

✎ What is India's GDP growth forecast for the FY 2015-16 according to Fitch Ratings?

Ans: 7.5%

✎ What is the rank of India on the Global Competitiveness Index 2015?

Ans: 55th

✎ What is Sky Muster?

Ans: Australia's communication satellite

✎ Which of the following won the gold medal in women's 10 meter air pistol event at the 8th Asian Air Gun Championships?

Ans: Heena Sindhu

✎ _____, an Indian-American associate professor has been named a 2015 MacArthur Fellow with a "genius grant" of \$625,000.

Ans: Kartik Chandran

✎ In which of the following states Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) has set up its first Renewable Energy project?

Ans: Tamil Nadu

✎ Which of the following ministries launched the NOC Online Application Portal and Processing System (NOAPS)?

Ans: Ministry of Culture

✎ Who has been named brand ambassador of Hero Indian Super League (ISL) Football Tournament Season 2 for Tamil Nadu?

Ans: Dhanush

✎ Expand FATCA.

Ans: Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

✎ How much fine has been imposed by International Court of Arbitration on ISRO's commercial arm Antrix?

Ans: \$562.5 million

✎ What is the target set by India to cut the carbon emission by 2030?

Ans: 33-35%

✎ Who has become the first Indian batsman to reach 1,000 runs in the Twenty20 International (T20I) 2015?

Ans: Virat Kohli

✎ Which of the following has entered Da Nang in Vietnam on a four-day visit?

Ans: INS Sahyadri

✎ Who has become the first Indian to receive the 'Magnolia Gold Award'?

Ans: Rangarajan Vellamore, CEO Infosys China

✎ Who won the Best CEO award in Public Sector category in the Forbes India Leadership Awards 2015?

Ans: Arundhati Bhattacharya

✎ Who has assumed office as Chairman and Managing Director of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC)?

Ans: Sarat Kumar Acharya

✎ Which of the following ministries launched Intensive Participatory Planning Exercise II (IPPE-II) scheme?

Ans: Rural Development Ministry

✎ Recently HSBC announced retirement of _____ as HSBC India chairman on 31 December 2015.

Ans: Naina Lal Kidwai

✎ Which country will host G20 Summit in 2018?

Ans: India

✎ With how many branches IDFC Bank started its banking operations?

Ans: 23

✎ According to the World Bank report which country accounted for the largest number of poor people in any country in 2012?

Ans: India

✎ Who has been elected President of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

Ans: Shashank Manohar

✎ What is the World Bank's growth forecast for China in 2015?

Ans: 6.5%

✎ Name the Indian diplomat who has been appointed the new British Ambassador to Qatar.

Ans: Ajay Sharma

✎ The navies of which two countries conduct Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) exercise?

Ans: India and Indonesia

✎ Which company has been ranked as the most valuable company in India in terms of market capitalization?

Ans: Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.

✎ Which of the following has appointed Sriram Venkataraman as the CFO for its commerce platform?

Ans: Flipkart

✎ Which of the following pairs won Wuhan Open Tennis Tournament?

Ans: Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis

✎ In which Indian state Asia's premier mountain biking race was organised?

Ans: Himachal Pradesh

✎ As a part of Indian Navy's overseas deployment to West Asia, Africa and Europe which of the following entered Istanbul?

Ans: INS Trikand

✎ How many scientists have been chosen for Nobel Prize 2015 for Medicine (or Physiology)?

Ans: 3

✎ Recently how many agreements were signed between India and Germany?

Ans: 18

✎ Which of the following organised the Indo-German Summit 2015 in Bengaluru?

Ans: NASSCOM

✎ Who won the men's singles title of Malaysian Open 2015?

Ans: David Ferrer

✎ World's highest terrestrial Research and Development centre has been established in which Indian state?

Ans: Jammu & Kashmir

✎ Who received the 'Best General Manager, South India' award at the 11th Hospitality India Annual Travel Awards?

Ans: Sanjay Kaushik

✎ In how many districts the second phase of Mission Indradhanush has been launched?

