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Bihar Election Result

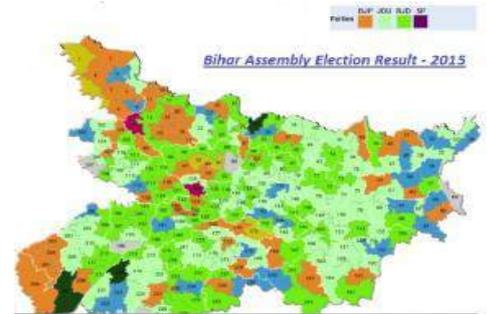
Question: How many seats in the Bihar assembly elections are reserved for Scheduled Tribes?

- (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- According to the result announced by election commission on November 8, 2015, the grand alliance (RJD+JDU+INC) won 178 seats and the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won 57 seats in the Bihar Assembly election.
- With this victory, Grand Alliance led by Nitish Kumar able to attain majority in Bihar election.
- Seat tally for Grand Alliance is: 80 seats for Rastriya Janta Dal (RJD), 71 seats for Janta Dal United (JDU) and 27 seats for Indian National Congress (INC).
- Seat tally of the BJP-led NDA is: 53 seats for BJP (Bhartiya Janta Party), 2 seats for Lok Jan Shakti Party (LJP), 2 seat for Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) and 1 seat for Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM).
- Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) won 3 seats and 4 seats are won by Independent candidates.
- If we see the party wise vote share BJP got 24.4%, RJD 18.4% and JDU 16.8% of total votes.
- Independent candidates got 9.4%, INC 6.7% and LJP manage to get 4.8 % of the votes.
- RLSP got 2.6%, HAM 2.3%, BSP (Bahujan Samaj Party) 2.1%, [CPI(ML)(L)] 1.5% and Samajwadi Party (SP) 1% of total votes.
- For the first time Hyderabad-based All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen fought from 6 constituencies in Bihar and only received 0.2% of total votes.
- 2.5% of voters use the button NOTA (None Of The Above).
- It is to be noted that Bihar Assembly election notification was issued on 9 September 2015 because the term of the Legislative Assembly of Bihar is normally due to expire on 29-11-2015.
- The total numbers of Assembly constituencies in the states of Bihar are 243 and 38 seats reserved for the Scheduled castes and 2 for the scheduled tribes.
- Bihar election is completed in five phases in which 56.8% voters used their voting rights, total number of voters in Bihar is 66826658.
- The first phase of the elections held on October 12, 2015 in the 49 assembly constituencies.
- The second phase of the elections held on October 16, 2015 in the 32 assembly constituencies.
- The third phase of the elections held on October 28, 2015 in the 50 assembly constituencies.
- The fourth phase of the elections held on November 01, 2015 in the 55 assembly constituencies.
- The fifth and last phase of the elections held on October 05, 2015 in the 57 assembly constituencies.



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Nitish Kumar sworn in as the 35th Bihar Chief Minister

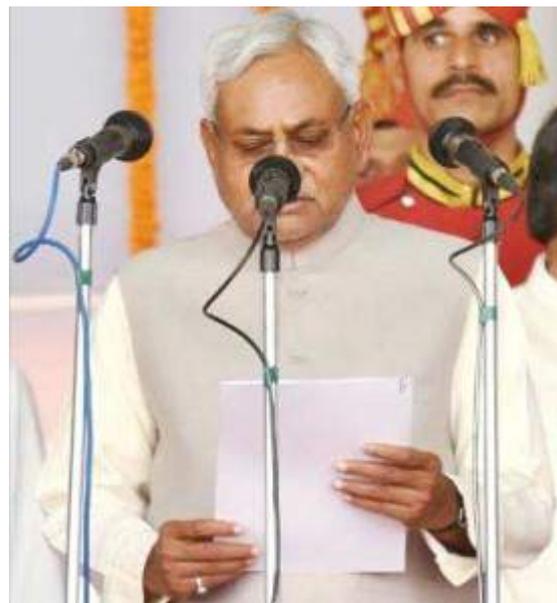
Question: Nitish Kumar was administered oath of office and secrecy by Governor Ram Nath Kovind, Along with Nitish how many other leaders took the oath?

(a) 28 (b) 26 (c) 32 (d) 18

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 20 November 2015 for the 5th time Senior JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar was administered oath of office and secrecy by Governor Ram Nath Kovind as 35th Bihar Chief Minister.
- Sworn in ceremony held at Patna's historic Gandhi Maidan which was witnessed by opposition leaders from across the country.
- It should be noted that on 8 November 2015 in the result declared by election commission the Grand Alliance won 178 of the 243 seats in the Bihar assembly.
- With this the grand alliance led by Nitish Kumar was able to obtain an absolute majority.
- Nitish Kumar for the first time in year 2000, took over as Bihar Chief Minister but he had resigned from his post after 7 days (the term from 3-3-2000 to 10-3-2000).
- In 2005, for the second time and in 2010 for the third time, he had assumed the post of chief minister of state.
- In 2014 he resigned from his position at the time when his party (JDU) disappointed with its performance in Lok Sabha election.
- As result Jitan Ram Majhi took over as the chief minister of Bihar from 20.05.2014 to 22.02.2015.
- But for the 4th time Nitish kumar resumed the office of chief minister on 22 February 2015 as Manjhi had revolted against Mr. Kumar.
- In 2015 sate election, Lalu Prasad Yadav led Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has won 80 seats, the highest in the state.
- Lalu Yadav's son Tejashwi Yadav is appointed as Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar.



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Recommendations of Seventh Central Pay Commission

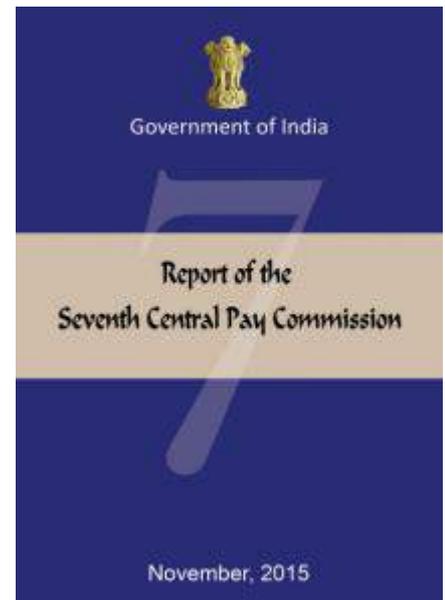
Question: Who is the chairman of 7th central pay commission?

- (a) H.L Dattu
- (b) H.L Nigam
- (c) A.K Mathur
- (d) R.K Damadiya

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The **7th Central Pay Commission (CPC)** headed by Justice AK Mathur submitted its report on 19 November 2015 to the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- The commission recommended 23.55 percent hike in pay and allowances of government employees.
- The recommended pay revision will come into effect from 1 January 2016.
- The minimum pay for government employees is recommended to be set at 18000 rupees per month.
- The maximum pay is recommended to be 225000 rupees per month for Apex Scale and 250000 per month for Cabinet Secretary and others presently at the same pay level.
- The recommended rate of annual increment for employees is 3 percent.
- The commission has recommended increase in pay by 16 percent, increase in allowances by 63 percent and increase in pension by 24 percent.
- One Rank One Pension proposed for civilian government employees on line of OROP for armed forces.
- Ceiling of gratuity enhanced from 10 lakh rupees to 20 lakh rupees and ceiling on gratuity will be raised by 25 percent.
- The commission recommends Cabinet Secretary's salary from current Rs 90,000 to Rs 2.50 lakh.
- The total monetary impact on the central government would be Rs 1.02 lakh crore.
- Around Rs 74,000 crore would be the impact on the Union Budget and Rs 28,000 crore on the Railway Budget.
- The total impact of the Commission's recommendations are expected to entail an increase of 0.65 percentage points in the ratio of expenditure on (Pay + Allowances + Pension) to GDP compared to 0.77 percent in case of VI CPC.
- The commission has recommended that Military Service Pay (MSP), which is a compensation for the various aspects of military service, will be admissible to the defence forces personnel only.



- The current MSP per month and the revised rates recommended are as follows:

		Present	Proposed
i.	Service Officers	₹6,000	₹15,500
ii.	Nursing Officers	₹4,200	₹10,800
iii.	JCO/ORs	₹2,000	₹ 5,200
iv.	Non Combatants (Enrolled) in the Air Force	₹1,000	₹ 3,600

- Short Service Commissioned Officers will be allowed to exit the Armed Forces at any point in time between 7 and 10 years of service.
- The Commission has recommended abolishing 52 allowances altogether. Another 36 allowances have been abolished as separate identities, but subsumed either in an existing allowance or in newly proposed allowances.
- The Commission is of the view that in case of death in the line of duty, the force personnel of CAPFs should be accorded martyr status, at par with the defence forces personnel.
- The Commission recommends that HRA be paid at the rate of 24 percent, 16 percent and 8 percent of the new Basic Pay for Class X, Y and Z cities respectively.
- It has recommended a number of steps to improve the functioning of NPS. It has also recommended establishment of a strong grievance redressal mechanism.
- The Commission has recommended a consolidated pay package of Rs 4,50,000 and Rs 4,00,000 per month for Chairpersons and Members respectively of select Regulatory bodies.
- The Commission has recommended introduction of the Performance Related Pay (PRP) for all categories of Central Government employees.

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Prime Minister visit to UK

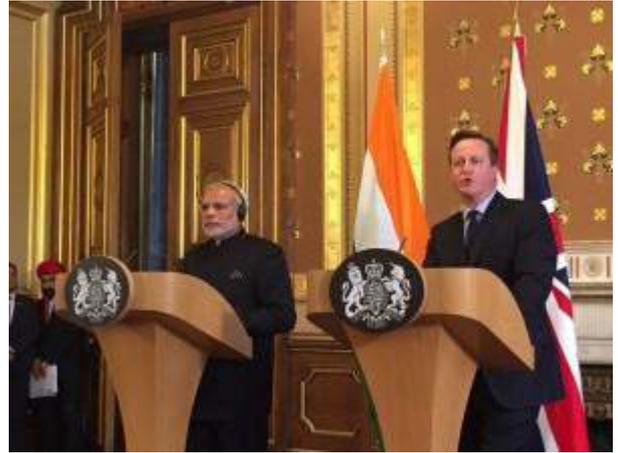
Question: Recently, the Prime Minister Modi visited to the United Kingdom. It is the first bilateral visit after-

- a) 8 Years
- b) 10 Years
- c) 9 Years
- d) 6 Years

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- From November 12 to 14, 2015, the Prime Minister of India was on three day visit to United Kingdom (UK).
- This is first bilateral visit after 9 years.
- Earlier, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh visited the United Kingdom in 2006.
- As far as bilateral relations are concerned with the United Kingdom, it is now 11 years of strategic relationship since 2004.
- United Kingdom and India are actually the leading investors in each other's countries.
- The figure of Indian investment in the United Kingdom is of 500 to 600 million US dollars annually for the past several years.
- UK has 122 Indian FDI investments.
- UK is an important partner of India in terms of trade.
- India's bilateral trade with UK is around US \$ 18 million.
- There is very strong partnership between the two countries in the fields like science and technology, education, health care and culture.
- There are 800 Indian companies operating in the UK and among them Tata is the largest employer in the private sector in U.K.
- Indian diaspora is the second largest diaspora in the UK.
- The number of Indian origin people in U.K is around 1.5 million.
- In U.K there are more than 3 Lakhs NRI living and they approximately constitute 2% of U.K population.
- During the visit, the Prime Minister addressed the United Kingdom's Parliament.
- He became first Indian prime minister to address U.K parliament.
- During his visit Mr. Modi inaugurated Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar Memorial in London.
- He unveiled Shri Basaveshwara Statue at the bank of Thames River in London.
- He met Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.
- During the visit, the two countries signed a civil nuclear agreement.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister David Cameron took part in United Kingdom-India Summit in 2015.
- The two Prime Ministers endorsed a "Vision Statement" setting out the fundamental principles on which the UK-India partnership is built, and outlining a roadmap for deepening co-operation they resolved to hold biennial PM-level summits to advance the partnership.
- They also resolved to agree on a new Defence and International Security Partnership which will intensify cooperation on defence and security, including cyber-security, counter-terrorism and maritime security.
- Both the prime minister reiterated for addressing climate change and promoting secure, affordable and sustainable supplies of energy are shared strategic priorities for India and the UK.
- Prime Minister Cameron announced to fund 10 million pounds announced for the 5-year technical assistance program in order to bring power sector reforms r at national and state level in India.
- The two Prime Ministers welcomed a long-term strategic partnership between India and the UK on the former's flagship infrastructure investment initiative, the National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF), and announced the setting up of a India-UK partnership fund under the umbrella of the NIIF.
- Prime Ministers Cameron and Modi noted the deep and fruitful business relationship between the UK and India and welcomed the £9.2 Billion of commercial deals between the UK and India announced during the visit and listed in the annex.
- The two Prime Ministers welcomed HSBC's "Skills for life" initiative in India, a £10 million programme to skill 75,000 disadvantaged young people and children over 5 years.
- The two Prime Ministers announced three UK-India city partnerships with Indore, Pune and Amravati to support India's ambitious urban development goals through technical assistance, expertise sharing and business engagement.
- The two Prime Ministers launched a new Thames/Ganga partnership for healthy river systems
- The Prime Ministers announced that UK will be the partner country for the 2016 Technology Summit in Delhi.
- The two Prime Ministers also welcomed establishment new joint science research centre.
- The two Prime Ministers announced that a UK-India Year of Culture will be organized in 2017 to celebrate our deep cultural ties and the 70th anniversary of Indian Independence.

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Visit of Vice President of the People's Republic of China

Question: Name the Vice President of the China who recently visited India.

- (a) Xi Jinping (b) Li Yuanchao
(c) Li Keqiang (d) Li yucheng

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On the invitation of Indian Vice president Hamid Ansari ,Vice President of the People's Republic of China was on the visit to India from 3-7 November 2015.
- On 1 April, 1950, India became the first non-socialist block country to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.
- During the visit, the Chinese vice president visited the caves of Ajanta in Aurangabad.
- On November 5, 2015 the Vice President met the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee .
- On November 6,2015 he had bilateral meeting with Vice President Hamid Ansari at Hyderabad House in Delhi.
- After this vice president Yuanchao met Prime Minister of India.
- Then both the leaders of India and China highlighted the opportunities for cooperation between the railways, smart cities, and urban transport infrastructure.
- Both leaders agreed on the fact that peaceful, cooperative and stable relationship between India and China is important for regional and global peace and prosperity.

Trade and Commercial relations:

- In recent years, trade and economic relations between the two countries has grown rapidly.
- India-China bilateral trade which was as low as US\$ 2.92 billion in 2000 reached US\$ 41.85 billion in 2008.
- This made China India's largest trading partner in goods, replacing the United States of America.
- India-China bilateral trade for 2014 stood at US\$ 70.25 billion.

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Vice President's visit to Indonesia

Question: Recently, Vice President Hamid Ansari was on an official visit to Indonesia. Who is the President of Indonesia?

- (a) Jusuf Kalla (b) Joko Widodo
(c) H.M Fachir (d) Zulkifli Hasan

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On the invitation of Indonesia vice president Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President Hamid Ansari was on official visit to Indonesia from 1-4 November 2015.
- India and Indonesia have shared two millennia of close cultural and commercial contacts.
- Since the adoption of India's 'Look East Policy' in 1991, there has been a rapid development of bilateral relations in political, security, defence, commercial and cultural fields.
- Indonesia has emerged to become the second largest trading partner of India in the ASEAN region.
- Bilateral trade has increased from US\$ 6.9 billion in 2007-08 to US\$ 20 billion in 2013-14.
- The bilateral trade in 2014-15 (April-Nov) amount to about US \$13 billion.
- India is the largest buyer of crude palm oil from Indonesia.
- In order to further deepen economic engagement between the two countries, the Indian Embassy in Jakarta launched the India Business Forum (IBF) on 18 July 2012.
- During his visit, Vice President Hamid Ansari met with the President of Indonesia Joko Widodo.
- Vice president of India had bilateral talk with the vice president of Indonesia Mr. Jusuf Kalla.
- Two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) has been signed in the presence of both the leaders to strengthen ties in New and Renewable Energy sector and culture exchange area.

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Compensation for Dropped calls

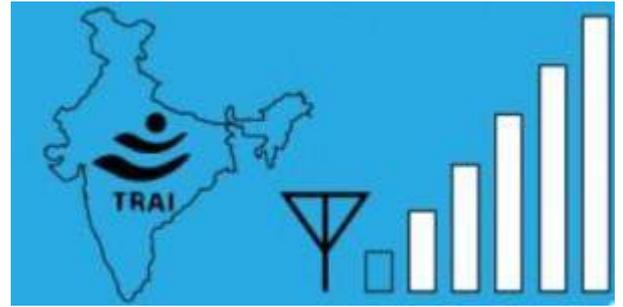
Question: TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) mandates mobile operators to compensate the consumer in the event of dropped calls, it will be with effect from-

- (a) 01 November 2015 (b) 01 December 2015
(c) 01 January 2015 (d) 01 April 2015

Ans (c)

Related Facts:

- TRAI has set the standard limit of maximum 2% for call drop.
- In practice this standard being violated by many companies due to which consumers has to face inconvenience.
- To protect the interests of consumers, Under TRAI Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 section 11 subsection 1 of clause (b) of clause (i) and (v) under Section 36 issued ninth amendment to the Telecom Consumer Protection Regulations, 2012.
- These Regulations shall apply from January 1, 2016.
- Under this regulation telecom operators will compensate consumers by one rupee for call drops into customer Balance (Account).
- The compensation will be limited to three dropped calls in a particular day(from 00:00:00-23:59:59)
- TRAI mandates telecom operator to send a message through SMS or USSD to the calling customer within four hours of the occurrence of call drop and the details of amount credited in his account.
- In case of post-paid consumers the detail of the credit will be provided in the next bill.
- TRAI will monitor the steps taken by telecom operators to minimize the call drop and if founds necessary it will review after 6 months.



