

Current Affairs of September 2014



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Dear Readers, we are providing you important current affairs of September that will help you in upcoming IBPS Exams.

1. India's global ranking in favouritism shown by government officials to powerful corporates has bettered sharply from 94th in the last year to 49th place this year. The Rank nevertheless, still remains far below other key economies. As per a yearly study by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India's ranking has also bettered notably in terms of public trust in politicians.

Qatar ranked 1st and is followed by New Zealand, Singapore, Finland, UAE, the Netherlands, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland in top 10.

2 Vijay Mallaya Declared as Wilful defaulter by United bank of India. Vijay Mallya is the chairman of United Breweries, producer of India's best-selling beer brand Kingfisher. He is also the chairman of United Spirits, now controlled by Diageo.

3. Announcing the Jammu and Kashmir floods as national level disaster, PM Modi declared an extra Rs 1,000 Crore as distinct aid for flood relief and rehabilitation. The state govt is battling worst flood in the last 50 years.

4. India's nuclear power programme reached a fresh milestone after Unit 5 of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS), become the 2nd longest running reactor in the world by being in operation for 765 days nonstop. Unit 7 of Canada's Pickering nuclear plant holds the world record of running the largest operating plant that ran continuously for 894 days.

5. US OPEN 2014 Edition-134th

1. Men's Singles Title- Marin Cilic(Croatia) beat Kei Nishikori(Japan)

2. Women's Singles Title- Serena Williams (United States) beat Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark)

3. Men's Double Title- Bob Bryan /Mike Bryan(United States) beat Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez(Spain)

4. Womens Double Title- Ekaterina Makarova/Elena Vesnina (Russia) beat Martina Hingis/Flavia Pennetta (Switzerland/Italy)

5. Mixed Doubles-india's Sania Mirza and Brazil's Bruno Soares beats USA's Abigail Spears and Santiago Gonzalez of Mexico

6. Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan has declared the list of members and chairpersons for 24 DRSCs (Department Related Standing Committees) of Parliament. While the ruling BJP grabbed 11 chairperson posts of these panels, the Congress will chair 5, including the coveted Committee on Finance.

The Trinamool Congress will chair two panels. Members of Bahujan Samaj Party, Telugu Desam Party, Biju Janata Dal, Janata Dal (United), Shiv Sena and the AIADMK will chair one panel each

7. A new Road Traffic Act will be brought in the winter session of Parliament this year, which will be at par with international Acts in the Road Sector, this was held by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari. He held that the prevailing Motor Vehicles Act of 1988 has outlasted its usefulness and in the fast changing traffic situation, a holistic Act is desirable

8. Oldest surviving Test cricketer, South African fast bowler Norman Gordon (103), passed away after a year long illness due to renal complications. Gordon played 5 Tests against England in 1939 taking 20 wickets in all before World War cut short his international career.

9. Nalanda University reopens in Bihar. Approximately 800 years after the ancient education institution was ruined, on September 1, 2014, Nalanda University (also known as University of Nalanda), in Bihar's Rajgir district, commenced its first academic session. Nalanda is a Central University in Rajgir, about 55 miles south east of Patna, near Nalanda, Bihar, India. The university is envisioned to re-establish the older Nalanda University which was one of the oldest ancient higher-learning institutions. Nobel Laureate Dr. Amartya Sen is the Chancellor of the University.

10. BSNL and MTNL to be merged by July 2015. In its presentation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, has set a cutoff date: July 31, 2015, for closing the much debated merger of stressed state-run telecom companies, BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd) and MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd).

MTNL runs telecom services in Delhi and Mumbai while BSNL offers telecom coverage in the rest of India.

11. India down to 71st position in an yearly Global Competitiveness List 2014-15, released by the Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF). India has the lowest position amongst the 5 BRICS Nations. Switzerland is the most competitive economy.

12. RBI has asked banks to set up a timeline for clearance of loan proposals, but did not assign a specific time frame for the same.

RBI in its notification held that the Banks should openly delineate the process for disposal of loan proposals, with suitable timelines, and put in place an appropriate monitoring method for reviewing applications awaiting beyond the specified period.

13. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his maiden bilateral visit outside the Indian subcontinent to Japan, inked the cultural agreement of Varanasi-Kyoto which spotlights on how to preserve heritage while building Smart Cities.

PM Modi visited Kyoto the 'smart city' of Japan, to understand the experiment there bearing in mind that he intends to build 100 smart cities in India. Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, had been included in Modi's schedule as it "dovetails into Modi's emphasis on rejuvenation of cities while preserving their cultural heritage."

14. Eminent journalist and Editorial Chairman of Outlook group Vinod Mehta has been chosen for the G.K. Reddy Memorial Award 2014.

15. The former Attorney-General of India G.E. Vahanvati died in Mumbai following a heart attack

16. Renowned Kathak dancer Maya Rao, who helped the dance form gain popularity in South India

17. Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography -The book, titled 'Playing It My Way', will be published worldwide by Hodder and Stoughton and by Hachette India in the Indian sub—continent.

The book has been co—authored by renowned cricket historian and media personality Boria Majumdar.

18. e-commerce firm Flipkart has made a strategic investment in mobile payments firm ngpay.

19. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday issued revised and final guidelines for raising non-equity regulatory capital instruments by banks under the stringent Basel III framework under which lenders can issue Tier-2 capital with a minimum original maturity of five years as against 10 years now

20. The naval offshore patrol vessel INS Sumitra commissioned in Indian Navy.

21. Jaipur Pink Panthers pulled off a 35-24 victory over U Mumba to emerge champion of the inaugural STAR ProKabaddi League.

