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Current Affairs

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Current Affairs Byte till 15 March 2016

Current Affairs of March 2016

The team which has won the Santosh Trophy Football tournament defeating Maharashtra in the finals	Services
The winners of All England Open Badminton Men's and Women's Singles of 2016 titles respectively	Lin Dan (China) and Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
The first ever joint drill Border Security Force (India) and Border Guard Bangladesh being conducted in the riverine borders of Sundarbans is named	Sundarbans Maithri
The South African track and field athlete who has become the first athlete to run 100 metres under 10 seconds, 200 metres under 20 seconds and 400m under 44 seconds	Wayde van Niekerk
The winner of Irani Trophy 2015-16 played between Rest of India and Mumbai at Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai	Rest of India
The fourth edition of the Indo-Indonesia Joint Training Exercise being conducted from 10 to 23 March 2016 at Magelang, Indonesia	Garuda Shakti

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The new name of Govt's LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELDP), which is currently being run successfully in over 120 cities across India	Ujala (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All)
The places in Arunachal Pradesh at which the Indian Air Force has reactivated two Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs)	Ziro and Along
The nuclear power plant in Gujarat at which one of the units had to be shut down due to leakage of heavy water	Kakrapar Atomic Power Station
The island nation of the Pacific Ocean which has filed cases against United Kingdom, India and Pakistan for having failed to carry out good-faith negotiations towards nuclear disarmament, as required under the nuclear non-proliferation treaty	Marshall Islands
The United Nations has declared the theme of International Women's Day on 08 March 2016 to be	Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it up for Gender Equality
The Indian Navy sailing vessel aboard which and all-women crew of Naval officers completed their maiden voyage from Visakhapatnam to Goa	INS Mhadei
The cities between which India's airlines Air India has operated the longest world's longest all-women-operated flight (The flight, which travelled a distance of around 14,500 kilometre in close to 17 hours, was operated as part of International Women's Day celebrations)	New Delhi and San Francisco
The PSU bank of India which has been given approval to operate in Myanmar by the Central Bank of Myanmar alongwith 3 other banks – Vietnam's Bank for Investment and Development, Taiwan's E.SUN Commercial Bank and South Korea's Shinhan Bank	State Bank of India
The film actress and wife of the 40th President of United States, Ronald Reagan who passed away on 06 Mar 2016 at the age of 94	Nancy Reagan
The inventor of e-mail and selector of the symbol @ for e-mails who passed away on 05 Mar 2016	Ray Tomlinson
The kabaddi team led by Manpreet Singh and owned by Rajesh V Shah which has won the Pro Kabaddi League 2016 kabaddi tournament defeating U Mumba in the finals	Patna Pirates
The theme of 9th Foundation Day of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) dedicated to the Rehabilitation of Children in Conflict With Law (being observed on 5th March 2016)	Naya Sawera
The project launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to make all National Highways railways crossing free by the year 2019 is named	Setu Bharatam
The station in Chennai division of Southern Railway which has been inaugurated as the first common user Auto Hub of Indian Railways	Walajabad
The veteran Hindi film actor, director who has been chosen to be honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2015	Manoj Kumar
The former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Chief Minister of Meghalaya who passed away on 04 March 2016 (He was also the Presidential candidate against Shri Pranab Mukherjee in 2012)	P.A. Sangma
The multilateral military training exercise of 18 ASEAN plus countries being conducted in Pune from March 2 to March 8 is named (Lt Col Sophia Qureshi is leading the Indian contingent at the exercise)	Force 18
The former New Zealand cricketer and captain who passed away on 03 Feb 2016	Martin Crowe
The Indian writer and journalist who has been awarded the Windham Campbell Prize 2016 in the fiction category for his novel Em and the Big Hoom	Jerry Pinto

13th Asia Cup - 2016

1. Venue : Shere-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium Bangladesh
2. Teams : India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and UAE
3. Format : T20 for the first time
4. Winner : India
5. Runner-up : Bangladesh
6. Player of the series : Sabbir Rahman of Bangladesh

Launch of India's Sixth Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1F

Launch date - 10 March 2016

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Launch Station - Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.

IRNSS-1F is the sixth of the seven satellites constituting the space segment of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System. IRNSS-1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E, the first five satellites of the constellation, were successfully launched by PSLV on 02 July 2013, 04 April 2014, 16 October 2014, 28 March 2015 and 20 January 2016 respectively.

IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1,500 km around the Indian mainland. IRNSS would provide two types of services, namely, Standard Positioning Services (SPS) - provided to all users - and Restricted Services (RS), provided to authorised users.

IRNSS-1G, the remaining satellite of this constellation, is scheduled to be launched by PSLV in April 2016, thereby completing the IRNSS constellation..

