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IMPORTANT DAYS

- **1st October** - International Day of Older Persons
Theme: “The future we want: what older persons are saying.”
- **1st October** – National Blood Donation Day. It is celebrated every year in India since on 1st October, 1975. It is organised by National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) and National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Government of India.
Theme: “Voluntary blood donation will cost you nothing but it will save a life.”
- **2nd October** - International Day of Non-Violence. It was observed across the world on the occasion of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It is also known as Gandhi Jayanti in India.
- **3rd October** - World Nature Day
- **4th October** - World Animal Day
- **5th October** - World Teacher's Day
- **6th October** - World Wildlife Day
- **6th October** - World Food Security Day
- **7th October** - World Habitat Day
Theme: “Urban Mobility to encourage people to shift towards more sustainable modes of transportation.”
- **8th October** - Indian Airforce Day
- **9th October** - World Postal Day
- **10th October** - World Mental Health Day
Theme: “Mental health and older adults.”
- **10th October** - National Post Day
- **11th October** – International Day of Girl Child
Theme: “Innovating for Girls’ Education.”
- **12th October** - World Sight Day

- **12th October** – World Arthritis Day. It is observed across the world to raise awareness about Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs).
- **13th October** - World Calamty Control Day(UN)
- **14th October** - World Standard Day
- **15th October** - International Day of Rural Women
- **15th October** - World White Cane Day(guiding the blind)
- **16th October** – World Food Day
Theme: “Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition.”
- **17th October** - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. It was observed to promote people's awareness of the need to eradicate poverty.
Theme: “Working together towards a world without discrimination: Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty.”
- **20th October** - National Solidarity Day (China attacked India on that day)
- **20th October** – World Osteoporosis Day
- **21st October** - Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day
- **24th October** - United Nations Day
- **30th October** - World Thrift Day
- **31st October** - National Integration Day (In memory of Indira Gandhi)

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Subhas Goswami, Director of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy appointed as the Director General ITBP.
- 2) Janet Yellen Nominated as Head of US Federal Reserve Board.

- 3) Arundhati Bhattacharya on 7th October, 2013 appointed as the Chairperson of SBI. She is the first woman to take charge as the Chairperson of SBI.
- 4) S. Varadarajan on 1st October, 2013 took over charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- 5) CV Wigneswaran Sworn in as the Chief Minister of Northern Province- Sri Lanka on 7th October, 2013.
- 6) Government of Pakistan decided to appoint Pakistani veteran diplomat Syed Ibne Abbas will be the new Pakistani envoy to India.
- 7) Hockey India on 15th October, 2013 announced the appointment of Terence Walsh as Chief Coach of the Senior Men National Hockey Team.
- 8) Arunendra Kumar was on 16th October, 2013 appointed as Chairman of Railway Board (Ministry of Railways).
- 9) President approved appointment of Seven Judges to Madras High Court.
- 10) Sigrid Kaag appointed as the Head of Joint OPCW-UN Mission in Syria.
- 11) Union Government of India appointed Gireesh B. Pradhan as the Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
- 12) Rajendra Kashyap was appointed as the Financial Commissioner (Railways) and ex-officio Secretary to the Government of India on 21st October, 2013.
- 13) Justice Laxmikanta Mahapatra was on 21st October, 2013 sworn in as Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court.
- 14) Shah Rukh Khan, the Bollywood actor, was on 23rd October, 2013 appointed as the goodwill ambassador for South Korea.
- 15) Uttar Pradesh Government on 25th October, 2013 appointed retired Justice Tarun Chatterjee as the new chairman of the state Human Rights Commission.
- 16) The Government of India on 29th October, 2013 decided to appoint Air Marshal Arup Raha as the next Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- 17) P.S. Raghavan, the Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Russia.
- 18) S. R. Bansal Took the Charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Corporation Bank.
- 19) A. Krishna Kumar appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Philips Electronics India Ltd.
- 20) Tarun Chugh appointed as the Managing Director of PNB Metlife.
- 21) Pankaj Razdan was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Birla Sun Life Insurance.
- 22) Microsoft appointed on 30th October, 2013 Gurdeep Singh Pall as the Corporate Vice President of Skype.
- 23) Justice Rajesh Kumar Agrawal (60), the acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court appointed as the regular Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
- 24) Bharat Suresh Joshi on 31st October, 2013 was appointed as British Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai.
- 25) CV Wigneswaran Sworn in as the Chief Minister of Northern Province- Sri Lanka.
- 26) Ethiopia Parliament elected Mulatu Teshome as New President.
- 27) The Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) on 21st October, 2013 unanimously elected Kanwar Deep Singh as the president of the Indian Hockey Federation.

