 4 match Border-Gavaskar Test series against India?	<b>2-0</b>

Who won the 2015 Presidential Elections of Sri Lanka defeating Mahinda Rajapaksa and sworn-in as the 7th President of Sri Lanka?	<b>Maithripala Sirisena</b>
What is the name of chief executive officer and co-founder of Google who was named Business person of the Year for 2014?	<b>Larry Page</b>

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