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## CURRENT AFFAIRS MAY, 2013

### IMPORTANT DAYS

- **1<sup>st</sup> May** - International Labour Day  
**Theme:** "Let' value work by providing the jobless with start-up capital support."
- **1<sup>st</sup> May** - Maharashtra Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup> May** - World Press Freedom Day  
**Theme:** "Safe to Speak"
- **3<sup>rd</sup> May** - International Energy Day
- **7<sup>th</sup> May** - World Asthma Day  
**Theme:** "You Can Control Your Asthma."  
**Sub-theme:** "It's Time to Control Asthma."
- **8<sup>th</sup> May** - International Red Cross Day is celebrated to commemorate the Birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Organization Jean Henry Dunant.
- **11<sup>th</sup> May** - National Technology Day celebrated in recognition of a major nuclear test at Pokhran on this day in 1998. It is a symbol of quest for scientific inquiry and technological creativity.
- **15<sup>th</sup> May** - International Family Day
- **15<sup>th</sup> May** - World Hypertension Day  
**Theme:** "Healthy Heart Beat - Healthy Blood Pressure"
- **17<sup>th</sup> May** - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day  
**Theme:** "ICTs and improving road safety".
- **18<sup>th</sup> May** - International Museum Day  
**Theme:** "Museum memory + Creativity = Social Change."
- **21<sup>st</sup> May** - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- **21<sup>st</sup> May** - Anti Terrorism Day (India) observed Martyrdom of Former Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> May** - International Day for Biological Diversity  
**Theme:** "Water and Diversity."

- **24<sup>th</sup> May** - Commonwealth Day
- **28<sup>th</sup> May** - World Hunger Day
- **30<sup>th</sup> May** - Hindi Journalism Day. On this day First Hindi Newspaper, Udant Martand was brought out.
- **31<sup>st</sup> May** - World Anti-Tobacco Day  
**Theme:** "Ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship".

### APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Kushal Singh appointed as the Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- 2) Shashi Kant Sharma an IAS from 1976 Bihar Cadre on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 was appointed as New Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India by Pranab Mukherjee after replacing Vinod Rai.
- 3) Abdul Hamid was sworn in as the New President of Bangladesh replaced Zillur Rahman.
- 4) Brazil's Roberto Azevedo was appointed as the Head of the World Trade Organisation. He will take the charge of his office from outgoing Pascal Lamy in September 2013.
- 5) Siddaramaiah, the leader of the Indian National Congress on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 was sworn in as the 22<sup>nd</sup> chief minister of the state of Karnataka.
- 6) Subhash Kumar on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 took over the office of Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand for second time. He is the successor of Alok Kumar Jain.
- 7) Nirbhay Sharma on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 appointed as governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 8) Sudha Sharma appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.

- 9) Avinash Chander, the principal architect of India's missile programmes, on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 appointed DRDO chief and scientific advisor to defence minister.
- 10) Dr R K Srivastava appointed as the New Chairman of the Board of Governors of Medical Council of India.
- 11) Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim al-Khalifa was elected as the new president of Asian Football Confederation on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013.
- 12) Najib Razak on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Malaysia for a second term by Malaysia's king.
- 13) Prasanna Kumar Mohanty appointed as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Government.
- 14) Dr. Christopher Briggs appointed as the Secretary General of Ramsar Convention.
- 15) Staffan de Mistura appointed as Italian Special Envoy to India in Marines Case.
- 16) Laxman Singh Rathore elected as the Member of Executive Council of WMO.
- 17) Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan appointed as the New CEO of Anglogold Ashanti.
- 18) Laxman Singh Rathore was elected as the Member of Executive Council of WMO during the 65<sup>th</sup> Executive Council of WMO meeting which is ongoing at Geneva.
- 19) A leading NRI in United Kingdom, Sunil Chopra was elected as the Deputy Mayor of a London Borough.

### RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

- 1) Union Ministers of Railway & Law, PK Bansal and Ashwani Kumar submitted their resignation to the Prime Minister on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 2) V. K. Saraswati retired as Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Chief.
- 3) Alex Ferguson announced retirement as Manchester United Manager.
- 4) David Beckham announced his retirement.
- 5) Stiliyan Petrov, the captain of Aston Villa retired from football in May 2013 at the age of 33 years.
- 6) Union Railway Minister, PK Bansal resigned.

- 7) Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India Vinod Rai retired on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013.
- 8) Union Law Minister, Ashwani Kumar resigned.