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

- 1) Rasheed Masood, the Arrested Congress Leader resigned As APEDA Chairman.
- 2) Shreekant Javalgekar resigned as the Managing Director and CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange.
- 3) Jignesh Shah, founder, vice-chairman and a Director of Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX), resigned from the board on 31st October, 2013.

OBITUARIES

- 1) Tom Clancy, the US Thriller Author, died at the age of 66 in Baltimore.

- 2) Abraham Nemeth, the Creator of the Nemeth Code passed away on 2nd October, 2013 at his home in Southfield, Mich. He was 94 years old.
- 3) General Vo Nguyen Giap, the Legendary Vietnamese Military Commander died at 102.
- 4) Ovadia Yosef, the Former Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, died at 93.
- 5) Wilfried Martens, Nine-Time Prime Minister of Belgium passed away at 77.
- 6) Well-known Telugu Film Actor, Srihari died on 9th October, 2013 at a private hospital in Mumbai.
- 7) Mohan Dharia, the Former Union Minister and an Environmentalist, died at the age of 88.
- 8) TD Rangaramanujan, the Former Table Tennis Federation of India President died on 14th October, 2013 at 96.
- 9) Oscar Hijuelos, the Cuban-American Writer, died at 62.
- 10) Noted Marathi Playwright and Political Thinker, Govind P. Deshpande passed away on 16th October, 2013 at Pune.
- 11) Sarojini Varadappan, the Renowned Social Worker died at 92.
- 12) Eminent Telugu Writer and Gyanpeeth Awardee, Dr. Ravuri Bharadwaja passed away in Hyderabad on 18th October, 2013.
- 13) Noted Malayalam Music Composer K. Raghavan died at Thalassery in Kannur district of Kerala on 19th October, 2013.
- 14) Renowned Musician Madhuri Chattopadhyay died on 19th October, 2013.
- 15) Jovanka Broz, the widow of Josip Broz Tito, the Yugoslavian communist leader, died on 20th October, 2013 in Belgrade at the age of 88.
- 16) Lawrence R. Klein, Nobel Prize Winning Economist died on 20th October, 2013 in Gladwyne, near Philadelphia.
- 17) Singer Noel Harrison died at his home in Devon, aged 79 on 22nd October, 2013.
- 18) British Sculptor Sir Anthony Caro passed away after a heart attack on 23rd October, 2013 at the age of 89.
- 19) The Legendary Singer, Prabodh Chandra Dey popularly known as Manna Dey died on 24th October, 2013 in Bangalore hospital. He was treated for respiratory illness died of cardiac arrest.

- 20) The Former Director of AIR and Registrar of Newspaper, R N Mahadevan of 84 years died.
- 21) Noted Painter and Theatre Personality, Vijay Soni died at the age of 74.
- 22) Lou Reed, the Renowned Rocker and Solo Performer, passed away on 27th October, 2013 at Southampton, New York, United States. He was 71 years old.
- 23) Rajendra Yadav, the Noted Hindi Writer passed away at 84 on 28th October, 2013.