Ans: 352

✎ A framework MoU was signed between the Department of Heavy Industries (DHI), GoI and Fraunhofer, _____, which will act as the 'technology resource partner' for India.

Ans: Germany

✎ Which public sector bank has registered highest increase in gross NPAs for last fiscal year (2014-15)?

Ans: UCO Bank

✎ Who chaired the first meeting of the National Sagarmala Apex Committee (NSAC) held in New Delhi?

Ans: Nitin Gadkari

✎ Who has been given an additional charge of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FSSAI?

Ans: Ashish Bahuguna

✎ Which of the following is awarded with Skoch Smart Governance Award?

Ans: Tiruchirapalli City Municipal Corporation

✎ Which country won the FIBA Asian Basketball Championship 2015?

Ans: China

✎ Who has been awarded 2015 Noble Prize in Physics?

Ans: Takaai Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald

✎ What is the IMF's growth forecast for India for the year 2015?

Ans: 7.3%

✎ Which of the following awards has been returned by Nayantara Sahgal, the niece of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru?

Ans: Sahitya Akademi Award

✎ Recently RBI announced higher investment limits in rupee terms in government securities by FPIs with a view to bringing in an additional Rs 1.2 lakh crore by March _____.

Ans: 2018

✎ Recently Union Cabinet has approved the protocol amending the Convention and the Protocol for avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion between India and which of the following countries?

Ans: India and Israel, India and Vietnam

✎ Recently the Union Cabinet gave its approval for setting up of three new AIIMS. Their establishment involves how much expenditure?

Ans: Rs.4949 crore

✎ Recently the Union Cabinet approved the construction of a National War Memorial and a National War Museum. These will be constructed at which place?

Ans: Princess Park, New Delhi

✎ Recently Union Home minister presented the Award of Excellence to Rajiva Ranjan Verma. For which reason he was presented the award?

Ans: For the contribution of RPF in the field of Anti Human Trafficking

✎ Recently the Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to the protocol for cooperation in the field of blue economy between India and _____.

Ans: Seychelles

✎ Who has won 2015 Nobel Prize for Chemistry?

Ans: Tomas Lindahl, Paul Modrich and Aziz Sancar

✎ Who has won Martin Ennals award?

Ans: Ahmed Mansoor

✎ For the formation of which service of the technical cadre of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship the Union Cabinet has given its approval?

Ans: Group 'A'

✎ Who is the Minister of State for Home Affairs?

Ans: Kiren Rijju

✎ Which of the following is assisting the National Watershed Management Project "Neeranchal"?

Ans: World Bank

✎ Who won Nobel Prize in Literature for 2015?

Ans: Svetlana Alexievich

✎ Who has been named as the new Chief Executive of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA)?

Ans: Steve Simon

✎ Who has been named the first Indian ambassador for Tourism New Zealand?

Ans: Sidharth Malhotra

✎ Who has been awarded with the 2015 PEN Pinter Prize?

Ans: Raif Badawi and James Fenton

✎ Name the first indigenously-designed and built torpedo launch and recovery vessel commissioned into the Indian Navy.

Ans: INS Astradharini

✎ Name the Indian cyclist who clinched gold medal in the Taiwan Cup Track International Classic I Tournament 2015.

Ans: Deborah Herold

✎ Who has been elected as the new head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)?

Ans: Hoesung Lee

☒ Recently an expert committee has proposed a huge 316% salary increase for the MLAs of Delhi in its report. Who headed this committee?

Ans: P.D.T. Achary

☒ Which project has been launched to speed up payment of crop insurance claims to farmers?

Ans: KISAN Project

☒ IMF has projected the economic growth rate of 7.5% for India in 2016 as against China's _____.

Ans: 6.3%

☒ Which country won the 2015 Women's European Volleyball Championship?

Ans: Russia

☒ Who won the 2015 FIDE World Chess Cup?

Ans: Sergey Karjakin

☒ Who has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in Prime Minister's Office?

Ans: Vinay Mohan Kwatra

☒ With which of the following NCDEX has signed an agreement for farmers and traders associated with it?

