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## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **1<sup>st</sup> April** - Odisha Day. The 77th foundation day of Odisha was celebrated across the State.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> April** - World Autism Awareness Day. This day highlights the needs of autistic children and adults.
- **5<sup>th</sup> April** - National Maritime Day
- **7<sup>th</sup> April** - World Health Day  
**Theme:** “High Blood Pressure”
- **11<sup>th</sup> April** - National Safe Motherhood day observed across India to create awareness on proper healthcare and maternity facilities to pregnant woman.
- **13<sup>th</sup> April** - Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre Day (1919)
- **14<sup>th</sup> April** - B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day
- **17<sup>th</sup> April** - World Hemophilia Day was observed across the globe to spread awareness of this disease and other bleeding disorders.
- **18<sup>th</sup> April** - World Heritage Day
- **18<sup>th</sup> April** - World Amateur Radio Day to observe the beginning of the IARU-the International Amateur Radio Union-back in 1925.
- **21<sup>st</sup> April** - Civil Services Day observed by Civil Services to rededicate and recommit themselves to the cause of the people.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> April** - World Earth Day/International Mother Earth Day  
**Theme:** “The Face of Climate Change”.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> April** - 20<sup>th</sup> Women's Political Empowerment Day was celebrated in New Delhi. On the occasion, three women panchayat leaders were awarded.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS APRIL, 2013

- **23<sup>rd</sup> April** - World Book and Copyright Day. World Book Capital for the year 2013 is Bangkok, with its theme, Read for Life.

## APPOINTMENTS

- 1) M F Farooqui on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 appointed as the secretary of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- 2) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 appointed G.V. Prasad, the son-in-law of founder Anji Reddy, as the Chief Executive Officer of the company.
- 3) Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar took over as the Chief Justice for High Court of Himachal Pradesh.
- 4) Narendra Kumar Verma on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 appointed as the new director of the state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp's (ONGC) Exploration.
- 5) S Gopalakrishnan, the co-founder and Executive Co-Chairman of Infosys, on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 was elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2013-14.
- 6) National Rifle Association of India elected Raninder Singh as President and D.V.S. Rao as the New Secretary General on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 7) Krishna Kumar Natrajan appointed as the New Chief of NASSCOM and R Chandrasekaran as the New Vice Chairman of the Executive Council for 2013- 14.
- 8) Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri and Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde were appointed as the Judges of the Supreme Court of India by the President on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 9) Air Vice Marshal VS Bharti YSM VM VSM appointed as the Senior Air & Administrative Staff Officer (SAASO), Maintenance Command, IAF on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

- 10) PJ Kurien, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, elected as the New Chairman of the prestigious Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at Bangkok.
- 11) Sharad Yadav Unanimously Re-Elected as the New National President of Janata Dal (United).
- 12) Computer Society of India elected H.R. Mohan as its Vice-President-Cum-President Elect on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 13) Aruna Bahuguna took over as the first women Special Director General of CRPF. She is an IPS from a 1979-batch Andhra Pradesh cadre.
- 14) Italy's Parliament re-elected Giorgio Napolitano to an unparalleled second term as president on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 15) Uhuru Kenyatta was sworn in as the New President of Kenya on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013. He is the 4<sup>th</sup> President of Kenya. He defeated Raila Odinga.
- 16) Nicolas Maduro was sworn in as the New President of Venezuela on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in a ceremony by the National Assembly Speaker, Diosdado Cabello.
- 17) Takehiko Nakao appointed as the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) by the Board of Governors. He succeeded Haruhiko Kuroda.
- 18) Narendra Kumar on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 appointed as the Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL). IGL is the supplier of PNG and CNG in Delhi and NCR.
- 19) Narasimhan Ravi, the former Editor of The Hindu was unanimously elected as the president of Editors Guild of India on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 in New Delhi.
- 20) Parliamentary Speaker Abdul Hamid sworn in as the New President of Bangladesh to replace Zillur Rahman on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 21) Anil Goswami, Jammu & Kashmir Cadre IAS Officer, took over as New Union Home Secretary.
- 22) Sunil Bharti Mittal appointed as the New Vice Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

## RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

- 1) Hewlett-Packard (HP) announced on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 that its chairman Raymond Lane was resigning from the office. Ralph Whitworth will be interim chairman.
- 2) Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad resigned on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 after falling out with president Mahmud Abbas.
- 3) The British Cyclist, Six times Olympic Gold Medalist, Chris Hoy announced his retirement from Cycling on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