Latest Current Affairs of February 2016

Highlights of Railway Budget - 2016-17

1. Theme of the Budget : Overcoming challenges - Reorganize, Restructure Rejuvenate Indian Railways: 'चलो मिलकर कुछ नया करें'
2. Three pillars of the strategy i.e. **नव अर्जन** (New revenues), **नव मानक** (New norms), **नव संरचना** (New Structures)
3. For the unreserved passenger
 1. **Antyodaya Express** unreserved, superfast service.
 2. **Deen Dayalu coaches** - unreserved coaches with potable water and higher number of mobile charging points.
4. For the reserved passenger
 1. **Humsafar** - fully air-conditioned third AC service with an optional service for meals
 2. **Tejas** - will showcase the future of train travel in India. Will operate at speeds of 130 kmph and above. Will offer onboard services such as entertainment, local cuisine, WiFi, etc. through one service provider for ensuring accountability and improved customer satisfaction.
 3. **UDAY** - overnight double-decker, **Utkrisht Double-Decker** Air-conditioned Yatri Express on the busiest routes, has the potential to increase carrying capacity by almost 40%.
5. Cleanliness - 'Clean my Coach' service through SMS.
6. Stoppages: convert all operational halts into commercial halts for the benefit of the common man.
7. **Rail Mitra Sewa**: expanding Sarathi Seva in Konkan Railway to help the old and disabled passengers.
8. Measures for Divyang: to provide at least one Divyang friendly toilet at each platform in A1 class stations during the next financial year and also ensure availability of wheelchairs in sufficient numbers at these stations.
9. Travel Insurance to passengers - to offer optional travel insurance for rail journeys at the time of booking.
10. Hourly booking of retiring rooms - will be handed over to IRCTC.
11. **Janani sewa**: children's menu items on trains, baby foods, hot milk and hot water would be made available.
12. **SMART** (Specially Modified Aesthetic Refreshing Travel) Coaches - design and layout of our coaches to ensure higher carrying capacity and provision of new amenities including automatic doors, bar-code readers, bio-vacuum toilets, water-level indicators, accessible dustbins, ergonomic seating, improved aesthetics, vending machines, entertainment screens, LED lit boards for advertising, PA system.
13. **Undertaking Navarambh - a new beginning**
 1. **Navinikaran** - Structural Interventions Organisational Restructuring- proposed to reorganize the Railway Board along business lines and suitably empower Chairman, Railway Board.
 2. **Sashaktikaran** - Improving our planning practices - To set up a Railway Planning & Investment Organisation for drafting medium (5 years) and long (10 years) term corporate plans.
 3. **Aekikaran** - Consolidation: Forming a holding company of companies owned by IR.
 4. **Shodh aur vikas** - Investing in the future: to set up a R&D organization, a Special Railway Establishment for Strategic Technology & Holistic Advancement, **SRESTHA**. RDSO will now focus only on day to day issues while SRESTHA would drive long term research.

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5. **Vishleshan** - Analyzing data: a dedicated, cross functional team called Special Unit for Transportation Research and Analytics (SUTRA) would be set up for carrying out detailed analytics leading to optimized investment decisions and operations.
6. **Navrachna** - Innovation: by setting aside a sum of Rs. 50 crore for providing innovation grants to employees, startups and small businesses.
14. **Avataran** - Seven Missions for the transformation of IR. Missions will be headed by a Mission Director reporting directly to the Chairman, Railway Board.
 1. **Mission 25 Tonne** for 25 tonne axle load,
 2. **Mission Zero Accident** for safety,
 3. **Mission PACE** (Procurement and Consumption Efficiency),
 4. **Mission Raftaar** for higher speeds,
 5. **Mission Hundred** for commissioning 100 sidings/freight terminals,
 6. **Mission beyond book-keeping** for accounting reforms,
 7. **Mission Capacity Utilisation** to prepare a blueprint for making use of the capacity created once DFC is commissioned.

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The Telugu writer who has been awarded the 29th Moortidevi Award by Bharatiya Jnanpith for his novel Ananta Jeevanam	Kolakaluri Enoch
The General Secretary of Union of European Football Associations who has been elected the new President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association)	Gianni Infantino
The team which has won the Ranji Trophy cricket tournament for the 41st time defeating Saurashtra in the finals	Mumbai
The new Director General of Coast Guard to replace Vice Admiral HCS Bisht	Rajendra Singh
The public sector undertaking in which the Govt has decided to disinvest 5% of its holding through Offer for Sale (OFS) route at a base price of Rs 122 a share	NTPC
The place in Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh from where the Prime Minister has launched the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban (rural-urban) Mission	Kurubhat
The teams which have won the Federation Cup Volleyball Championship for Men and Women respectively (held at Tirupur, Tamil Nadu)	Uttarakhand and Indian Railways
The Italian documentary film directed by Gianfranco Rosi which has won the Golden Bear Award at the 66th Berlin International Film Festival	Fire at Sea
The New Zealand cricketer who has scored the fastest century in test cricket by making it in 54 balls in a test match against Australia at Christchurch (breaking the record held jointly by Vivian Richards and Misbah-ul-haq in 56 balls)	Brendon McCullum
The popular author of the novel To Kill a Mockingbird (winner of 1961 Pulitzer Prize) who passed away on 19 Feb 2016	Harper Lee
The Asian country against which the United States of America has imposed unilateral sanctions to curb the country's controversial nuclear weapons program	North Korea
The new Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh (9th CM)	Kalikhon Pul
The veteran fashion designer who has been conferred Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour), the highest French civilian distinction by the ambassador of France to India	Manish Arora
The Indian vocalist of Hindustani music, Sangeet Natak Akademi award (2009), Padma Bhushan (2013) who passed away at the age of 107 on 18 Feb 2016	Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan
The project launched by the Geological Survey of India targeting deep seated and concealed mineral deposits is named	Operation Khanijkhoy
The Indian smartphone company which has launched the cheapest smartphone in India Freedom251 prices at Rs.251	Ringing Bells Pvt Ltd
The crude oil tanker owned by Elektrons Group which has become the first Indian tanker to load Iranian crude post removal of US sanctions against the Gulf nation	Distya Akula
The former Secretary General of the United Nations and the first from the African continent who passed away on 16 Feb 16	Boutros Boutros Ghali