AWARDS

- 1) Pranab Mukherjee presented the First National Award for Senior Citizens - Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2013 on 1st October, 2013.
- 2) Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on 11th October, 2013 won the Nobel Peace Prize 2013 for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons.
- 3) Karan Thapar Chosen for IPI-India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2013.
- 4) The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee conferred on 9th October, 2013 the Presidential Awards for Classical Tamil.
- 5) Malala Yousafzai won European Union's Sakharov Human Rights Prize 2013.
- 6) The Government of Canada announced Honorary Canadian Citizenship for Pakistani teenage activist Malala Yousafzai.
- 7) Eminent Agricultural Scientist, MS Swaminathan on 10th October, 2013 selected for Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the Year 2012.
- 8) Varun Arora won UN Award for 'Open Curriculum' Web Platform on 10th October, 2013.
- 9) Hilary Clinton got the First Founders' Award for helping AIDS Victims from the Elton John AIDS Foundation in New York.
- 10) Greg du Toit was Named Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013.
- 11) Israel on 21st October, 2013 selected New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as the first ever recipient of the 1 million Dollar Genesis Prize.

- 12) Aung Suu Kyi had finally received the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought on 23rd October, 2013.
- 13) The Legendary Singer Lata Mangeshkar was presented the First National Yash Chopra Memorial Award at a star studded function in Mumbai on 19th October, 2013.
- 14) The US comedian Carol Burnett was on 20th October, 2013 honoured with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.
- 15) French Award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur was given to Anjali Gopalan.
- 16) Sushmita Sen on 27th October, 2013 conferred with the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for her efforts towards achieving social justice.
- 17) Bharatnatyam dancer Geeta Chandran was on 29th October, 2013 honoured with the Guru Debaprasad Award for outstanding contribution in the field of dance.
- 18) Film Producer, Ashok Amritraj was on 29th October, 2013 presented with the 'Soul of India Award' for his outstanding achievements in the film industry.
- 19) Kareena Kapoor on 29th October, 2013 was honoured in the House of Commons, London for her contribution to the global entertainment industry.
- 20) **Nobel Prizes 2013:**
 - James Rothman and Randy Schekman of US as well as German-born Thomas Suedhof won the 2013 Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology on 7th October, 2013.
 - Peter Higgs, United Kingdom and Francois Englert, Belgium jointly awarded Nobel Prize for Physics 2013 on 8th October, 2013.
 - Michael Levitt, Martin Karplus and Arieh Warshel won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013.
 - Alice Munro, the Canadian Writer, won Nobel Prize 2013 in literature.
 - OPCW won 2013 Nobel Peace Prize.
 - Eugene Fama, Lars Peter Hansen, Robert Shiller won 2013 Nobel Prize for Economics.
 - The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton, 28, New Zealand Author became the Longest Novel to Win the Man Booker Prize.

SPORTS

- 1) The Wankhede Stadium to Host Sachin Tendulkar's Landmark 200th and Final Test.
- 2) Afghanistan Cricket team on 4th October, 2013 qualified for its maiden ICC World Cup after defeating Kenya by seven wickets.
- 3) Sania Mirza won the China Open tennis championship trophy (women's Doubles) with Cara Black of Zimbabwe on 5th October, 2013.
- 4) Pakistan on 5th October, 2013 defeated India in the final of the Under-19 Asian Rugby Championship 2013 in Lahore.
- 5) Indian Wrestler Satyavrat on 12th October, 2013 won the 9th Roustam-E-International Indian Style Wrestling Title.
- 6) Kalapana Devi on 5th October, 2013 won bronze medal at the Judo tournament in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- 7) The Disciplinary Committee of the Badminton Association of India on 5th October, 2013 recommended a life-ban on Indian doubles shuttler Jwala Gutta.
- 8) The ICC on 6th October, 2013 announced that Afghanistan Cricket Board will get liberal financial assistance from it after qualifying for Cricket World Cup 2015.
- 9) India's lawn tennis player Rohan Bopanna with French partner Edouard Roger-Vasselin won the Japan Open trophy on 6th October, 2013.
- 10) Mumbai Indians clinched the Champions League Twenty-20 title by defeating Rajasthan Royals by 33 runs in New Delhi on 6th October, 2013.
- 11) Buckingham Palace held its first official football match to mark FA's (Football Association's) 150th anniversary on 7th October, 2013.
- 12) India's Vidya Pillai and Arantxa Sanchis won the gold for team title in the 2013 IBSF World 6-red Snooker Championship after defeating Hong Kong.
- 13) Sachin Tendulkar on 10th October, 2013 announced his decision to retire from Test cricket.

