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IMPORTANT DAYS

- **1st July** - Doctor's Day to honour legendry physician and ex-CM of West Bengal Dr. Bidhan Roy.
- **4th July** - American Independence Day
- **11th July** - World Population Day || **Theme:** "Adolscent Pregnancy with an aspiration of safe child birth and that each pregnancy is wanted."
- **12th July** - Malala Day || Malala Yousafzai celebrating her 16th birthday.
- **14th July** - Disability Awareness Day
- **22nd July** – Pi Approximation Day. The reason to celebrate is value of pi-22/7.
- **26th July** - Kargil Victory Day

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) The President of India, **Pranab Mukherjee** administered the oath of the office of Chief Justice of India (CJI) to Justice **Palanisamy Sathasivam**. Justice Sathasivam is the 40th CJI of India.
- 2) UN Secretary General **Ban Ki-Moon** appointed **Abdoulaye Bathily** as **Deputy Head** of UN Mission in Mali.
- 3) **Hemant Soren** sworn in as **Ninth Chief Minister** of **Jharkhand**.
- 4) **Mamnoon Hussain** appointed as the **New President** of **Pakistan**.
- 5) The Institute of Cost Accountants of India announced **Suresh Chandra Mohanty** as the new president of the body. **Suresh Chandra Mohanty** replaced **Rakesh Singh**.
- 6) **KK Paul** took over as the **New Governor** of **Meghalaya**.
- 7) **Hazem El-Beblawi** was appointed as the **New Prime Minister** of **Egypt** by interim **President Mansour. Mohammad El-Baradei** is the **New Vice President**.
- 8) **Maharaj Krishan Kaushik** appointed **Coach** of **Indian Men's Hockey Team**.
- 9) **AK Singh** sworn in as the **New Lt Governor** of **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- 10) **Prince Philippe** sworn in as the **Seventh King** of **Belgium**.
- 11) **Bhim Sain Bassi** took over as the **20th Delhi Police Commissioner** on **31st July, 2013**.
- 12) **Abdul Rahim Rather**, the Finance Minister of **Jammu and Kashmir** on **21st July, 2013** appointed as the **New Chairman** of **GST Panel**.
- 13) **Dahlan Jumaan Al-Hamad** won Asian Athletics Association's President Election.
- 14) **Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil** appointed as the **New Governor** of **Sikkim**.
- 15) Former Telecom Secretary **R. Chandrasekhar** appointed as the **New President** of **The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)**.
- 16) **Adli Mansour** Sworn in as the **Interim President** of **Egypt**.
- 17) **Nisha Desai Biswal** nominated for the **Post of Assistant Secretary** of **State of USA**.
- 18) **Sunil Soni** on **2nd July, 2013** appointed **Director General** of **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**.
- 19) **Sujata Singh** appointed **India's Next Foreign Secretary**.
- 20) **Arvind Sharma** Re-Elected as the **President** of **Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)**.
- 21) **Anil Goswami** took over as the **Union Home Secretary**.

- 22) **Anil Chait** took over as the **Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC)** on **1st July, 2013**.
- 23) **Rana Kapoor, Yes Bank Managing Director and CEO** took over as the **President of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)**.
- 24) **The Senate of US** on **29th July, 2013** approved the decision of **Barack Obama** to choose **James Comey** as the next director of **FBI**.

RESIGNATIONS

- 1) **The Chairman of Aditya Birla Nuvo, Kumar Mangalam Birla** resigned from the **RBI's Central Board** on **23rd July, 2013**.
- 2) **Neil Mills**, the Chief Executive Officer of **SpiceJet** quit from his Post.

OBITUARIES

- 1) Former Union Minister **Khurshed Alam Khan** died at the age of **95**. He was the **father of Union External Affairs Minister, Salman Khurshid**.
- 2) Veteran actor **Pran** died due to **prolonged illness**.
- 3) **Douglas Engelbart**, the U.S. inventor who was known as the father of the computer mouse died on **3rd July, 2013** at age of **88**.
- 4) **Amar Gopal Bose**, the Founder of Bose Corporation passed away at **83**.
- 5) **Dr. H.A.B. Parpia**, an acknowledged food scientist and the former Director of the **Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI)** died.
- 6) **Samar Mukherjee**, the CPI-M Veteran Leader passed away at **100**.
- 7) **Italian businessman Ottavio Quattrocchi** died in **Milan** on **July 13, 2013**.
- 8) **Padma Shree Awardee Madhubani Painting Artist, Mahasundari Devi** died at the age of **92**.