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The countries through which the first train from China to Iran completed its 14-day journey as a part of Belt and Road connectivity initiative along the New Silk Road	Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan
The province of Pakistan which has become the first in the country to pass the Hindu Marriage bill allowing the Hindu community to register their marriages	Sindh
The Seventh Joint Military Training Exercise between the Indian Army and the Seychelles People's Defence Forces (SPDF) to be conducted at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Victoria, Seychelles from 15 February to 28 February 2016 is named	LAMITYE 2016
The chairman of Rasna International who has been named ambassador of the government's 'Make in India' initiative by the Government of India	Piruz Khambatta
The well known Malayalam poet and lyricist, winner of Jnanpith Award (2007), Padma Shri (1998), Padma Vibhushan (2011) who passed away on 13 Feb 2016	O.N.V. Kurup
The British national morning newspaper published in London which has announced its decision to stop its print edition from late March 2016, but continue in an online form	The Independent
The twin Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) detectors which detected gravitational waves from two black holes merging about 1.3 billion light-years from Earth are located in	Livingston, Louisiana and Hanford, Washington
Australia's next High Commissioner to India	Ms. Harinder Sidhu
The smallest revolver to be manufactured in India by Rifle Factory Ishapore is named	Nidar
The former Prime Minister of Nepal from February 14 to October 15 and also the President of Nepali Congress Party who passed away on 09 Feb 2016	Sushil Koirala
The 14-day Indo-Nepal Combined Military Exercise being conducted at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand from 08 February 2016 to 21 February 2016	Surya Kiran IX
The national oil company of UAE which has decided to agreed to store crude oil in India's maiden strategic storage and give two-third of the oil to it for free (India has strategic oil storage facilities at Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur)	ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company)
The well-known Urdu poet, lyricist and novelist who passed away on 08 Feb 16 (He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi award in 1998 and Padma Shri in 2013)	Nida Fazli
The place in Odisha where the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 11th refinery of Indian Oil Corporation	Paradip
The sixth person to walk on moon as the Lunar Module pilot of Apollo 14 in 1971 who passed away on 04 Feb 16	Edgar Mitchell
The city of Taiwan which was recently hit by an earthquake killing around 40 people and injuring several others	Tainan
The well-known cartoonist, a Padma Shri recipient of 2004 and author of "No, Prime Minister", a book of cartoons who passed away on 06 Feb 2016	Sudhir Tailang
The theme of World Cancer Day observed on 04 February 2015	We Can I Can
The venue of 4-day National Arogya Fair being organized by the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) in collaboration with the State government of Uttarakhand and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)	Dehradun
The Chief of Army Staff of Nepalese Army who has been conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army by the President of India	General Rajendra Chhetri
The venue of Counter-Terrorism Conference 2016 inaugurated by the President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 02 Feb 16	Jaipur
The former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Governor of Madhya Pradesh who passed away on 03 Feb 2015	Balram Jakhar
The 150 cc motorcycle made by Bajaj Auto Ltd from the metal of India's first aircraft carrier INS Vikrant has been named	V
The Senior IPS officer who has become the first woman Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), (also the first woman to head a paramilitary force.)	Archana Ramasundaram
The virus on which the World Health Organisation has declared a public health emergency because of its suspected links to birth defects (microcephaly)	Zika virus

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Academy Awards - 2016 (Oscars)

1. Best Picture : **Spotlight** (Directed by Tom McCarthy)
2. Best Actor : **Leonardo Dicaprio** for The Revenant
3. Best Actress : **Brie Larson** for Room
4. Best Director : **Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu** for The Revenant
5. Best Foreign Language Film : **Son of Saul** (Hungarian film)
6. Best Animated Film : **Inside Out**
7. Best Documentary : **Amy** directed by Asif Kapadia

Zika Virus Fact Sheet

Key Facts

- Zika virus disease is caused by a virus transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes, mainly Aedes aegypti in tropical regions. This is the same mosquito that transmits dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever.
- People with Zika virus disease usually have a mild fever, skin rash (exanthema) and conjunctivitis. These symptoms normally last for 2-7 days.
- There is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available.
- The best form of prevention is protection against mosquito bites.
- Zika virus is an emerging mosquito-borne virus that was first identified in Uganda in 1947 in rhesus monkeys through a monitoring network of sylvatic yellow fever.
- It was subsequently identified in humans in 1952 in Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.
- The virus has been strongly linked to microcephaly in babies
- Zika virus is diagnosed through PCR (polymerase chain reaction) and virus isolation from blood samples.

International Fleet Review 2016

1. Dates held: **04 to 08 Feb 16**
2. Venue: Bay of Bengal off **Visakhapatnam** coast
3. Participating countries : **49**
4. Mascot: **Dolphin**
5. Theme: **United Through Oceans**
6. Vessel used by the President and the PM for review: **INS Sumitra**

Note: Pakistan was not among the 49 participating countries.

12th South Asian Games - 2016

1. Held at Guwahati (Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium) and Shillong (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium)
2. Held from : 5 Feb to 16 Feb 16
3. Name of the mascot: **Thikor** (a baby rhinoceros)
4. Mascot designed by : Kolhapur's Anant Khasbardar
5. Motto: **Play for Peace, Progress and Prosperity**
6. Logo designed by : NIFT's Abhijeet Krishna
7. Theme Song: **Ei Prithibi Ek Krirangan** (The world is a playground) written by Dr. Bhupen Hazarika (1926-2011).
8. Number of Sport Disciplines : 22

Medals Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	India	188	90	30	308
2.	Sri Lanka	25	63	98	186

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3.	Pakistan	12	37	57	106
4.	Afghanistan	7	9	19	35
5.	Bangladesh	4	15	56	75
6.	Nepal	3	23	34	60
7.	Maldives	0	2	1	3
8.	Bhutan	0	1	15	16

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2016 - International Year of Pulses

Republic Day 2016 Awards

1. Best Marching Contingent among the Services category - Assam Regiment
2. Best Marching Contingent among the Para-Military Forces and other auxiliary marching contingents - Border Security Force
3. Best Tableau 1st Position - West Bengal (which depicted the famous Baul folk singers)
4. Best Tableau 2nd Position - Tripura (on beautiful Unakoti sculptures)
5. Best Tableau 3rd Position - Assam (showcasing the popular Rongali Bihu festival)
6. Special prize - Tableau of Ministry of Communication and Information Technology on the theme 'Digital India'
7. Best Children Item - South Central Zone Culture Centre, Nagpur (Maharashtra) for performing the folk dance 'SongiMukhota' of Maharashtra.
8. Consolation Prize - Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya and Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi, for their beautiful portrayal of traditional Folk Dance 'Dal Khai' seen in Western Odisha.