## OBITUARIES

- 1) Oscar Winning Screenplay Writer, Ruth Praver Jhabvala died in New York on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013. She was the winner of two Academy Awards.
- 2) Historian Professor Bratindra Nath Mukherjee died at his residence in Kolkata on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. He was a Padma Shree Awardee, a renowned epigraphist and numismatist.
- 3) Roger Ebert, the Pulitzer Prize-Winning Critic for Chicago Sun-Times, died at the age of 70 years on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.
- 4) The Great Indian Mathematician also known as Human Computer, Shakuntala Devi died due to heart failure and renal problem on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 at Bangalore.
- 5) KP Bhaskar, the Indian Classical Dance Maestro died on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 due to heart-related ailment. He was 88 years of age.
- 6) India's only Women Chief Election Commissioner, V.S. Ramadevi died due to Cardiac Arrest. She also was the governor of Karnataka & HP.
- 7) The first and the only women to be the Prime Minister of Britain, Margaret Thatcher passed away at the age of 87 following a stroke on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 8) The Woodstock Singer, Richie Havens died due to cardiac arrest on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 in Jersey City.

- 9) Former Chief Justice of, Justice JS Verma died on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 in New Delhi after multiple organ failure at the age of 80 years. He was the 27<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 and retired on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 1998.
- 10) Dr Hilary Koprowski, a Polish researcher who Developer of First Successful Oral Vaccination for Polio died on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in Philadelphia at the age of 96.
- 11) British Scientist, Robert Edwards passed away at 87. He was the Pioneer of Vitro Fertilization that resulted in the birth of first test tube baby of the world.
- 12) Sailendra Nath Roy, an Indian Guinness World Record holder on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 died during the stunt.
- 13) The Prominent American Journalist and Feminist, Mary Thom died on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in a motorcycle accident in Yonkers at the age of 68 years.
- 14) Industrialist R.P. Goenka died on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at his residence at the age of 83.
- 15) Sivanthi Adithan, the Former Sports Administrator and Media Magnate died due to illness in Chennai on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at the age of 76.
- 16) Former England Captain, Mike Denness passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 because of cancer. He was 72 years of age.
- 17) Trinamool Congress MP Ambica Banerjee passed away in Kolkata on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. He was 86 years of age.
- 18) Alfredo Guevara, the Cuban Filmmaker and Arts Leader, died at 87.
- 19) Renowned violinist and Composer, Lalgudi Jayaraman died in Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 at 82 due to illness.
- 20) Legendary singer Shamshad Begum died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 in Mumbai due to illness. She was 94 years of age.
- 3) ICSI with Former CJ, Justice M. N. Venkatachaliah on 5 April 2013 presented the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance for 2012.
- 4) The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group conferred with the National Award for Excellence in Hospitality Education 2011-12 on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 5) The President of India Pranab Mukherjee presented the AIMA Managing India Awards 2013 at a function in New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 6) The New York Times won four Pulitzer Prizes including the Award for Investigative Reporting for Stories on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 7) Telgu Writer, Ravuri Bharadwaja was selected for the Jnanpith Award 2012 by the Jnanpith Award Committee for his contribution to Telgu Literature.
- 8) Navjot Singh became the youngest athlete of Jammu and Kashmir to be conferred with the Sher-i-Kashmir Sports Award on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 9) The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee gave 54 Padma Awards at the function in Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 10) Sebastian Vettel won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2013.
- 11) Yash Chopra for his contributions to Film Industry will be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Academy Award 2013. Yash Chopra and Rajesh Khanna selected for 13<sup>th</sup> Dada Saheb Phalke Academy Awards to be conferred on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 12) Environmental Campaigner Rossano Ercolini won the Goldman Prize 2013.
- 13) Indian-Origin Economist, Raj Chetty won John Bates Clark Medal for 2013.
- 14) Belgian Mathematician, Pierre Deligne won the Abel prize 2013. The Abel Prize is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize.
- 15) Jammu and Kashmir won FE India's Best Bank Award 2012-13.
- 16) Legendary Actor Pran awarded Bollywood's Highest Honour Dada Saheb Phalke Award for 2012.

## AWARDS

- 1) Olive Crown Awards 2013 took place in Mumbai on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013. Grey Worldwide Won Agency of the Year Award.
- 2) Jai Chandiram Felicited with Lifetime Achievement Award.

- 17) NTPC won Business Leader in the Power Sector at the NDTV Business Leadership Awards 2013.
- 18) 'Barfi!' bagged Best Film Award in Times of India Film Awards (TOIFA) 2013.