Protest and argument by Service providers:

- Service providers are opposing this regulation, saying root cause for call drop is not economic and technical but it is due to political / administrative factors.
- They find following factors being responsible for call drop:
 - Sealing the existing sites by corporation authorities
 - Concerns of consumers regarding harmful effect of electromagnetic radiation led to difficulty in getting the towers to new places and Spectrum related issues.
- The companies believe that financial compensation would be futile and led to economic loss because the major portion of the call drop is out of their control.
- Call drop can occur due to problem in mobile of customer or it may takes place due to the flaws in either of sending and receiving network. However, the payment will be made by service provider which will be prejudicial to his business interests.
- Companies are concern about the fact that for economic benefits consumer may deliberately execute call drop.
- For solving the problem of call drop companies are stressing on requirement of the solid and sustainable support from central and state government.
- They are demanding declaration such as allowing telecom towers on government buildings, administrative transparency and technical cooperation.

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The Global Gender Gap Report 2015

Question: What is the India's rank in Global Gender Gap Index released by World Economic Forum (WEF) for the year 2015?

- (a) 101
- (b) 108
- (c) 105
- (d) 114

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- World Economic Forum (WEF) on 18 November 2015 released the Global Gender Gap Report 2015
- In this Gender gap index (GGI) WEF has included 145 countries whereas last year (in 2014) 142 countries were included in the Index.
- India is ranked 108th with a score of 0.664, out of 145 countries while last year it was ranked 114 in 142 countries.
- The Global Gender Gap Index examines gender gaps in four areas. These are as follows:
 1. Economic Participation and Opportunity
 2. Education Attainment
 3. Health and Survival
 4. Political Empowerment
- This index have 0-1 range, The 0 means complete gender inequality and 1 means full gender equality.
- India's performance in the report:
 - Economic Participation and Opportunity-139th rank
 - Health and Survival-143rd rank.
 - Education Attainment-125th rank.
 - Political Empowerment-9th rank
- Among BRICS countries South Africa is ranked highest (17th).
- Other BRICS countries are ranked as Russia 75th, Brazil 85th and China ranked 91st.
- Clearly, India ranked (108th) lowest among BRICS countries.
- There is no country which has scored 1 in this index, means any country in the world has not achieved full gender equality.
- Iceland topped the index (score -0.881).
- After that Norway ranked 2nd with the score of 0.850, Finland 3rd (0.850), Sweden 4th (0.823) and Ireland 5th (0.807).
- **Five countries with least gender equality** are Iran (141), Chad (142), Syria (143), Pakistan (144) and Yemen (145).
- The Global Gender Gap Index was first introduced by the World Economic Forum in 2006.



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Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit – 2015

Question: The 23rd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders Summit was held at-

- (a) Manila
- (b) Beijing
- (c) Peru
- (d) Canberra

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- 23rd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders (AELM) Summit was held at Manila, Philippines from 18 November to 19 November 2015.
- The summit was chaired by Philippines President Benigno S. Aquino III.
- The theme of the Summit was “Building Inclusive Economies, Building a Better World” .
- Last year APEC summit was held at Beijing, China from 10-11 November 2014.
- Peru will chair APEC throughout 2016 and host the 24th APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting.
- The idea of APEC was firstly publicly broached by former Prime Minister of Australia Bob Hawke during a speech in Seoul, Korea on 31 January 1989.
- As the result of his efforts The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a regional economic forum established in 1989, and 1st APEC Summit was held at Canberra, Australia.
- From 1989 to 1992 only representative level meetings of APEC countries were held.
- In 1993, former United States President Bill Clinton and Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating established the practice of an annual APEC Economic Leaders Meeting to provide greater strategic vision and direction to cooperation in the region.
- APEC has 21 members, Out of which 12 are founding members these are Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the United States.
- China, Hong Kong, China and Chinese Taipei joined in 1991. Mexico and Papua New Guinea followed in 1993. Chile acceded in 1994. And in 1998, Peru, Russia and Viet Nam joined, taking the full membership to 21.
- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Macau, Mongolia, Laos, Colombia, Panama and Ecuador are the countries which are willing to join APEC.
- APEC has three official observers: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council(PECC) and the Pacific Islands Forum(PIF) Secretariat.
- APEC’s headquarter is in Singapore.

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Paris terror attacks

Question: Name the terrorist organization which is responsible for Paris terror attacks?

(a) Al-Qaeda (b) Boko Haram (c) Islamic State (d) Taleban e Hind

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 13 November 2015 in the evening At least 129 people have been killed in a string of terror attacks in Paris.
- In this attack nearly 352 people were seriously injured.
- In a well planned terror attack maximum death occurred in Bataclan concert hall, a sports stadium.
- Around 89 civilians were killed in the hall and some people were taken hostage by terrorists.
- Gunmen opened fire on concert-goers watching US rock group Eagles of Death Metal This attack on the 1,500-seat Bataclan hall was the deadliest as the hall was fully occupied.
- Most people in the hall in which three militant's attackers showered bullets died and several others were seriously injured.
- At the same time around 80000 football fans in the Stade de France (National Stadium of France) came under the deadliest attacks who were watching a friendly match between France and Germany.
- The first attack by militants was done at Le Carillon restaurant where they opened fire and the 15 people died and about 15 were injured.
- After this attack, militants attacked a bar in south of Paris where five people died and about 8 people were injured.
- In a similar attack two terrorists who attacked the Restaurant La Belle Equipe and killed 19 people.
- Total eight militants were involved in these attacks; including seven militants killed themselves in suicide bombing. One militant killed by security forces during raid.
- After the terrorist attacks emergency was declared in France.
- The Sunni militant group Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack.
- It was formed in 2013 after separating from Al-Qaeda.
- The group is known in Arabic as ad-Dawlah al-Islāmiyah fi 'l-'Irāq wa-sh-Shām which means Islamic State of Iraq and Sham.
- This is world's richest terrorist organization who's head on June 29 in 2014, declared himself as the caliphate of all Muslims of the world.
- Emergency was declared for the first time in Paris after World War II due to this attack.
- After the attack in search of other militants Abdelhamid Abaaoud the Islamic State mastermind of the Paris attacks killed in a police raid.



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Global Terrorism Index 2015

Question: According to Global Terrorism Index 2015 issued by Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).Which country topped the list of most affected countries by terrorism?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Iraq
- (d) Afghanistan

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) on 16 November 2015 released Global Terrorism Index 2015.
- It is third edition which provide a comprehensive summary of the impact of terrorism in 162 countries by representing it in terms of rank.
- In the list of Countries most affected by terrorism Iraq (score 10) ranked at the top for the third consecutive year.
- In this Index The index, Afghanistan (Score -9.233) is ranked Second, Nigeria (Score -9.213) Third, Pakistan (Score -9.065) fourth and Syria (8.108) is ranked fifth.
- Out of the 162 countries, India is the sixth most affected country by terrorism in 2014 with the score of 7.747.
- Last year also it was ranked sixth.
- In India 763 terrorist incidents took place during 2013 and 2014, reflecting an increase of 20 percent in the terrorist incidents.
- In year 2014, the number of deaths from terrorism reached to 416 which represents increase by one percentage compared to the last year.
- Terrorist activity increased by 80 per cent in 2014 to its highest recorded level. The largest ever year-on-year increase in deaths from terrorism was recorded in 2014, rising from 18,111 in 2013 to 32,685 in 2014.
- Fifty-seven per cent of all attacks and 78 per cent of all deaths occurred in only five countries; Iraq, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Syria.
- To measure the impact of terrorism Global Terrorism Index uses four types of indicators, the number of terrorist incidents, and the number of deaths, casualties and property damage levels.
- First Global Terrorism Index (GTI) was launched by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) on 4 December 2012.

Reference:

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G20 Summit-2015

Question: The 10th summit of G20 countries held at-

- (a) Brisbane, Australia (b) Antalya ,Turkey
(c) Saint Petersburg, Russia (d) Seoul , South Korea

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The 2015 G20 Summit was held for two days on 15 November and 16 November 2015 at Regnum Carya Hotel Convention Centre in Antalya, Turkey.
- The 2014 Summit was held at Brisbane in Australia.
- The summit was attended by all the leaders of the G20 including President of European Union except France President Francois Hollande.
- France President Francois Hollande not attended the summit as Paris came under a coordinated terrorist attack on 13 November 2015.
- He sent his foreign minister Laurent Fabius and Finance minister Michel Sapin as his representatives.
- The ministers of states like Spain, Azerbaijan, Malaysia, Senegal, Singapore, and Zimbabwe participated in the summit as Invited guests.
- Prime Minister Modi has represented India at the summit.
- Arvind Panagariya was the Sherpa for the 2015 G-20 Summit.
- The G-20 is an important platform for cooperation and consultation on matters related to international economic and financial system.
- G-20 includes 19 countries and European Union.
- The members of the G20 are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.
- According to the official website of G20 Antalya Summit The G20 member's countries comprises 85 per cent of global gross domestic product.
- G20 was established in 1999 after the East Asian financial crisis.
- After its the establishment every year since 2000, its member countries began a meeting of finance ministers and governors of central banks.
- In 2008, the first G20 Leaders' Summit was held, and the group played a key role in responding to the global financial crisis.
- Till the year 2010 it was held at the half-yearly basis, but since 2011 it held one in a year.
- It should be noted that on the first day instead of proposed economic agenda the agenda of international terrorism remains in the lime light, Prime Minister Modi advocated for very tough action against terrorism practices.
- On the final day of the conference, "Antalya" Action Plan was signed and Official press release was made.
- Providing better quality of life and quality employment to people around the world has been marked as a top priority.
- 11th of the G20 summit is proposed to be held in China.

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Global Hunger Index-2015

Question: In The Global Hunger Index (GHI) by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in October 2015 India is ranked –

- (a) 79th (b) 76th (c) 80th (d) 84th

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 12 October 2015 the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) released The Global Hunger Index-2015.
- Over the past year the index was prepared on the basis of three indicators Under Nourishment, Child Under Weight and Child Mortality Rate.
- In year 2015 GHI is based on four instead of three indicators that are Under Nourishment, Child Wasting, Child Stunting and child Mortality.
- This calculation results in GHI scores on a 100-point scale where 0 is the best score (no hunger) and 100 the worst.
- The theme of GHI-2015 report is Armed Conflict and the Challenge of Hunger: Is an End in Sight?
- According to GHI-2015 report, from 2000 to 2015 global hunger is fallen by 27%.
- In year 2000 GHI score was 29.2 and it improved to 21.7 in year 2015.
- Despite being improvement in the state of hunger the world's 79.5 crore people are still vulnerable to Starvation.
- The 2015 GHI has been calculated for 117 countries out of which 52 countries are facing serious or alarming levels of Hunger.
- In this year report, the lowest GHI score is given to Kuwait (score -5, first place) and two countries Saudi Arabia and Turkey, with 5.1 GHI scores have jointly bagged the second place.
- In global Hunger Index-2015 India is placed at 80th position while last year it was at 55th place.
- In GHI-2015 India found placed in serious category with score of 29.
- This year India got 15.2 points in under nourishment, 15.0 points in Child wasting, 38.8 points in Child stunting and 5.3 points in child mortality.
- Similar to the last year, This year also India has better condition as compared to Pakistan, (93rd place) While it has bad condition compared to Nepal (58th), Sri Lanka (69th) and Bangladesh (73rd) .
- According to the GHI-2015 report more than one in four children are affected by malnutrition-related stunting and 9 percent of children are affected by wasting.
- In terms of geographies GHI-2015 is: South Asia and Africa south of the Sahara continue to experience the highest levels of hunger, with 2015 GHI scores, at 32.2 and 29.4 respectively, putting them both in the "serious" category.
- In contrast, the GHI scores for East and Southeast Asia is 13.2, North Africa is 11.5 , Eastern Europe and some Independent states of commonwealth nations is 8.3 and Latin America and the Caribbean is 8.0 .



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Myanmar general elections

Question: Nobel winner Aung San Suu Kyi who has received an absolute majority in the general elections in

Myanmar belongs to which party?

- (a) Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)
- (b) National League for Democracy (NLD)
- (c) Arakan National Party (ANP)
- (d) Taaung National Party (TNP)

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On November 8, 2015 national general elections were held in Myanmar.
- Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) has achieved a landslide victory in Myanmar after general elections on 8 November.
- According to union Election commission of Myanmar in 224-member upper house out of 168 seats on which election were held NLD (NLD) won 135 seats.
- In the 440-member lower house out of 330 seats on which election were held NLD achieved landslide victory by winning 255 seats.
- Myanmar's current government term expires in March 2016.
- The first session of the new parliament will be in January 2016, and will choose the new president in February.

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Forbes list of World's Most Powerful People-2015

Question: In Recently released Forbes list of World's most powerful people who has been named as the World's

Most Powerful Person?

- (a) Pope Francis
- (b) Vladimir Putin
- (c) Barack Obama
- (d) Angela Merkel



Ans (b)

Related facts:

- The Forbes list of the World's Most Powerful People 2015 was released on 4 November 2015.
- The list provided the annual ranking of the World's 73 Most Powerful People.
- It was started in 2009 by Forbes magazine since then annually published, this is Forbes' seventh annual ranking of World's Most Powerful People.
- For the consecutive 3rd year, Russian President Vladimir Putin has been named as the world's most powerful person in the list.
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel ranked second, overtaking US President Barack Obama.
- President Barack Obama ranked third, 266th Pope of Roman Catholic Church Pope Francis is ranked fourth and Chinese President Xi Jinping ranked fifth.
- India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ranked as the world's ninth most powerful person.
- In 2014, Modi was placed at 15th position.
- Other Indian in the list includes Mukesh Ambani ranked 36th.
- In the list of steel king Lakshmi Mittal in placed at 55th position and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella is placed at 61st position.

Reference:

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World Prosperity Index 2015

Question: International NGO Legatum Institute released "Legatum Prosperity Index-2015", it has ranked India at-

- (a) 101th position
- (b) 102nd position
- (c) 99th position
- (d) 109th position

Ans (c)

Related Facts:

- On 2 November 2015 International non-governmental organization Legatum Institute released 'Legatum Prosperity Index'.
- The index covered 142 countries in the world, which contribute for almost 96 percent of the overall world population and account for 99 percent of global GDP.
- This index has been issued annually since 2007, on the basis of prosperity of nations, economic growth and quality of life.
- A total of 142 countries in the Index are ranked based on their score.
- The overall rank in the index based on 89 different variables.
- The variables are then split into eight sub-indices. These are: Economy, Entrepreneurship & Opportunity, Governance, Education, Health, Safety & Security, Personal Freedom, Social Capital.
- With an overall score of 3.504 points in the index Norway topped for the seventh consecutive year.
- Then Switzerland with the Score -3.337 ranked Second, Denmark with the Score -3.272 ranked Third, New Zealand with the Score -3.246 ranked fourth and Sweden with the Score -3.224 is ranked fifth.
- The bottom five countries in the index are Central African Republic (ranked 142), Afghanistan (ranked 141), Haiti (ranked 140), Chad (ranked 139) and Burundi (ranked 138)



India's position:

- Legatum Prosperity Index, in 2015 ranked India at 99th position (Scored-0.801) while last year (LPI-2014) it was ranked 102.
- In this index neighboring countries of India are ranked as Sri Lanka (61), Nepal (89), Bangladesh (103), Pakistan (130) and Afghanistan (141).
- The index not included Bhutan, Myanmar and the Maldives.

Performance of India in sub indices:

Safety & Security-114th (119th in 2014)

Entrepreneurship & Opportunity-94th (103rd in 2014)

Education-92nd (93rd in 2014)

Health-107th (109th in 2014)

Governance-53rd (56th in 2014)

Economy -61st (62nd in 2014)

Social capital-129(132nd in 2014)

In all the above areas indices indicate improvement for the India.

- In the area of individual (personal) freedom India ranked 79th (ranked 78th in 2014) indicates no improvement.

India's position among the BRICS countries:

- If we compare the Legatum Prosperity Index 2014, position of India is at the bottom among the BRICS countries.
- This year position of the BRICS countries are: China (52nd place), Brazil (54th place), Russia (58th place) and South Africa (75th place).

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Russian plane crashes

Question: On 31 October Russian passenger plane carrying 224 passengers crashed in which country?

- (a) Syria
- (b) Egypt
- (c) Tunisia
- (d) Lebanon

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- Flight 7K9268 of Airbus A321 operated by Russian airline Kogalymavia crashed on 31 October 2015.
- It crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.
- The plane crashed while going from a tourist place named Sharm el-Sheikh to St Petersburg.
- It was flying at an altitude of about 31000 feet (4,400 meters) when it gets out of the reach of radar.
- The plane was carrying 224 people. Out of 224 people, 217 are passengers and 7 are crew members.



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China abandons its One Child Policy

Question: Recently, China's famous "one child policy" has been terminated by the country, how many children have been granted permission by now?

- (a) Four
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Voluntarily

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 29 October 2015, The ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) has announced to abandon its three decades-long one-child policy in this regard an official communiqué has been issued at the end of party's 4 day plenary session .
- With this decision China has allowed all citizens couples to have two babies.
- The one-child policy was introduced in 1979 in China. The decision was taken to curb the rapid population growth. Officially it began in 1980.
- Under this family planning policy families could have two children if their first-born is a daughter.
- In rural areas, in families where both parents are the only children can have an extra child.
- The one-child policy was further loosened in November 2013 after that couples are allowed to have two children if one of them is an only child.
- Now, Decision to abandon the one child policy is taken to overcome demographics problem, especially of gender and age ratio that the country is facing.

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Recommendations of Seventh Central Pay Commission

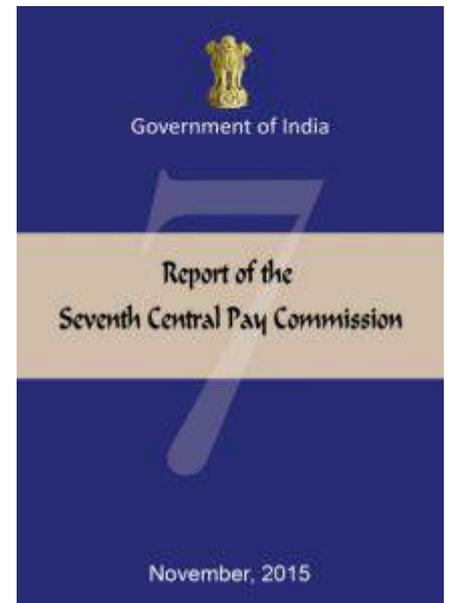
Question: Who is the chairman of 7th central pay commission?