Order of Australia to Persons of Indian Origin

1. Companion of the Order of Australia : Jagadish Chennupathi – For eminent service to physics and engineering
2. Member of the Order of Australia : Jay Chandra – For significant service to mankind in the field of ophthalmology.
3. Medal of the Order of Australia : Sajeev Koshy – For service to dentistry.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2015

Rank	Country	Score
1	Denmark	91
2	Finland	90
3	Sweden	89
4	New Zealand	88
5	Netherlands, Norway	87
7	Switzerland	86
8	Singapore	85

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9	Canada	83
10	Germany, Luxembourg, U.K.	81
16	United States	76
27	Bhutan	65
76	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, India, Thailand, Tunisia, Zambia	38
83	Sri Lanka	37
117	Pakistan	30
139	Bangladesh	25
167	Korea (North), Somalia	8

Academy Awards 2016 - Scientific and Technical Achievements

Persons of Indian origin

1. **Rahul Thakkar** (alongwith Richard Chuang) for the groundbreaking design at DreamWorks Animation Media Review System.
2. **Cottalango Leon** (alongwith J Robert Ray and Sam Richards) for the design, engineering and continuous development of Sony Pictures Imageworks Itview

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has recently approved the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' - a path breaking scheme for farmers' welfare. The new Crop Insurance Scheme is in line with One Nation - One Scheme theme. It incorporates the best features of all previous schemes and at the same time, all previous shortcomings/weaknesses have been removed.

The highlights of this scheme are as under:

1. There will be a uniform premium of only 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, the premium to be paid by farmers will be only 5%. The premium rates to be paid by farmers are very low and balance premium will be paid by the Government to provide full insured amount to the farmers against crop loss on account of natural calamities.
2. There is no upper limit on Government subsidy. Even if balance premium is 90%, it will be borne by the Government.
3. Earlier, there was a provision of capping the premium rate which resulted in low claims being paid to farmers. This capping was done to limit Government outgo on the premium subsidy. This capping has now been removed and farmers will get claim against full sum insured without any reduction.
4. The use of technology will be encouraged to a great extent. Smart phones will be used to capture and upload data of crop cutting to reduce the delays in claim payment to farmers. Remote sensing will be used to reduce the number of crop cutting experiments.

Road Safety Week - 2016

1. Observed from January 11 to January 17
2. Theme : Road Safety - Time for Action
3. Measures announced by the Union Govt to reduce road accidents by half by 2019
 - a. Constitution of the Road Safety Authority to look after overall aspects related to road safety in the country
 - b. Introduction of the Road Transport and Safety Bill in the Parliament to seamlessly develop a secure, efficient, cost-effective, sustainable and inclusive transport system for the movement of passenger and freight in the country
 - c. Between 2015 and 2019, a total of 11,000 crore rupees will be spent to fix the block spots across the country
 - d. Airbags will be made compulsory in every car
 - e. Computers will be used for conducting driving tests to curb irregularities in issuing licenses.

73rd Golden Globe Awards

1. Best Picture (Drama) – The Revenant
2. Best Picture (Musical or Comedy) – The Martian
3. Best Director – Alejandro G. Inarritu (The Revenant)
4. Best Actor (Drama) – Leonardo DiCaprio (The Revenant)
5. Best Actor (Musical or Comedy) – Matt Damon (The Martian)
6. Best Actress (Drama) – Brie Larson (Room)
7. Best Actress (Musical or Comedy) – Jennifer Lawrence (Joy)
8. Best Supporting Actor – Sylvester Stallone (Creed)
9. Best Supporting – Kate Winslet (Steve Jobs)

BCCI Awards - 2015

1. Col. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award – S. M. H. Kirmani
2. Polly Umrigar Award – Virat Kohli
3. Lala Amarnath Award for the Best All-Rounder in the Ranji Trophy, 2014-15 – Jalaj Saxena of Madhya Pradesh C A
4. Lala Amarnath Award for the Best All-Rounder In Domestic Limited-Overs Competitions, 2014-15 – Deepak Hooda Of Baroda C A
5. Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Scorer in the Ranji Trophy In 2014-15 – Robin Uthappa of Karnataka
6. Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Wicket-Taker in the Ranji Trophy In 2014-15 – R Vinaykumar of Karnataka
7. Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Wicket-Taker in the Ranji Trophy In 2014-15 – Shardul Thakur of Mumbai
8. M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Best under-23 cricketer of 2014-15 – Almas Shaukat of Uttar Pradesh
9. M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Best under-19 CRICKETER OF 2014-15 – Anmolpreet Singh of Punjab
10. M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Best under-16 CRICKETER OF 2014-15 – Shubman Gill of Punjab
11. M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Best Woman Cricketer (SR) OF 2014-15 – Mithali Raj of Railways
12. M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Best Woman Cricketer (JR) OF 2014-15 – Devika Vaidya of Maharashtra
13. Best Umpire In Domestic Cricket In 2014-15 – O Nandan
14. Best Overall Performance in 2014-15 – Karnataka State Cricket Association

PAN Card made mandatory

With effect from 01 January 2016

1. For all transactions in excess of Rs.2 lakh, regardless of the mode of payment.
2. In the case of immovable property limit raised from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh.
3. In the case of hotel or restaurant bills paid at any one time, and for bills on account of overseas travel the limit has been raised from Rs. 25,000 to Rs.50,000.
4. For purchase or sale of shares of an unlisted company the limit has been raised from Rs. 50,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

Presidential Assent to important Laws

The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Act: The amendment allow state-run Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) to have collaboration with other public sector undertakings in the nuclear field. At present, only two PSUs – NPCIL and Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI), which are under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy, operate nuclear power plants in the country. The law has amended the 1962 Atomic Energy Act to change the definition of **government company** in the Act with a view to expand its scope.