## SPORTS

- 1) World No. 1 American Serena Williams topped the Women's Tennis Ranking. She won the Family Circle Cup 2013. She defeated Jelena Jankovic on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 2) Rupesh Shah, the world champion won the 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Billiards championship at Indore Tennis Club, Indore on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. He defeated Alok Kumar 6-4.
- 3) Hockey India on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 named South African Gregg Clark as the chief coach of the Junior Men's National Team.
- 4) Adam Scott won the 77<sup>th</sup> Version of Augusta Masters Golf championship on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. He beat Angel Cabrera in the play-off for the title.
- 5) Thomas Cup and Uber Cup Finals to be hosted in Delhi in May 2014. The BAI and BWF signed the dates and venue of the finals at Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi.
- 6) The Indian Tennis Players Association (ITPA) Secretary announced that Sania Mirza became one of the Four Vice-Presidents of ITPA on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 7) Assam topped the Medal Tally of 20<sup>th</sup> National Archery Championship 2013 organised at Agrasen Dham, Raipur in Chhattisgarh.
- 8) World Chess Federation (FIDE), All India Chess Federation (AICF) and the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association signed an MoU for World Chess Championship on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 9) Shane Watson, the Australian Cricketer, stepped down as the Vice-Captain of the International Team of Australia.
- 10) ICC Test Rankings released by ICC on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2013. Hashim Amla was placed at top among batsman and Dale Steyn was ranked best bowler. Pujara and Ashwin are the only two Indians among Top-10.
- 11) Rahi Sarnobat clinched Gold at ISSF World Cup in 25-M Pistol Event.
- 12) Chris Gayle hit Fastest-Ever Century in the history of Cricket during IPL against Pune Warriors India by reaching 100 in merely 30 balls on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013.
- 13) Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka emerged volleyball champions at the 18th National Games for the Deaf on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 14) German duo Sabine Lisicki and Mona Barthel won the Women's Doubles Title at the WTA Porsche Grand Prix in Stuttgart.
- 15) Djokovic won the Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters Tournament by defeating Nadal.
- 16) Olympian Sita Sahu honoured by Minister of State (I/C) Independent Charge for Power.
- 17) Chandigarh won North Zone Sub-Junior National Championship, Haryana won Women Title.
- 18) Women Cricket Team won the ODI Series against Bangladesh Women 3-0.
- 19) 27<sup>th</sup> Edition of North-East Games: Manipur claimed Title of Overall Team Champion played at Imphal.
- 20) Jamjang Deru won Silver in World Youth Weightlifting Championships 2013.
- 21) Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova won Monterrey Open Tennis Tournament 2013.
- 22) India completed a 5-0 Whitewash of Indonesia in Davis Cup.
- 23) Andy Murray on won the ATP Miami Masters by defeating David Ferrer in Miami, Florida.
- 24) Prayag Chauhan won Gold Medal at ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships 2013.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd and Reliance Communications on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 signed a 1200 crore Rupees definitive agreement to roll out the 4G services.
- 2) Chandresh Kumari Katoch, the Minister of Culture, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 inaugurated the Tagore Centre for Global Thought at India Institute of King's College, London.
- 3) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved de-control of Sugar.

- 4) India and Singapore on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 signed an enhanced air services agreement to build on the existing 216 weekly flights and meet the growing demand for air connectivity.
- 5) Supreme Court of India issued notice to the Principal Health Secretaries of States and Union Territories on compliance of rules banning gutka sale and manufacture.
- 6) The Minister of Railways inaugurated International Conference on Dedicated Freight Corridor Challenges and Opportunities on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in New Delhi.
- 7) China Mobile and Vodafone on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 announced that they formed a consortium in order to bid for the mobile licences in Burma.
- 8) Facebook on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 released the software called Home, which puts the feeds from Facebook on Android phones' home screen.
- 9) The 3<sup>rd</sup> SAARC Ministerial Level Meet on Poverty concluded on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in Nepal. The member nations decided on formulation of the Common Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- 10) Rahi Sarnobat clinched the first gold for India in International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Korea on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 11) A website on Babu Jagjibvan Ram was launched by the Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, his 106<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary.
- 12) DBT Scheme to be expanded to 78 more Districts from July 2013.
- 13) The Indian women's cricket team clean-swept the T20 International series against Bangladesh with 3-0 in Vadodara in the final match on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 14) A 2 day International Workshop on Green National Accounting for India Concluded in New Delhi on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 15) Nuclear Capable Agni-II Missile was Successfully Test-Fired. The medium range nuclear capable Agni-II missile was on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 successfully test-fired with a strike range of more than 2000 km from the Wheeler Island.
- 16) Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina rejected New Anti-Blasphemy Law Demands of Islamists.
- 17) General Elections in Malaysia scheduled to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 18) Lt Cdr Abhilash Tomy became the first Indian to Circumnavigate Globe Solo and Non-Stop on a sail boat. On return he was welcomed by the President of India.
- 19) Swedish Luxury Carmaker Volvo signed Jeev Milkha Singh as its Brand Ambassador.
- 20) On 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, India and Malta signed the new DTAA at Valetta, Malta.
- 21) Odisha on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 decided to set up the first public health university in India. This university will be set up under Public-Private Partnership mode.
- 22) Nokia on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 launched the most affordable mobile Nokia 105 at the price of 1249 Rupees.
- 23) Yamaha on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 announced that it will soon roll out the cheapest motorcycle of the world in India. The price of this bike would be 500 USD or Rs. 27000.
- 24) The Madhya Pradesh government on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 decided to declare Malkhamb as the State Sport.
- 25) Agreement for Regulation defining the structure, functions and procedure of the Joint Commission signed between Russia and India in Moscow on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 26) Pakistan successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Hatf-IV ballistic missile on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. Hatf-IV has the range of 900 km.
- 27) Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh visited Germany from 10<sup>th</sup> April - 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. He was accompanied by delegation.
- 28) Vice-President of India Hamid Ansari visited Tajikistan from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 for strengthening bilateral ties.
- 29) Union Government approved 285.75 Crore Rupees to Himachal Pradesh under PMGSY.
- 30) A Pakistani election tribunal on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 barred former military dictator Pervez Musharraf from running for Parliament.
- 31) An earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck near Pakistan-Iran Border on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. It killed more than 30 people leaving behind many injured.
- 32) Jyotiraditya Scindia honoured Special Olympics World Summer Games at Athens winner Sita Sahu in New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