Jaipur captain- Navneet Gautam

22. Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has decided to roll out Electronic Toll Collection programme in India under the brand name FASTag.

23. Mandolin maestro U Srinivas died in Chennai following a failed liver transplant at the age of 45. He started performing at the early age of nine and as a child prodigy of Mandolin was a phenomenal player. He was known for fusing western instrument Mandolin with Carnatic music so as to render gamaka form of the music.

24. People of Scotland rejected the historic referendum for independence from United Kingdom. In the referendum asking simple question, Should Scotland be an independent country?, 55.3 percent of the Scots voted No whereas 44.7 percent of the Scots voted Yes. In effect the referendum was rejected by a huge margin of 10.6 percent.

Out of 32 council areas, the Scots backing Yes scored four big successes, winning 53 percent of the vote in Scotland's largest city, Glasgow, 54 percent in West Dunbartonshire, 57 percent in Dundee and 51 percent in North Lanarkshire.

25. Hockey India (HI) inducted Hockey Village India (HVI) as an Academy Member to reach out to underprivileged children who are keen to make a career in the sport.

At present, Hockey India has 26 permanent Members, 23 associate Members, one Member through State Olympic Associations, eight Academy Members and one Hoc-Key Member.

26. The Sixth Delhi Economic Census 2013 was released on 19 September 2014. The economic census was released by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics of Delhi Government.

The field work for the Economic Census was conducted between February 2013 and June 2013. It included all types of entrepreneurial activities in the field of agricultural and non-agricultural activities (except crop-production and plantation).

27. US Senate passed a bipartisan resolution declaring 30 September 2014 as US-India Partnership Day. The resolution recognizes the importance of India and the US to one another and their relationship in defining the 21st century.

28. The three day lockdown began in Sierra Leone to fight Ebola. During the lockdown, 30000 volunteers will look for people infected with Ebola, or bodies, which are especially contagious.

They will hand out bars of soap and information on preventing infection.

The teams will not enter people's homes but will call emergency services to deal with patients or bodies.

29. The second Board of Inquiry (BOI) in September 2014 recommended decommissioning of INS Sindhurakshak, in its report. The second BOI was constituted by the Union Defence Ministry to probe the feasibility of reusing INS Sindhurakshak.

In August 2013, a massive fire broke out on INS Sindhurakshak followed by a series of explosions, killing 18 Navy personnel, including three officers, aboard. The 3000-tonne submarine sank in the South Breakwater in naval dockyard of Mumbai within hours of the incident

30. China fined GlaxoSmithKline Placement (GSK Plc) a record 489 million US dollars (3 billion Yuan) for paying bribes to doctors to use its drugs. The fine was imposed by Changsha Intermediate People's Court of China.

31. India and China agreed to establish a Joint Working Group to promote facilitation in the film sector. The group will meet for the first time in November 2014 on the sidelines of the International Film Festival India 2014 at Goa.

The decision of formation of the Joint Working Group was taken in New Delhi at the meet between the Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar and his Chinese counterpart, Minister for State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television (SAPPRFT) Cai Fuchao.

32. Sardar Singh became India's flag bearer at 17th Asian Games opening. Sardar Singh is the captain of Indian Hockey team.

Sardar Singh led the Indian Contingent of 130 Indian athletes as the organizers had put the limitations of 130 persons from any country to be participated in the opening ceremony.

The strength of Indian contingent was 679, which included 516 athletes.

33. Chief Minister of Assam Tarun Gogoi launched an Angel Fund. The fund has been launched to help the first generation entrepreneurs and skilled youths to set up micro and small enterprises in Assam.

The fund was launched at a conference of general managers of District Industries and Commerce Centres (DICC's).

34. France joined US air strikes against ISIS in Iraq. French jets have carried out their first strikes on IS depot in north-east Iraq. Four Rafale planes hit the town of Zumar, killing dozens of militants.

35. Co-founder and leader of Oracle Corp Larry Ellison stepped down as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Larry Ellison will now be the chairman of Oracle's board and the Chief Technology Officer of the company.

Current Presidents of Oracle Safra Catz and Mark Hurd will take over as the new Chief Executive Officers which raised questions whether it will be successful.

36. The 17th Asian Games also known as XVII Asiad commenced at Asiad Main Stadium in Incheon, South Korea on 19 September 2014. The theme of the 2014 Asian Games is Meet Asia's Future.

The games will see participation of about 13000 athletes from 45 nations in different sports categories for over 1300 medals.

37. Infosys BPO Poland has signed a contract with commercial real estate developer Skanska Property in Poland for leasing its office space for 10 years.

This agreement is the largest deal in the office market of Lodz so far and the biggest lease transaction in Poland in 2014.

38. Sportswear retailer Puma India Pvt. Ltd appointed sales and retail head Abhishek Ganguly as the new Managing Director (MD). His appointment came at a time when the brand is taking bold steps to be the fastest brand in the world. The brand recently launched the Forever Faster campaign. Ganguly replaced Rajiv Mehta who was managing director at Puma India since 2005.

39. Union Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry on 19 September 2014 launched free news SMS service of All India Radio (AIR) in five Indian languages. These five languages are Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit, Dogri and Nepali.

40. Padmini Prakash became the first transgender television news anchor in India. On the eve of Independence Day on 15 August 2014, she for the first time read out the day's headlines from a teleprompter for the Lotus News Channel Studios.