- (a) H.L Dattu
- (b) H.L Nigam
- (c) A.K Mathur
- (d) R.K Damadiya

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The **7th Central Pay Commission (CPC)** headed by Justice AK Mathur submitted its report on 19 November 2015 to the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- The commission recommended 23.55 percent hike in pay and allowances of government employees.
- The recommended pay revision will come into effect from 1 January 2016.
- The minimum pay for government employees is recommended to be set at 18000 rupees per month.
- The maximum pay is recommended to be 225000 rupees per month for Apex Scale and 250000 per month for Cabinet Secretary and others presently at the same pay level.
- The recommended rate of annual increment for employees is 3 percent.
- The commission has recommended increase in pay by 16 percent, increase in allowances by 63 percent and increase in pension by 24 percent.
- One Rank One Pension proposed for civilian government employees on line of OROP for armed forces.
- Ceiling of gratuity enhanced from 10 lakh rupees to 20 lakh rupees and ceiling on gratuity will be raised by 25 percent.
- The commission recommends Cabinet Secretary's salary from current Rs 90,000 to Rs 2.50 lakh.
- The total monetary impact on the central government would be Rs 1.02 lakh crore.
- Around Rs 74,000 crore would be the impact on the Union Budget and Rs 28,000 crore on the Railway Budget.



- The total impact of the Commission's recommendations are expected to entail an increase of 0.65 percentage points in the ratio of expenditure on (Pay + Allowances + Pension) to GDP compared to 0.77 percent in case of VI CPC.

		Present	Proposed
i.	Service Officers	₹6,000	₹15,500
ii.	Nursing Officers	₹4,200	₹10,800
iii.	JCO/ORs	₹2,000	₹5,200
iv.	Non Combatants (Enrolled) in the Air Force	₹1,000	₹3,600

- The commission has recommended that Military Service Pay (MSP), which is a compensation for the various aspects of military service, will be admissible to the defence forces personnel only.
- The current MSP per month and the revised rates recommended are as follows:
- Short Service Commissioned Officers will be allowed to exit the Armed Forces at any point in time between 7 and 10 years of service.
- The Commission has recommended abolishing 52 allowances altogether. Another 36 allowances have been abolished as separate identities, but subsumed either in an existing allowance or in newly proposed allowances.
- The Commission is of the view that in case of death in the line of duty, the force personnel of CAPFs should be accorded martyr status, at par with the defence forces personnel.
- The Commission recommends that HRA be paid at the rate of 24 percent, 16 percent and 8 percent of the new Basic Pay for Class X, Y and Z cities respectively.
- It has recommended a number of steps to improve the functioning of NPS. It has also recommended establishment of a strong grievance redressal mechanism.
- The Commission has recommended a consolidated pay package of Rs 4,50,000 and Rs 4,00,000 per month for Chairpersons and Members respectively of select Regulatory bodies.
- The Commission has recommended introduction of the Performance Related Pay (PRP) for all categories of Central Government employees.

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RBI issued Uniform Guidelines on Internet Banking for Cooperative Banks

Question: Recently RBI issued Uniform Guidelines for Cooperative banks on-

- (a) Provision for loans
- (b) Internet Banking
- (c) Industrial Development
- (d) To provide high interest rate

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 5 November 2015 RBI issued uniform guidelines on internet banking for Cooperative Banks.
- These guidelines are for all licensed cooperative banks including Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs), State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and Districts Co-operative Banks (DCBs).
- These guidelines relate to Internet Banking (View Only) facility and Internet Banking with Transaction facility.
- According to new guidelines all licensed StCBs, DCCBs and UCBs which have implemented Core Banking Solution (CBS) and migrated to Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) may offer Internet Banking (View only) facility to their customers, without prior approval of RBI.
- In case, any service offered under 'view only' facility requires two-factor authentication or One Time Password (OTP), banks may adopt the security features related to internet banking as prescribed by RBI, as appropriate to such services.
- The cooperative banks providing above services should ensure that the facility is strictly for non-transactional services such as balance enquiry, balance viewing, account statement download, request for supply of cheque books, etc.
- All license holders Cooperative banks providing Internet banking with the transactions facility should be in a position to meet the following criteria:
 - (Credit to Risk Adequacy Ratio) CRAR of not less than 10 per cent.
 - Networth is Rs.50 crore or more as on March 31 of the immediate preceding financial year.
 - Gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) less than 7 % and Net NPAs not more than 3%.
 - The bank should have made a net profit in the immediate preceding financial year and overall, should have made net profit at least in three out of the preceding four financial years.



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List of 50 Most Powerful Indian Women Entrepreneurs -2015

Question: Who tops Fortune India List of Most Powerful Women in Business?

- (a) Shikha Sharma
- (b) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- (c) Chanda Kochhar
- (d) Kiran Mazumdar

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On November 8, 2015, the "Fortune India" with special reference to India released the list of the top 50 powerful women entrepreneurs.
- The list is topped the first female chairperson of State Bank Of India (SBI) Arundhati Bhattacharya.
- ICICI Bank's Chief Chanda Kochhar and Shikha Sharma chief of Axis Bank follow Ms Bhattacharya at the second and third positions, respectively.
- Hindistan Petroleum Corporation Limited Chairperson and Managing Director (MD), Nishi Vasudeva, has bagged the fourth position.
- While AZB & Partners Co-Founder Zia Mody and Aruna Jayanthi Chief Executive of Capgemini India shared the fifth rank.
- Moreover, there are only two debutantes in the Fortune India list of 50 most-powerful businesswomen for 2015.
- Meena Ganesh, MD and chief executive officer (CEO) at Portea and Jyoti Deshpande, Group MD and CEO at Eros International have made their debuts at 43rd and 50th positions, respectively.

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Swachh Bharat Cess

Question: At what rate Union Government has decided to impose a Swachh Bharat Cess on all services presently liable to service tax?

- (a) 1%
- (b) 0.5%
- (c) 2%
- (d) 1.5%

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- Union Government decided to impose a Swachh Bharat Cess on all services presently liable to service tax.
- It is to be exclusively used for Swachh Bharat initiatives.
- Government has decided to impose, with effect from 15th November 2015, at the rate of 0.5% on all services, which are presently liable to service tax. It will be levied in addition to the 14 percent service tax that is in force now.
- In the General Budget, 2015-16, a provision was made for levying a Swachh Bharat Cess on all or any of the services, for the purposes of financing and promoting Swachh Bharat initiatives or for any other purpose relating thereto.
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (English: Clean India Mission) and abbreviated as SBA or SBM for Swachh Bharat Mission is a national cleanliness campaign by the Government of India, campaign was officially launched on 2 October 2014 on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 145th birthday.

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India successfully test-fires nuclear capable Agni-I missile

Ques: Nuclear capable Agni-I missile successfully test fired from Dr Abdul Kalam Wheeler Island. It is capable of

hitting target at -

- (a) 700 Km
- (b) 800 Km
- (c) 1000 Km
- (d) 1500 km

Ans: a



Related facts:

- November 27, 2015 India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile Agni-I from Dr Abdul Kalam Wheeler Island off the Odisha coast.
- Agni-I missile is capable of hitting a target at a distance of 700 km.
- The missile weighs around 12 tonnes and can carry both conventional and nuclear payload of about 1000 kg.
- It has already been inducted by Indian army.
- The last trial of Agni-I, conducted on September 11, 2014 from the same base, was also successful.

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Prithvi II missile successfully test fired

Question: Indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile was successfully test-fired by the Indian Army is a-

- (a) Surface to air missile
- (b) Surface to surface
- (c) Air to air
- (d) Air to surface

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 26 November 2015, indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-II surface-to-surface missile was successfully test-fired by the Indian Army.
- It has been developed under Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP) and currently deployed by India's Strategic Forces Command (SFC)
- The missile test was carried out from a mobile launcher from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipu, Odisha .
- It has been designed to operate with both liquid and solid fuel twine engines and 9 meter in length.
- It has strike range of 350 km.
- The missile is capable of carrying 500 kg to 1,000 kg of warheads.
- The missile was inducted into Indian armed forces in 2003.
- The last user trial of Prithvi-II was successfully conducted on February 19, 2015 from the same test range in Odisha.

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Supersonic interceptor missile successfully test fired

Question: When did India successfully test-fired indigenously developed interceptor missile?

- (a) 22 November 2015
- (b) 21 November 2015
- (c) 15 November 2015
- (d) 18 November 2015

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 22 November 2015 indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile was successfully test fired from the Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island) a test range *off the coast of Odisha*.
- The interceptor is known as Advanced Air Defence (AAD) missile
- The major feature of the missile is that it is capable of destroying any incoming ballistic missile from the enemy.
- After getting signals from tracking radars, the interceptor, positioned at Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island), roared through its trajectory to destroy the incoming missile mid-air, in an endo-atmospheric altitude .
- The interceptor is a 7.5-meter long single stage solid rocket propelled guided missile equipped with a navigation system.
- It is also equipped with a hi-tech computer and an electro-mechanical activator.

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NASA to grow flowers in space

Question: Which flower has been chosen by NASA to start floriculture at International Space Station?

- (a) Rose
- (b) Marigold
- (c) Lily
- (d) Zinnia

Ans (d)

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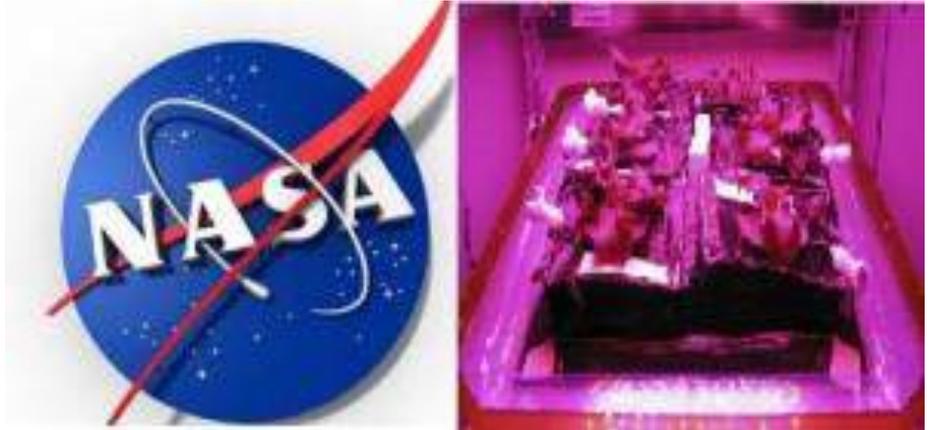
- NASA after growing lettuce is now set to grow flowers at the International Space Station.
- For this purpose NASA has chosen Zinnia, Zinnia is a genus of plants of the sunflower tribe within the daisy family.
- Controlled Red, yellow and green light from the LED bulbs help in maintaining the environmental conditions required for the plant will be ready.
- The Zinnias will grow for 60 days, during the growth cycle; the LED lights will be on for 10 hours and off for 14 hours in order to stimulate the plants to flower.
- It is the first time that a flowering crop will be grown on the orbiting laboratory.
- Growing the zinnia plants will help in advancing knowledge of how plants flower in the Veggie growth system, and will enable fruiting plants like tomatoes to be grown and eaten in space using Veggie as the in-orbit garden.
- Growing tomato plants on the space station is planned for 2017.
- NASA's this plant growth system is known by the name of "VEGGIE" This system is related to the providing nutritional food for astronauts.
- The Veggie system was developed by Orbital Technologies Corporation (ORBITEC) in Madison, Wisconsin, and tested at Kennedy before flight.
- According to the scientist-Growing a flowering crop is more challenging than growing a vegetative crop such as lettuce because Lighting and other environmental parameters are more critical."

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Russia's newest satellite EKS Kosmos-2510(Tundra 11L) successfully launched

Question: On November 17, 2015 the Russian satellite named Kosmos -2510 was successfully launched. It is related with which of the following field?

- (a) Defence system
- (b) Metrology
- (c) Development of education
- (d) Agriculture



Ans (a)

- On 17 November 2015 Russia successfully launched an early warning satellite for its newest early warning system, named EKS or Integrated Space System.
- The satellite has been officially named Kosmos 2510 (Tundra 11L).
- The satellite was launched using Russian Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket from Site 43/4 at the Plesetsk Cosmodrome, located in Northern Russia.
- It was delivered into a highly elliptical geosynchronous orbit, called a Tundra orbit.
- This new-generation satellite is designed to restore Moscow's capability to detect, track and identify worldwide missile launches from space.
- EKS (Edinaya Kosmicheskaya Sistema) is a Russian acronym that translates to integrated space system.
- EKS Cosmos -2510 is the first satellite among the series of 10 defence satellite to be launched for its newest early warning system.

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Tianhe-2: World's powerful Supercomputer

Question: Recently, Tianhe-2 topped the list of world's top 500 supercomputers. It is developed by-

- (a) Japan
- (b) Singapore
- (c) China
- (d) France

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- On November 17, 2015 in Frankfurt, Germany Chinese supercomputer Tianhe-2 topped the list of top 500 super computer of the world.
- China's Tianhe-2 supercomputer has emerged as the world's most powerful supercomputer system for the sixth consecutive time.
- In June 2013 Tianhe -2 for the first time became the world's fastest computer systems.
- It is capable of performing calculations with processing speed of 33.86 petaflops per second (Pflop/s).
- Supercomputer Tianhe-2 has been developed by China's National University of Defense Technology.
- Supercomputer Titan of the US Department of Energy has been placed at second position. It has a performance of 17.59 Pflop/s.
- Supercomputer Sequoia of Tech giant IBM was placed at third position. It has processing speed of 17.17 Pflop/s.
- Supercomputers are used by governments and major research institutions.
- Supercomputers play an important role in the field of computational science, and are used for a wide range of computationally intensive tasks in various fields, including quantum mechanics, weather forecasting, climate research, oil and gas exploration, molecular modeling
- It is also used for physical simulations such as simulations of the early moments of the universe, airplane and spacecraft aerodynamics, the detonation of nuclear weapons, and nuclear fusion
- It occupies too much space, and there is greater power consumption.

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Navy's Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft Dedicated to the Nation

Question: Name the Navy's Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft which is recently dedicated to the Nation.

- (a) Boeing P-8I
- (b) Boeing P-9I
- (c) Boeing P-6I
- (d) Boeing P-5I

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- Giving a boost to the firepower and arsenal of the Indian Armed Forces, the Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar dedicated the Boeing P-8I (Poseidon Eight India) Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft to the nation.
- This Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft is dedicated to nation during an impressive ceremony held at INS Rajali, Arakkonam, India's premiere Naval Air Station in southern India, about 70 Km off Chennai.
- The P-8I aircraft is equipped for long range anti submarine warfare, anti -surface warfare, intelligence, surveillance.
- The P-8I aircraft is a variant of the P-8A Poseidon aircraft that Boeing developed as a replacement for the US Navy's ageing P-3 fleet.
- Indian Navy became the first international customer for the P-8 aircraft.
- India signed a nearly US \$ 2.1 billion contract on 01 Jan 2009 for a total of eight aircraft.
- The first aircraft arrived in India on the 15 May 2013 and as of date; all eight aircraft have been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- Recently the P-8I aircraft had achieved a number of operational milestones which includes participation in the search effort for Malaysian Airlines Flight MH 370, the first successful firing of air launched Harpoon Block II missile in the world, torpedo firing and active participation in major naval exercises.

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India's Communication Satellite Launched Successfully

Question: Recently which Indian Communication satellite was launched successfully from French Guiana on 11 November 2015?

- (a) GSAT-16
- (b) GSAT-14
- (c) GSAT-10
- (d) GSAT-15

Ans (d)

Related facts:



- GSAT-15, India's communication satellite, was launched successfully by the European Ariane 5 VA-227 launch Vehicle on November 11, 2015.
- GSAT-15 carries communication transponders in Ku-band as well as a GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) payload operating in L1 and L5 bands.
- The 3,164-kg spacecraft will replace the ageing Insat-3A and 4B spacecraft that are in the same orbital slot when they expire.
- After a flight of 43 minutes and 24 seconds, GSAT-15 separated from the Ariane 5 upper stage in an elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)
- Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) will have a perigee (nearest point to Earth) of 250 km and an apogee (farthest point to Earth) of 35,819 km, inclined at an angle of 3.9 degree to the equator.
- ISRO's Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan in Karnataka took over the command and control of GSAT-15 immediately after its separation from the launch vehicle.
- It carries a suite of 24 transponders used mainly VSAT (VSAT) operators and will help in Direct-to-Home (DTH) broadcasting.

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The successful test of Agni-IV missile

Ques: Regarding Agni-IV Missile, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The surface to surface Agni-IV missile has a strike range of 3,000 km.
2. It is notable that Agni-IV missile is two stage missile with a capability of carrying of 1000 kilogram warheads.
3. This was the fifth trial of the Agni IV missile.
4. Agni-IV missile was tested successfully by Indian Air Force.

- (a) Only 1
(b) 2 & 3
(c) 2 & 4
(d) 1 & 3

Ans: b

Related facts:

- Nuclear weapons capable strategic missile Agni-IV was successfully test fired from the Wheeler Island off Odisha coast on November 9, 2015.
- The surface to surface Agni-IV missile has a strike range of 4,000 km.
- The Army's Strategic Forces Command, which is entrusted with the task of handling strategic weapons, launched Agni IV missile under the supervision of Defence Research and Development Organization's scientists.
- Very high accuracy Ring Laser Gyro based Inertial Navigation System (RINS) and the most modern and accurate Micro Navigation System (MINS) ensured the missile to reach its target point with very high accuracy.
- It is notable that Agni-IV missile is two staged missile with a capability of carrying of 1000 kilogram warheads.
- Agni-IV mission included fibre reinforced plastic (FRP) or composite casing for the second stage.
- The FRP reduced the missile's weight, enabling it to carry more propellants and to have a better range than Agni-II's 2,000 km.
- Important to know that on December 2, 2014 the fourth test of the Agni-IV missile was successfully concluded.