- 14) Former India bowler Ajit Agarkar on 16th October, 2013 announced Retirement from all forms of Cricket.
- 15) Brazilian football legend Pele on 16th October, 2013 launched a new book titled 1283.
- 16) Manipur defeated Haryana to lift the Girls' title of the 54th Subroto Cup football tournament on 17th October, 2013. The final match was held at New Delhi.
- 17) Ding Junhui of China won the 2013 Indian Open Snooker title with a 5-0 victory over Aditya Mehta of India in New Delhi on 18th October, 2013.
- 18) India's ace Squash player Dipika Pallikal on 20th October, 2013 won the Macau Open title 2013 at Macau, China.
- 19) Indian Tennis Ace Sania Mirza came into the top 10 of the world women's doubles rankings on 21st October, 2013.
- 20) Serena Williams retained the WTA Championships at Istanbul after defeating Li Na 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.
- 8) Ratan Tata was inducted into National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in the US for his outstanding contributions to industrial development in India.
- 9) Union Cabinet on 2nd October, 2013 decided to withdraw the ordinance on convicted lawmakers, as well as the Bill.
- 10) The Ministry of Human Resource Development of Government of India announced on 2nd October, 2013 to constitute a Council of National Institute of Technical Teacher.
- 11) India's GDP Grew at 4.7 % in 2013-14: Asian Development Bank.
- 12) Portuguese sensation Luis Leao Pinto emerged overall winners at the 9th MTB Himalaya 2013.
- 13) Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing laid the foundation stone for establishment of Shaktiman mega Food Park in Uttar Pradesh.
- 14) The Union Cabinet on 3rd October, 2013 approved the creation of a new State of Telangana by bifurcating the existing State of Andhra Pradesh.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) India was re-elected in the new Council of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) on 1st October, 2013.
- 2) Jet-Etihad deal was approved by SEBI (Securities Exchange Board of India) on 1st October, 2013.
- 3) The Maharashtra Cabinet on 1st October, 2013 approved a policy for senior citizens.
- 4) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India on 1st October, 2013 revised the existing Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training.
- 5) The Marylebone Cricket Club on 1st October, 2013 released the 5th edition of the 2000 Code, which also included the law related to No-Ball.
- 6) Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on 2nd October, 2013 launched Food Security scheme in the State aimed at benefiting around 4.64 crore people.
- 7) The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee, paid a state visit to Belgium from 2nd - 5th October, 2013.
- 15) Indian Railways on 3rd October, 2013 signed a pact with Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) to set up the country's biggest Forged Wheel plant at UP.
- 16) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 3rd October, 2013 cleared Jet Airways' proposed sale of 24 per cent equity to Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways.
- 17) ASI and Google Signed Agreement for Launching 100 Heritage Sites Online.
- 18) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 3rd October, 2013 approved the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).
- 19) The 32nd Annual Coast Guard Commanders Conference was inaugurated on 3rd October, 2013 by the Defence Secretary Radha Krishna Mathur.
- 20) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 3rd October, 2013 approved continuation of the scheme for Integrated Textile Parks in the 12th Five Year Plan.
- 21) Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan for Reforming State Education System Approved by CCEA.