41. Dr. Shakeel Auj, a liberal religious scholar and professor and a dean of Islamic Studies at Karachi University was shot dead in Karachi, Pakistan. He was shot down by unknown assailants.

42. Ma Ying-jeou, The President of Taiwan presented the Tang Prizes in Taiwan's capital Taipei. This award honours the outstanding contributions to the environment, human rights, medicine and Sinology. The Tang Prize is treated as Asia's version of the Nobels.

43. The 20th Asian Junior & Cadet Table Tennis Championship was held at Sardar Vallabhai Patel Indoor Stadium in Mumbai from 12 to 16 September 2014. China topped the medals list with six Gold medals (in singles and doubles and in team events), five silvers and four bronze medals.

44. Nepal government cleared GMR Company proposal to build 900 MW Upper Karnali hydroelectric power plant (HEP) in North-West Nepal.

45. India and China signed sixteen agreements to strengthen the strategic and bilateral relations between the two countries. Of these sixteen, thirteen were signed on 18 September 2014 in New Delhi and the three others were signed in Gujarat on 17 September 2014.

The MoUs include making Guangzhou city in China and Ahmedabad as sister cities, setting up of industrial parks in this state and an agreement between Guangdong province and the Gujarat government for development of cultural and social ties between the two provinces,

The first agreement was on a new pilgrimage route to Kailash Mansarovar, while two accords were on trade development. One agreement was on audio-video co-production, and another was on cooperation in railways. An agreement was on drug administration, while yet another was on exchanges between cultural institutions. One MoU was also on the peaceful uses of outer space and another was on mutual administration and cooperation on customs matters. A sister city agreement was concluded between Shanghai and Mumbai.

The other pacts include cooperation in railways, and customs. China has committed investments worth USD 20 billion in India over the next five years.

2015 to be observed as 'Visit India' year in China,

46. Union Sports Ministry finally agreed to honour Boxer Manoj Kumar with Arjuna Award.

The decision to give Arjuna Award to Manoj Kumar came after Manoj Kumar approached the Delhi High Court challenging the Arjuna Awards list prepared by the Kapil Dev led Selection Committee. The Committee had instead nominated Boxer Jai Bhagwan for the Award.

47. Indian Air Force on gifted a vintage Dakota aircraft from its museum to Bangladesh Air Force. The Dakota aircraft was given on a formal request from Bangladesh Air Force to review and revive the historic ties between the two countries.

48. China's Grand Slam winner Li Na on announced her retirement at the age of 32. She is Asia's greatest and most influential tennis player.

49. Union Textiles Ministry approved setting up of 13 textile parks. This move will help generate thousands of jobs in the country.

The investment proposal of minimum 100 crore rupees will be considered for each park. However, the subsidy amount of 40 crore rupees for each park will be provided by the Ministry.

50. US President Barack Obama nominated Indian-American Richard Rahul Verma as the next US Ambassador to India. The US Embassy in New Delhi is currently headed by a Charge d'affaires Kathleen Stephens.

51. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to segregate the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) banks. It also proposed a separate committee for appointment of directors on the board of PSU banks.

These proposals are a part of corporate governance reforms in PSU banks and are based on the recommendations of various committees including the PJ Nayak Committee recommendations.

52. Rajasthan became the first Indian state to ratify the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Bill 2014. The Bill was unanimously passed by the Legislative Assembly of Rajasthan. The Assembly of Rajasthan also adopted the 121st Constitutional Amendment Bill that mentions about National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC).

53. The President Pranab Mukherjee was on a visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 14 to 17 September 2014. During his visit, he held bilateral talks with President Truong Tan Sang and met Prime Minister of Vietnam, Nguyen Tan Dung. Both the countries Presidents jointly inaugurated the Center for Indian Studies at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Public Administration. India also will commence the restoration work of the Cham Monument at My Son in Vietnam.

Historic Cu Chi tunnels of Vietnam was in news because the President of India Pranab Mukherjee visited it on 17 September 2014. Cu Chi tunnel located in the Cu Chi district of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon),

Among the seven pacts inked, a Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed between the ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) and Vietnam Oil and Gas Group (PetroVietnam).

India and Vietnam also signed an MoU on extension of USD 100 million Line of Credit to Hanoi for defence procurement.

The pact, inked between the Exim Bank of India and the Vietnamese Finance Ministry, provides a concessional line of credit for procurement of defence equipment from India. Details of equipment to be procured by Vietnam are under finalisation.

Another significant pact signed during Mukherjee's visit here is an MoU on operating and jointly promoting direct air services between Vietnam Airlines and domestic Indian air carrier Jet Airways.

54. International Boxing Association (AIBA) permitted Indian boxers (pugilists) to take part in the 17th Asian Games 2014 under the national tricolor. This permission was given by AIBA after it gave provisional recognition to Boxing India on 15 September.

55. Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways decided to roll out Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) programme in the country under the brand name FASTag.

ETC is a programme of electronically making the payment on highway tolls without stopping the vehicle at the toll plazas.

56. Lalitha Kumaramangalam was appointed as chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW). She was appointed by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Menaka Gandhi. She is the eighth chairperson of NCW.

At the time of appointment, Lalitha Kumaramangalam was the National Spokesperson and Member of National Executive of Bharatiya Janata Party.

57. Chinese President Xi Jinping appointed Le Yucheng as China's new Ambassador to India. Le Yucheng replaced Wei Wei who previously served as China's envoy to India.