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The World's Healthiest Countries

Question: In the list of world's healthiest countries released by Bloomberg, India ranks at-

- (a) 55
- (b) 103
- (c) 133
- (d) 44

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- In August 2015 Bloomberg released the list of world's healthiest countries.
- The list ranked the countries with the help of the data from the United Nations, the World Bank and the World Health Organisation.
- In this list Singapore has been declared as the world's healthiest country.
- The top five countries and their scores are: Singapore (89.45%), Italy (89.07%), Australia (88.33%), Switzerland (88.29%) and Japan (86.83%)
- The last five countries and their scores are: Swaziland (0.26%), Lesotho (0.37%), Congo Republic (0.92%), Chad (1.01%) and Mozambique (1.42%).
- India secured 103rd Rank (22.17%)
- Position of India's neighboring countries and their scores are: Nepal 89th place (33.43%), Bangladesh 94th (29.39%), Sri Lanka 56th (52.85%), Pakistan 100th (24.90%), China 55th (53.55%)

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Global Tuberculosis Report 2015

Question: Which of the following statement is /are correct according to the Global Tuberculosis Report 2015 published by World Health Organisation?

(1) In 2014 about 1.5 million TB deaths are caused due to Tuberculosis.

(2) It is estimated that about 9.6 million people are suffering from TB worldwide in 2014.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Only (1) is correct
- (b) Only (2) is correct
- (c) Both (1) and (2) are correct
- (d) Both (1) and (2) are incorrect

Ans (c)

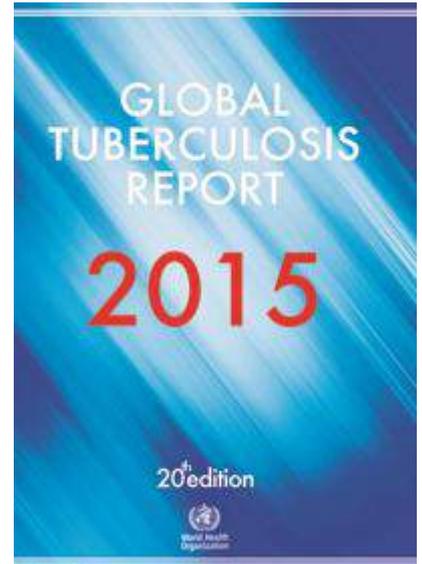
Related facts:

- World Health Organization (WHO) on 28 October 2015 released Global Tuberculosis (TB) Report 2015 in Washington.
- **Important points of the report are mentioned below:**
- By effective diagnosis and treatment of TB, 43 million lives saved between 2000 and 2015.
- In 2014 about 1.5 million deaths are caused due to Tuberculosis.
- This includes 8 lakh 90 thousands male, 4 lakh 80 thousands female and 1 lakh 40 thousands children.
- This is to be noted that Tuberculosis and HIV are two most important causes of deaths across the world.
- It is estimated that 9.6 million people were prone to TB worldwide in 2014.
- This includes 4.5 million males, 3.2 million females and 1 million children.
- In 2014 about 6 million new TB cases were reported to the World Health Organization.
- In 2014, 4 lakh 80 thousand people are found to have multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB)
- World Health Assembly in May 2014 adopted the goal to end the global TB epidemic by implementing the “End TB Strategy” to reduce the number of TB deaths by 90% by 2030 compared with 2015 levels.
- Of the 9.6 million new TB cases in 2014, 58% were in the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions. The African Region had 28% of the world’s cases in 2014.
- India, Indonesia and China had the largest number of cases: 23%, 10% and 10% of the global total, respectively.
- In 2014, an estimated 190 000 people died of MDR-TB.
- Globally, an estimated 3.3% of new TB cases and 20% of previously treated cases have MDR-TB
- Estimated 69% of countries recommended using Xpert MTB/RIF as the initial diagnostic test for people at risk of drug-resistant TB.
- In 2014 an estimated 1.2 million (12%) of the 9.6 million people who developed TB worldwide were HIV-positive.

Reference:

http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global_report/en/

http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global_report/gtbr2015_executive_summary.pdf?ua=1



Scorpene class submarine “INS Kalvari” set afloat

Question: Where did Scorpene class submarine “INS Kalvari” set afloat for sea trials?

- (a) Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
- (b) Naval Dockyard, Kochi
- (c) Naval Dockyard, Vishakhapatnam
- (d) Naval Dockyard, Tamilnadu

Ans: a

Related facts:

- On October 29, 2015 the country's first indigenous Scorpene submarine Kalvari set afloat



for sea trials at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

- Scorpene submarine is 67 meters long 6.2 meters wide and have 1,550 tones displacement.
- Kalvari is constructed at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).

Project 75:

- The submarine has been constructed under 'Project 75' of the Indian Navy.
- Mazagon Dock is constructing six Scorpene class submarines (Project 75) under transfer of technology from DCNS, France.
- The project is expected to be completed by 2020.

Reference:

<http://indiannavy.nic.in/press-release/scorpene-class-submarine-kalvari-set-afloat-naval-dockyard-mumbai>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/first-scorpene-class-submarine-set-afloat-in-mumbai/article7819027.ece>

Successful Test of BRAHMOS missile

Question: Recently, India's BRAHMOS supersonic cruise missile is tested from which warship?

- (a) INS Arihant
- (b) INS Kolkata
- (c) INS Kochi
- (d) INS Sindhuratna

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On 1 November 2015, Supersonic Cruise missile BRAHMOS test fired from Navy's newest stealth destroyer INS Kochi successfully.
- This is to be noted that Indian navy commissioned INS Kochi on 30 September 2015.
- This is overall 49th trial of the BRAHMOS missile.
- Before this, in February 2015 BRAHMOS was successfully tested from INS Kolkata.
- This missile has a strike-range of 290 kms.
- This missile has the ability to attack with the speed between 2.8 to 3.0 Mach.
- The BRAHMOS missile is one of the world's fastest cruise missiles.
- It is capable of being launched from land, sea (warship) and air against sea and land targets.
- BRAHMOS supersonic cruise missile designed and developed by BRAHMOS Aerospace, a joint venture of India (DRDO- Defence Research and Development Organisation) and Russia (NPO Mashinostroyeniya)
- Missile's name has been derived from the names of two rivers, India's Brahmaputra River and Russia's Moskva River.



Reference:

<http://www.brahmos.com/pressRelease.php?id=45>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/brahmos-testfired-from-new-warship/article7830168.ece>

<http://www.brahmos.com/content.php?id=10&sid=10>

WHO released report on reducing global health risks

Question: Which of the following statement is/are correct according to WHO report on Reducing Global Health Risks?

- (1) Black carbon, ozone and methane are often described as short-lived climate pollutants.
- (2) Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) are responsible for a significant proportion of air-pollution related deaths and diseases that kill some 7 million people per year.
- (3) Global deployment of 16 SLCP reduction measures would save an average of 3.5 million lives annually by 2030.

- (a) All (1), (2) and (3) are correct.
- (b) Only (1) and (2) are correct.
- (c) Only (2) and (3) are correct.
- (d) Only (1) and (3) are correct.

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) on 22 October 2015 released a report titled Reducing global health risks through mitigation of short-lived climate pollutants.
- The report was produced in collaboration of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants.
- According to the report, by reducing short lived climate pollutants, reduction in illness and death can be brought.
- Also it will contribute to food security, improve diets and increase physical activity.
- The report spotlights the urgent need to reduce short-lived climate pollutants like black carbon, ozone, methane and carbon dioxide that contribute to climate change. This is to be noted that black carbon, methane, and ozone are often called as Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs).
- Black carbon, ozone and methane are responsible for generating intense global warming effect.
- Also it led to more than 7 million deaths linked to air pollution each year.
- Importantly, Global deployment of 16 SLCP reduction measures would save an average of 3.5 million lives annually by 2030.

Top actions for health and climate benefits:

- (i) Reducing vehicle emissions by implementing higher emissions and efficiency standards.
 - (ii) Providing cleaner and more efficient stove and fuel alternatives to the approximately 2.8 billion low-income households.
 - (iii) Encouraging high and middle-income populations to increase their consumption of nutritious plant-based foods.
 - (iv) Policies and investments that prioritize dedicated rapid transit such as buses and trains and foster safe pedestrian and cycle networks.
- It is to be noted that WHO mentioned more than 20 available and affordable measures to mitigate short-lived climate pollutants.
 - This includes vehicle emissions standards, capturing landfill gas, switching from fossil fuels to renewable, reducing food waste and improving household cooking fuels.

The Climate and Clean Air Coalition:

- It is a voluntary global partnership of governments, intergovernmental organizations, businesses, scientific institutions and civil society.
- This is committed to take concrete, substantial action to reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants.
- This Coalition will works through collaborative initiatives to raise awareness, mobilize resources and lead transformative actions in key emitting sectors.

Reference:

<http://www.who.int/phe/publications/climate-reducing-health-risks/en/>

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/reducing-climate-pollutants/en/>

Sports/Tennis

ATP World Tour Finals-2015

Question: Who won the title of ATP World Tour Finals -2015?

- (a) Novak Djokovic.
- (b) Andy Murray
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Rafael Nadal

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- From 15-22 November 2015, Barclays ATP World Tour Finals held at London, Britain.
- The result of the competition is as follows:
 - **Male Singles-**
 - Winner-Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
 - Runner-Roger Federer (Switzerland)
 - **Men Doubles-**
 - Winner-Jean Julien Roger (Netherlands) and Horia Tecau (Romania)
 - Runner-Rohan Bopanna (India) and Florin Mergea (Romania)

Reference:

<http://www.barclaysatpworldtourfinals.com/en/news-and-media/tennis/djokovic-reaction-final-2015-london>

<http://www.barclaysatpworldtourfinals.com/en/news-and-media/tennis/rojer-tecau-champions-2015-london-doubles>



BNP Paribas Masters- 2015

Ques: Who won men's singles title of BNP Paribas Masters 2015?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Tomas Berdych
- (c) Andy Murray
- (d) Rafael Nadal

Ans: a

Related facts:

- From 2 to 8 November, 2015 BNP Paribas Masters tennis tournament was held in Paris (France).
- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) won the title by defeating Andy Murray (Britain) by 6-2, 6-4.
- Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Marcelo Melo (Brazil) won the men's Doubles title by defeating Vasek Pospisil (Canada) and Jack Sock (America).

Reference:

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/tournaments/paris/352/overview>

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BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS-2015

Question: Who won the Singapore BNP Paribas WTA Finals women's singles title?

- (a) Agnieszka Radwanska
- (b) Simona Halep
- (c) Serena Williams
- (d) Petra Kvitova

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Singapore BNP Paribas WTA Finals played in Singapore from 25 October to 1 November 2015.
- Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland won the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Women's in the singles category by defeating Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic by 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
- Sania Mirza (India) and Martina Hingis (Switzerland) has won the 2015 BNP Paribas WTA Finals Women's double category by defeating Spanish pair of Garbine Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro by 6-0, 6-3 score.
- It is overall ninth World Tennis Association (WTA) doubles titles won by the Indo-Swiss pair together in 2015 season so far where as it is Sania's 10th WTA title.
- Sania became the only Indian female tennis player to win this title.
- Agnieszka Radwanska claimed her maiden WTA Finals title where as overall it is her 17th WTA title.



Reference:

<http://www.wtatennis.com/tournaments/tournamentId/742>

<http://www.wtatennis.com/SEWTATour-Archive/Archive/Draws/2015/808.pdf>

<http://www.bnpparibas.com.sg/en/bnp-paribas/tennis/bnp-paribas-wta-finals-presented-sc-global/>

Swiss Indoors Basel- 2015

Ques: Who won the Swiss Indoors Basel- 2015 title?

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Andy Murray

Ans: c

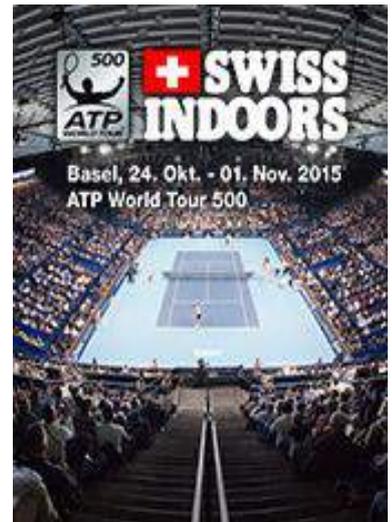
Related facts:

- Swiss Indoors Basel tournament held during 24 October to 1 November in Basel, Switzerland.
- Swiss player Roger Federer has won the tournament in men's singles category defeating Spanish player Rafael Nadal by 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.
- Alexander Peya (Australia) won in the men's doubles with Bruno Soares (Brazil) defeating Jamie Murray of England and John Peers of Australia by 7-5, 7-5.

Reference:

<http://www.swissindoorsbasel.ch/en-us/Players/Draw-2015/Single-Draw-2015>

<http://www.swissindoorsbasel.ch/en-us/Players/Draw-2015/Double-Draw-2015>



VALENCIA OPEN-2015

Question: Who has won men's singles competition in the Valencia Open-2015 tournament?

- (a) Roberto Bautista Agut
- (b) Guillermo Garcia-Lopez
- (c) Joao Sousa
- (d) Rajeev Ram

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- Valencia Open tennis tournament held at Valencia (Spain) from 26 October 2015 to 01 November 2015.
- In the men's singles competition Portugal's Joao Souza won against Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain by 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
- Where as in men's double Eric Butorac and Scott Lipsky of USA won against Feliciano Lopez(Spain) and Max Mirnyi(Belarus) by 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

Reference:

<http://www.valenciaopen.tennis/uploads/cuadro/file/35/MDS.pdf>

<http://www.valenciaopen.tennis/uploads/cuadro/file/34/MDD.pdf>



Cricket

Cricket All Stars Series- 2015

Ques: Where Cricket All Stars Series 2015 was held?

- (a) USA
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Australia
- (d) England

Ans: a

Related facts:

- From 7 to 14 November, 2015 1st edition of three Twenty20 match of Cricket All-Stars Series was held at USA amongst greatest players of the world after establishing their supremacy in the world of cricket, having retire from international cricket .
- Competition held between two teams Sachin Blasters and Warne Warriors led by Sachin Tendulkar and Shane Warne respectively.
- In All-Stars cricket series Warne Warriors won the trophy by defeating Sachin Blasters in 4 wicket victory with 3-0.
- Highest 153 run scorer batsmen of Warriors team Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka) awarded with 'man of the series', while Sachin Tendulkar scored highest 115 run from Sachin Blasters team.
- Batsman of Warriors team Andrew Symonds (Australia) took most 8 wickets in the series, while Graeme Swann (England) took most 3 wickets from Sachin Blasters team.



Reference:

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<http://www.cricbuzz.com/cricket-news/75876/jacques-kallis-ricky-ponting-lead-warne-warriors-clean-sweep-in-cricket-all-stars-series>

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/cricket-all-stars-series-2015-16/content/series/935697.html>

U-19 Men's Challenger Trophy

Question: Who has won the title of U-19 Men's challenger trophy?

- (a) India Green
- (b) India Red
- (c) India Blue
- (d) None of these

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- One-day domestic cricket competition, U-19 Men's Challenger trophy held on 28 October to 31 October, 2015.
- In the final match on 31 October 2015 India blue won against India Green by 25 runs.
- India blue was led by Ricky Bhui whereas India Green was led by Rishabh Pant.



Reference:

<http://www.bcci.tv/challenger-trophy-mens-under-19-one-day-limited-overs-2015-16/results>

Hockey

India vs Australia Hockey Test Series -2015

Ques- who won the India-Australia Hockey (men) test series-2015?

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) Draw
- (d) None of these

Ans- (a)

Related facts:



- From 19 to 23 October, 2015 the Australian men's hockey team was in tour to India.
- During this tour Indian men's hockey team and the New Zealand men's hockey team played three match series in Chhattisgarh.
- Australia won the deciding penalty shootout 3-2 after India won the third match 3-2.
- As per the rules for this test series, the series winner had to be decided by penalty shoot-out which was won 3-2 by the Australia.
- The first match had ended in a 2-2 draw while the Australians won the second encounter 2-1.
- In this series the Indian team was played under the Captaincy of Sardara Singh while Australian team was captained by Mark Knowles.

Reference:

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/hockey/top-stories/Indian-hockey-team-wins-3rd-Test-but-lose-series-to-Australia/articleshow/49896862.cms>

<http://abpnews.abplive.in/sports/2015/11/23/article762703.ece/India-Lose-Hockey-Series-After-Shootout-With-Mighty-Australia>

8th Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup

Question: Who won the 8th Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) India

Ans (d)



Related facts:

- The 8th Men's Junior Asia Cup was held from 14 to 22 November 2015 at the Wisma Belia Hockey Stadium in Kuantan, Malaysia.
- In the finals played at Kuantan (Malaysia) India defeated arch rivals Pakistan by 6-2 goals.
- Indian junior hockey team, won the men's junior Asia Cup for the third time out of total five final matches played.
- In the final match, Man of the Match award was presented to Indian captain Harjeet Singh .
- Indian team coach was Harendra Singh and Pakistan coach was Tahir Zaman.
- In the competition third and Fourth place are occupied by Korea and Japan respectively.
- Other Awards of Cup:
 - Top goal scorer: Harmanpreet Singh of India. He had scored 14 goals.
 - Best Player of the Tournament: Shahril Saabah (Malaysia).
 - Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament: Vikas Dahiya (India).
 - Fair Play Award: Japanese Team.

Reference:

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<http://www.asiahockey.org/mavista/cms/en/home/30379/14---22-November-2015-%3Cbr%3E8th-Men%E2%80%99s-Junior-Asia-Cup>

<http://hockeyindia.org/news/indian-colts-lift-8th-junior-mens-asia-cup-beating-arch-rivals-pakistan-by-6-2.html>

<https://tms.fih.ch/competitions/560/reports/scorers>

<http://socialsports360.com/india-won-8th-mens-junior-asia-cup-against-pakistan/>

Football

FIFA U17 World Cup 2015

Question: Who has won the FIFA U17 World Cup 2015?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Mexico
- (c) Mali
- (d) Belgium

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- FIFA U-17 World Cup 2015 was held across 8 cities in Chile from 17 October to 8 November 2015.
- Nigeria on 8 November 2015 won the 2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup by defeating Mali with 2-0 .
- While third and fourth ranked hold by Belgium and Mexico respectively.
- Victor Osimhen of Nigeria got Golden boot award for his 10 goals which is maximum by an player in the tournament.
- Kelechi Nwakali of Nigeria got golden ball award for his best performance in the tournament.
- Samuel Diarra of Mali got golden glove award for his best goal keeping in the tournament.
- FIFA Fair Play Award won by Ecuador.
- A total of 24 teams participated in the tournament and 52 matches were played between them.