### OBITUARIES

- 1) Ray Harryhausen, the master of visual effects and stop-motion animation, died on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 in London at 92.
- 2) Rituparno Ghosh, National Award Winning Filmmaker, died on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 of cardiac arrest at his south Kolkata residence at 49.
- 3) Sarabjit Singh, the Indian national and a death row prisoner in the Lahore's Kot Lakhpat Jail, died on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 at the Lahore's Jinnah hospital in Pakistan.
- 4) The Pakistani Prisoner Sanaullah Ranjay who was attacked by an inmate in Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu died at PGI Chandigarh on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 5) Ray Manzarek, one of the founders of 1960s rock group called The Doors, died on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 in Rosenheim, Germany at the age of 74.
- 6) Harvansh Singh, Deputy Speaker of MP Assembly died due to Cardiac Arrest.
- 7) Baleshwar Aggarwal, the veteran journalist as well as the secretary general of Antar Rashtriya Sahyog Parishad (ARSP), died on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 at the age of 91.
- 8) ATP Chairman, Brad Drewett died on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 at the age of 54.
- 9) Profulla Borua, the Veteran Indian Journalist, died in Guwahati, Assam after prolonged illness on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 10) The Italian Prime Minister, Giulio Andreotti died on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 in Rome at the age of 94. He served Italy as a prime Minister seven times between 1972 and 1992.
- 11) Renowned Nigerian Author, Chinua Achebe died on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 in Boston at the age of 82.
- 12) Tamil Playback Singer, T M Soundararajan died at his residence in Chennai on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 after a brief illness.
- 13) Hindi Story Writer and Playwright, Surendra Tiwari died due to brain haemorrhage on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at 64.



- 14) Former international sprinter, Anand Shetty passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 in Mangalore.
- 15) The British comedy writer as well as performer, renowned for Morecambe and Wise, Eddie Braben died on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 at 82.
- 16) The renowned Islamic Scholar and recipient of National Communal Harmony Award in 1997, Asghar Ali Engineer died on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at Santa Cruz, Mumbai.
- 17) Penne Hackforth-Jones, one of Australia's most recognisable actresses, died at the age of 64.
- 18) Bryan Forbes, Veteran Film Director, Passed Away At 86.
- 19) Ustad Zia Fariduddin Dagar (1932-2013), the dhrupad vocalist, passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at 80.
- 20) Zulfiqar Ali, Prosecutor in 26/11 Mumbai Attacks and Benazir Assassination, died.
- 21) Uttanur Rajamma, the Bandaya Writer passed away.
- 22) Bill Pertwee, the Warden Hodges of Dad's Army, passed away at 86.
- 7) The President of India Pranab Mukherjee presented National Florence Nightingale Award 2013 to 35 nursing professionals.
- 8) Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani Activist selected for UNA-USA's Champion for Global Change Award.
- 9) The President of India conferred the 47<sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award for the year 2011 on Pratibha Ray on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 at Balyogi Auditorium in New Delhi.
- 10) US singer-songwriter Carole King became the first woman to receive the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.
- 11) American Writer Lydia Davis won Man Booker International Prize 2013.
- 12) 3<sup>rd</sup> National Awards for Technology Innovation in Petrochemical and Downstream, Plastic Processing Industry were presented in New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 13) Asom Ratna Award for the Year 2012 presented to Indira Goswami by the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee.
- 14) Jenita Mary Nongkynrih won ISRO Young Scientists Award for 2013.
- 15) Asom Ratna Award 2012 presented to Indira Goswami.
- 16) Oommen Chandy won United Nation's Public Service Award for Mass Contact Programme.
- 17) Ramdarash Mishra and Dr Narendra Kohli were conferred with the Vyas Samman Award for the year 2011 & 2012 respectively.
- 18) UN Public Service Award 2013 for MP Cottage and Village Industry Department.
- 19) President of India gave away Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Akademi Awards for 2012.
- 20) Youssou Ndour and Finnish Composer Kaija Saariaho won the Polar Music Prize.