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The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Act, 2015: The amendment provides for enhancing monthly bonus calculation ceiling to Rs 7,000 per month from the existing Rs 3,500. It also enhances the eligibility limit for payment of bonus from Rs 10,000 per month to Rs 21,000 per month.

Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015: As per the amendment, an arbitrator will have to settle a case within 18 months. After the completion of 12 months, certain restrictions will be put in place to ensure that the arbitration case does not linger.

Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015: The Act states that any intentional touching of an SC or ST woman in a sexual manner without her consent, using words, acts or gestures of a sexual nature, dedicating her as a devadasi to a temple, or any similar practice will be considered an offence.

Australian Open 2016

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Andy Murray (Great Britain)
Women's Singles	Angelique Kerber (Germany)	Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Jamie Murray (Great Britain) Bruno Soares (Brazil)	Daniel Nester (Canada) Radek Stepanek (Czech Republic)
Women's Doubles	Martina Hingis (Switzerland) Sania Mirza (India)	Andrea Hlavackova (Czech Republic) Lucie Hradecka (Czech Republic)
Mixed Doubles	Bruno Soares (Brazil) Elena Vesnina (Russia)	Coco Vandeweghe (USA) Horia Tecau (Romania)

List of Cities to be developed as Smart Cities

#	City	#	City
1	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	11	Indore, M.P.
2	Pune, Maharashtra	12	New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi
3	Jaipur, Rajasthan	13	Coimbatore, T.N.
4	Surat, Gujarat	14	Kakinada, A.P.
5	Kochi, Kerala	15	Belagavi, Karnataka
6	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	16	Udaipur, Rajasthan
7	Jabalpur, M.P.	17	Guwahati, Assam
8	Visakhapatnam, A.P.	18	Chennai, T.N.
9	Solapur, Maharashtra	19	Ludhiana, Punjab
10	Davangere, Karnataka	20	Bhopal, M.P.

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The Gujarati novelist, poet and critic who has been chosen for the prestigious Jnanpith Award for 2015

Raghuveer Chaudhary

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The project of Department of Commerce which has won the 2015 eASIA Award under Trade Facilitation category as announced by Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (AFACT) in Tehran, Iran	DAVA (Drug Authentication and Verification Application)
The Gujarati novelist, poet and critic who has been chosen for the prestigious Jnanpith Award for 2015	Raghuveer Chaudhary
The Indian Navy ship aboard which Indian-Israeli surface-to-air missile (SAM) Barak 8 was test fired for the first time	INS Kolkata
The Industry Secretary who has been chosen to be the CEO of NITI Aayog replacing the current CEO Ms Sindushree Khullar	Amitabh Kant
The team which has won the Vijay Hazare Trophy defeating Delhi in the finals at Bangalore	Gujarat
Indian Navy's aircraft-carrier which has won the Cock Trophy during the Western Fleet Whaler Pulling Regatta, (it is the last time the warship is participating in the event as she is to be decommissioned in 2016)	INS Viraat
The former Indian cricketer who has been chosen for BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015	Syed Kirmani
The Indian-American doctor who has been named the first Poet Laureate of the U.S. State of Ohio for showcasing a variety of styles in his poetry	Amit Majumdar
The Indian-American entrepreneur and philanthropist who has been chosen to be conferred with Uttar Pradesh Ratna Award in recognition of his achievements and outstanding contributions in a foreign country	Frank Islam
India's first indigenously designed warship which has been decommissioned 32 years after it was inducted into the Indian Navy	INS Godavari
The week from 23 Dec to 29 Dec 2015 is being observed as	Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan Week
The medical institution in Bangalore which has been dedicated to the nation as an Institute of National Importance by the President Shri Pranab Mukherjee	NIMHANS
The theme of National Consumer Day observed on 22 December 2015	Safe and Healthy Food: Combating Food Adulteration
The Chinese city which was recently affected by a landslide of dirt and construction debris (killing over 70 people)	Shenzhen
The contestant from Philippines who has been crowned Miss Universe 2015 at a beauty pageant in Las Vegas	Pia Wurtzbach
The Indian footballer who has been named the Player of the Year 2015 by the All India Football Federation	Eugenson Lyngdoh
The football team (owned by Vita Dani, Abhishek Bachchan and MS Dhoni) which has won the 2015 season of Indian Super League football tournament	Chennaiyin
The former defence secretary who has been appointed the new Chief Information Commissioner	RK Mathur
The west African country which has been declared to be an Islamic Republic by its President Yahya Jammeh	Gambia
The country from which India is set to buy 5 S-400 Triumf air and missile defence systems	Russia
The country whose six satellites were launched by ISRO PSLV C-29 launch vehicle from Sriharikota, A.P. (The satellites were named 1. TeLEOS-1, 2. Kent Ridge-1, 3. VELOX-C1, 4. VELOX-II, 5. Galassia and 6. Athenoxat-1)	Singapore
The week from 14 Dec to 20 Dec 2015 is being observed in India as	National Filaria Week
The venue of 10th WTO Ministerial Conference being held from 15 to 18 Dec 2015	Nairobi, Kenya
The veteran Hindi film star who was presented the Padma Vibhushan award by the Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh (the award was announced in January 2015)	Dilip Kumar
The places where 3 new IIITs are to be set up as per MoU signed by the Central Govt to be operated on PPP mode with the State Govt and Industry	Ranchi, Nagpur and Pune