Reference:

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Chess

Ramratna 42nd Indian National Premier Women Chess Championship

Question: Who won the title of 42nd Indian National Premier Women Chess Championship?

- (a) Padmini Rout
- (b) Tania Sachdev
- (c) Soumya Swaminathan
- (d) Kulkarni Bhakti

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- The Ramratna 42nd Indian National Premier Women Chess Championship was organized by Bengal Chess Federation from November 13th through November 24th 2015.
- Padmini Rout of Odisha won the title of 42nd India National premier women chess championship and WGM Soumya Swaminathan secured second position.
- WGM Kulkarni Bhakti held the third position in the championship.
- The total prize money of the championship was Rs 6 lakh, Out of which Padmini rout was awarded with Rs 1.75 Lakhs for his first position in the championship.



Reference:

<http://www.asianchess.com/news/detail/1848>

FIDE World Youth & Cadets Chess Championships

Ques: Where FIDE World Youth & Cadets Chess Championships was held?

- (a) India
- (b) Greece (Yunan)
- (c) China
- (d) Britain

Ans: b

Related facts:

- World Youth & Cadets Chess Championships held at Porto Carras, Halkidiki (Greece) from 24 October to 6 November, 2015 by FIDE (World Chess Federation).
- Mosadeghpour Masoud of Iran won gold medal with top position in U18 category in the championship.
- M. Mahalakshmi (India) won gold medal with top position in Girls U18 category and V Varshini (India) got silver medal.
- India won 5 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals in the championship.

Reference:

<http://www.wycc2015.org/>

<http://www.wycc2015.org/fide-world-youth-cadets-championship-2015-final-report/>



Badminton

Yonex BWF World Junior Championships 2015

Question: Yonex BWF World Junior Championships -2015 was held at-

- (a) China
- (b) Chinese Taipei
- (c) Peru
- (d) Malaysia

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- Yonex BWF World Junior Championships competition concluded between 10 to 15 November 2015 in Lima, Peru.
- In men's singles Chia-Hung Lu of Chinese Taipei won the title by defeating Siril Verma of India.
- While in women's singles Jin Wei Goh of Malaysia won the title by defeating Ying Ying Lee of Malaysia.
- Details of winners of the other events are mentioned below :
- Men's Doubles: He Jiting & Zheng Siwei (Both are of China)
- Women's doubles: Chen Qingchen & Jia Yifan (Both are of China)
- Mixed Doubles: Zheng Siwei & Chen Quinchen (Both are of China)

Reference:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=42E35895-C3EC-41AA-82F8-9ABC98E4C8A5>

<http://www.bwflima2015.com/index.php>

Thaihot China Open Super Series- 2015

Ques: Who won the China Open Super Series 2015 title in men's singles category?

- (a) Lee Chong Wei
- (b) Lin Dan
- (c) Chen Long
- (d) Yu Yang

Ans: a



Related facts:

- November 15, 2015 China Open Super Series of BFW (Badminton World Federation) held at Fuzhou (China).
- Lee Chong Wei (Malaysia) won the men's singles title by defeating Chen Long (China).
- While Li Xuerui (China) won the women's singles title by defeating Saina Nehwal (India).

Other results of the competition are:

Men's Doubles

- Winner- Kim Gi Jung and Kim Sa Rang (both Korea)
- Runner- Chai Biao and Hong Wei (both China)

Women's Doubles

- Winner- Tang Yuanting and Yu Yang (both China)
- Runner- Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi (both Japan)

Mixed Doubles

- Winner- Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei (both China)
- Runner- Joachim Fischer Nielsen and Christinna Pedersen (both Denmark)

Reference:

http://www.bwfbadminton.org/tournamentcalendar_event.aspx?id=21438

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=04C5CA11-E6F6-42A9-9D9A-0375D903F24E>

Golf

World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions-2015

Question: Who won the title of World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions-2015?

- (a) Russell Knox
- (b) Ross Fisher
- (c) Kevin Kisner
- (d) Danny Willett

Ans(a)

Related facts:

- PGA TOUR World Golf Championships (WGC) -HSBC Champions Competition held from November 5 to 8, 2015 at Shanghai in China.
- In the Competition golfer Russell KNOX(Scotland) won the title where as Kevin Kisner(US) holds second position.
- Russell Knox won his first HSBC Champions title also it is the first European Tour title for him .
- In the Competition Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri ranked 40th.

Reference:

<http://www.europeantour.com/europeantour/season=2015/tournamentid=2015086/index.html#X9kSSE7bsuGvRsWI.97>

<http://www.worldgolfchampionships.com/hsbc-champions.html><http://www.worldgolfchampionships.com/hsbc-champions.html>



Panasonic Open India- 2015

Ques: Who won the Panasonic Open India Golf 2015 title?

- (a) Chirag Kumar
- (b) Aditya Singh
- (c) Abhishek Kumar
- (d) Ashok Kumar

Ans: a

Related facts:

- From 5 to 8 November, 2015 Panasonic Open India Golf tournament held at Delhi Golf Club (Delhi).
- Indian golfer Chirag Kumar won the title of the tournament.
- The total prize money of competition was \$ 4 million.

Reference:

<http://www.pgtofindia.com/index.php?view=tournaments>

http://www.pgtofindia.com/index.php?view=newsdetails&news_id=809



Formula One

Brazilian Grand Prix

Question: Who has won 2015 Brazilian Grand Prix title of F1?

- (a) Nico Roseberg
- (b) Lewis Hamilton
- (c) Sebastian Vettel
- (d) Nico Hulkenberg

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Brazilian Formula One Grand Prix, the 18th race of the season-2015 concluded on November 15, 2015 at Interlagos (Brazil) .
- Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg from Germany has won the 2015 Brazilian Grand Prix title of Formula One (F1) by finishing the race in 1 hour, 31 minutes, 9.090 seconds.
- While the Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) and the Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel (Germany) holds the second and third place respectively.
- It was Rosberg's overall thirteenth championship title of F1 in his career and the fifth win in the 2015 season and second Brazilian Formula one grand Prix title.



Reference:

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<https://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/latest/headlines/2015/11/rosberg-defeats-hamilton-for-mercedes-one-two-in-brazil.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nico_Rosberg

Mexican Grand Prix-2015

Question: Who won the 2015 Mexican Grand Prix?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Valtteri Bottas
- (c) Nico Roseberg
- (d) Sebastian Vettel

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The 17th Formula One race of year 2015 the Mexican Grand Prix was held in Mexico City on November 1, 2015.
- The German driver Nico Rosberg of Mercedes team won the race completing it in 1 hour, 42 minutes, 35.038 seconds.
- Whereas Second Position is occupied by Lewis Hamilton (Britain) and 3rd Position by Valtteri Bottas (Finland).
- It is Rosberg's overall 12th championship title of F1 in his career and the fourth win in the 2015 season after Spain, Monaco and Australian Grand Prix.



Reference:

<https://www.formula1.com/content/fom-website/en/championship/results/2015-race-results/2015-mexico-results/race.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_Grand_Prix

Athletics

IPC Athletics World Championships-2015

Question: IPC Athletics World Championships -2015 is held at-

- (a) Doha
- (b) Leon
- (c) London
- (d) Christchurch

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- 7th edition of IPC Athletics World Championships held at Suheim Bin Hamad Stadium in Doha, Qatar from 21 October to 31 October 2015.
- In the championship total 1230 athletes (803 male, 427 female) from 96 different countries participated in 212 events (121 men's event, 91 women's event) .
- India shared 50th position with Lithuania by winning Two silver medals.
- Silver medal winners from India are:
 - Amit Kumar Saroha won silver medal in men's club throw F51 event .
 - Devendra Jhajharia had won silver in men's javelin throw F46 event .
- From India total 15 athletes (13 men 2 women) participated in the championship.
- Top 5 medal recipient countries in the championship are:

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	41	26	18	85
2.	Russia	24	21	24	69
3.	America	13	16	10	39
4.	Britain	13	9	9	31
5.	Tunisia	11	3	1	15

- Tunisia's Walid Ktila (men) and Chinese kicking Liu (women) each won 4 gold medals most by any athlete in this championship.
- The 8th IPC Athletics World Championships will be held in London in year 2017.

Reference:

<http://www.paralympic.org/doha-2015>

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Sports Miscellaneous

The ICC announced the appointment of female umpires

Question: Recently International Cricket Council (ICC) appointed how many female umpires?

- (a) 3
- (b) 7
- (c) 4
- (d) 8

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on 25 November 2015 announced that four female match officials have been selected for the ICC Women's World Twenty20 Qualifier 2015.
- The ICC Women's World Twenty20 Qualifier 2015, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- New Zealand's **Kathleen Cross**, Australia's **Claire Polosak**, England's **Sue Redfern** and West Indies' **Jacqueline Williams** are the four names selected for the ICC Women's World Twenty20 Qualifier.
- Eight teams -- Bangladesh, China, Ireland, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Scotland, Thailand and Zimbabwe -- will fight out for the two available spots in the ICC World Twenty20 in India in 2016.

Reference:

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BWF Becomes IPC Member

Question: Recently, which federation has become a member of the International Paralympics Committee (IPC)?

- (a) World Badminton Federation
- (b) World Tennis Federation
- (c) World Football Federation
- (d) None of these

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 15 November 2015 The World Badminton Federation (BWF) has become a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) at its 17th General Assembly.
- Previously BWF was a temporary member of IPC.
- Three other international federations were also accorded IPC membership; the World Taekwondo Federation, the International Sailing Federation and the International Federation of CP (Cerebral Palsy) Football.

Reference:

http://www.bwfbadminton.org/news_item.aspx?id=99640

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/bwf-becomes-ipc-member-115111800478_1.html

<http://worldnewsnetwork.co.in/bwf-becomes-ipc-member/>



Fed Cup- 2015

Ques: Who won the title of Fed Cup 2015?

- (a) Czech Republic
- (b) Belgium
- (c) Russia
- (d) United Kingdom

Ans: a

Related facts:

- 53rd edition of the most prestigious tournament Fed Cup in women's lawn tennis category held at Prague (Czech Republic) from 14 to 15 November, 2015.
- Czech Republic won the title of tournament by defeating Russia with 3-2.
- The victory marked the second and total fourth Fed Cup success for the Czech Republic in five years and it is overall its ninth Fed Cup.
- Captain of the Czech Republic and Russia were Petr Pala and Anastasia Myskina respectively.

Reference:

<http://www.fedcup.com/en/news/218829.aspx>

<http://www.bbc.com/sport/tennis/34828032>

<http://www.fedcup.com/en/rankings/current-rankings.aspx>

<http://www.fedcup.com/en/teams/team/profile.aspx?id=CZE>



Paragliding World Cup-2015

Question: The fifth round of Paragliding World Cup 2015 was held in which of the following Indian state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- Himachal Pradesh hosted the Paragliding World Cup-2015 from 24 October to 31 October 2015 at Bir Billing in Kangra valley.
- In this world cup Switzerland's pilot *Michael* Kuffer topped with 3266 points while second and third place are achieved by Xevi Bonet Dalmau(3257) of Spain and Julien Wirtz(3254) of France respectively in the men's category.
- Indian pilot Ajay Kumar Sharma (2703 points) achieved 31th, Gurpreet (2223 points) achieved 63th and Arvind Paul (2169 points) achieved 70th position out of total 118 pilots who participated in the World Cup.
- In women's category Yuki Sato of Japan topped with 2425 points while second and third place are achieved by Petra Slivova(2173) of Czech Republic and Yael Margelisch(1907) of Switzerland respectively.
- In the Team category Gin Gliders topped while second and third positions are held by Parapente Mag and Air'G Products respectively.
- In terms overall performance in the World Cup among nations France, England and Slovenia achieved first, second and third place respectively, while India achieved 12th place.

Reference:

<http://www.pwc2015.com/>

<http://www.pwca.org/node/24227>



Rugby World Cup-2015

Question: Which country has won the Rugby World Cup- 2015, recently?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Australia
- (d) New Zealand

Ans (d)

Related facts:



- From October 18 to 31, 2015, the 8th edition of the Rugby World Cup was held in England.
- On 31 October 2015, in the final played at Twickenham Stadium in England, the New Zealand defeated Australia by 34-17.
- New Zealand has won the 2015 Rugby World Cup (Webb Ellis Cup) gold medal for second consecutive year (2011, 2015) and overall for the third time
- **Man of the Match** was given to Daniel Carter (New Zealand) for his maximum 19 points.
- For bronze medal South Africa defeated Argentina by 24-13.
- **Other awards are:**
- **Team of the Year:** New Zealand
- **Coach of the Year:** Michael Cheika (Australia)
- **Player of the Year:** Daniel Carter (New Zealand)
- In the tournament total 48 matches were played between 20 teams.

Reference:

<http://www.rugbyworldcup.com/>

<http://www.rugbyworldcup.com/news/121819>

Sports Personalities

Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Question: Recently who has been named as brand ambassador of Midwest Group?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Irfan Pathan
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Ans (d)

Related facts:



- On 27 November 2015, India's ODI cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni signed up to be the brand ambassador of Dubai-based hospitality and event management company 'Grand Midwest' of UAE businessman Zafar Shah Khan.
- Dhoni has signed up with the company for three years.
- It should be noted that this is his first endorsement deal (as brand ambassador) outside the country.

Reference:

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/ms-dhoni-signs-up-as-brand-ambassador-of-uae-based-company/>

Dilip Vengsarkar

Ques: Recently, who was appointed as the director of the National Cricket Academy (NCA)?

- (a) Chetan Chauhan
- (b) Brijesh Patel
- (c) Sanjay Desai
- (d) Dilip Vengsarkar

Ans: d

Related facts:

- November 24, 2015 former India captain Dilip Vengsarkar has appointed as the director of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bangalore.
- He will take over the charge from Brijesh Patel.
- Vengsarkar is also a Vice President of Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA).

Reference:

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/india/content/story/943837.html>

<http://www.cricketcountry.com/news/dilip-vengsarkar-appointed-honorary-director-of-national-cricket-academy-358386>



Aditi Chauhan

Ques: Recently, who was awarded as the Asian Woman Footballer of the year in United Kingdom?

- (a) Ashalata Devi
- (b) Aditi Chauhan
- (c) E. Pnthoi Chanu
- (d) Amanpreet Kaur

Ans: b

Related facts:

- Aditi Chauhan was awarded as the Asian Woman Footballer of the year in United Kingdom on November 20, 2015.
- The 3rd Asian Football Awards was held at Wembley Stadium (United Kingdom).
- It was awarded by English Football Association and Asian Football Confederation (AFC) to English players of Asian origin.
- Aditi Chauhan has been playing as goalkeeper for English Premier League (EPL) club West Ham United's ladies team previously.
- She became the first player from the India national women's team to play competitively in England.
- Aditi Chauhan has represented India as goalkeeper in the Asian Games and South Asian Women's Football Championship.
- Aditi Chauhan originally is a resident of Delhi.

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<http://www.asianfootballawards.co.uk/afa-awards/shortlisted-nominees/#.VlwzlcPLDoB>

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/football/west-ham-gk-aditi-chauhan-awarded-asian-woman-footballer-of-the-year/story-3fk8x4CPOfWoD45JoUysgL.html>



Ganesh Thapa

Question: Name Nepal Football Association president who has been recently banned by FIFA?

- (a) Suresh Thapa
- (b) Ramesh Thapa
- (c) Mahesh Thapa
- (d) Ganesh Thapa

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- FIFA, the governing body of football, on 16 November 2015 banned Nepal Football Association president and ex-Asian football vice-president Ganesh Thapa for 10 years for bribery.
- He is also under investigation by Nepalese authorities for allegedly embezzling millions of pounds of football development money.
- The body also banned the president of the Laos federation Viphet Sihachakr for two years.



Reference:

<http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/34832327>

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2015/nov/16/fifa-nepal-ganesh-thapa-10-years>

<http://thehimalayantimes.com/sports/fifa-ethics-committee-bans-anfa-executives/>

<http://www.vientianetimes.org.la/FreeContent/FreeContent/FIFA%20bans.htm>

Sundar Raman

Question: Who has recently resigned as chief operating officer of the IPL?

- (a) Sundar Raman
- (b) Lalit Modi
- (c) Shashank Manohar
- (d) N. Srinivasan

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On November 3, 2015, the Indian Premier League (IPL) chief operating officer Sundar Raman resigned from his post.
- It should be noted that he is under investigation for his alleged role in the 2013 IPL corruption scandal, and is scheduled to appear before the Supreme Court-appointed Lodha Committee on 15th November 2015.



Reference:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/ipl/news/Sundar-Raman-resigns-as-IPL-COO-BCCI-accepts-resignation/articleshow/49640886.cms>

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/india/content/story/936019.html>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/bcci-accepts-ipl-coo-sundar-ramans-resignation/>

Lionel Messi

Question: Who has been recently appointed as global brand ambassador by Tata Motors?

- (a) Lionel Messi
- (b) Milton Casco
- (c) Sergio Romero
- (d) Carlos Tevez

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Tata Motors on 2 November 2015 signed Argentina's football player Lionel Messi as Global Brand Ambassador for its passenger vehicles.
- Tata Motors would be the first Indian brand endorsed by the Lionel Messi.

Reference:

<http://www.tatamotors.com/press/tata-motors-partners-with-the-football-legend-lionel-messi-as-the-global-brand-ambassador-for-its-passenger-vehicles/>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/sports/football/lionel-messi-becomes-tata-motors-global-brand-ambassador/>

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/advertising/tata-motors-ropes-in-soccer-superstar-lionel-messi-as-global-brand-ambassador/articleshow/49631688.cms>



Mitchell Johnson

Question: Recently cricketer Mitchell Johnson retired from International cricket, he played for-

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- On November 17, 2015 34 year old Australian left-arm fast bowler Mitchell Johnson announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket.
- He is Australia's fourth-highest Test wicket-taker after Shane Warne, Glenn McGrath, and Dennis Lillee.
- He took 313 wickets in 140 innings of 73 test matches, and also took 239 one-day wickets in 150 innings of 150 matches.
- He made a total of 3016 runs with 2065 runs in Test and 951 runs in ODI matches.