- 22) Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh visited China.
- 23) Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh was on a 3-day Official Visit to Moscow to attend the 14th India-Russian Annual Summit.
- 24) Moe Set Wine Selected As First Miss Universe Contender to Represent Myanmar in 50 Years.
- 25) A special Senate committee in Italy on 4th October, 2013 voted to strip Silvio Berlusconi of his Parliament seat.
- 26) The Reserve Bank of India on 4th October, 2013 fixed the reference rate of rupee against US dollar at 61.4050.
- 27) Geological Survey of India Acquired Research Vessel Samudra Ratnakar for Deep Sea Research on 4th October, 2013.
- 28) The ninth Formation Day of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) took place in New Delhi at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 4th October, 2013.
- 29) S. R. Bansal took the charge on 5th October, 2013 as the Chairman and Managing Director of Corporation Bank.
- 30) SEBI on 5th October, 2013 ushered in major reforms to attract overseas investors.
- 31) India and Bangladesh on 5th October, 2013 jointly inaugurated the India-Bangladesh Grid Inter-connection at Bheramara in Bangladesh.
- 32) The Union government of India on 5th October, 2013 launched the Inter Company LPG portability scheme in 24 cities across the country.
- 33) The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India launched two schemes on 5th October, 2013 to empower the consumers.
- 34) Ethiopia's parliament elected Mulatu Teshome to be the country's new president on 7th October, 2013, for a six-year term.
- 35) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 7th October, 2013 reduced the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate to 9 per cent from 9.5 per cent.
- 36) India on 7th October, 2013 successfully test-fired nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile with a strike range of 350 km from Chandipur in Odisha.
- 37) Indira Gandhi International and Birmingham Airports on 7th October, 2013 Signed MoU to Become Sister Airports.
- 38) Minister of External Affairs of India Salman Khurshid visited Sri Lanka on 7th - 8th October, 2013.
- 39) The 12 day long NCC Thal Sainik Camp concluded successfully on 7th October, 2013. The closing ceremony was held at Delhi Cantt.
- 40) IFC on 7th October, 2013 launched a 1 billion Dollars offshore bond programme to strengthen India's capital markets and attract greater foreign investment.
- 41) The Union Cabinet of India approved on 8th October, 2013 the National Identification Authority of India Bill that will give statutory status to UIDAI.
- 42) AIAI on 8th October, 2013 signed MoU with the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) for promoting Indo-Pak trade.
- 43) The Supreme Court of India on 8th October, 2013 directed the Union and all state governments to provide 3 percent reservation to disabled persons.
- 44) The autobiography of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl who was shot by the Taliban for supporting girls' education, released on 8th October, 2013.
- 45) The HRD Ministry on 8th October, 2013 announced that it will launch 50 DTH educational channels soon.
- 46) Supreme Court on 8th October, 2013 directed EC to introduce Vote Verifier Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system in EVMs for the next general elections in 2014.
- 47) NPCI launched two new services- an Aadhaar-based Remittance Service (ABRS) and a Query Service on Aadhaar Mapper (QSAM) on 9th October, 2013.
- 48) Prime Minister's Territorial Army Day Parade was organised to commemorate the 64th raising anniversary of Territorial Army on 9th October, 2013.
- 49) India and Japan on 9th October, 2013 signed MoU to do a joint feasibility study of High Speed Railway system on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route.

- 50) US President Barack Obama on 9th October, 2013 nominated Janet L. Yellen as the new head of the Federal Reserve Board.
- 51) SEBI on 9th October, 2013 proposed new range of measures for stock exchanges in order to deal with the fraudulent trading activities in the securities market.
- 52) The Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India launched on 10th October, 2013 a new project of Electronic Management of INSPIRE.
- 53) Prime Minister of Libya, Ali Zeidan was abducted by Gunmen on 10th October, 2013.
- 54) China on 10th October, 2013 signed a 350-billion-yuan (45 billion Euros) currency swap agreement with the European Union.
- 55) An international conference organized by the United Nations Environment Program on 10th October, 2013 adopted the Minamata Convention.
- 56) The India Post on 11th October, 2013 launched instant electronic money transfer service in partnership with Wall Street Exchange.
- 57) The Election Commission of India ordered on 13th October, 2013 the Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union territories to provide for None of the Above (NOTA).
- 58) The Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh on 12th October, 2013 concluded his four-day visit to Brunei and Indonesia.
- 59) Typhoon Nari hit hard the northern part of Philippines on 13th October, 2013.
- 60) Ireland announced that in December, 2013 it would become the first member of the Euro zone to exit an International bail-out programme.
- 61) Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for all commodities in the month of September, 2013 stood at 6.46 percent as compared to 6.1percent in August, 2013.
- 62) External Affairs Minister's Visit to Brazil, 14th - 17th October, 2013.
- 63) Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary visited India on 16th - 17th October, 2013.
- 64) Global Hunger Index Report 2013 released on 14th October, 2013 by the IFPRI, Welthungerhilfe & Concern Worldwide, revealed 842m people were under nourished.
- 65) The Ministry of Railways took measures in order to prevent the misuse of Izzat Monthly Season Ticket aimed at the person belonging to BPL.
- 66) Syria on 14th October, 2013 officially joined the United Nations convention banning chemical weapons.
- 67) Spain's Rafael Nadal on 14th October, 2013 topped the ATP rankings for the first time in more than two years.
- 68) Novak Djokovic defeated Juan Del Potro to win Shanghai Masters 2013.
- 69) A Third of Western Ghats declared as Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA).
- 70) The Union Government of India on 15th October, 2013 decided to bring all the post offices across India under the core banking solution system.
- 71) The Indian Navy on 15th October, 2013 inducted into service its largest offshore patrol vessel (OPV), INS Sunayna.
- 72) Total Broadband subscriber base in India increased from 15.19 million at the end of June, 2013 to 15.24 million at the end of July 2013.
- 73) The Sixth India- Brazil Joint Commission Meeting was held in Brasilia on 14th – 15th October, 2013.
- 74) Supreme Court of India ruled that Courts cannot impose a fine of more than twice the amount in bounced cheques on 16th October, 2013.
- 75) Greg du Toit was Named Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013.
- 76) Top English Premier League side Liverpool on 16th October, 2013 launched a residential football academy in Pune.
- 77) The Union Cabinet on 17th October, 2013 cleared the proposal for construction of a 14-km tunnel at Zojila pass in Ladakh region.
- 78) India and Hungary signed the bilateral agreement for the promotion and development of traditional systems of medicine on 17th October, 2013.
- 79) Powerful Typhoon Wipha caused destruction in Japan.