## AWARDS

- 1) The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for Lifetime Achievement was presented to Veteran Actor Pran on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 2) A young Indian Biologist, Dr. Aparajita Datta honored with the Whitley Award 2013, also known as Green Oscar, in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013.
- 3) Manoj Das, the Noted Oriya writer on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 was presented the NTR National Literary Award.
- 4) Somdev Dewarman, was recommended for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2013 by All India Tennis Association (AITA).
- 5) Singer Hariharan conferred with the Lata Mangeshkar Samman Alankaran in Indore on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Madhya Pradesh government instituted the award in 1984.
- 6) Physicist Peter Higgs and Francois Englert received the 2013 Prince of Asturias Award for God Partical Discovery.
- 1) India's Rising Shuttler PV Sindhu won her maiden Grand Prix Gold title winning Malaysia Open women's final defeated, Gu Juan of Singapore on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

## SPORTS

- 2) Sachin Tendulkar announced retirement from T20 cricket format on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. This was his last IPL season.
- 3) Ananya Gupta won a Bronze Medal in World School Chess Championship.
- 4) Vikas Gowda Clinched Gold at IAAF World Challenge Meeting 2013 at Kingston on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 5) Haryana clinched the 3rd Hockey India Junior Women National Championship Title on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.
- 6) Italian Open:
  - Rafael Nadal beat Roger Federer in the final match played on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to lift his seventh Italian Open title.
  - Serena Williams defeated Victoria Azarenka to win Italian Open on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. With this win, Serena Williams conquered 51<sup>st</sup> title of her career.
- 7) Madrid Open:
  - In the Men's Singles title clash of the Madrid Open, World Number Five Rafael Nadal defeated Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka to win the title.
  - In the Women's Singles, World No. 1 Serena Williams of the United States defeated Russian Maria Sharapova, to win the title.
- 8) Legendary Footballer, David Beckham announced his retirement.
- 9) Indian Women Basketball Team won gold in inaugural FIBA Asia 3x3 Basketball Tournament 2013 in Doha on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. India defeated Mongolia 21-14.
- 10) Indian Women's Compound Team won Bronze medal in Archery on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at Shanghai.
- 11) Jamjang Dero of India bagged three medals (including two gold) on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, the opening day of 15th Asian Youth Weightlifting Championships in Doha.
- 12) Akshay B. Gaikwad won 3 Gold Medals in 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Youth Weightlifting Championships in Doha on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 13) Indian boxers won the FXTM International Limassol Boxing Cup held in Limassol, Cyprus on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 14) Preeti Beniwal won gold in 2013 Senior National Women's Boxing Championship.
- 15) Mumbai Indians Defeated Chennai Super Kings in Final to win its First IPL Trophy.
- 16) 3rd National Sub-Junior Hockey: Odisha clinched the Boy's Title at 3<sup>rd</sup> National Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 17) Bhupati and Bopanna lost to Mike and Bob Bryan at the Rome Masters.
- 18) Indonesian Men and Australian Women won Thanthi TV-Asia Pacific Championship.
- 19) Matt Prior named England's Cricketer of the Year for 2012-13.
- 20) India bagged 2 Silver and 7 Bronze medals in Commonwealth Championship.
- 21) Stanislas Wawrinka defeated David Ferrer to win ATP World Tour, Portugal Open 2013 Title.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) The Vice President of India, Mr. Hamid Ansari released a book entitled Fida-e-Lucknow - Tales of the city and its people on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.
- 2) The Union Cabinet of India on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 approved the launch of the National Urban Health Mission.
- 3) The Supreme Court of India on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 upheld the constitutional validity of 51 percent FDI in the multi-brand retail sector.
- 4) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved 11000 crore Rupees project on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 for modernization of central paramilitary forces.
- 5) Ireland's government on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 unveiled the Protection of Life during Pregnancy Bill.
- 6) China on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 successfully launched a Communications Satellite called Zhongxing-11.
- 7) On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013, Indian cinema completed exactly 100 years with the release of two films- Bombay Talkies and Shootout at Wadala.
- 8) Reserve Bank of India on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 reduced the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 7.25 percent.
- 9) New Gas Reserve discovered in Southern Sindh Province of Pakistan.