58. Goa became a permanent venue for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). To make Goa a permanent venue for IFFI, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Information and Broadcasting Secretary Bimal Julka and Chief Secretary of Goa State B. Vijayan

59. Prime Minister Narendra Modi appointed former McKinsey India Chairman Adil Zainulbhai as the Chairman of Quality Council of India (QCI).

60. Bollywood actor Naseeruddin Shah released his autobiography And then One Day: A Memoir.

61. NTPC and state government of Andhra Pradesh on 16 September 2014 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for developing 1000 MW solar power(s) in Andhra Pradesh. The MoU was inked in Hyderabad, the joint capital of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

62. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio was appointed as United Nations Messenger of Peace with a special focus on climate change. He was appointed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

63. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 11 schemes under Swavalamban Abhiyan, an initiative of the Gujarat Government. The schemes were launched in a function held at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar in the presence of Governor OP Kohli and Chief Minister Anandiben Patel.

64. The International Economic Association (IEA) appointed Kaushik Basu as president-elect of the association beginning September 2014. However, he will continue to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of World Bank.

65. Nasdaq-listed Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp acquired healthcare IT services provider TriZetto Corp for 2.7 billion US dollars. The acquisition is aimed at boosting the healthcare business of Cognizant

66. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation declined to 5-year low of 3.74 percent in August 2014. This was revealed by the WPI data released on 15 September 2014 by the Office of the Economic Adviser under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

67. Microsoft Corp on acquired the Swedish video game company Mojang for 2.5 billion US dollars. With this acquisition, Microsoft aims to lure young audience into its mobile world.

Microsoft is primarily known for business software like Word and Outlook. But the acquisition of Mojang will help Microsoft expand its gaming division which also includes game franchises such as the Halo shooter game and Forza racing game.

68. Tata Group company Croma and Snapdeal.com tied up to sell electronic goods online. This omni-channel retail association will enable Croma and Snapdeal to leverage from each other's strengths.

Croma and Snapdeal already launched Lenovo tablets exclusively on the platform and announced special offers on the Karbonn Titanium S10 mobile phone.

69. The World Bank Group (WBG) approved 105 million US dollars grant for Ebola Emergency Response project to fight Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The new grant is part of the 200 million US dollars Ebola emergency mobilization announced by the WBG in August 2014. The grant will be financed by WBG's International Development Association (IDA).

70. Market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended deadline by six months to appoint at least one women director on board. SEBI has extended the deadline till 31 March 2015.

71. Indian-origin Antara Haldar became first non-European law lecturer at Cambridge University. She belongs to Mumbai, Maharashtra.

She is the youngest and the only Indian to get the tenured position in the top-ranking law faculty. She is 28 years old

72. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved 4754.42 crore rupees Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Systems (CSST&DS) in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Of the total 4754.42 crore rupees, 3199.45 crore rupees is for Arunachal Pradesh and 1544.99 crore rupees is for Sikkim. This decision will help in significantly reduce electricity losses while being supplied.

73. Meghalaya Governor, Dr. Krishan Kant Paul was sworn-in as the Governor of Manipur. His oath of the office and secrecy was administered by the Manipur High Court Chief Justice Laxmikant Mohapatra at the Raj Bhawan Durbar Hall in Imphal. Paul was given the additional

charge of Manipur by the President on 11 September 2014 after resignation of Vinod Kumar Duggal as Governor of Manipur and Mizoram.

74. Miss Kira Kazantsev won the Miss America pageant. She belongs to New York. Kazantsev received the crown at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall from outgoing Miss America and Miss New York Nina Davuluri. The first runner-up was Miss Virginia Courtney Paige Garrett.

75. The G-20 Labour and Employment Ministerial meet was held at Melbourne, Australia

76. The President of India Pranab Mukherjee on presented Indira Gandhi Rajbhasa awards on the occasion of National Hindi Divas at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Indira Gandhi Rajbhasa awards also known as Indira Gandhi Official Language Awards are celebrated every year on 14 September.

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) CMD Madhusudan was one of the awardees who was honoured with the prestigious Indira Gandhi Rajbhasa Shield for the Best Hindi Implementation in the organisation.

77. 16 September: International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer

The International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on 16 September 2014. The day marks the commemoration of the date of signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987 on substances that deplete the Ozone layer. The theme for 2014 is Ozone Layer Protection: The Mission Goes On.

78. The Union Cabinet approved the launching of National AYUSH Mission (NAM). The word AYUSH stands for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.

NAM is aimed at addressing the gaps in health services particularly in vulnerable and far-off areas.

79. USA won FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014 by defeating Serbia. The World Cup was held at Madrid, Spain.

The United States became the third country to win consecutive world titles and extended its winning streak in international play to 63 games

80. Yoshiko Yamaguchi, the film actress of Japan died due to heart failure on 7 September 2014. She was 94. She was known as Rikoran and Shirley Yamaguchi in the US.

Yamaguchi was one of the biggest Japanese film stars during and after World War II.

81. Economic Outlook Survey of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) was released on 13 September 2014. The Survey estimated that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to expand by 5.6 percent during financial year 2014-15.

82. Educationist Kireet Joshi died. He was 83. He was a former education adviser to the Union government in 1976.

Joshi played an important role in developing and spreading the message of Integral education both in India and abroad.

83. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) estimated that floods in Jammu & Kashmir have caused losses of 5700 crore rupees to the State's economy. The estimated loss is about 10 percent of the State's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

84. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) closed down six Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs). These UCBs were suspected of being used to route illegal money, but RBI did not disclose the names of these six UCBs.