- 80)** The President of India Pranab Mukherjee on 17th October, 2013 gave his assent to the Uttarakhand Lokayukta Bill.
- 81)** The Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on 18th October, 2013 released a book on Indian painting written by Prof. B.N. Goswami in New Delhi.
- 82)** Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar on 18th October, 2013 rejected the resignation of 13 Seemandhra MPs.
- 83)** Saudi Arabia on 18th October, 2013 turned down a coveted seat on the United Nations Security Council.
- 84)** The Union government on 19th October, 2013 approved construction of roads and bridges worth 354 crore rupees in different parts of Maharashtra.
- 85)** Delhi bowler Pradeep Sangwan was banned by Anti Doping Tribunal of BCCI on 19th October, 2013.
- 86)** Jorge Lorenzo won the Australian Grand Prix on 20th October, 2013.
- 87)** Simona Halep of Romania defeated Samantha Stosur of Australia 7-6 (1), 6-2 to win the Kremlin Cup on 20th October, 2013 at Moscow.
- 88)** Ten regional parties of North East India on 20th October, 2013 formed the North East Regional Political Front (NERPF).
- 89)** Scientists developed the world's first robot human made entirely of prosthetic parts. The bionic man can walk, talk and has a beating heart.
- 90)** Moscow, the Capital of Russia hosted the 14th India-Russia Annual Summit on 21st October, 2013.
- 91)** Moscow State Institute of International Relations, the diplomatic school of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia conferred.
- 92)** Tata SIA Airlines Ltd is the name approved for the TATA and SIA joint venture.
- 93)** The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) changed the investment guidelines for pension fund.
- 94)** Chanda Kochhar, Chitra Ramkrishna, Shikha Sharma, Naina Lal Kidwai have made to 2013 Fortune magazine's global list of top-50 women business leaders.
- 95)** Tata Steel on 21st October, 2013 won a new contract to supply Britain's Network Rail with more than 95 percent of its rails for at least five years.
- 96)** North Zone and South Zone were declared joint winners of the Duleep Trophy 2013 at Kochi on 21st October, 2013.
- 97)** Police Commemoration Day was observed on 21st October, 2013 at the Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
- 98)** The 2nd Meeting of the India-Philippines Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation was held on 21st October, 2013 in Manila.
- 99)** India and Bangladesh on 22nd October, 2013 inked an agreement for enhanced trade facilitation and for combating evasion of duties and taxes.
- 100)** The first unit of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) was on 22nd October, 2013 synchronised with the southern power grid.
- 101)** India Post on 22nd October, 2013 released a commemorative postage stamp on the Golden Jubilee of Bhakra Dam.
- 102)** The Finance Ministry announced that it would infuse 14000 crore Rupees capital in 20 public sector banks during the current financial year, i.e. 2013-14.
- 103)** National Museum Institute, on 22nd October, 2013 launched a project on researching and cataloguing various forms of performing and fine arts of the country.
- 104)** Railway Board Chairman Arunendra Kumar on 23rd October, 2013 announced that Indian Railways decided to increase the speed of the superfast trains.
- 105)** The extradition treaty between India and Bangladesh came into effect on 23rd October, 2013.
- 106)** India and China signed 9 agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) including the Border Defence Cooperation Agreement (BDCA) on 23rd October, 2013.
- 107)** Government of India and Government of China on 23rd October, 2013 signed the deal to further strengthen and deepen cooperation in the energy sector.