Ans: Kotak Mahindra Bank

☒ Which of the following won Nobel Peace Prize for 2015?

Ans: Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet

☒ Which Indian has been appointed as Cultural Ambassador for Seychelles?

Ans: A.R. Rahman

☒ Name the Indian-American who has made his way into the CNN's Top Ten Heroes of 2015?

Ans: Bhagwati Agrawal

☒ Which bank has launched a mobile payment service 'mVisa'?

Ans: ICICI Bank

✎ How many Indian families have found place in the Forbes Asia's ranking of the Asia's 50 richest families?

Ans: 14

✎ Recently Cipla Medpro (Pvt.) Ltd. has entered into an agreement with Serum Institute of India to provide vaccines in _____.

Ans: South Africa

✎ Which swimmer won two gold medals at the sixth Military World Games in South Korea?

Ans: Ning Zetao

✎ Nualgi, an Indian company with wholly Indian technology in the field of _____ has won a prestigious award at the Climate CoLab of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

Ans: nano biotechnology

✎ To protect the endangered Gangetic river dolphins country's first community reserve for the mammal will soon be established in _____.

Ans: West Bengal

✎ Who has been conferred with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award?

Ans: A.R. Rahman

✎ Who has been appointed as the new President of the Paralympics Committee of India (PCI)?

Ans: Rao Inderjit Singh

✎ Who has been appointed as the chairman of Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)?

Ans: Sekhar Basu

✎ In which BRICS nation the first BRICS Ministerial meeting on Migration was held?

Ans: Russia

✎ With which of the following Future Group entered into an agreement recently?

Ans: Patanjali Ayurved

✎ Which international payment system has been launched by China to provide global dimensions to its currency Yuan?

Ans: China International Payment System

✎ Who has been appointed as the interim FIFA president?

Ans: Issa Hayatou

✎ Recently Ravindra Jain passed away. He was a _____.

Ans: music director

✎ The National Pension System and _____ have together crossed milestone figure of Rs. 1 lakh crore with regard to total Assets Under Management.

Ans: Atal Pension Yojana

✎ What is the venue of 2015 World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund Boards of Governors Annual Meeting?

Ans: Lima, Peru

✎ Between how many countries the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) free trade agreement was reached?

Ans: 12

✎ How much grant has been approved by ADB to quake-ravaged Nepal?

Ans: \$15 million

✎ Which country announced to give Madhya Pradesh government Rs. 12,000 crore loan for its Bhopal and Indore Metro rail projects?

Ans: Japan

✎ Who has been awarded 2015 Noble Prize in Economic Sciences?

Ans: Angus Deaton

Q.2 . Who has been elected as the new President of Fiji?

Ans: Jioji Konrote

✎ Which of the following pairs won women's doubles title of the China Tennis Open?

Ans: Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis

✎ Which of the following pairs won China Tennis Open men's doubles finals?

Ans: Vasek Pospisil and Jack Sock

✎ Who won the China Tennis Open Men's Singles title?

Ans: Novak Djokovic

✎ Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Nepal?

Ans: K.P. Sharma Oli

✎ Name the Chief Financial Officer of Infosys who resigned recently.

Ans: Rajiv Bansal

✎ Recently Dr. N. Ramani passed away. He was a Carnatic _____.

Ans: Carnatic flautist

✎ Which of the following is not a field in which MoU between India and Jordan is signed during the recent visit of Indian President to Jordan?

Ans: Culture

✎ In which city Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a world-class memorial for constitution-maker Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar?

Ans: Mumbai

✎ Who won the 2015 Formula 1 Russian Grand Prix title?

Ans: Lewis Hamilton

✎ Who won the 2015 Dutch Open Men's Singles Badminton title?

Ans: Ajay Jayaram

✎ Who became the first Indian female bodybuilder to win a silver medal in the 49th Asian Bodybuilding Championship?

Ans: Shweta Rathore

✎ Who has been awarded with J.C. Daniel Award for the year 2014?