85. Foreign Minister of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited India from 6 to 7 September 2014. During his visit he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union External Affairs Minister, Sushma Swaraj. He also had discussions on trade, investment, high tech cooperation and renewable energy collaboration.

86. Union Human Resource Development Ministry announced to fund Swachh Vidyalaya campaign. Funding of the campaign will be through Swachh Bharat Kosh that the Union Government has announced to set up to fund the Swachh Bharat Campaign. Also, HRD Ministry would initiate the process of drafting a new cohesive education policy for the successful implementation of the campaign. The policy will be drafted after conducting nationwide consultations from January 2015

87. Narendra Ambwani elected as Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).

He succeeded Partha Rakshit. Narendra Ambwani is the Director of Agro Tech Foods Ltd.

88. HS Prannoy, the young Indian shuttler won Indonesian Badminton Masters Grand Prix Gold on 14 September 2014. He defeated Indonesian Firman Abdul Kholik 21-11, 22-20 to grab his maiden Grand Prix (GP) title in the finals played at GOR Jakabaring stadium, Indonesia.

89. The Reserve Bank of India decided to fix the upper age limit at 70 years for Managing Directors (M.D) and Chief Executive Officers (CEO) in private sector banks.

As per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 under Section 196(3), it prescribed that no company shall appoint or continue the employment of any person as managing director, whole-time director or manager who is below the age of 21 years or has attained the age of 70 years.

90. State Bank of India (SBI) celebrated 150 years of its operations in Sri Lanka. SBI Managing Director Krishna Kumar reaffirmed the bank's commitment to partner in Sri Lanka's efforts in developing its economy.

India has committed large resources for the progress of Sri Lanka. Indian assistance to Sri Lanka is in tune of 1.6 billion US dollars and one fourth of this is in form of direct grant assistance while the rest is soft long-term loans for development projects.

91. The West Bengal cabinet cleared a farmer-friendly project Sech-Bandhu Prakalpa to boost irrigation.

The project aimed to offer 46000 new pump sets with power connectivity to the farmers to boost irrigation.

92. Russian hackers have leaked around Five millions Gmail Passwords.

The same Google account password is used across all Google products, such as Gmail, Drive, Plus, YouTube, Maps etc.

93. The World Health Organisation (WHO) honoured Bangladesh and Timor-Leste with South East Asia Regional Award for Excellence in Public Health. The newly instituted awards were presented to Saima Hossain of Bangladesh and National Malaria Control Programme of Timor-Leste in Dhaka

94. Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched a New Payment Gateway Integrated to e-Filing System of the Intellectual Property Office of India (IPOI). It was launched by Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).

95. Rays Power Experts on announced to set up 50 mw Solar Power Generation Park in Andhra Pradesh. The total cost of the project is 300 crore rupees and it will be completed by January 2015.

96. Chitresh Tatha, 12, is the youngest sailor to represent India at the 2014 Asian Games . He sails in the Optimist Dinghy category.

The 17th edition Asian Games will be held in Incheon, South Korea from 19 September to 4 October 2014

97. Union government on 11 September 2014 decided to wind up HMT Watches in a phased manner. HMT Watches is a wholly owned subsidiary of HMT limited.

98. BlackBerry acquired a U.K-based mobile technology start-up Movirtu on 11 September 2014. Movirtu's software allows users to have multiple phone numbers on the same device.

99. ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) launched a Cardless Cash Withdrawal service on 10 September 2014. The service allows its customers to transfer money from their account to anyone in India with a mobile number. The recipient can withdraw without a debit card or even a bank account.

In case of transfer, recipient can withdraw money round the clock without using a debit card from over ten thousand ATMs of ICICI Bank across the country. The recipient can withdraw even without having a bank account of any bank but the sender needs to be an ICICI Bank savings account holder.

100. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10 September 2014 approved the disinvestment of the stake of Coal Indian Limited (CIL), Oil and Natural Gas Company (ONGC) and National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC). The stakes of the three organisations will be sold to garner a combined 43 thousand crore rupees.

The CCEA has cleared disinvestment of 10 percent stake of CIL, 5 percent in ONGC and 11.36 percent in NHPC.

101. Highest percentages of hired workers in India are present in Arunachal Pradesh. This was revealed by the provisional results of the 6th Economic Census All India Report 2013

102. Freedom fighter and veteran journalist Jitendra Chandra Paul died on 11 September 2014 at B.R. Ambedkar Medical College in Agartala, Tripura. He was 101.

103. The International Cricket Council (ICC) on 9 September 2014 suspended Saeed Ajmal, the off-spinner of Pakistan, from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect for illegal bowling action.

104. Prominent Bangladeshi Nazrul Sangeet singer Firoza Begum died on 9 September 2014 in Dhaka due to heart and kidney problems. She was 84.

She was best known for singing Nazrul Sangeet, a musical work composed by Bengali poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

105. Actor Richard Kiel who played steel-toothed villain role in two James Bond films died on 10 September 2014 in California. He was 74.

106. Senior IAS officer Subhash Chandra Garg was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of World Bank . An order issued by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) said that Garg will have tenure of three years from the date of assuming charge of the post.

107. Pankaj Advani on 5 September 2014 announced to retire from the professional snooker tour. He decided to retire as he was finding it difficult to divide the time between billiards and snooker. However, he will continue to participate in Billiards.