- 108) The Maharashtra state cabinet on 23rd October, 2013 decided to implement new mining rules.
- 109) Yahoo on 23rd October, 2013 announced to close its Egypt office in Cairo.
- 110) President on 23rd October, 2013 issued an order, allowing the Karnataka Governor to establish a separate development board for Hyderabad-Karnataka region.
- 111) Union Ministry of Sports and FICCI on 23rd October, 2013 launched 'India Sports 2014' to promote sports among youth in the country.
- 112) Syria on 24th October, 2013 submitted detailed plan to destroy its chemical stockpile to International chemical weapons watchdog-OPCW.
- 113) The MoU was signed between Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) on 24th October, 2013 at New Delhi.
- 114) FIPB on 24th October, 2013 approved Singapore Airlines' proposal to start an aviation venture with Tata Sons.
- 115) IICA on 24th October, 2013 signed 5 Memoranda of Understanding with country's five leading research, academic and business institutions.
- 116) The archeologists in Peru discovered two mummies more than 1000 years old in the capital of Peru- Lima.
- 117) Axis Bank on 24th October, 2013 rolled out e-KYC initiative to facilitate paperless banking to Aadhaar card holders at Mumbai.
- 118) Mining within 1 km of National Parks and Sanctuaries in Goa banned.
- 119) Sebastian Vettel won the F1 Indian Grand Prix 2013. With this win he joined the group of legends, who have won the quadruple champion.
- 120) The World Bank on 25th October, 2013 approved 250 million US dollars assistance for Uttarakhand.
- 121) Government sanctioned a new Plastic Park for Odisha.
- 122) India on 25th October, 2013 signed an agreement with World Bank for credit of 360 million US dollar for 2nd phase of UP Water Sector Restructuring Project.
- 123) The lower house of Russian Parliament, Duma on 25th October, 2013 approved a new legislation which makes punishment for terrorism more severe.
- 124) The government of Venezuela on 25th October, 2013 created Vice Ministry of Supreme Social Happiness to deal with sadness.
- 125) Global Gender Gap Report 2013, which was published on 25th October, 2013 by WEF revealed that world's gender gaps narrowed slightly in 2013, India Ranked at 101 Place.
- 126) Madagascar held its first Presidential Election after the 2009 Coup.
- 127) Himachal Pradesh on 26th October, 2013 became the second state after Haryana to introduce Union National Vocational Qualitative Framework (NVQF).
- 128) The BCCI on 26th October, 2013 terminated Pune Warriors from the IPL after the Sahara-owned franchise failed to pay its payments.
- 129) India and Peru jointly celebrated the 50th year of establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.
- 130) The Esplanade Metro Station in Kolkata got its Nobel Memorial Wall inaugurated by the Swedish Ambassador, Harald Sandberg.
- 131) GAIL and Paradip Port Trust on 26th October, 2013 signed a Memorandum of Understanding for setting up an offshore LNG terminal at Paradip Port.
- 132) India and Peru signed 4 documents/Mous on during the official visit of the Vice President of India, Mohammad Hamid Ansari to Peru from 26th – 29th October, 2013.
- 133) Chinese scientists on 26th October, 2013 announced the independently developed a vaccine for the H7N9 bird flu virus.
- 134) World's first underwater rail link that connects two continents Asia and Europe was opened in Turkey.
- 135) Indian Oil Corporation on 27th October, 2013 defeated Air India 5-3 to win the 48th Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament.
- 136) Brazil announced its plans to produce the low-cost rubella and measles vaccine for the purpose of export to the developing countries.
- 137) Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana was launched by the Union Minister of Overseas