- 9) **Veteran Tamil Film Lyricist, Vaali** died at the age of **82**.
- 10) **L Brojeshori Devi**, the Olympian Judo Player passed away on **22nd July, 2013** at the age of **32**.
- 11) **N Rangabashyam**, the Padma Bhushan award recipient **Gastroenterologist** died.
- 12) **Prof. Oommen Mathew, Former MLA form Kuttanad, Kerala** died.
- 13) **The Most Type-Cast Actor of Bollywood, Jagdish Raj** died at **85** on **28th July, 2013**.
- 14) **IMO Secretary-General Emeritus and Padma Vibhushan Awardee, C.P. Srivastava** died in **Italy**.
- 15) **Manjula Vijayakumar**, the South Indian Actress died at the Age of **59**.
- 16) **Arun Nehru**, the Former Union Minister and Close Aide of **Rajiv Gandhi**, died at **69**.
- 17) **Obaid Siddiqi, National Research Professor at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)**, died in **Bangalore** following a **Road Accident**.
- 18) **Ilya Segalovich**, the Co-Founder of **Yandex** died at the age of **48 Years**.
- 19) **Hemendra Prasad Barooah**, the Noted Assam Tea Planter passed away at **87**.
- 20) **SN Hanumantha Rao**, the former Indian Test umpire passed away on **29th July, 2013** at a private hospital in **Karnataka**.
- 21) **M. Ramakrishnaya, Founder Chairman of Nabard and Former RBI Deputy Governor** passed away.
- 22) **Santosh Lal the Inventor of MS Dhoni's Helicopter Shot** died.

AWARDS

- 1) **Zubin Mehta** named for **Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony 2013**.
- 2) **Amjad Ali Khan** to get **21st Rajiv Gandhi National Sashbhavna Award**.
- 3) **Bastian Schweinsteiger** won **Journalists' Player of the Year Award** by **Kicker Magazine**.

- 4) **Edward Snowden** awarded with **German Whistleblower Prize**.
- 5) **Britain** honoured **Krishna Menon** by placing **Blue Plaque** on his **First Home** in **London**.
- 6) **British Firm** called **Real VNC** was presented the **MacRobert Award**.
- 7) **Paradip Port** conferred with the **Major Port of the Year Award**.
- 8) **Vandana Gandhi** became the first Indian woman to receive **Dubai Government's Emirates Woman Award for Business Excellence** in **June 2013**.
- 9) **Bono** the frontman of rock band **U2** was awarded with the **Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters** on **17th July, 2013** for the contribution to music.
- 10) **IIFA Awards 2013:**
 - **Best Film:** 'Barfi!'
 - **Best Actor:** Ranbir Kapoor for 'Barfi!'
 - **Best Female Actor:** Vidya Balan for 'Kahaani'
 - **Best Director:** Anurag Basu for 'Barfi!'
 - **Best Story:** Tani and Anurag Basu for 'Barfi!'
 - **Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male):** Annu Kapoor for 'Vicky Donor'
 - **Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female):** Anushka Sharma for 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan'
 - **Best Debut (Female):** Yami Gautam for 'Vicky Donor'
 - **Best Debut (Male):** Ayushmaan Khurana for 'Vicky Donor'
 - **Best Actor in a Comic Role:** Abhishek Bachchan for 'Bol Bachchan'
 - **Best Actor in a Negative Role:** Rishi Kapoor from 'Agneepath'
 - **Best Debut Director:** Gauri Shinde for 'English Vinglish'
 - **Best Music Director:** Pritam for 'Barfi!'
 - **Best Lyrics:** Amitabh Bhattacharya for 'Mujhme Kahin' from 'Agneepath'
 - **Best Singer (Male):** Sonu Nigam for 'Agneepath'

- **Best singer (female):** Shreya Ghoshal for 'Chikni Chameli' from 'Agneepath'
- **Best sound Design:** Shajith Koyeri for 'Barfi!'
- **Best Background Score:** Pritam for 'Barfi!'
- **Audience Choice Best Jodi of The Year:** Deepika Padukone - Ranbir Kapoor
- **Digital Star of the Year:** Shah Rukh Khan.