- 10) The Supreme Court of India directed that the Kudankulam nuclear plant situated in Tamil Nadu could start its operations now.
- 11) Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Anand Sharma Visited Japan between 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 12) President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai was on two days visit to India from 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013.
- 13) Foreign Minister of Cuba Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla visited India.
- 14) External Affairs Minister, Salman Khurshid, paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China on 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 15) China's new premier Li Keqiang's visited India on his first foreign trip to India. India and China signed Eight Agreement during Chinese Premier Li Keqiang's visit to India.
- 16) External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 ended his four-day visit to Saudi Arabia.
- 17) Haryana Government issued Shiksha Setu Cards to Students.
- 18) A book on Bhagat Singh by Chamanlal titled Understanding Bhagat Singh was released at JNU Auditorium in New Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013.
- 19) The first gun of the world made out of 3D printer technology was fired successfully in US on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at firing range south of Austin, Texas.
- 20) The 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the India-Iran Joint Commission was held in Tehran on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 21) Andhra Pradesh on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 set up the State Security Commission under the chairmanship of the state Home Minister.
- 22) Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali, the prosecutor who was handling the Mumbai terror attack and Bhutto assassination case was gunned down in Islamabad.
- 23) The President of India Pranab Mukherjee launched the Bichitra Tagore Variorum Website on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 24) iCED was inaugurated by Vice President Hamid Ansari in Jaipur on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 25) Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 announced that it is going to provide 6 billion dollars to India over next 3 years.
- 26) Government has constituted an inter-ministerial group to suggest ways to tackle fraudulent money pooling activities by Ponzi Schemes.
- 27) Sahara created New World Record of Largest Group to Sing National Anthem at One Place.
- 28) Statue of former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N T Rama Rao was unveiled by Meira Kumar in the Parliament on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 29) SEBI approved Kerala's Start-up Village Angel Fund of 10 million Dollars.
- 30) Ivan Menezes was named as the new Chief Executive Officer of Spirits Company Diageo on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 31) The Union Government of India decided to redevelop the Juhu Airport of Mumbai by extending runway 650 metres into sea.
- 32) Moska Najib a 29 year old Delhi based Afghan women is shortlisted among 25 people in Australia's Best Job in the World Competition.
- 33) Government of Tamil Nadu banned Pan Masala, Gutka in the State.
- 34) Union Cabinet of India declared Year 2013 as Water Conservation Year 2013.
- 35) Ministry for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution introduced amendments in the National Food Security Bill in the Lok Sabha.
- 36) The Union Government of India on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 approved the policy development of aviation hubs in India.
- 37) The Minister for Women & Child Development, Krishna Tirath on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 launched the World Bank assisted ISSNIP.
- 38) National Stock Exchange (NSE), the Leading bourse on 11 May 2013 launched the country's first dedicated debt trading platform.
- 39) The Cyclonic Storm MAHASSEN formed over Bay of Bengal.
- 40) Angelina Jolie on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 revealed that she underwent a double mastectomy as she was tested positive for a genetic mutation known as BRCA1.
- 41) Exports in India grew up by 1.6 percent in April 2013.

- 42) WPI Inflation eased to 4.89 percent in April 2013 as Per Official Data. As per official data released on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, WPI Inflation eased to 4.89 percent in April 2013.
- 43) The Union Government on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 decided to publicize best practices on implementation of RTI Act by public authorities all over the country.
- 44) The Reserve Bank of India directed banks to follow Clean Note Policy and not to stable the notes packet. It also directed the banks to withdraw soiled notes from circulation.
- 45) International Monetary Fund (IMF) on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 approved a three-year, 1.3 billion dollars loan for supporting Cyprus' attempts to stabilize its financial sector.
- 46) The Reserve Bank of India on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 decided to launch Inflation Indexed Bonds (IIBs).
- 47) The Chief negotiators met in New Delhi from 15<sup>th</sup> May -17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 for 14th round of negotiation for India EU BTIA.
- 48) France's President Francois Hollande on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 signed into law a controversial bill to legalise gay marriage.
- 49) The 45th Session of the Indian Labour Conference concluded in New Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 50) Raha Moharrak, a Saudi woman made history by reaching the Everest summit—the world's highest mountain.
- 51) Nunshi and Tashi Malik, two 21-year old Indians from Dehradun became first twins to scale Mount Everest on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 52) Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a 110-million Dollars loan to Jammu and Kashmir in order to help in improving urban services, including water supply.
- 53) Arunima Sinha became the first Indian amputee to conquer Mount Everest on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.
- 54) Year 2014 declared as the Friendship Year to promote understanding between India and China.
- 55) Huge Tornado hits Oklahoma; Kills 91, Including 20 Children.
- 56) India-China bilateral meet on healthcare sector in Geneva was held in Geneva on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.
- 57) India on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 successfully test fired the 290-km range BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.
- 58) President Robert Mugabe on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 signed Zimbabwe's new constitution into law.
- 59) The Union Cabinet of India, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013 approved to classify Malayalam as the Classical Language.
- 60) Vice President of India released a book titled an Ardent Patriot written by Dinesh Goswami.
- 61) Indian National Defence University, a first-of-its-kind for training and research in Military studies will be set up in Binola, Gurgaon.
- 62) World's Happiest Developed Nation: Australia.
- 63) A new variety of mango was named Nirbhaya after the 23-year-old Delhi rape victim.
- 64) Yuichiro Miura, the 80-year old mountaineer from Japan reached Mount Everest's summit on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013. He became the oldest man to climb the mountain.
- 65) The Himachal Pradesh assembly celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Pranab Mukherjee will become 2<sup>nd</sup> president to address special session of assembly.
- 66) Vyas Samman for 2011 and 2012 were conferred to Prof. Ramdarash Mishra and Dr Narendra Kohli for their works Aam ke Patte and Na Bhooto Na Bhavishyati.
- 67) Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on May 25, 2013 inaugurated three new Aadhaar-enabled services to help residents.
- 68) TRAI issued The Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Twelfth Amendment) Regulations, 2013 in the last week of May 2013.
- 69) Group of armed Maoists trapped and attacked the Congress party convoy at Dharba Valley in Chhattisgarh on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 70) World Economic Situation and Prospects 2013 report released by United Nations has forecasted that global economic growth will gain pace.
- 71) The oldest person of the world, Jiroemon Kimura, 116 years Japanese man became the last male of the 19th century in the world.