108. Major tribal bodies in Tripura on 8 September 2014 rejected the demands for a separate state called Twipraland. The separate State Twipraland was to be carved out of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC).

109. H Devaraj Committee on 8 September 2014 reported that most of the deemed universities are not fit for being a university. It said that out of 41 C category deemed universities only 10 universities are found to be fit for being a university. Rest of the university does not fulfil the criteria to become the university.

110. The al-Khansaa Brigade is an all-female branch of ISIS. It was established in Raqqa city of Syria. ISIS militants took over the city in August 2014. Up to 60 women are believed to have joined the Al-Khansaa brigade

111. TN Suresh Kumar on 15 August 2014 became the first Indian to visit to the stratosphere, the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere.

112. Uttarakhand Government officially declared 9 September as Himalaya Diwas. The state will celebrate Himalaya Diwas to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems.

113. A former NASA chief scientist Dr. Noel W. Hinners died on 5 September 2014 due to brain tumor. He was 78.

114. Court, an Indian movie written and directed by Indian writer Chaitanya Tamhane, on 7 September 2014 won the Lion of the Future – Luigi De Laurentiis award for a Debut Feature at the 71st Venice Film Festival. The film that is a multilingual courtroom drama, won the award for its striking narrative style.

115. Habib wali Mohammad on 4 september 2014 died. He was 90. He was residing in Los Angeles at the time of his death.

He was best known for his film ghazal Aaj Jaane Ki Zid Na Karo that catapulted him to widespread recognition.

116. President Pranab Mukherjee on 8 September 2014 presented the Saakshar Bharat Awards 2014 at International Literacy Day Celebrations. He gave away 11 Saakshar Bharat Awards 2014 to State, Districts, Blocks, Gram Panchayats, State Resource Centre (SRC) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) for their best performance in the field of adult education.

One of the recipient of Saakshar Bharat National Award 2014 was G.S.R. K.R. Vijaykumar, the District collector of Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh. He received the award for turning 4.75 lakh non literates into literates within nine months in the total literacy programme.

117. Dr. Kamal Bawa, an Indian Scientist, on 8 September 2014 won the MIDORI Prize in Biodiversity 2014. Bawa was honoured for his research that included climate change in the Himalayas.

The name of the winners along with Kamal Bawa was announced in Tokyo, Japan and Montreal, Canada by the AEON Environmental Foundation and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat.

118. UN Climate Change Summit 2014 was held at UN headquarters in New York on 23 September 2014 to put the planet on course towards reversing global warming.

The purpose of the 2014 Climate Summit was to raise political momentum for a meaningful universal climate agreement in Paris in 2015. Moreover, it aimed to galvanize transformative action in all countries to reduce emissions and build resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change.

119. Geethu Mohandas's Hindi-language feature film Liar's Dice on 23 September 2014 was selected for India's official entry in the 2015 Oscars Awards. The 87th Oscar Awards event will take place in the US on 22 February 2015.

The movie was nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film category. Out of 30 entries, this movie was chosen unanimously by 12-member jury headed by eminent filmmaker T. Hariharan.

120. Sri Lankan Cricket Board on 24 September 2014 appointed the former national cricket team captain Marvan Atapattu as the head coach of the national team with immediate effect.

Atapattu's name was unanimously approved for the post by the executive committee of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). However, SLC doesn't disclose the terms and tenure of his appointment.

121. World population will reach 11 billion by 2100 and it was highly unlikely that global population will stabilize by the end of 2100. This was revealed by a UN study titled World population stabilization unlikely this century. The study was published in the online edition of Journal Science on 18 September 2014.

The UN study projected the population growth on basis of data until 2012 and a Bayesian probabilistic methodology. Analysis of these data reveals that, there is an 80 percent probability that world population, now 7.2 billion, will increase to between 9.6 and 12.3 billion in 2100.

122. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) on 23 September 2014 raised 100 million US dollars (600 crore rupees) from international and domestic institutional investors through its first onshore rupee bond named Maharaja Bonds.

This is the first international AAA issuance in India wherein HSBC, ICICI securities, and SBI Caps are the lead-arrangers. These bonds will be listed on the National Stock Exchange by September 2014.

123. German Embassy of India on 23 September 2014 organised a concert for Kashmir named Ehsaas-e-Kashmir to show solidarity with the people of Kashmir and raise funds for rehabilitation and relief work of Kashmir's who were affected by the floods.

124. Drugs and chemicals maker Merck KGaA on 22 September 2014 announced to acquire U.S. based Sigma-Aldrich Company for 17 billion US dollar in cash to boost its lab supplies business.

The deal is the biggest ever takeover in the German group's history. The deal will help Merck to focus on supplying major pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions with chemicals and services.

125. Govind Mishra, the renowned Hindi author was given the Saraswati Samman in New Delhi on 23 September 2014. He was given the Samman by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh for his novel Dhool Paudhon Par that was published in 2008.

Govind Mishra is the second Hindi author to be conferred with this honour after Harivansh Rai Bachchan in 1991 for his autobiography in four volumes in Hindi.

126. The Union government on 23 September 2014 appointed Debroy Panel to suggest ways for restructuring the Railway Board. The Panel has been tasked to suggest measures to reorganize

the Railway Board and its departments so that policy making is separated from day-to-day operations. The Panel would submit its report till the end of 2015. The seven-member panel will be headed by economist Bibek Debroy.