11) **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2013:**

Awarded Uncategorized:

- **Habiba Sarobi** aged 55, **First Female Governor of Afgan Province of Bamyan**, received the prestigious **Ramon Magsaysay Award for the year 2013**. She was recognized for promoting education and woman's right.
- **Lahpai Seng Raw**, Founder of Myanmar's largest civil society group, has also been honored with the award for helping people across ethnic groups under conditions of armed conflict.
- The Nepalese group **Shakti Samuha (Power Group)**, formed by survivors of human trafficking, has recognised for helping fellow victims by setting up halfway homes and emergency shelters.

Awarded under Emergent Leadership Category:

- **Ernesto Domingo**, a **76-year-old Physician** honored for dedicating his career to pushing for the poor's access to Health services and for groundbreaking and successful advocacy of neonatal Hepatitis vaccination that has saved millions of lives in the **Philippines**.
- **The Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Corruption Eradication Commission), Indonesia's Independent Anti-corruption Government Body**, was honored for a **100- percent conviction rate** in the **169 cases** it fought between **2004** and **2010**, during which it recovered more than **US 80 million dollars** in stolen assets.

SPORTS

- 1) **Andy Murray** defeated **Novak Djokovic** at **Center Court** of **London** to become the **First Briton** in **77 years** to win the **Men's Singles Title at Wimbledon**.
- 2) In the **Women's Singles** category of **Wimbledon**, **Marion Bartoli** of **France** won her maiden **Grand Slam title**.
- 3) **Brazil** won the **FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013** against **Spain** in the final match.
- 4) **India** defeated **Nepal** to lift **Under-16 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Football Title 2013**.
- 5) **Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Torch to be sent in Space**.
- 6) **Tour de France 2013 (Bicycle Race): Chris Froome** won 100th Edition of the Race.
- 7) **India's K Jennitha Anto** won the **13th International Physically Disabled Chess Association (IPCA) World Women's Individual Chess Championship** title.
- 8) **Serena Williams** won **Swedish Open** title by defeating **Johanna Larsson** in the final of the **Swedish Open**.
- 9) Australian legend bowler **Shane Warne** joined the list of cricket legends to be inducted into the **International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame** at **Lord's**.
- 10) New Zealand Fast Bowler **Chris Martin** announced retirement on **3rd July, 2013** from all forms of cricket.
- 11) **Indian Badminton League (IBL) Highlights:**
 - There are **6 franchisee teams** in the inaugural edition of **IBL** named **Hydrabad Hotshots, Mumbai Masters, Delhi Smashers, Banga Beats, Lucknow Warriors and Pune Piston**.
 - **Lee Wong Wei, World No.1 Chinese Player** came out as the **costliest player** in the **IBL** auctions. He was purchased for **1,35,000 dollars** by **Mumbai Masters**.
 - **Commonwealth Games Bronze Medalist P. Kashyap** picked up by **Banga Beats** for **75,000 dollars**.
 - **Rising Star PV Sandhu** was picked by **Lucknow Warriors** for **80,000 dollars** while **Jwala Gutta** went to **Delhi Smashers** at **31,000 dollars**.
- 12) **World Soccer Body FIFA** on **3rd July, 2013** again barred **Iraq** from holding any friendly football matches due to soaring violence.
- 13) **Lajja Goswami** on **9th July, 2013** won **Silver** medal in **women's 50-metre Rifle 3 Position** event at the **ISSF World Cup in Granada, Spain**.
- 14) **India** won **West Indies Tri-Nation Series Final** by defeating **Sri Lanka**.
- 15) **India** continues to reign at the top of the table in **International Cricket Council's** latest **ODI ranking** released on **25th July, 2013**.
- 16) **India** bagged a **Gold** medal in the **Women's Recurve Team** event at the **Archery World Cup Stage-3** in **Medellin, Colombia**. The Indian trio of **Deepika Kumari, Laishram Bombayla Devi and Rimil Biruly** defeated the top seeded Chinese team of **Cheng Ming, Xu Jing and Cui Yuanyuan**, to reclaim the **Women's Recurve Team Gold**.
- 17) **Former World Junior Champion, Abhijeet Gupta** won the **Commonwealth Chess Championship**.
- 18) **India's No. 1 Snooker Player, Aditya Mehta** on **31st July, 2013** clinched the **Gold** medal.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) **HRD Ministry** set up a **New Committee** to go into the **Quality Aspect** of the **Mid Day Meal**.
- 2) **Croatia** became the **28th Member** of the **European Union**.
- 3) **Nelson Mandela International Day** observed on **18th July**. The day is observed to inspire people to be an agent of change.