Reference:

<http://www.icc-cricket.com/news/2015/news/90603/mitchell-johnson-announces-retiremen>

<http://www.espncricinfo.com/australia/content/player/6033.html>



Personalities

Raymond van Schoor

Question: Name the player of Namibian cricket team who died on the field after he suffered a stroke while playing?

- (a) Melt Van Schoor
- (b) Raymond Van Schoor
- (c) Daniel Keulder
- (d) Jan Berrie Burger

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On November 20, 2015 the 25-year-old Namibian wicketkeeper-batsman Raymond Van Schoor died.
- On 15 November 2015 Van Schoor while batting during CSA Provincial One-Day Challenge cricket tournament, when he collapsed on field and was taken by ambulance to a local hospital.
- Van Schoor was batting on 15 runs before he collapsed on the field during Namibia's five-wicket win over Free State.
- Van Schoor made his national team debut aged 17 in 2007.
- He had played 92 first-class matches at a strike rate of 45.73 in 170 innings had scored a total of 4303.
- While in the Twenty20 he scored total 1550 runs at strike rate of 103.60 in 67 innings of 70 matches.

Reference:

<http://www.icc-cricket.com/news/2015/media-releases/90656/raymond-van-schoor-passes-away-aged-25>

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/ci/content/player/308405.html>

<http://www.bbc.com/sport/cricket/34889149>

<http://www.espnricinfo.com/other/content/story/942675.html>

Mauricio Macri

Ques- Recently elected president of Argentina Mauricio Macri is affiliated to which of the following political party?

- (a) Republican Proposal party
- (b) Front for Victory
- (c) Socialist Party
- (d) Freeman of the South Movement

Ans- (a)

Related facts:

- On November 22, 2015, Conservative opposition candidate Mauricio Macri of Republican Proposal Party has won Argentina's 2015 Presidential election.
- With this win of Mauricio Macri, Argentina will see the centre-right leading the government after 12-years of leftist government.
- Mr Macri had secured more than 53 per cent votes defeating his rival Daniel Scioli of ruling Peronist Party who secured 47 per cent votes
- Prior to entering politics, Mr Macri had a long career in business and holds civil engineer degree.
- Prior to getting elected as President, he was representing City of Buenos Aires in the lower house of the Argentine congress since 2007.

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/23/us-argentina-election-idUSKBN0TB0XJ20151123#txmzKkJK11M6jZyG.97>

<http://www.patrika.com/news/miscellaneous-world/mauricio-macri-wins-presidential-election-in-argentina-1136020/>

<http://www.bbc.com/hindi/international/2015/11/151123>



Sunil Kanoria

Question: Recently who has taken over as new President of ASSOCHAM?

- (a) Ved Jain
- (b) Sunil Kanoria
- (c) Sunil Mittal
- (d) Nita Ambani

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 25 November 2015, Mr Sunil Kanoria, Vice-Chairman of reputed non-banking finance company, SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited today took over as new President of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- Mr Kanoria has succeeded Mr Rana Kapoor.

Reference:

<http://www.assochem.org/newsdetail.php?id=5345>



T.S. Papola

Question: On 23 November 2015, T.S. Papola passes away he was a-

- (a) Economist
- (b) Historian
- (c) Scientist
- (d) Actor

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Noted labour economist Dr. T.S. Papola passed away in New Delhi. He was 74.
- He had served as an advisor with the erstwhile Planning Commission of Union Government for eight years from 1987 to 1995.
- Papola was specialised in labour and employment, industrial economics, development planning, regional development and enterprise development.
- Papola had authored 14 books and around 80 research papers in reputed journals. He also had edited a 10-volume series on Labour regulation in Indian industry.

Reference:

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<http://www.isid.org.in/factSP.html>

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Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Question: Who has been appointed as new High commissioner Of India to Bangladesh?

- (a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- (b) Pankaj Saran
- (c) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
- (d) Rajeet Mitter

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 18 November 2015 Harsh Vardhan Shringla has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
- He will succeed Pankaj Saran, who was appointed as High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh in February 2012.
- A 1984 batch IFS officer, Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla is expected to take up the assignment shortly, External Affairs Ministry announced.
- He is currently Ambassador of India to Thailand.
- He has held a variety of positions in the MEA (Ministry Of External Affairs) here and in Indian Missions in Paris, Hanoi and Tel Aviv.
- He has also served in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York and as Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- Prior to taking up his post in Thailand, Shringla had served in the MEA as Joint Secretary (Director General) responsible for Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Maldives.



Reference:

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Harshavardhan Neotia

Ques: Recently, who was elected as the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)?

- (a) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (b) Anil Ambani
- (c) Harshavardhan Neotia
- (d) Sunil Bharti

Ans: c

Related facts:

- November 20, 2015 Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman of Ambuja Neotia Group, has elected as the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for the year 2016.
- He will take over from current president Jyotsna Suri in December 2015 during the Annual General Meeting of FICC.
- He was conferred with 'Padma Shri' by the Hon'ble President of India in 1999 for his outstanding initiative in social housing.



Reference:

<http://www.ficci.com/PressRelease/2187/ficci-press-nov20-neotia.pdf>

Vijay Keshav Gokhale

Question: Recently, Who has been appointed as the Ambassador to China?

- (a) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
- (b) Ashok Kantha
- (c) Navtej Singh Sarna
- (d) Syed Akbaruddin

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 18 November 2015 senior diplomat Vijay Keshav Gokhale has been appointed as the Ambassador to China.
- He will replace Mr. Kantha, who was appointed as ambassador to China in January 2014 for a two-year term.
- A 1981 batch IFS officer, Mr. Gokhale is expected to take up the assignment shortly, External Affairs Ministry announced.
- Mr. Gokhale is currently Ambassador of India to Federal Republic of Germany.
- Prior to appointment he has served in Indian missions in Hong Kong, Hanoi, Beijing and New York.
- In the MEA headquarters Mr. Gokhale has also held the posts of director (China and East Asia) and then Joint Secretary (East Asia).



Reference:

- <http://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/26039/Vijay+Keshav+Gokhale+appointed+as+the+next+Ambassador+of+India+to+the+Peoples+Republic+of+China>
- <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/vijay-keshav-gokhale-new-envoy-to-china/article7892443.ece>
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Tirath Singh Thakur

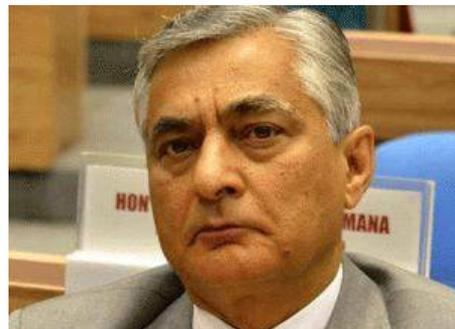
Question: Recently who has been appointed as chief Justice of India?

- (a) Justice Joseph Kurian
- (b) Justice T.S Thakur
- (c) Justice Anil R. Dave
- (d) Justice Deepak Mishra

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed Justice T.S. Thakur as the Chief Justice of India (CJI) as per provisions of Article 124 of Constitution.
- T.S. Thakur will be 43rd Chief Justice of India and his appointment will come into effect from 3 December 2015 till January 3, 2017.
- Justice T.S Thakur will replace justice .H.L Dattu whose term will end on December 2, 2015.
- Earlier he was appointed as Executive Chairman of National Legal Service Authority in October 2014.
- He was conferred Doctor of Laws degree by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow on 31st October, 2015.



Reference:

- <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=131670>

Ashok Singhal

Ques- Ram temple movement leader Ashok Singhal was associated with which organization?

- (a) Hindu sena (b) Shri Ram Sena
(c) Vishwa Hindu Parishad (d) Hindu Maha Sabha

Ans-(c)

Related facts:

- On 17 November 2015, the (VHP) Vishva Hindu Parishad international president Ashok Singhal (89), passed away at Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon.
- He was born in Agra on October 2 in 1926; in the family of Mahavir Singhal. Ashok Singhal has a Bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering from Banaras Hindu University Institute of Technology in 1950.
- While being a president in (VHP), he is also a successful author, organizer, an articulate speaker as well as social reformer.
- Having been associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) since 1942, he became a full-time pracharak after his graduation. He worked almost 40 years as promoter in the Union.
- In 1981, the (VHP) conference held in Delhi under the leadership of virat Singh after they decided to join a (RSS) sangh and became active member.
- In the 1980s he became a symbol of the Ayodhya movement. . He launched the Ram Janki Rath Yatra in 1985 and demanded the opening of the locks at Ram Janmabhoomi.
- He became (VHP) general secretary and, later he worked as president, a role in which he continued he spread his work in the world.



Reference:

<http://vhp.org/ashokji-singhal/>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/vhp-leader-ashok-singhal-dies/article7887901.ece>

The new Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

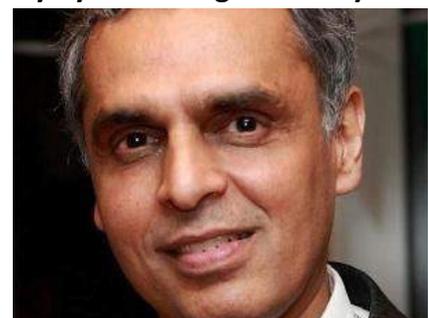
Question- Who is appointed as Permanent Representative of India to the UN recently by the Foreign Ministry?

- (a) Vikas Swarup (b) Syed Akbaruddin
(c) Ashok Mukherjee (d) Ajay Malhotra

Ans-(b)

Related facts:

- Syed Akbaruddin, currently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at New York.
- Akbaruddin will replace Ashok Kumar Mukerji. A 1985 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Akbaruddin has served as the official spokesperson of the MEA from 2011 to April 2015.
- He was the director at Foreign Secretary's Office of the Ministry from 2004 to 2005.



Reference:

[http://www.mea.gov.in/press-](http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/26033/Syed+Akbaruddin+appointed+as+the+next+AmbassadorPermanent+Representative+of+India+to+the+United+Nations+at+New+York)

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/syed-akbaruddin-is-indias-next-permanent-representative-to-un/article7884137.ece>

Saeed Jaffrey

Question: Recently actor Saeed Jaffrey passed away, he had played a role in the film Gandhi. Which historical character he portrayed in the Gandhi film?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (b) Sardar Patel
- (c) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (d) Mahatma Gandhi

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 14 November 2015 Veteran actor Saeed Jaffrey has passed away at the age of 86.
- He is best-known for his acting roles in movies like 'Gandhi', 'Shatranj Ke Khiladi', 'Henna' and 'Ram Teri Ganga Maili'.
- Jaffrey was born on 8 January 1929 in Malerkotla in then Punjab province of British India.
- He started his career in drama, as the founder of his own English theatre company called the Unity Theatre, in New Delhi.
- He began acting in films after having successful career in the theater.
- He played the role of Sardar Patel in the film Gandhi directed by Richard Attenborough.
- He worked as an actor in both Drama and Commercial films and gained fame.
- He worked in the famous Bollywood film like 'The Man Who Would Be King', 'A Passage to India' and 'The Far Pavillion'.
- In 1978, he was awarded Filmfare Award for 'Shatranj Ke Khiladi' in the Best Supporting Actor category. This was his first film.
- He is also the first Indian to receive the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his contributions to drama.

Reference:

<http://www.screenonline.org.uk/people/id/529298/>

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<http://www.abplive.in/movies/saeed-jaffrey-things-you-must-know-about-actor-245308>

<http://www.thehindu.com/entertainment/veteran-actor-saeed-jaffrey-passes-away/article7883630.ece>

Subir Gokarn

Question: Recently former Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Subir Gokarn was appointed as an Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), He replaced-

- (a) Anand Sinha
- (b) K.C Chakrabarty
- (c) H.R Khan
- (d) Dr. Rakesh Mohan

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- Former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India Subir Vithal Gokarn on 12 November 2015 was appointed as an Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- He replaced Mr. Rakesh Mohan at the IMF.
- Gokarn will represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka on the IMF's Executive Board.
- The Executive Board of IMF is based in Washington and is responsible for conducting the day-to-day business of it.



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Dr. Raghuram Rajan

Question: Recently Dr. Raghuram Rajan, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was elected as the Vice-Chairman on the Board of Directors of BIS (Bank for International Settlements), its headquarters is in-

- (a) Basel (Switzerland)
- (b) New York (America)
- (c) Vienna (Australia)
- (d) London (Britain)

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Raghuram Rajan, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on 10 November 2015 was elected as the Vice-Chairman on the Board of Directors of BIS.
- In this capacity, he will serve the BIS for three years.
- Mr Rajan joined the BIS Board of Directors in December 2013.
- Established on 17 May 1930, the BIS is the world's oldest international financial organisation.
- Its headquarters is in Basel, Switzerland.



Reference:

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Harjit Singh Sajjan

Question: In newly formed Cabinet of Canada Indian origin Harjit Sajjan has been sworn in as a-

- (a) Defence minister
- (b) Home minister
- (c) Finance minister
- (d) Foreign minister

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- Indian origin Harjit Singh Sajjan was sworn-in as Defence Minister of Canada on 4 November 2015.
- Sajjan was first elected as Member of Parliament representing the Vancouver South during the 2015 federal election.
- He was born in a Sikh family of Punjab province of India.
- Harjit also became the first Sikh to serve as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia region.

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New chairman of Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission

Question: Recently who has been appointed as the new chairman of Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission?

- (a) Justice Ravindra Singh
- (b) Justice Syed Rafat Alam
- (c) Justice Tarun Chatterjee
- (d) Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 5 November 2015 UP Governor Ram Naik appointed Justice (Retd) Syed Rafat Alam as the new chairman of the Uttar Pradesh State Human Rights Commission.
- His term would be of five years or 70 years whichever is earlier from the date he takes the charge.
- The Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission was set up under section 21 of Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 on October 7, 2002.

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Brijmohan Lall Munjal

Question: Brij Mohan Lall Munjal who recently passed away, was related to which of the following field?

- (a) Medicine (b) Trade and industry
(c) Politics (d) Social service

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- 92 years old Brijmohan Lall Munjal died on 1 November 2015 in New Delhi.
- He was the founder and chairman of Hero MotoCorp which is the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer.
- He also led Hero Cycles, part of Hero Group, to become the largest manufacturer of bicycles in 1986.
- In 1956, he had started India's first bicycle manufacturing unit under the brand name Hero Cycles in Ludhiana
- In 1984, he set up joint venture (JV) company Hero Honda after tying up with Japanese automaker Honda.
- In 2010 Munjal led Hero Group had decided to separate from Honda.
- For his contributions to the industry he was conferred with many awards including the Padma Bhushan in 2005.
- He was the president of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) in year 1988-89.



Reference:

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healers/motorcycles/hero-motocorp-founder-brijmohan-lall-munjal-passes-away/49620921

http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/end-of-an-era-brijmohan-lall-munjal-dies-after-brief-illness-115110100779_1.html

Presidential elections in Tanzania

Question- John Magufuli, elected as the new President of which of the African country in the election held recently?

- (a) Nigeria (b) Tanzania
(c) Ethiopia (d) Namibia

Ans-(b)

Related facts:

- Ruling party candidate John Magufuli of Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) party won Tanzania's presidential elections with 58.46% of votes.
- He defeated the opposition leader and the former Prime Minister Edward Lowassa who received 39.97% of votes.
- Before the election, Mr. Magufuli pitched himself as honest and hard-working leader.



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Places

Inauguration of Mahatma Gandhi International Centre in Sri Lanka

Question: Where did Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena inaugurate the Mahatma Gandhi International Centre on 22 November 2015?

- (a) Kandy
- (b) Colombo
- (c) Matale
- (d) Jafana

Ans (c)

Related facts:

- Mr Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi International Centre in Matale on November 22, 2015.
- High Commissioner of India, Mr Y. K. Sinha was also present on the occasion.
- This is a tribute to the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to humanity and the continuing relevance of his principles and philosophy to mankind.
- It was funded under the Government of India's Development Cooperation Partnership with Sri Lanka.
- An amount of 88.6 million Sri Lankan rupees was spent by the Indian government.
- Gandhi made a brief visit to the town in the Central Province in November 1927.
- The Mahatma Gandhi International Centre consists of an auditorium, library, meditation centre and a conference hall.
- The Centre provides a platform to reinforce the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, promote harmony among different communities.
- It can also be used as a resource centre for cultural activities and for the youth to enhance their knowledge in various fields through seminars, workshops and conferences.

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Jhalawar

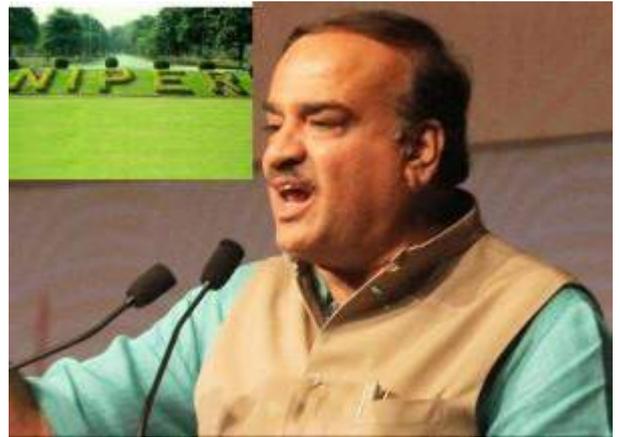
Question: The Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Ananth Kumar has announced the setting up of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), in which of the following state –

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: a

Related facts:

- November 19, 2015 the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Ananth Kumar has announced the setting up of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in Jhalawar, Rajasthan.
- It is notable that Central Government will invest Rs 500 crore in this international level institute which will come up in two years.
- In addition, Government also announced that Rs 100 crore will be invested in upgrading the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Jaipur.



Reference:

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Sierra Leone

Question: When did the World Health Organization declares the end of the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone?

- (a) 5 November 2015
- (b) 7 November 2015
- (c) 9 November 2015
- (d) 2 November 2015

Ans: b

Related facts:

- On 7 November 2015, the World Health Organization declares the end of the Ebola outbreak in western African country Sierra Leone.
- Sierra Leone recorded the first Ebola case on 24 May 2014, a total number of 8,704 people were infected and 3,589 have died. From those who tragically lost their lives, 221 of them were healthcare workers.