- 33) The Goa Government decided to impose entry tax on vehicles registered outside the state and entering Goa.
- 34) Indian Coast Guard Ship H-191 Commissioned at Mumbai.
- 35) The International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 that it recognised Somalia's new government after a 22-year gap in relations with the country.
- 36) The Government approved the project for creation of National Optical Fibre Network connecting all the 250000 Gram Panchayats.
- 37) Minister of State for External Affairs E. Ahamed officially visited Algeria from 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 38) World Growth Forecast for 2013 was slashed to 3.3% from 3.5% by IMF. Continued recession in Eurozone is the reason for it.
- 39) The retail business of Sahara India Pariwar called Sahara Q Shop entered into the Guinness World Records by opening 315 outlets in 10 states.
- 40) The 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of Eastern Zonal Council was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at Kolkata.
- 41) The two-day Biannual Conference of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) concluded in New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 42) The Indian Coast Guard Ship C-402 was commissioned in Mumbai by Sanjeev Dayal, Director General Police, Maharashtra.
- 43) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to launch Plastic notes in the denomination of 10 Rupees in five selected cities of India on trial basis.
- 44) President Pranab Mukherjee on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 dedicated Siddheshwar Dham Temple to the Nation.
- 45) The Indian city of Ahmedabad launched a first-of-its-kind Heat Action Plan on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 46) The French-Egyptian archaeological mission from French Institute for Archaeological Studies (IFAO) discovered the oldest harbour of the world in Egypt.
- 47) The US House of Representatives passed the Cyber Information Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 48) Russia launched the World's only Returnable Satellite Bion-M1.
- 49) Government permitted Railways to use its Land for Metro Networks.
- 50) Earthquake of Magnitude 7 Struck Sichuan Province of China.
- 51) Assam Right to Public Service Act 2012 was implemented by Assam to bring in transparency and accountability in the key areas of governance.
- 52) The Meghalaya Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill 2013 was on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 passed in the state Assembly.
- 53) Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 inaugurated India Show in Panama with an objective of enhanced cooperation and engagement between the two.
- 54) Mirza Himayat Baig, the lone convict in the Pune German Bakery blast case, was on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 sentenced to death by a Pune Sessions Court.
- 55) The Dearness Allowance for the central government employees was hiked by 8 percent and raised to 80 percent from 72 percent.
- 56) India and China on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 held their first dialogue on Afghanistan in Beijing in a bid to evolve a joint strategy to deal with much feared possible return of Taliban and al-Qaeda.
- 57) Government of India approved the National Policy for Children, 2012. The policy recognizes every person below 18 years in age as a child.
- 58) The Union Commerce Ministry has announced changes in different policies and schemes under Annual Supplement 2013-14 of FTP 2009-14.
- 59) New Wild Banana Species discovered by researchers in Arunachal Pradesh.
- 60) Federal Space Agency Roscosmos, Russia on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 launched the bio-satellite (BION-M) called orbital Noah's Ark into space with various living organisms.
- 61) Government launched IBIN (India Backbone Implementation Network) for effective implantation of its core programmes and policies.
- 62) NASA's Kepler Mission Discovered Two Earth-Like Planets Kepler-62f And Kepler-62e.