- 4) **RBI** kept the indicative policy (repo) rate unchanged at **7.25 percent** and the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at **4 percent** in its first quarter review of monetary policy for **2013-14**. RBI revised its growth projection for the current financial year from **5.7 percent** to **5.5 percent**.
- **Bank Rate** – 10.25 % (Unchanged)
 - **Cash Reserve Ratio** – 4% (Unchanged)
 - **Statutory Liquidity Ratio** – 23 % (Unchanged)
 - **Repo Rate** – 7.25 % (Unchanged)
 - **Reverse Repo Rate** – 6.25 % (Unchanged)
 - **Marginal Standing Rate** - 10.25 % (Unchanged)
- 5) **National Conference of State Tourism Ministers** held in **New Delhi**.
- 6) **Batla House Encounter** convict **Shahzad Ahmed** got **Life Sentence**.
- 7) **Angelina Jolie** declared as the **Highest Paid Actress of Hollywood** by **Forbes**.
- 8) **High Court of Mumbai** charged **Salman Khan** with **Culpable Homicide**, not amounting to **Murder** in the **September 2002, hit-and-run case**.
- 9) **India** signed agreement with **Asian Development Bank** for **60 million Dollars** loan for **North Karnataka Urban Sector Investment Program (NKUSIP)**.
- 10) **India's Weather Satellite INSAT-3D**, carrying advanced weather monitoring payloads, was launched successfully by **Ariane-5 (VA214)** launch vehicle from **Kourou, French Guiana**.
- 11) **Himachal Pradesh** state government launched video chat facility in all **six** prisons of the state.
- 12) **Incheon** named as the **World Book Capital** for the year **2015**. **Incheon** is in **South Korea**.
- 13) **Supreme Court** in its landmark judgement barred people in **Jail** or **Police Custody** from contesting elections. This will help to clean the **Parliament and State Assemblies**.
- 14) **Bengaluru International Airport** renamed as **Kempegowda International Airport**.
- 15) **The Union Government of India** raised the **FDI limit in Telecom Sector** from **74 percent** to **100 percent**.
- 16) **Himachal Pradesh** was declared as the first **Smoke-Free State** on Compliance with **COTPA 2003**. The state achieved **85.42 percent** compliance with the relevant parameters of **COTPA 2003**.
- 17) **India** launched its first dedicated navigation satellite, **IRNSS-1A** using **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)-C22**.
- 18) **Sunetra Gupta's Portrait** to be exhibited in **Britain**.
- 19) **Supreme Court** stayed trial against **Lalu Yadav** in **Fodder Scam**.
- 20) **Birthday of Dalai Lama** celebrated across the **World**.
- 21) **India** turned down the **Snowden's Request** for **Asylum**.
- 22) **National Cyber Security Policy 2013** was launched by **Government** to protect information and build capabilities to prevent cyber attacks.
- 23) **HRD Minister M.M. Pallam Raju** was conferred the **Honorary Fellowship'** by **IETE**.
- 24) **India's External Affairs Minister, Salman Khurshid**, visited **Nepal** on **9th July, 2013** to hold official talk on bilateral relation.
- 25) **Venezuela** on **6th July, 2013** offered to give humanitarian asylum to US intelligence leaker **Edward Snowden**.
- 26) **India and Iraq** signed a **Pact** to enhance **Co-Operation in Energy Sector**.
- 27) **India and Albania** signed an **Agreement** for **Avoidance of Double Taxation**.
- 28) **The Allahabad high court** on **10th July, 2013** put a stay on caste-based rallies throughout **Uttar Pradesh**.
- 29) **The Union Cabinet of India** on **11th July, 2013** approved the proposal for setting up **Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University** at **Rae Bareli** district in **Uttar Pradesh**.