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The Indian golfer who has been awarded the 2015 Asian Tour's Order of Merit, thus becoming the fourth Indian, after Jyoti Randhawa, Arjun Atwal and Jeev Milkha Singh, to be so honoured	Anirban Lahiri
The one-man judicial commission set up by the Central Govt to look into the implementation of the one rank one pension (OROP) scheme for ex-servicemen is headed by	Justice Narsimha Reddy
The country which has for the first time allowed women to vote and stand in elections (in its recently held municipal council elections)	Saudi Arabia
The India-U.S. bilateral maritime exercise which has been formally turned into a trilateral exercise with the inclusion of Japan	Exercise Malabar
The country which has approved world's first anti-dengue vaccine developed by French company Sanofi Pasteur and named Dengvaxia (and designed to protect people in the age group 9 and 45 years)	Mexico
The Chancellor of Germany who has been named Person of the Year by the Time magazine	Angela Merkel
The venue of 11th UIC Global Security Congress being organized by the Security Directorate of Indian Railways in collaboration with International Union of Railways (UIC) from 09 to 10 Dec 2015	New Delhi
The theme of Kala Utsav, initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students, being held in Delhi from 08 to 11 Dec 2015	Beti Bachao, Beti Pado
The relief and rescue operation launched by the Indian Armed Forces in the wake of incessant rains and floods in Chennai was named	Operation Madad
The bilateral maritime exercise between Indian and Russian navies being conducted in the Bay of Bengal (off Visakhapatnam) is named	Indra Navy 15
The denominations in which commemorative coins were released by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	Rs. 10 and Rs. 125
The venue of 2014-15 FIH Hockey World League final which was won by Australia defeating Belgium (India stood at third position while Netherlands was at the fourth)	Raipur
The extra-tropical cyclone which caused heavy rainfall in northern Europe, especially United Kingdom and Ireland was named	Storm Desmond
The country with which India has launched International Solar Alliance to boost solar energy in developing countries at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris (The alliance includes around 120 countries)	France
The northern white rhinoceros which died at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park near Escondido, California leaving behind only 3 of her species in the world was named	Nola
The rank of India in the Global Innovation Index 2015 released recently by Cornell University, INSEAD, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	81
The venue of First India International Science Festival a joint event of Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, is being organised from Dec 4	IIT, Delhi
The currency which has been accepted by the International Monetary Fund as its reserve currency (the fifth after US dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen and British Pound)	Yuan (China)
The command level exercise of the Southern Command of Indian Army being conducted in the deserts of Rajasthan is named	Drad Sankalp
The new Chief Justice of India who has taken over from Chief Justice H.L. Dattu (retired on 02 Dec 2015)	Chief Justice Tirath Singh Thakur
The city in which Yadgar-e-Taqseem, or the Memories of Partition museum, (the brainchild of Kishwar Desai, writer and former media professional) is proposed to be opened in 2017	Amritsar

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The renowned sarangi player recipient of Padma Bhushan (2006) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986) who passed away on 01 Dec 2015	Ustad Sabri Khan
The Indian film actor who has been chosen to be honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at the Dubai International Film Festival to be held from 09 Dec 2015	Naseeruddin Shah
The theme of World AIDS Day observed on 01 December 2015	On the Fast-Track to end AIDS
The telecom company which has launched an ambitious plan Project Leap, of investing Rs 60,000 crore in telecom network for establishing 70,000 base stations to cover 2,50,000 villages	Airtel

All India Football Federation - Awards for 2015

1. **Player of the Year** : Eugenson Lyngdoh
2. **Woman Footballer of the Year**: Bala Devi
3. **Emerging Player of the Year**: Pritam Kotal
4. **Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year**: Pyari Xaxa
5. **AIFF Award for Best Grassroots Programme**: The Football Association of Odisha (FAO)
6. **The 2015 AIFF Award for long time contribution to Indian Football**: Coca Cola
7. **AIFF Award for Best Referee**: C.R. Srikrishna
8. **AIFF Award for Best Assistant Referee**: Sapam Kennedy

Kilkari

Kilkari is a major IT initiative announced by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It is an audio-based mobile service that delivers weekly audio messages to families about pregnancy, child birth and child care. Each pregnant woman and infant's mother, registered in Mother and Child Tracking System (MCTS), a web-enabled name-based system to monitor and ensure delivery of full spectrum of services to all pregnant women and children, would receive weekly voice messages relevant to the stage of pregnancy or age of the infant. The 72 messages would reach the targeted beneficiaries from the 4th month of pregnancy until the child is one year old. On an average, the duration of each message is two minutes. This service will be provided free to the beneficiaries. In the first phase of implementation, such messages would be sent to the pregnant women and infants' mothers in six States in Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and HPDs of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. They are being developed in Hindi, English and Odiya languages in the first phase, to be later expanded to other languages to cover the entire country and would benefit over 2 crore pregnant women and 2 crore infants, annually.

M-Cessation

M-Cessation is an IT-enabled tool announced by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to help tobacco users to quit tobacco. Built on a helpline concept, it will register beneficiaries on the basis of a missed call. The counselling would be done through a two-way SMS process.

TAPI Pipeline

Important Points

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1. Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI), also known as Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline, is a natural gas pipeline being developed by the Asian Development Bank.
2. The pipeline will transport Caspian Sea natural gas from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan into Pakistan and then to India.
3. Construction on the project started in Turkmenistan on 13 December 2015.
4. Indian Vice-President Hamid Ansari, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow attended the ground-breaking ceremony at Mary, 311 km from the capital Ashgabat in Turkmenistan.
5. The length of the pipeline is 1800 km and is expected to be operational by 2019.

Real Estate (Regulation and Development Bill), 2015

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2015, as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha. The Bill will now be taken up for consideration and passing by the Parliament.

The Bill ensures mandatory disclosure by promoters to the customers through registration of real estate projects as well as real estate agents with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority. The Bill aims at restoring confidence of consumers in the real estate sector; by institutionalizing transparency and accountability in real estate and housing transactions which will further enable the sector to access capital and financial markets. The Bill will promote orderly growth through consequent efficient project execution, professionalism and standardization.