Ans: I.V. Sasi

✎ Recently Indian government signed a deal, worth _____, with Pipistrel, a Slovenian firm, for 194 micro-light aircraft named 'Virus SW 80/100'.

Ans: 105.5 crore rupees

✎ Which of the following won the Beighton Cup hockey tournament?

Ans: PNB

✎ Which bank has launched 'Money2World' service?

Ans: ICICI Bank

✎ By which year the African Development Bank would triple its annual climate financing?

Ans: 2020

✎ Recently launched long-range missile Emad belongs to which country?

Ans: Iran

✎ Recently joint training exercise between India and Sri Lanka concluded. What is its name?

Ans: Mitra Shakti-2015

✎ "Hand-in-Hand" is a joint military training exercise between which two countries?

Ans: India and China

✎ Recently Finance Ministers of 20 nations vulnerable to _____ launched the V20 Group.

Ans: climate change

✎ Who has been conferred with the Man Booker Prize for 2015?

Ans: Marlon James

✎ According to Nasscom what is the rank of India among global startup ecosystems?

Ans: Third

✎ Which country's Finance Minister has been honoured with 'Finance Minister of the Year, Asia' Award by London-based publication Emerging Markets?

Ans: India

✎ Who has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC)?

Ans: Alkesh Sharma



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✎ How much budgetary support has been given by India to Palestine during Indian President's visit to the country?

Ans: \$5 million

✎ Recently which country agreed not to build any new uranium plants under its nuclear deal with world powers?

Ans: Iran

✎ Who has been presented with the Golden Boot award for the 2014-15 season?

Ans: Cristiano Ronaldo

✎ Which of the following has become the first state government to promote affordable housing?

Ans: Rajasthan

✎ Recently _____ operationalised the Zam Hydropower Station built on river Brahmaputra.

Ans: China

✎ Which country has launched 'Modi Express' bus?

Ans: UK

✎ Who is the new CEO of Telenor India?

Ans: Sharad Malhotra

✎ Recently the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar renamed the DRDO Missile Complex in _____ as "Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Missile Complex".

Ans: Hyderabad

✎ Which company topped the 'World's Best Multinational Workplaces List'?

Ans: Google

✎ Which Indian actress has been nominated for People's Choice Awards' Favourite Actress In A New TV Series for the American thriller series?

Ans: Priyanka Chopra

✎ With which country India signed an agreement on a cultural exchange programme for 2015-2018?

Ans: Israel



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✎ Name the roadshow started by USA in India to attract Indian investors.

Ans: Select USA

✎ Who has been appointed as the Assistant Director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)?

Ans: Kundhavi Kadiresan

✎ The navies of which countries participated in Malabar exercise 2015?

Ans: India, USA and Japan

✎ Recently the union cabinet approved a MoU signed between India and _____ in August this year to improve bilateral technical cooperation in the field of new and renewable energy.

Ans: Mozambique

✎ Which country has the world's largest middle class population?

Ans: China

✎ Recently which private bank received the approval of RBI to set up a mutual fund, asset management company and a trustee company?

Ans: Yes Bank

✎ Who has been selected for the prestigious 'Harvard Humanitarian of the Year Award'?

Ans: Kailash Satyarthi

✎ Who has been appointed as executive chairman of Twitter?

Ans: Omid Kordestani

✎ Which of the following has been declared as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court?

Ans: National Judicial Appointments Commission

✎ With how much corpus the Reserve Bank of India formed a single Financial Inclusion Fund (FIF)?

Ans: 2000 crore rupees

✎ Recently the United Nations General Assembly elected _____, Japan, Senegal, Ukraine and Uruguay to serve as non-permanent members on the United Nations Security Council.

Ans: Egypt



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✎ Who has been appointed as the President of the Asian Council of Exercise and Sports Science (ACCESS)?

Ans: G.L. Khanna

✎ Name the special train on the subject of climate change flagged off from Delhi by the union government recently.

Ans: Science Express-Climate Action Special

✎ Punam Yadav is a _____.