- 30) **India** in the month of **July 2013** has surpassed the **U.S.** as the top buyer of **Nigerian Crude Oil**.
- 31) **State Bank of India (SBI)** launched **State Bank Xpress Money Card**.
- 32) **People's Democratic Party** won the **National Assembly Elections in Bhutan**.
- 33) **Typhoon Soulik** on **12th July, 2013** struck **Taiwan**. This is the **1st Typhoon** of **2013** to hit **Taiwan**.
- 34) **Vice President** released a book titled **Smritiyan** authored by **Garima Sanjay**.
- 35) **Shahar Sone Chala** a Collection of Poems authored by **Sat Pal** Released.
- 36) The book entitled **An Agenda for India's Growth: Essays in Honour of P. Chidambaram**, was released in **New Delhi** on **31st July, 2013** by **Prime Minister of India**.
- 37) **Government** to launch **MGPSY Scheme for Blue-Collar Indian workers in Gulf**.
- 38) **Union Ministry for Petroleum & Natural Gas** and **Delhi** state government on **31st July, 2013** launched **IGL Suraksha Yojana**.
- 39) **President Pranab Mukherjee** on **16th July, 2013** launched a **Kisaan Portal** for sending **SMS** through mobile phones to the farmers across the country.
- 40) **The Union government** on **17th July, 2013** approved a proposal to amend **SEBI Act** for providing more powers to the market regulator to crack down on **Ponzi** schemes.
- 41) **The 22nd Annual Conference** of the **Neurotrauma Society of India** is to be held in **Guwahati, Assam**.
- 42) **Telangana, the 29th State of India** announced by **UPA** and **Congress Working Committee**. **Congress** and the **UPA** have unanimously decided to create a separate **Telangana State** carving out from **Andhra Pradesh** on **30th July, 2013**.
- 43) **First Textile Park** dedicated to hand block printing and craft inaugurated at **Bagru** near **Jaipur**. **Dr. KS Rao** inaugurated the park.
- 44) **Delhi Police Commissioner Neeraj Kumar** retired from his office on **31st July, 2013**.
- 45) **Shane Warne**, the **Spin Legend** retired from all forms of **Cricket**.
- 46) **Justice Altamas Kabir** retired from the **Office of Chief Justice of India**.
- 47) **Maharashtra** on **19th July, 2013** announced a ban extension on **Nicotine-laced Gutkha and Paan-Masala**.
- 48) **The new Prince of Britain**, also called the **Royal Baby** was named **George Alexander Louis** on **24th July, 2013**.
- 49) **RBI** fined **22 banks** for violating **KYC and Anti-Money Laundering Norms**.
- 50) **The Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton** gave birth to a baby boy on **22nd July, 2013** at the **London Hospital**.
- 51) **Satyam** on **15th July, 2013** formally merged with **Tech Mahindra**.
- 52) **South Korean city of Incheon** was named as the **World Book Capital** for the year **2015** as per **UNESCO** announcement.
- 53) **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav** launched the **'Hausla'** awareness campaign to improve family health in **75 districts** of the State.
- 54) **Supreme Court** on **22nd July, 2013** directed the **Union Government** to enforce rules on the advertisement of **tobacco products** at all the sales outlet.
- 55) **Last Telegram** messages booked for **Congress vice-president, Rahul Gandhi** on **15th July** when this service ended permanently.

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