The salient features of the Bill are as under:

1. Applicable both for commercial and residential real estate projects.
2. Establishment of 'Real Estate Regulatory Authority' in States/UTs to regulate real estate transactions.
3. Registration of real estate projects and real estate agents with the Authority.
4. Mandatory disclosure of all registered projects, including details of the promoter, project, layout plan, land status, approvals, agreements along with details of real estate agents, contractors, architect, structural engineer etc.
5. Deposit of specified amount in a separate bank account to cover the construction cost of the project for timely completion of the project.
6. Establishment of fast track dispute resolution mechanisms for settlement of disputes through adjudicating officers and Appellate Tribunal.
7. Civil courts jurisdiction prohibited from taking up matters defined in Bill, however, consumer court allowed to hear real estate matters.
8. Promoters barred from changing plans and design without consent of consumers.
9. Provision of Appropriate Government to make rules for the matters specified in the Bill, and the Regulatory Authority to make necessary regulations.

Launch of Logo and Mascot of 12th South Asian Games, 2016

1. Place of launch: Guwahati
2. Host Cities : Guwahati and Shillong
3. Name of the mascot: Thikor
4. Mascot designed by : Kolhapur's Anant Khasbardar
5. Logo designed by : NIFT's Abhijeet Krishna

Abbreviations in News

1. LLIN: Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets
2. GIAN: Global Initiative of Academic Networks
3. GATI: Governance through Accountability, Transparency and Innovation
4. PRAGATI: Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation

Current Affairs of November 2015

The British professional boxer who has become the new WBA (Super), IBF, WBO champion by defeating Ukranian boxer Wladimir Klitschko	Tyson Fury
The Indian badminton player who has won the Macau Open Grand Prix Gold third time in a row defeating Japan's Minatsu Mitani in the finals	P.V. Sindhu
The chess player from Tamil Nadu who has been crowned the national champion at the ONGC 53rd National Premier Chess Championship	Murali Karthikeyan
The Japanese scholar of Tamil language and recipient of Padma Shri in 2013 who passed away on 26 November 2015	Noboru Karashima
The American private space developer which has successfully tested its reusable rocket New Shepard for the first time	Blue Origin
The colour in which many monuments across the world were lighted to mark 25 November as International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women	Orange
The Serbian tennis player who has won the ATP World Tour Finals (Men's Singles) for the fourth consecutive time defeating Roger Federer in the finals	Novak Djokovic
The Indian spiritual personality whose statue was unveiled by the Indian Prime Minister at Kuala Lumpur recently	Vivekananda
The Hungarian film which has won the best film award (Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award) at the 21st Kolkata International Film Festival	The Wednesday Child
The Indian snooker player who has won the 2015 IBSF World Snooker defeating his opponent Zhua Xintong in the final	Pankaj Advani
The place in Rajasthan where the Central Govt has announced setting up of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)	Jhalawar
The Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking in which the Govt has approved the disinvestment of 10 percent paid up equity capital	Coal India Limited
The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs who has been designated as the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion for the Asia Region by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)	Shri Kiren Rijiju
The unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by DRDO the last of the four held with the Indian Army crashed recently	Nishant
The country which has won the Fed Cup Tennis tournament defeating Russia in the finals at Prague	Czech Republic
The public sector bank which has announced the launch of mobile app named Batua which can be used to make utility payments, transfer funds and buy air tickets by feature phone users (it will be available in 13 languages)	State Bank of India
The venue of tenth G-20 heads of Government summit held from 15 to 16	Antalya, Turkey

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The Indian Navy's training establishment at Visakhapatnam for architect officers, shipwright officers, and shipwright sailors, which has been commissioned as INS Vishwakarma	Shipwright School
The African nation against which the United States has lifted sanctions imposed 11 years ago for the actions of its President Charles Taylor	Liberia
The Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft which was dedicated to the nation by the Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar at INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu	Boeing P 8 I (Poseidon Eight India)
The new website launched by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change especially for the purpose of putting up India's stands and efforts till Paris Summit	justclimateaction.org
The former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India who has been appointed as an Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Subir Gokarn
The new Chairman of International Cricket Council to replace outgoing Chairman N Srinivasan	Shashank Manohar
The annual exercise of the Indian Air Force conducted to work up the full spectrum of IAF capability and undertake planned operations in response to likely future threats and operational contingencies which concluded on 08 Nov 15 was named	Exercise Livewire
The seventh Indo-Russian joint training exercise which commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan on 08 November 2015	Indra 2015
The Indian cricketer who has become the first batsman to cross the 10,000 run mark in Ranji Trophy tournaments	Wasim Jaffer
The social media company which has crossed General Electric company in market valuation and has become the seventh most valuable company in the Standard & Poor's 500	Facebook
The quantum of Swachh Bharat cess which the Govt of India has decided to levy on all services liable to service tax with effect from 15 November 2015	0.5 %
The scheme for financial turnaround and revival of Power Distribution companies (DISCOMs) which has been approved by the Union Cabinet is named	UDAY (Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojna)
The city in Uttar Pradesh which has been chosen by Microsoft as the venue for a project to fund local entrepreneurs aiming to build devices that can overcome India's bandwidth crunch	Varanasi
The station of South Western Railway which has become the first station in India to be Visually Challenged Friendly station	Mysuru
The seniormost judge of the Supreme Court who has been nominated to be the next Chief Justice of India on 02 Dec 2015	T.S. Thakur
The rank of India as per annual report on the world's most valuable nation brands of world's leading independent brand valuation and strategy consultancy, Brand Finance	Seventh
The Argentine football player who has been chosen as the Global Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors	Lionel Messi
The Indian Navy's stealth destroyer from which super-sonic cruise missile BrahMos was test fired to successfully hit a decommissioned ship 'Alleppey' as a target	INS Kochi
The Indian businessman and founder and chairman of Hero Motocorp (Hero Group of companies) who passed away on 01 November 2015	Brijmohan Lall Munjal
The Bangladeshi publisher of secular books who has been hacked to death in the capital Dhaka by unidentified assailants	Faisal Arefin Dipon
The Airbus A321-231 carrying 217 passengers on its flight from Sharm el-Sheikh International Airport, Egypt, to Pulkovo Airport, Saint Petersburg, Russia which crashed in the Sinai region of Egypt was operated by	Metrojet Airlines (Kogalymavia)

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Quami Ekta Week Nov 19 to Nov 25

- November 19 - to be observed as National Integration Day
- November 20 - to be observed as Welfare of Minorities Day
- November 21 - to be observed as Linguistic Harmony Day
- November 22 - to be observed as Weaker Sections Day
- November 23 - to be observed as Cultural Unity Day
- November 24 - to be observed as Women's Day
- November 25 - to be observed as Conservation Day

WTA Finals 2015

Venue : Singapore

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Women's Singles	Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland)	Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)
Women's Doubles	Martina Hingis (Switzerland) Sania Mirza (India)	Garbine Muguruza (Spain) Carla Suarez Navarro (Spain)

Launch of IMPRINT India

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee launched **IMPRINT India**, 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 was launched by the President on November 5, 2015.