- Indian Affairs, Vyalari Ravi in Dubai on 28th October, 2013.
- 138)** Hamid Ansari launched the Indian Chambers of Commerce in Lima, Peru.
- 139)** Election Commission of India on 28th October, 2013 announced that candidate with majority votes to be declared elected even if number of electors taking None of the Above (NOTA) option higher.
- 140)** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 29th October, 2013 released the Second Quarter Review of Monetary Policy 2013-14.
- 141)** Priyanka Chopra, the Bollywood actress became the global brand ambassador of American fashion brand Guess.
- 142)** Railways Minister Mallikarjun Kharge on 29th October, 2013 launched the High Speed Rail Corporation of India Ltd (HSRC).
- 143)** The United States of America, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced on 29th October, 2013 a 250000 US Dollar grant.
- 144)** Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on 29th October, 2013 inaugurated the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Museum at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- 145)** After 14 years, ten cases of polio were confirmed in Syria by World Health Organisation. Maximum of the people being tested are toddlers and babies.
- 146)** The Reserve Bank of India on 29th October, 2013 allowed the commercial banks to revise the periodicity of interest payments.
- 147)** Australia on 29th October, 2013 announced the winding down of its military mission in Afghanistan.
- 148)** India Ranked 134th Spot in the Ease of Doing Business List, World Bank.
- 149)** Eighth quinquennial survey on employment and unemployment was released based on the 66th round of NSS during July, 2009 to June, 2010.
- 150)** The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America.
- 151)** All India Football Federation signed an agreement with Football Federation of Australia (FFA) to support AIFF's Grassroots Programme.
- 152)** JPC on allocation and pricing of telecom licences and 2G Spectrum during 1998-2009 was submitted its report to Lok Sabha Speaker on 29th October, 2013.
- 153)** World's first Bitcoin ATM machine which can exchange digital currency Bitcoins for any official currency launched in Vancouver on 29th October, 2013.
- 154)** India developed a new tactical surface-to-surface missile Pragati which has a range between 60-170 km.
- 155)** Scientists discovered a new planet called Kepler 78b which has a similar mass and density to that of Earth.
- 156)** Hamid Ansari on 30th October, 2013 had a meeting with the revolutionary hero and the former President of Cuba, Fidel Castro.
- 157)** Kirit Parikh Panel on advising Pricing Methodology for Diesel, Domestic LPG and PDS Kerosene submitted report on 30th October, 2013.
- 158)** India and Cuba on 30th October, 2013 signed a MoU for cooperation in broadcasting between Prasar Bharati and Cuban Radio and Television Institute.
- 159)** The Union Cabinet of India on 30th October, 2013 gave its approval for declaring the Bhubaneswar and Imphal Airports as International Airports.
- 160)** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 30th October, 2013 approved the launching of a new Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS).
- 161)** A Delhi high court bench on 30th October, 2013 declined to put stay on the launch of AirAsia India in response to a PIL filed against it.
- 162)** India's men's compound Archery team on 31st October, 2013 won a gold medal in the 18th Asian Archery competition held at Chinese Taipei.
- 163)** Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on 31st October, 2013 laid the foundation stone of the Statue of Unity-a 182-metre tall statue at Sardar Sarovar Dam site in Bharuch district in Gujarat.

- 164) Six major central banks in the world - U.S. Federal Reserve, The Bank of Japan, European Central Bank, Bank of England, central bank of Canada and central bank of Switzerland made currency swap arrangements permanent on 31st October, 2013 as a prudent liquidity backstop in case of future global financial strains.
- 165) China on 31st October, 2013 opened a new highway that links Medog to Zhamog-located near the border with Arunachal Pradesh.

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