127. India's Mars Orbiter Mission, Mangalyaan on 24 September 2014 successfully entered the Martian orbit. To insert the spacecraft into the orbit the operation was started at scheduled time 07:17:32 am when its Liquid Apogee Motor (LAM) was fired for 24 minutes 16 seconds. By achieving this feat, India created the history of becoming the first country to insert the spacecraft of the mission around the Mars in first attempt. Apart from this, India also came one step closer to its cherished dream of landing on Mars.

128. Baba N Kalyani, the Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Forge has been conferred with the "Bharatratna Sir M Visvesvaraya Memorial Award-2014" by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

129. The Export and Import Bank of India has received Rs. 650-crore capital and is due to receive another Rs. 650 crore this year, as part of capital infusion from the Government of India.

130. Hardeep Singh Puri was appointed as Secretary General of Independent Commission on Multilateralism (ICM) on 23 September 2014. He is a former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.

131. Union Ministry of Sports inaugurated National Academy for Athletics and National Golf Academy at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports, Sarbananda Sonowal

132. AP Government on 23 September 2014 issued an order enhancing the upper age limit for direct recruitment in government service from 34 to 40 years. This new order will come in to force from 30 September 2016.

133. The Union Government on 22 September 2014 placed a blueprint of short, medium and long term measures to restore the glory of the river Ganga before the Supreme Court of India. The blueprint submitted in the court spreads over 18 years and investment of thousands of crore rupees. The affidavit of the blueprint for Ganga rejuvenation was submitted by the Union Government after the Supreme Court of India on 13 August 2014 asked the Union Government to come up with a stage-wise road-map to make river Ganga pollution free.

134. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 22 September 2014 approved the appointment of V.G. Mathew as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kerala-based South Indian Bank Ltd.

V.G. Mathew is appointed for a period of three years with effect from 1 October 2014. He will replace V.A. Joseph who will retire on 30 September 2014 after serving the bank for 12 years.

135. The veteran cricket historian and statistician Anandji Dossa died on 22 September 2014 in New York, US. He was 98. Dossa in 2013 moved to the US along with his wife to be with their daughter. The doyen of the Indian cricket's scoring and statistics started collecting the newspaper cuttings of every India match since first test in 1932 to 1990s in form of a scrapbook.

136. Lieutenant General Rizwan Akhtar on 22 September 2014 was appointed as the new head of the Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). He will replace Lt-Gen Zaheerul Islam who is scheduled to retire in October 2014.

137. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) observed World Green Building Week from 22 September 2014 to 27 September 2014. The week is simultaneously being observed in over 100 countries. The theme of the week is Get up, Green Up. The week aimed to promote construction of environment-friendly buildings.

The DMRC has partnered with the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The Delhi Metro has decided to design all its phase-III stations as green buildings.

138. New Zealand re-elected Prime Minister, John Key.

139. Ashraf Ghani Ahmadai appointed as new President of Afghanistan.

140. Voreqe Frank Bainimarama, will be sworn as the Prime Minister Fiji.

141. Amit Mathew on 22 September 2014 was unanimously elected as Chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for the year 2014-15. He is the resident editor and director of Malyala Manorama.

142. The Narula brothers of Delhi on 20 September 2014 became the first ever contestants to win 7 crore rupees in the television show, **Kaun Banega Crorepati**, hosted by Amitabh Bachchan. The two brothers, **Achin and Sarthak Narula** emerged victorious in Season 8 of the show after answering 14 questions correctly, with help of four lifelines.

143. The Uttar Pradesh government on 19 September 2014 decided to open Nirbhaya Centers in all districts of the state. These Nirbhaya Centers will provide prompt help to the victims of crime against women and also facilitate lodging of FIRs.

144. Indian Tennis Player Leander Paes and Polish Marcin Matkowski defeated second seeded Jamie Murray and John Peers to win the doubles title at the Malaysian Open held in Kuala Lumpur. They beat their opponents 3-6, 7-6(5), 10-5 in 90 minutes.

145. IRNSS 1C, the next satellite in India's IRNSS (Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System) series, is set to be launched on October 9 by ISRO. IRNSS 1C will be launched on a PSLV C26 from Sriharikota. The satellite is similar to, and follows the IRNSS 1A and 1B which were launched in April 2013 and July 2014 respectively.

146. World Tourism Day (WTD) was observed across the world on 27 September 2014. The theme of the World Tourism Day 2014 is Tourism and Community Development. The 2014 WTD is focused to highlight the ability of tourism to empower people and provide them with skills to achieve change in their local communities.

147. Auto Portal Cardekho on 29 September 2014 acquired Gaadi.com. Cardekho is expected to have paid 11 million US dollar for Gaadi.com. However, both the companies will continue to run independently and operate as separate businesses in order to drive focus, especially in the pre-owned car business. The combined Cardekho and Gaadi entity is expected to become the largest online auto classifieds play by revenue and traffic.

148. Bibi Prakash Kaur, the last surviving real sister of martyr Bhagat Singh died on 28 September 2014 in Canada. She was 94.

149. Europe on 28 September 2014 won the 40th Ryder Cup in Gleneagles, Scotland. Europe defeated United States by 16½ points to 11½. The team captains were Paul McGinley for Europe and Tom Watson for the USA.

150. Justice Handiyala Lakshminarayanadaswamy Dattu was sworn-in as the 42nd Chief Justice of India on 28 September 2014. He was administered the oath of office by President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhawan. He succeeded Chief Justice RM Lodha who demitted office on 27 September 2014.