- 72) Union Defence Minister AK Antony on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 dedicated to the nation the New Air Force Station at Thanjavur at a brief function held to mark the occasion.
- 73) The Reserve Bank of India on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 imposed restrictions on banks and NBFCs for providing loans against gold coins.
- 74) Pranab Mukherjee conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships on N Rajam, T H Vikku Vinayakram and Ratan Thiyam for the year 2012, on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 75) BJP on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 expelled senior lawyer and MP Ram Jethmalani from the primary membership of party for six years over breach of discipline.
- 76) Argentina and Chile authorities ordered evacuation of 3000 people that live close to Copahue volcano, situated in south of Argentina-Chile border.
- 77) V. Narayanasamy inaugurated ISRO Navigation Centre (INC) at Byalalu, about 40 km from Bangalore on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 78) The Indian telecom sector became the second largest telephone network in the world, after China by registering exceptional growth during last nine years.
- 79) The seventh edition of the annual Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in Sydney in November 2013.
- 80) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 launched its third Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), which is built for the Indian Coast Guard.
- 81) The Union Cabinet of India gave clearance to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) to roll out its mobile network in the Naxal-affected areas.
- 82) US government issued sanctions against Ayatollah Ali's deputy chief of staff and over 50 other Iranian government officials for alleged human rights abuses.
- 83) The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 scaled down India's growth estimate to 5.3 per cent for 2013 from 5.9 per cent.
- 84) 44 Years Old Ang Dami Sherpa from Nepal won the Everest Marathon on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 in women's category of Year 2013.
- 85) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 bagged a six-year contract from the Department of Posts (DoP).
- 86) The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 lowered its forecast for China's economic growth at 7.75 percent.
- 87) Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 was elected to the Rajya Sabha for the fifth time from Assam.
- 88) UNESCO had declared India's Nicobar Islands as a world biosphere reserve under its Man and the Biosphere Programme.
- 89) Indian-American Arvind Mahankali, after years of close calls, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
- 90) The IAF's premier Academy located at Dundigal, Hyderabad on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 inducted basic trainer aircraft Pilatus PC 7 MKII.
- 91) The HRD Ministry on 31 May 2013 decided to set up a seven member Task Force NTA under the Chairmanship of Sanjay Dhande.
- 92) As per Central Statistical Organization (CSO) DATA released on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013, economic growth fell to a decade's low of 5 per cent for the entire 2012-13 fiscal.
- 93) Aditya Birla Chemicals (India) on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 decided to acquire CA&P Division of Solaris Chemtech Industries for a total of 153 crore Rupees.
- 94) The FIPB on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 approved eight FDI proposals, which include those of McKinsey & Company, ACME Solar Energy and GETIT Infoservices.
- 95) The National Green Tribunal on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 gave approval to Sterlite Industries Ltd so that it can start operations of copper plant in Tuticorin.

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