Reference:

<http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/statements/item/8141-statement-on-the-end-of-the-ebola-outbreak-in-sierra-leone.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/07/world-health-organisation-sierra-leone-ebola-free>

Visually Impaired Friendly Station

Ques: Recently, which Railway station became the first-ever visually impaired-friendly station in the country?

- (a) Bangalore City Railway Station
- (b) Mysore Junction Railway Station
- (c) Howrah Junction Railway Station
- (d) Chennai Central Railway Station

Ans: b

Related facts:

- On November 3, 2015 Mysore Railway Station became the first-ever visually impaired-friendly railway station in the country.
- The Station possesses the necessary infrastructure/facilities that enable visually challenged 'differently-abled' persons to help themselves by making use of them.
- Menu cards in Railway Canteen and the Railway time-table have been printed using Braille letters.
- Anuprayas, an NGO, has worked in cooperation with the Railways.



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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/mysuru-becomes-first-blindfriendly-railway-station/article7837144.ece>

Operations & Campaign

Operation Inherent Resolve

Question-operation Inherent Resolve is related to which of the following option?

- (a) Indian forces operation against the Naxalites
- (b) French army operation against terrorism
- (c) Sri Lankan military operation against Tamil rebels
- (d) US military operation for the intervention against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)

Ans-(d)

Related facts:-

- Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) came into news after the Paris terror attack on 13 November 2015 in which about 130 people were killed and several were injured.
- OIR is the US military operation name for the intervention against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), including both the campaign in Iraq and the campaign in Syria.
- Formed in October 2014 to counter ISIL's sweeping takeover of territory in Iraq and Syria last summer.
- The Task Force brings to bear more than 60 countries in the fight against ISIS.
- The foreign ministers of Russia and US stated that they would explore closer counter terrorism cooperation.

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<http://www.centcom.mil/en/news/articles/inside-the-coalition-to-defeat-isil>

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<https://twitter.com/cjtfoir>



China, Thailand joint air force exercise

Question: When did China, Thailand joint air force exercise held-

- (a) 12 to 30 November
- (b) 15 to 25 November
- (c) 20 to 30 October
- (d) 20 to 29 November



Ans (a)

Related facts:

- China, Thailand joint air force exercise held at the Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, around 260 km (161 miles) northeast of Bangkok.
- The exercise was named as “Falcon Strike”
- The military exercise began from November 12 and will last till November 30.

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Awards & Honors

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development-2015

Question: The Headquarter of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is at-

- (a) Geneva (b) New York
(c) Paris (d) Bonn

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 19 November 2015 the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was chosen for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2015.
- This was announced by Indira Gandhi memorial trust secretary Suman Dubey.
- The decision in this regard was taken by the international jury of the prize, headed by **Vice President of India Mohammad Hamid Ansari** on the occasion of birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi.
- The UNHCR was chosen for the award in recognition of its immense contributions in assisting millions of refugees in their rehabilitation and resettlement.
- UN General Assembly established UNHCR on December 14, 1950 initially to help people displaced by World War II. In the decades that followed it became the principal agency that has helped displaced persons the world over.
- The Headquarter of UNHCR is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNHCR'S mission is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees and seek lasting solutions to their plight.
- It is also known by the name of the UN refugee agency. Antonio Guterres is currently the High Commissioner.
- It has won two Nobel Peace Prizes, first in 1954 and second in 1981.
- Since 1986, the prestigious **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development** award accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Trust.
- The prize is accorded annually to individuals or organisations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order, ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity, and enlarging the scope of freedom.
- The prize carries a cash award of Rs. 25 lakh and a citation.
- For 2014, **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** had received the award.

Reference:

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Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Awards- 2015

Ques: Recently, President Pranab Mukherjee gave Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Awards 2015 for their outstanding contribution towards service for children. The award was started in-

- (a) 1995
- (b) 1996
- (c) 1998
- (d) 1994

Ans: d

Related facts:



- November 14, 2015 President Pranab Mukherjee gave Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Awards on the occasion of Children's Day.
- Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Awards 2015 recipients are:
 - (I) Dr. Moji Jini (Arunachal Pradesh)
 - (II) Smt. Vaijayanti M. Chougala (Karnataka)
 - (III) Dr. Santhosh G.Thomas (Kerala)
- It is important to know that the Ministry of Women and Child Development Government of India in pursuance to its policy to support and encourage voluntary action for providing services to children initiated the "Rajiv Gandhi Manav seva Award" in 1994 to honour and recognize the individuals for providing their voluntary social services to children.
- The Award includes the cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a silver plate and citation.
- It is notable that a National Selection Committee chaired by the Ministry of Women and Child Development selects the recipients out of the nominations recommended by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and experts in this area.

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx>

International Children's Peace Prize -2015

Question: The International Children's Peace Prize 2015 awarded to citizens of which country?

- (a) India
- (b) Sudan
- (c) Liberia
- (d) Ethiopia

Ans(c)



Related facts:

- On November 9, 2015, the Liberian child rights activist M. Abraham Keita was awarded the International Children's Peace Prize for the year 2015.
- Abraham M. Keita received the prize from Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee at function held at the Hague, in the Netherlands,
- The 17-year-old was presented with the award for demanding justice for child victims of violence and for successfully campaigning for the Liberian parliament to adopt the children's law.
- He is the first person from Liberia to have been awarded this prize.
- The prize was launched by KidsRights foundation during the 2005 Nobel Peace Laureates.
- The prize has been presented every year by a Nobel Peace Laureate.
- The winner receives the statuette 'Nkosi', which shows how a child sets the world in motion and a project fund of €100,000
- This fund is invested by KidsRights foundation in projects that are closely connected to the winners' area of work in the country of the winner.
- This award is given to an exceptional child, who's courageous and remarkable actions helps in improving the rights of children around the world.
- In 2014 the prize was awarded to the Indian-American Neha Gupta.

Reference:

<http://www.childrenspeaceprize.org/>

<http://www.childrenspeaceprize.org/Winners/2015.aspx>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/international-childrens-peace-prize-2015-liberian-teenager-abraham-keita-announced-winner-1527861>

National Kishore Kumar Award

Question: National Kishore kumar Award is given by-

- (a) Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- (b) Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh
- (c) National institute of film and fine Arts
- (d) National Film and television Institute

Ans (b)

Related facts:

- On 13 October 2015 National Kishore Kumar Award was given by Department Of culture , Madhya Pradesh Government at ceremony held in Khandwa.
- For the year 2014-15, 18th National Kishore Kumar award was given to filmmaker Sai Paranjpye for her direction in the famous film like Chashme Baddoor, Katha and Sparsh.
- Sai Paranjpye become the first female to get this award.
- For the year 2013-14, 17th National Kishore Kumar award was given to Renowned actor Dilip Kumar(Yusuf Khan).
- In the memory of famous playback singer Kishore Kumar on the occasion of his death anniversary each year this award is given for outstanding contribution in the field of Directing, acting and script writing.
- This time prize for two years is announced because last year (2013-14) the award ceremony was not held.

Reference:

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<http://movies.ndtv.com/bollywood/dilip-kumar-sai-paranjpye-to-receive-national-kishore-kumar-award-1231537>



C-DOT's product gets excellence awards

Question: Recently C-DOT bagged the Excellence award for which of its product at the ITU World Telecom 2015 held at Budapest, Hungary?

- (a) Terabit Router
- (b) Gyansetu
- (c) 100G OTN platform
- (d) Telecom Geo-Intelligence Solutions

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- According to a release issued by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology on 2 November 2015, C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics) product **Gyansetu** has been recognized for excellence award given at the ITU World Telecom 2015 held at Budapest, Hungary.

Gyansetu

- Gyansetu is made to facilitate Prime Minister's Digital India Initiative and for outstanding contribution in the information technology.
- Gyansetu was launched by Honorable Minister of Ministry of communication and Information Technology, Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad on 25 December 2014 i.e. on 'Good Governance Day' last year in New Delhi.
- It is an innovative product for rural India it will facilitates for connecting rural masses to internet in local language.
- The product links rural and urban areas together by providing multi-lingual text, audio and video based solution.
- It is selected for the award for its innovative approach and social impact.
- Gyansetu is a Graphical User Interface (GUI) base user friendly device.
- In addition, Terabit Router, 100G OTN Platform, GPON - Fiber to the Desk Solution and Telecom Geo-Intelligence Solutions were also demonstrated by C-DOT at the event.

Reference:

<http://www.cdotech.in/itu-conference-oct-2015.pdf>

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Sakharov Prize- 2015

Ques: Raif Badawi was awarded with Sakharov Prize- 2015. He is a citizen of-

- (a) United Arab Emirates
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Yemen
- (d) Oman

Ans: b

Related facts:

- On October 29, 2015 European Parliament announced Saudi blogger Raif Badawi for prestigious Sakharov Prize- 2015.
- The European Parliament also supports human rights through the annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, established in 1988.
- The prize is awarded to individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the fight for human rights across the globe, drawing attention to human rights violations as well as supporting the laureates and their cause.
- It is notable that Raif Badawi was arrested in 2012 on a charge of insulting Islam and indicted on several charges including apostasy.
- He was convicted and sentenced to seven years in prison and 600 lashes in 2013, and then resented to 1,000 lashes and ten years in prison plus a fine in 2014.
- Recently, Raif Badawi was awarded with PEN Pinter Prize in 2015.
- The Sakharov award ceremony will be held in Strasbourg (France) on December 16, 2015.
- Winner has been awarded with 50,000 euros prize money in Sakharov Prize.
- In 2014, Denis Mukwege was awarded with European Union's Sakharov Prize.



Reference:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sakharovprize/en/home/the-prize.html>

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Commission & Committee

Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee (BLRC) submitted its report to the government

Ques: On November 4, 2015 Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee (BLRC) recently submitted its report to the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Who is the chairman of this committee?

- (a) Arvind Subramanian
- (b) Dr. T. K. Viswanathan
- (c) Shaktikanta Das
- (d) Ajit Seth

Ans: b

Related facts:

- On November 4, 2015 Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee (BLRC) submitted its report to the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- The Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, in his Budget Speech 2015-16, had identified Bankruptcy Law Reform as a key priority for improving the ease of doing business and had announced that a comprehensive Bankruptcy Code, meeting global standards and providing necessary judicial capacity will be brought in fiscal 2015-16.
- The Government had constituted a Bankruptcy Law Reform Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. K. Viswanathan, former Law Secretary to look into various Bankruptcy related issues and give its report along with a draft Bill on the subject to the Government.
- The report's main recommendations are:
 - The report recommended that the law on Bankruptcy.
 - The Bill has proposed to establish an Insolvency Regulator in the law.
 - The draft Bill prescribes a swift process and timeline of 180 days for dealing with applications for insolvency resolution.
 - The bill has proposed an Insolvency Adjudicating Authority in this report.
 - The Adjudicating Authority will have the jurisdiction to hear and dispose of cases by or against the debtor.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=130208>



Planning & Project

Inauguration of AMRIT Pharmacy Outlet

Question: AMRIT pharmacy outlet launched on 16th November 2015 is related to-

- (a) Discounted rate dispensary
- (b) Urban development plan
- (c) Rural Sanitation Campaign
- (d) Drinking Water Plan

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 16 November 2015 launched the Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) pharmacy outlet at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi.
- The retail outlet was inaugurated by Union Health Minister J P Nadda.
- The pilot AMRIT outlet will provide drugs for cancer and cardiovascular diseases at highly discounted rates.
- The AMRIT pharmacy would be selling 202 cancer and 186 cardio-vascular drugs, and 148 types of cardiac implants at very affordable prices.
- Patients can buy medicines and implants at 50 to 60 percent cheaper prices than the open market from AMRIT outlet in AIIMS.
- The project has been floated in a tie-up with government-owned HLL Lifecare Ltd (HLL).
- Health Minister assured that Based on the outcome of the AIIMS outlet, this initiative will be taken to other central government hospitals and Regional Cancer Centres in partnership with the HLL.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=130495>

Website on Climate Change launched

Ques: Recently, a new website was launched for the purpose of putting up India's stands and efforts for the Paris

Summit on-

- (a) 10th November
- (b) 11th November
- (c) 12th November
- (d) 13th November

Ans: c



Related facts:

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Prakash Javadekar launched a new website on Climate Change in Pune.
- This website has been created especially for the purpose of putting up India's stands and efforts till Paris Summit.
- This website included Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).
- This has been receiving appreciation and comments around the world.
- Built on a 'break away and play' architecture, each page, story or section can be posted/shared by viewers anywhere in the world.
- The website brings most of its content in the form of videos that can be shared on personal social media channels.
- The website is an aggregator of projects of over thirty ministries and agencies that can influence and curb India's carbon emissions.

Reference:

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Question: 'IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology) INDIA' initiative is aimed at-

- (a) Water supply in urban areas
- (b) Power supply in urban areas
- (c) Promoting research in higher education institutions
- (d) Housing for the poor in rural areas

Ans (c)



Related facts:

- President Pranab Mukherjee on 5 November 2015 launched “IMPRINT India” at Rashtrapati Bhavan during Visitor’s Conference in the presence of Prime minister.
- IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology) INDIA’ is a Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to develop a roadmap for research to solve major engineering and technology challenges in ten technology domains relevant to India today.
- The idea of launching ‘IMPRINT India’ originated during the conference of Chairmen, Board of Governors and Directors of Indian Institutes of Technology convened by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 22, 2014.
- IMPRINT India will focus on ten themes with each to be coordinated by one IIT/IISc.
- Ten themes are Health Care, Computer Science and ICT, Advance Materials, Water Resources and River systems, Sustainable Urban Design, Defence, Nano-technology Hardware, Environmental Science and Climate Change and Energy Security.
- **Objectives of this initiative:**
 - (i) Identifying areas of immediate relevance that requires innovation in the society.
 - (ii) Direct scientific research in the identified areas.
 - (iii) Ensure support and higher funding for research for identified areas.
 - (iv) Measure the outcomes of innovation and research efforts and its impact on the standard of living in the urban and rural areas.
- An **Inter Ministerial Group (IMG)** will be set up as the single window mechanism. The group will shortlist research projects by leading research and technology institutes. It will also approve funds for the same.
- IMG will comprise of members from multiple ministries, such as Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Ministry of Defence, Department of Science & Technology, Department of Biotechnology, and Ministry of Rural Development.

Reference:

- <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx>
- <http://imprint-india.org/about-imprint/imprint-overview>

Treaty & Agreement

Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Animal Health

Question: Recently among which countries Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Animal Health?

- (a) India and Bangladesh
- (b) India and Vietnam
- (c) India and Sri Lanka
- (d) India and Brazil

Ans (b)

Related facts:



- On 18 November 2015, The Union Cabinet has given approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Vietnam for cooperation in the field of Animal Health.
- The MoU aims to promote mutual cooperation between India and Vietnam through joint activities in the areas of Animal Health and has agreed to:
 - i. Exchange special information on animal health in general and particularly information on status of animal diseases of common concern, standards and procedures for animal quarantine.
 - ii. Exchange of special information on meat processing, meat products and slaughter houses/abattoirs.
 - iii. Set up Mutual Recognition Agreement on Veterinary hygiene, health certificate between competent authorities of the two Parties.
 - iv. Set up Mutual Recognition Agreement on Veterinary hygiene, health certificate between competent authorities of the two Parties.
- The MoU shall remain in force for a period of 10 years unless either of the Parties gives prior written notice of at least six months to the other Party of its intention to terminate the MoU.

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SEBI signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on co-operation and technical assistance

Question: Recently Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which country's Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on co-operation and technical assistance?

- (a) sBangladesh
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Myanmar

Ans (a)

Related facts:



- On 22 November 2015 the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).
- Under the agreement the two countries will be provided training and technical assistance.
- The MoU is aimed at promoting economic links, enhancing investor protection, and development of capital markets.
- The Indian regulator has already signed 20 bilateral MoUs with other countries.
- India and Bangladesh securities market regulators are member of International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).
- The pact was signed by SEBI's chairman U K Sinha and chairman of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission M Khairul Hossain.

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Agreement between the World Bank and the Government of India

Question: On 16 November 2015, Government of India has signed an agreement with World Bank for a \$75 million loan. This agreement is related to which of the following project?

- (a) Urban development project
- (b) Rural development project
- (c) Infrastructure Development
- (d) Clean India Mission

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 16 November 2015. The Government of India and the World Bank today signed a US\$ 75 million credit for the Andhra Pradesh Rural Inclusive Growth Project .
- This Project aims to enhance agricultural incomes of small and marginal farmers and ensure increased access to services related to health, nutrition, sanitation and social entitlements.
- The project will focus on increasing economic opportunities for small and marginal farmers, especially from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) households in the 150 most backward mandals of the state.
- It will invest in developing a network of social enterprises for food, nutrition, sanitation and other social enterprises which operate at community and district level.
- It will also help in creating an enabling policy framework, and enhancing market access for farmers with real time analytics across sectors.
- Investments will also be made in improving access to services in the areas of health, nutrition, and water and sanitation and increasing coverage and effectiveness of India's social safety net programs.

Reference:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2015/11/17/project-signing-government-india-world-bank-sign-usd-75-million-agreement-improve-incomes-nutrition-status-backward-areas-of-andhra-pradesh>

Agreement between Government of India and the Asian Development Bank

Question: Of how much million dollars, the Government signs loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) under Rural Connectivity Investment Program for Improving Rural Roads in States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal ?

- (a) 250 Million Dollars
- (b) 300 Million Dollars
- (c) 273 Million Dollars
- (d) 350 Million Dollars

Ans (c)

Related facts:



- The Union Government on 9 November 2015 signed 273 million US dollar loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to continue improving rural roads in the States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.
- The loan will help in constructing over 6,000 kilometers of all-weather rural roads in the aforesaid five States, benefiting over 4200 rural habitations.
- The Ministry of Rural Development (MORD) is the executing agency of the project at the central level.
- Shri S. Selvakumar, Joint Secretary (Bilateral Cooperation), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance signed the Loan Agreement on behalf of the Government of India while Ms Teresa Kho, Country Director signed the loan agreement for ADB.