151. World Heart Day was observed across the world on 29 September 2014. The objective of the day is to inform people around the world of the danger of heart disease and stroke. 2014 theme for World Heart Day's is **Heart Choices NOT Hard Choices**. The World Health Organization on the occasion said that there is a need to reduce the consumption of salt that is linked to death of people from cardiovascular diseases.

152. The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on 27 September 2014 addressed the 69th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. He addressed the 193-member UN General Assembly in Hindi becoming the second Prime Minister after Atal Behari Vajpayee who was a Prime Minister from 1998 to 2004

153. AIADMK Treasurer O Panneerselvam was sworn-in as Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu on 29 September 2014. He replaced the former AIADMK chief J Jayalalithaa. He is the 28th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu since 1920. Along with Panneerselvam, the State Cabinet was also sworn-in by the Tamil Nadu Governor K Rosaiah. He replace Jayalalitha.

J Jayalalithaa was convicted in the 18 year old disproportionate assets case of over 66 crore rupees. Bangalore Special Court awarded a four year prison term to her after finding her guilty of amassing unaccounted wealth.

154. Gunners Day was observed on 28 September 2014. This is the 187th Gunners Day.

Gunners Day is also called as Raising Day is observed to mark the raising of the first Indian Artillery unit, 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery that was equipped with 2.5 inch Rifled Muzzle-Loading (RML) guns. It was raised on 28 September in 1827.

155. Volcano Mount Ontake in Japan erupted on 27 September 2014 killing more than 30 people and injuring as many people. The volcano, which is a popular destination for religious pilgrimages, erupted when many hikers were out enjoying the beautiful start to the weekend and the autumn hiking season.

156. The Bangladesh government on 28 September 2014 appointed Syed Muazzem Ali as the new Bangladesh High Commissioner to India. Syed Muazzem Ali will replace Tariq A. Karim who served as the Bangladesh High Commissioner to India from 2009 to 2014.

157. The Board of Cricket for Control in India (BCCI) Working Committee on 26 September 2014 extended Ravi Shastri's tenure as Director of Indian Cricket team till end of 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup. The ICC Cricket World Cup is to be played in Australia and New Zealand from 14 February to 29 March 2015.

158. Prithviraj Chavan on 26 September 2014 resigned as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra after his government was reduced to a minority. Chavan submitted his resignation to governor of the state C Vidyasagar Rao.

His resignation came in the backdrop of withdrawal of the support of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) that supported Congress for the last 15 years.

159. India's market regulator, SEBI on 26 September 2014 notified the final rules for setting up of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) Regulations 2014 and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Regulations 2014. The notifications would help in attracting more funds in a transparent manner into the realty and infrastructure sectors.

160. China on 25 September 2014 launched Made in China campaign to counter India. The launch of the campaign coincided with the launch of Make In India campaign.

The decision to launch the campaign was taken by Chinese cabinet headed by Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang. China by launching Made in China campaign seeks to retain its manufacturing prowess through giving host of tax concessions.

161. State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender on 26 September 2014 announced that it has signed a Line of Credit (LoC) of 500 million dollar with Export-Import Bank of Korea (Korea Eximbank).

162. In his speech addressing Indian-Americans at Madison Square Garden, PM Modi announced lifetime visas for PIOs (Persons of Indian origin). In additional reforms, he said that PIO card holders staying for a long term will not have to report at the local police station and that









eventually, PIO and OCI schemes will be merged and the process streamlined in order to facilitate easy travel for the card holders.

163. The Union Cabinet has granted its approval for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) which will be officially launched on October 2, 2014. The main goal of the programme is a clean India with all gram panchayats being open defecation free by 2019.

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Urban) will last a span of five years and cover 4,041 statutory towns. The earlier mission on sanitation, Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, will be restructured into Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Rural). The urban component of SBA will be implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development, and the rural component by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. The total outlay is Rs. 62,009 crores with Rs. 14,623 coming from the Centre.

164. Asian games 2014 At a glance till 30 september

Asian Games 2014 Medals

Rank	Country	Gold 	Silver 	Bronze 	Total
1	 China	118	73	57	248
2	 Korea	46	51	55	152
3	 Japan	36	49	53	138
4	 Kazakhstan	15	16	23	54
9	 India	6	7	31	44

Gold medals for India

1. India's Jitu Rai- gold medal in men's 50m pistol event at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon
2. Saurav Ghosal, Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu, Kush Kuamr and Mahesh Manaonkar Mahesh wins Men squash team Gold.
3. Saketh Sai Myneni and Sania Mirza win mixed doubles tennis gold
4. Yogeshwar Dutt wins gold medal after winning the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling
5. Seema Punia wins gold women's Discus Throw.

6. Archery: Rajat Chauhan, Sandeep Kumar and Abhishek Verma won gold medal in Men's Compound Team Event

Silver

1. Anaka Alankamony, Joshna Chinappa, Aparajitha Balamurukan and Deepika Pallikal win silver medals in women's team squash award

2. Silver medallist Vijay Kumar, Pemba Tamang, Gurpreet Singh in men's 25m center pistol event

3. Tennis players Saketh Myneni (R) and Sanam Singh won Silver medal in Men's doubles at Asian Games

4. Wrestler Bajrang won an Asiad silver medal

5. Archery: Abhishek Verma won silver medal in Men's Compound Individual event

6. Athletics: Lalita Babar won silver medal in women's 3000 metre steeplechase

7. Khushbir Kaur silver medal in the 20km race walk.

Thank you