The objectives of this initiative are to

1. identify areas of immediate relevance to society requiring innovation,
2. direct scientific research into identified areas,
3. ensure higher funding support for research into these areas and
4. measure outcomes of the research effort with reference to impact on the standard of living in the rural/urban areas.

IMPRINT India will focus on ten themes with each to be coordinated by one IIT/IISc, namely

- a. Health Care - IIT Kharagpur,
- b. Computer Science and ICT - IIT Kharagpur,
- c. Advance Materials - IIT Kanpur,
- d. Water Resources and River systems - IIT Kanpur,
- e. Sustainable Urban Design - IIT Roorkee,
- f. Defence - IIT Madras,
- g. Manufacturing - IIT Madras,
- h. Nano-technology Hardware- IIT Bombay,
- i. Environmental Science and Climate Change - IISc, Bangalore and
- j. Energy Security - IIT Bombay.

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MSP for Rabi Crops of 2015-16 Season

Commodity	MSP 2014-15	MSP 2015-16
Wheat	Rs. 1450	Rs. 1525
Barley	Rs. 1150	Rs. 1225
Gram	Rs. 3175	Rs. 3425
Masur	Rs. 3075	Rs. 3325
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rs. 3100	Rs. 3350
Safflower	Rs. 3050	Rs. 3300

Launch of e-Pathshala, Saransh, Shaala Siddhi portals

The Union Minister Smt Smriti Irani launched the e-Pathshala, Saransh, Shaala Siddhi portals on 07 Nov 2015

e-Pathshala: A web portal which hosts educational resources for Students, Teachers, Parents, researchers and educators. It is available through especially developed mobile app interface on Android, IOS and windows platforms for wider access and contains textbooks and other e-books as E-Pub 3.0 and Flipbooks in English, Hindi and Urdu.

Shaala Siddhi : It is a comprehensive instrument for school evaluation which enables the schools to evaluate their performance in more focused and strategic manner to facilitate them to make professional judgement for continuous improvement. The web-portal of the framework will help all schools to assess themselves and the results can be seen by all enabling them to provide feedback. The initiative has already been successfully piloted in four districts of Tamil Nadu.

Saransh : It is a tool which allows the schools to identify areas of improvement in students, teachers and curriculum to facilitate and implement change. The platform is presently available for classes 9th to 12th and provides a comprehensive overview of standard 10th performance since 2007 and standard 12th performance since 2009 till the current academic session.

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19th International Children's Film Festival of India

Venue: Hyderabad

Held from: 14 to 20 Nov 2015

Awards

1. Best Feature Film Award - Russian movie 'Celestial Camel'
2. Best Director Award - Jury Feting for 'Celestial Camel'
3. Best Actor Award - **Hetal Gada** for her performance in Rainbow
4. Best Short Film - **Yellow Festival** (Tamil film)
5. Best Animated Feature Film - **Song of the sea** from Belgium
6. Best Animated Short Film - **Bear story** from Chile

Competition Asian Panorama - Child Jury

1. Best feature film - Blue Mountain
2. Best short film - Chinese Whispers

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Competition Asian Panorama - Adult Jury

1. Best Feature film - How to steal a dog from South Korea
2. Best short film - A tree in the sea from UAE
3. Best actor - Micko Laurent of the Philippines for 'Bambanti scarecrow'

46th International Film Festival of India 2015

1. Venue - Goa
2. Held from - 20 - 30 Nov 2015
3. Opening Film - **The Man Who Knew Infinity**, written and directed by Matthew Brown
4. Closing Film - **El Clan** directed by Pablo Trapero
5. Focus Country - **Spain**
6. International Jury headed by - **Mr. Shekhar Kapur**
7. Chief Guest of the Opening Ceremony - **Anil Kapoor**
8. Chief Guest of the Closing Ceremony - **A.R. Rahman**
9. Opening film of the Indian Panorama section - Sanskrit film, **Priyamanasam**
10. Special Retrospective on - **Shashi Kapoor**
11. Lifetime Achievement Award - **Nikita Mikhalkov** (Oscar winning Russian filmmaker)
12. Centenary Film Personality Award - Music composer **Ilaiyaraaja**
13. Golden Peacock Award for Best Film - Colombian film **Embrace of Serpent** (Al Abrazo de la Serpiente)
14. Inaugural ICFT - UNESCO Fellini Medal - **Kaushik Ganguly**, for his movie Cinemawala
15. Best director award - **Peter Greenaway** for Eisenstein
16. Best Actor Award - French actor **Vincent Lindon** for his role in The Measure of a Man
17. Best Actress award was shared by five actresses – Gunes Sensoy, Doga Doguslu, Tugba Sunguroglu, Elit Iscan and Ilyada Akdogan for their roles in Turkish film Mustang
18. Special Mention Award - Director Goran Radovavovic's **Enclave**
19. Special Jury Award - **Sealed Cargo** directed by Julia Vargas

Abbreviations in News

1. **UDAY**: Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana
2. **IMPRINT**: Intended Nationally Determined Contribution
3. **SATYAM**: Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation

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