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Letter of Award (L.O.A) for Setting up Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura

Question: Recently Indian Railways had issued Letter of Award (L.O.A) for Setting up Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura, Bihar to M/S Alstom Manufacturing India Limited. Alstom belongs to which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Britain
- (c) America
- (d) Germany

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On 10 November 2015 Indian Railways has issued the Letter of Award (L.O.A.) for setting up of Electric Locomotive Factory (ELF) at Madhepura in Bihar to a France-based company M/s Alstom Manufacturing India Limited.
- For manufacturing factory a joint venture (JV) company between Ministry of Railways and M/s Alstom Manufacturing India Limited will be incorporated.
- The factory will ensure supply of modern electric locomotives that are of high horse power (12,000 hp) engines.
- This new factory will supply 800 high horse power (12000 hp) electric locomotives over a period of 11 years.
- These locomotives will cost about Rs. 19,000 crore.
- These locomotives are planned for use in the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor and also for Pan India operations for hauling freight trains of 6000 tonnes at 100 kmph.
- It will also help in improving the average speed of such trains to around 50-60 kmph over the existing 25-30 kmph.
- Indian railways will hold 26 per cent equity in JV Company subject to a maximum of Rs 100 crore.
- The project would bring in an investment of Rs 1300 crore for setting of the factory and also the maintenance facilities.
- A joint venture company between railways and Alstom will now be incorporated and agreement between the two will be signed within the next 30 days .
- The project requires only five electric locomotives to be imported. The balance 795 locomotives are to be manufactured in India.
- The contract provides suitable economic drivers which would ensure complete indigenization of the manufacturing which in turn will lead to substantial development of ancillary manufacturing units.
- The project would also lead to development of the region where the factory would be set up and also those where the maintenance facilities would be set up.
- The project would bring in substantial development in these areas.
- It will also lead to generation of direct and indirect employment.
- This project will provide significant boost to the Make in India initiatives.



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Conference

First Meeting of the Indo-European Water Forum

Ques- Recently where the first meeting of the Indo-European Water Forum held?

- (a) London
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Amsterdam

Ans - (b)

Related facts:-

- First meeting of the Indo-European Water Forum was held on November 23-24, 2015 at New Delhi.
- It is jointly organized by National Water Mission, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and the Environment Directorate-General of the European Commission.
- The main purpose of the meeting to discuss key issues in water resources management in India as well as the experiences of implementation of European Water Policy.
- It is notable that the agricultural sector is currently India's largest user of water. Increasing competition for water among industry, agriculture, energy, domestic use and the environment has highlighted the importance of managing water on a river basin, and multi- sectoral basis in a sustainable manner.
- In the context of above complex water challenges, the European Water Policy, centered on management at the river basin scale and integrated water management, presents a viable model for cooperation between the EU and India at the national and state level.
- The Meeting had been attended by Diplomats, Senior officers from the Central Ministries, State Govt's and UT's, World bank, UNDP, ADB, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, FICCI, CII , researchers, practitioners ,academicians and the Director General of Environment Directorate-General of the European Commission Mr Daniel Calleja Crespo .



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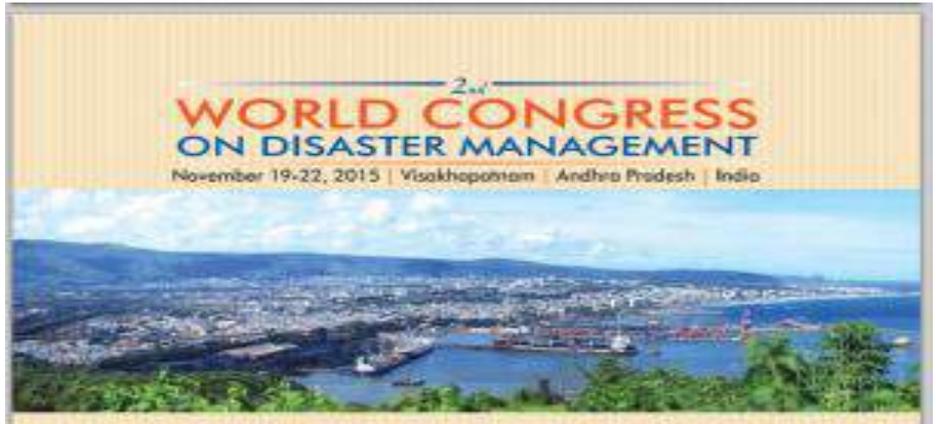
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2nd World Congress on Disaster Management

Question: The second World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) held at-

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Visakhapatnam
- (c) Amravati
- (d) Hyderabad

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- Second World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh from 19-22 November 2015.
- The 4-day conference was inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and was attended by Union Urban Development Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu and Union Minister of State (MoS) for Home Kiran Rijju.
- This is so far the largest conference held by non-governmental organization / institution on disaster management. It was attended by over 1000 delegates from 100 countries.
- The Congress is being jointly organized by the Disaster Management, Infrastructure and Control Society (DMICS) and Andhra Pradesh government and various local, national, regional and international organizations.
- It had explore various dimensions of natural and manmade hazards, vulnerabilities and exposures, their impacts across sectors and various efforts and initiatives for building resilience at all levels.
- The main aim of the event was to network national and international resources and expertise and brings them to a common platform for effective and efficient disaster management.
- It comprises technical sessions, paper presentations, exhibitions and cultural events.
- The first kind of such congress was held in Hyderabad in 2008.

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Country's first global Bamboo Summit

Question: Country's first global Bamboo Summit is going to be held at-

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Agartala
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Indore

Ans (d)

Related facts:

- According to the release issued on 24 November 2015 by the public relations department of Madhya Pradesh government Global Bamboo Summit will be held at Indore from 29 to 31 January 2016.
- It will be organize by Madhya Pradesh State Bamboo Mission and India Federation of Green Energy.
- Theme of the summit will be 'Bamboo for Sustainable Development — Global Cooperation'.

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Associations & Organisations

Launch of Technology Acquisition and Development Fund under National Manufacturing Policy

Ques: Recently, when government has launched Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF) under National Manufacturing Policy?

- (a) November 19, 2015
- (b) November 18, 2015
- (c) November 20, 2015
- (d) November 15, 2015

Ans: b

Related facts:

- November 18, 2015 Minister of State for Commerce & Industry (I/C) Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman has launched Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF) under National Manufacturing Policy being implemented by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP).
- TADF is a new scheme to facilitate acquisition of Clean, Green & Energy Efficient Technologies, in form of Technology / Customised Products / Specialised Services / Patents / Industrial Design available in the market available in India or globally, by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- This scheme would be implemented through a joint venture company Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA).
- Under this scheme Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have considered to provide support in the following ways:
 - (I) Proposals from Indian industry will be invited for reimbursement of 50% of technology transfer fee or Rs. 20 lakhs, whichever is lower,
 - (II) Technology/Patent will be licensed to selected companies, with a mutually agreed value and the selected companies will get a subsidy of 50% of the mutually agreed value or Rs. 20 lakhs,
 - (III) The manufacturing units will be provided with a subsidy of up to 10% of capital expenditure incurred on new plant & machinery subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs.
 - (IV) Green Manufacturing – Incentive Scheme: The scheme will facilitate resource conservation activities in industries located in National Investment & Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ).

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Governing Council for monitoring the activities of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

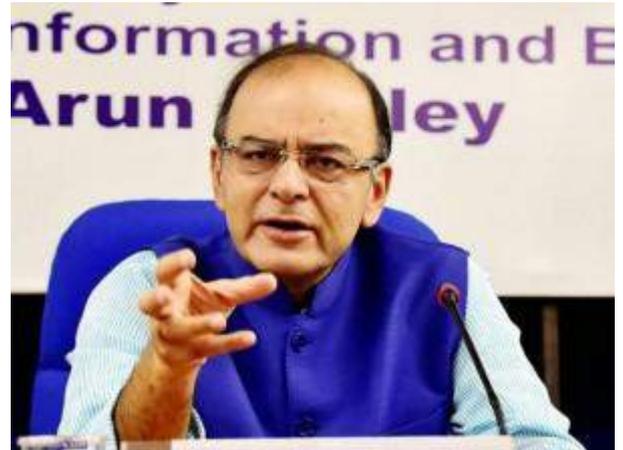
Ques: Who is the chairman of Governing Council for monitoring the activities of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?

- (a) Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission
- (b) Finance Minister
- (c) Chief Economic Adviser of central government
- (d) Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs

Ans: b

Related facts:

- Finance Minister is the chairman of Governing Council for monitoring the activities of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) constituted on November 13, 2015.
- The objective of NIIF would be to maximize economic impact mainly through infrastructure development in commercially viable projects both Greenfield and Brownfield including stalled projects.
- Its aim is to attract investment from both domestic and international sources.
- It is notable that a contributory and determinate investment trust called National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (the "Fund" or the "Trust") under the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 has been registered.
- Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, is the Settler of the Trust.
- To oversee the activities of the NIIF, it has been decided to constitute a Governing Council with the following composition:-
 - (i) Chairman- Finance Minister
 - (ii) Member- Secretary, DEA
 - (iii) Member- Secretary, Financial Services
 - (iv) Member- Ms Arundhati Bhattacharya
 - (v) Member- Shri Hemendra Kothari
 - (vi) Member- Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai
- The mandate of the Governing Council includes the approval of the following matters:
 - (1) Guidelines for Investment of Trust property/Corpus of NIIF;
 - (2) Parameters for appointment and performance of investment managers/ advisors;
 - (3) Any other matter related or incidental thereto.



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Law & Justice

Cyber security bill passed

Question- 27 October 2015, which of the following Senate passed a controversial Cyber security bill?

- (a) U.S.A.
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Germany
- (d) Canada



Ans-(a)

Related facts:

- On October 27, 2015, the US Senate passed a bill Cyber security Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA).
- The main purpose of this bill to encourage the better Cyber security Information and to share information's between the government and private sector on cyber threats.
- Important to know that the bill passed by 74 votes against 21 votes.
- It is notable that, the bill was opposed by tech trade groups representing Microsoft, Twitter, Yelp, Apple and other companies.

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Year, Day & Week

Constitution Day

Question: When did India celebrated its first constitution day?

- (a) 26 November 2015
- (b) 24 November 2015
- (c) 23 November 2015
- (d) 25 November 2015

Ans (a)

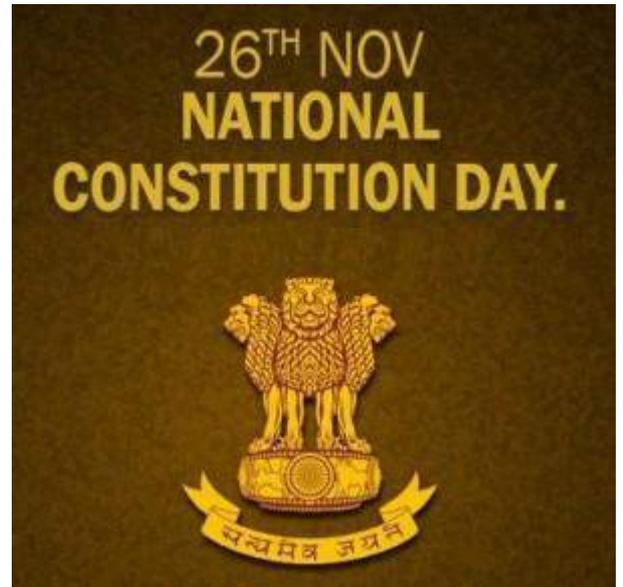
Related facts:

- On November 26, 2015 the country's first 'Constitution Day' was observed.
- The government on November 23, 2015, announced to observe 26 November as Constitution Day .
- On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted.
- This year, the country is celebrating 125th birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

Reference:

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World Science Day for Peace and Development

Ques: When World Science Day is celebrated?

- (a) 10th November
- (b) 12th November
- (c) 14th November
- (d) 16th November

Ans: a

Related facts:

- November 10, 2015 'World Science Day for Peace and Development' was celebrated globally.
- The theme of 2015 is Science for a sustainable Future.
- World Science Day for Peace and Development is an annual event celebrated all over the world to recall the commitment made at the UNESCO-ICSU World Conference on Science (Budapest 1999).

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World Toilet day

Ques: When World Toilet day is celebrated?

- (a) 15th November
- (b) 19th November
- (c) 20th November
- (d) 18th November

Ans: b

Related facts:

- November 19, 2015 World Toilet day was celebrated globally.
- The theme of 2015 is 'Sanitation and Nutrition'.
- The UN General Assembly in its resolution (A/RES/67/291) decided to celebrate 19 November as the World Toilet Day in July 23, 2013.
- Tagline of World Toilet Day is -' We Can't Wait' which inspired immediate action is required for eliminating open defecation for women and girls.
- It is important to know that 1 billion people all over the world still defecate in the open.

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<http://www.un.org/en/events/toiletday/>



National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas)

Question: National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is observed on-

- (a) 28 October
- (b) 30 October
- (c) 31 October
- (d) 25 October

Ans (c)

Related Facts:

- National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is observed across India on 31 October 2015.
- It should be noted that in October 2014, NDA Government led by PM Narendra Modi had declared 31 October as National Unity Day to mark the birth anniversary of country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Run for Unity at Rajpath (from Vijay Chowk to India gate) in New Delhi.



Reference:

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Miscellaneous

E-lala Portal for small traders

Question: Name the e-commerce portal launched for small traders on 23 November 2015?

- (a) E-lala
- (b) E-baba
- (c) E-business
- (d) E-bay

Ans (a)

Related facts:

- On November 23, 2015 e-Lala an online portal for the small traders was launched.
- 'E-lala', an e-commerce portal is of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT).
- E-lala will enable physical stores to have their own online stores enabling them to retain their customer base besides additional source of growth in business.
- MasterCard and HDFC Bank have partnered with the portal to provide digital payment solutions.



Reference:

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/portal-for-small-traders-launched-115112300411_1.html

National Resource Facility for Bio-medical Research (NARF)

Question: Recently Cabinet approved setting up of National Resource Facility for Bio-medical Research (NARF) at-

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Raipur
- (d) Jaipur

Ans(b)

Related facts:

- On 18 November 2015, cabinet approved a proposal of Department of Health Research in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- According to this proposal National Resource Facility for Bio-medical Research (NARF) will be set up at Genome Valley in Hyderabad by Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR).
- The estimated project cost is Rs 338.58 crores and the resource centre is expected to be functional by 2018-19.
- The institution will be the first of its kind for quality laboratory animals for basic and applied biomedical research in the country.



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Word of the Year

Question: “Emoji” word is formed from the combination of the words in which two languages?

- (a) Japanese+ French
- (b) English+ Japanese
- (c) Hindi+ Japanese
- (d) Chinese+ English

Ans (b)



Related facts:

- On 16 November 2015 Oxford Dictionaries’ chose an emoji, or pictograph known as “Face with Tears of Joy.” As the Word of the Year for 2015.
- This is a pictograph instead of an actual word which expresses the emotion of Crying laughing or tear of joy.
- This was chosen because it was the most used emoji globally in 2015.
- The word emoji is formed from the combination of English and Japanese language words, (e ‘picture’ + moji ‘letter’ character).
- Emoji have been used since the late 1990s although it has been found in English since 1997.
- An emoji is a small digital image or icon used to express an idea or emotion in electronic communication.
- For the first time ever, the Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year is a pictograph instead of a word.
- In year 2014 it was “vape” that emerged victorious as Word of the Year.

Reference:

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National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang), (NSCN) declares as a terrorist organization

Ques- who is head of (NSCN)?

- (a) S.S. khaplang
- (b) Y.S.Khaplang
- (c) Paresh Baruah
- (d) I. K. Songbijit

Ans-(a)

Related facts:

- On 6 November, 2015, according to the Home Ministry notification issued by the Government National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) (NSCN) and all its branches declared a terrorist organization.
- NSCN and all its front organizations have been declared by the government as a terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
- NSCN-K, a militant outfit, came into existence in 1988 and is active along the India-Myanmar border.
- NSCN (K) has resorted to terrorism by killing innocent civilians and security forces and engaged in other violent activities including the June 4, 2015 attack on the Army convoy in Chandel district of Manipur.
- It is notable that on 4June, 2015 18 army men killed in Manipur's Chandel district. The organization takes the responsible for attacks on troops.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=130500>

19th Asian Archery Championships- 2015

Ques: 19th Asian Archery Championships 2015 was held in-

- (a) China
- (b) India
- (c) Chinese Taipei
- (d) Thailand

Ans: d

Related facts:

- From 1 to 9 November, 2015 19th Asian Archery Championships 2015 held at Bangkok (Thailand).
- India won 3 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medals in the championship.

Indian gold medalists are:

- Men's individual compound competition - Rajat Chouhan
- Women's individual compound competition - Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Compound men's team competition - Rajat Chouhan, Abhishek Verma, Sarvesh Pareek

Related facts:

<http://www.indianarchery.info/latestnews.aspx?id=20>



First zoological cum rescue center

Ques: World's first zoological cum rescue center is located in which of the following-

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Satna
- (c) Rewa
- (d) Ujjain

Ans: b

Related facts:

- According to a release issued by the state government on 4 November 2015 the world's first zoo cum-treatment center is being established in Mukundpur in Satna district.
- It will be the first centre in the world where a white tiger and a variety of wildlife could be spotted and white tiger safari can be enjoyed.
- This is to be noted that world's first zoological cum rescue center and white tiger safari in Vindhya region which is known as the birth place of white tiger is going to be dedicated to people in January 2016.
- In 1951, a white tiger cub was caught by the Maharaja of Rewa and named as Mohan. Then white tiger breeding began from this.
- The white tigers alive across the world are the progeny of the white tiger Mohan and tigress Radha.



Reference:

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NTPC to officially partner Hockey World League Final

Question: Recently NTPC was named as official partner of-

- (a) World hockey league
- (b) World badminton league
- (c) World football league
- (d) Indian badminton league

Ans (a)



Related facts:

- National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on 21 November 2015 was named as the official partner for the Hockey World League (HWL) final. HWL will be held in Raipur from 27 November to 6 December 2015.
- The partnership is the third deal by Hockey India (HI) for the HWL Final this year after securing National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) as the principal partner and South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) as another official partner.
- This year the total eight team including India as host with Argentina, Great Britain, Canada, Belgium, Australia, Germany and Netherlands will participate at the year's biggest global field hockey event.

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