- 63) India is the largest recipient of remittances in the world, receiving 69 billion US Dollars in 2012 according to World Bank.
- 64) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 amended Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP).
- 65) The eight year reign of Rafael Nadal on Monte Carlo Rolex Masters ended after he suffered a defeat by the hands of Djokovic on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2013.
- 66) Delhi's Sulabh International Museum of Toilets Listed on Top 10 Weird Museums of the World.
- 67) BPCL and Videocon Industries on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 declared that they discovered the fourth huge natural gas reserve in the offshore Mozambique block in Africa.
- 68) The Goa tourism department in April 2013 directed the Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) to ban people from carrying glass bottles or alcohol on the beaches.
- 69) Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio Infocom on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 had signed an agreement for International Bandwidth.
- 70) Abu Dhabi based Etihad Airways on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 confirmed taking over of 24 percent minority stake in Jet Airways for 379 million dollars.
- 71) P. Chidambaram on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 launched medi claim facility for the farmers holding Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) issued by Dena Bank.
- 72) Google Inc acquired Wavii, the news summarization app based in Seattle, for around 30 million US dollar cash.
- 73) Sistema Shyam TeleServices on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 announced that Dmitry Shukov will take over as its CEO. Dmitry Shukov will resume the office from 1 June 2013.
- 74) Researchers at St Andrews, the Max Planck Institute for Informatics in Germany and Montana Tech in the US created a keyboard layout.
- 75) Seljuk Minaret in The Great Mosque of Aleppo, which was constructed in 1090, was destroyed in Syrian protests on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 76) The Union Minister for Commerce, Industry and Textiles, Anand Sharma on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013, launched 21 New Textile Parks approved under SITP.
- 77) The fifth BRICS Summit was held at the Durban International Convention Centre (ICC), South Africa. The theme of the 5<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit was: Partnership for Development, Integration and Industrialisation. The participant nations in the summit were Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- 78) India and UAE on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 signed an agreement to increase the number of weekly airlines seat by four times during a bilateral meet at Abu Dhabi.
- 79) The West Bengal Government cleared the setting up of an inquiry commission to look into money collecting schemes and organisations in the State.
- 80) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation proposed to launch the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) in its 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan.
- 81) The Federal Investigation Agency in Pakistan arrested former President, Pervez Musharraf in relation to the Benazir Bhutto murder case.
- 82) Turkey Treasury Undersecretariat would close debt to IMF with refund of 422.1 million USD of capital as part of the 19<sup>th</sup> stand-by after 52 years.
- 83) Book entitled Leaf Turns Yellow: the Sufis of Awadh was released by the Vice President of India, Hamid Ansari at New Delhi.
- 84) Italy got a New Coalition Government with Enrico Letta as its Prime Minister.
- 85) India and Saudi Arabia decided to set up a Joint Working Group to address Nitaqat Law.
- 86) The world famous textile embroidery handicraft Lucknow Zardozi became a brand after being accorded with the Geographical Indication (GI) registration.
- 87) High Court of Delhi sought Union Government's response on how Children below age of 18 years had their accounts on Social Networking Sites.
- 88) Indian Railways reduced the Advanced Booking Period of the Tickets to 60 Days.
- 89) Aurobindo Pharma on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 announced that it received an approval from USFDA for generic Cefadroxil oral suspension.
- 90) Maharashtra Government was directed to release Water into the Jayakwadi Dam.

- 91) Goa Government launched a Digital Krishi Card to help farmers in making use of benefits such as subsidies and loans given by the State Government.
- 92) Haryana government raised the cooking cost given under Mid Day Meal Scheme to all primary and upper primary schools in Haryana by 7.5 percent.
- 93) Bharti Airtel on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 introduced Flat Roaming Rates for its African Customers in order to strengthen its One Airtel service.
- 94) Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands abdicated the throne in favour of her son Prince Willem-Alexander.
- 95) European Space Telescope Herschel completed its Journey in Space.
- 96) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Meeting of the Istanbul Process was held in Almaty on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- 97) Turkey joined Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as its dialogue partner on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. The partnership will strengthen the ties member nations.
- 98) Farmer's Club Scheme was inaugurated in Kargil region of Jammu and Kashmir on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 by NABARD.
- 99) The Odisha Legislative Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the Centre to award special category status to the state.
- 100) 66th Himachal Day celebrate at Dhalpur Ground, Kullu. State Government announced different schemes to uplift living standards of people of state.

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