Ans: Weightlifter

✎ Name the birth place of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam that has been recently included in AMRUT mission.

Ans: Rameswaram

✎ Recently Nissan signed an eight-year deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC). Nissan is a carmaker company of which country?

Ans: Japan

✎ Recently Zaheer Khan announced his retirement from International cricket. He belongs to which country?

Ans: India

✎ Which ministry launched a scheme called Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF)?

Ans: Ministry of Home Affairs

✎ Recently TRAI has made it mandatory for telecom operators to compensate consumers by one rupee for call drops with effect from _____.

Ans: 1st January 2016

✎ With which country Pakistan signed a major agreement to build a 1,100-kilometre gas pipeline from Lahore to Karachi?

(1) Russia

(2) India

(3) USA

(4) China

(5) Japan

Ans: Russia

✘ Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd?

(1) Harman Vaishya

(2) Khalid Rahman

(3) Nishi Vasudeva

(4) M.K. Surana

(5) Bipin Chandra

Ans: M.K. Surana

✘ Which state launched “My Brick My Amaravati” scheme?

Ans: Andhra Pradesh

✘ Who has become the first female Speaker in the parliamentary history of Nepal?

Ans: Onsari Gharti Magar

✘ What was the theme of World Food Day (WFD) 2015?

Ans: Social Protection and Agriculture

✘ With which country NITRA under the Textile Ministry signed a MoU to promote Indian textile enterprises in that country?

Ans: Tajikistan

✘ In partnership with which of the following Tata Housing launched ‘Social sell’ campaign?

Ans: Facebook

✘ Recently FIFA suspended which football association?

Ans: Kuwait Football Association

✘ Which ministry has identified two major initiatives towards better utilisation of blood and blood components?

Ans: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

✘ Which of the following projects has been launched by IRCTC recently?

Ans: station-based e-catering

✘ Which country's retirement system has been ranked last in the Global Pension Index?

Ans: India

✘ Recently India has been ranked among top 10 acquirers in the US market this year with 16 deals valued at _____.

Ans: \$1.7 billion

✘ Who has been appointed as advisor of All India Football Federation?

Ans: Bhaichung Bhutia

✘ Recently Infosys announced the acquisition of Houston-based Noah Consulting for _____.

Ans: Rs. 450 crore

✘ Who was Pat Woodell, who passed away recently?

Ans: Actress

✘ At which of the following places RBI has recently opened its sub-office?

Ans: Imphal

✘ Who will be appointed as national security advisor of Pakistan?

Ans: Naseer Khan Janjua

✘ Recently Paras Ram Bhardwaj passed away. He belonged to which political party?

Ans: Congress

✘ Recently M.S. Narayana passed away. He was a _____ Comedian.

Ans: Telugu

✘ Which country attracted largest FDI in the first half of 2015?

Ans: India

✘ Name India's indigenously built largest-ever naval warship commissioned recently?

Ans: INS Kochi



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✎ Recently China launched its _____ satellite of the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS).

Ans: 20th

✎ Which state government has announced Prabhakar Jog as winner of Lata Mangeshkar Award for Lifetime Achievement (2015)?

Ans: Maharashtra

✎ Who has been appointed as the Director General of Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)?

Ans: Jayant Prasad

✎ Who has been re-elected as the President of the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF)?

Ans: Uday Shankar

✎ According to the Green Highways Policy 2015 what percent of the expenses for the construction of highways will be kept aside for plantation purpose on Highways?

Ans: 1%

✎ Which country announced to establish an assistance fund with an initial pledge of \$2 billion to help developing countries implement a sweeping global sustainable development agenda over the next 15 years?

Ans: China

✎ Which country has announced "Six 100s" initiative?

Ans: China

✎ Who has been appointed as CEO of FC Goa?

Ans: Sukhwinder Singh

✎ Recently _____ e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding and Ant Financial Services Group announced to make a strategic investment in Paytm.

Ans: Chinese

✎ Who has been elected as Vice President of International Tennis Federation (ITF)?

Ans: Anil Khanna, Katrina Adams and Rene Stambach

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