CLATGyan Compendium – 1st May 2015 to 31st May 2015

1st May

- The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015 is approved by the Union Cabinet. The bill enables establishment of an institutionalized mechanism to look into forest-funds (protection, development) which are being diverted to non- forest activities.
- India and Afghanistan take steps and release joint statement for better, long-term strategic relationships.
- 90 year-old Gandhian philosopher and a Muslim religious visionary, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan has been conferred Sayyidina Imam Al Hassan Ali award for his knowledge and his efforts in keeping peace. Maulana has written over 200 books on Islam and has been conferred the Padma Shri award in the past.
- Argentina Parliament passed a law to compensate the victims of the deadliest bombing ever on Argentina in AIMA Jewish Cultural Centre, more than 20 years ago. 85 were killed and hundreds injured in this attack.
- Form-INC-29, an electronic application form for smooth establishment of new companies has been introduced by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. It cuts down the necessity of filing 5 forms, as before. (Arun Jaitley is the Minister of Corporate Affairs, addl. Charge)
- The Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill, 2015. (Union Finance Minister is Arun Jaitley.)
- Nadia District, West Bengal becomes the first open-defecation-free district. This was possible because of the collaboration of the district with UNICEF and West Bengal Government to construct toilets across the district.
- Theera-Veeta defence exercise was held by the Indian Coast guard on the Arabian Sea. It aims to develop the preparedness of military forces in case of external attack on Kerala, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.
- Barjorji Pardiwala, former Gujarat Assembly speaker passes away, following a prolonged illness.
- Rubella, also known as German Measles has been eradicated from North and south America. These regions have been declared free of endemic transmission of Rubella, as well as CRS (Congenital Rubella Syndrome). The last reported cases in the region were in Argentina and Brazil, back in 2009.
- Microsoft announces the Web Browser "EDGE" to replace the present Internet Explorer. Microsoft had earlier called this as "Project Spartan"
- First meeting of the sub-group of CMs, chaired by the Convener of the group, AP CM Chandrababu Naidu was held in NITI Aayog, Delhi.
- Following a rate revision for maximum ceiling for national roaming calls/sms by the TRAI, Airtel, Vodafone, idea and Reliance have slashed their roaming rates for calls by 40% and for smses by 75%.

- Minimun Alternate Tax has been exempted by Ministry of Finance on foreign investors earning capital gains from royalty, security gains, fee on technical services and interest and if the normal tax rate is below 18.5%.
- National Development Reform Commission of China released a new action plan called "One Belt, One Road Initiative", to develop routes linking Africa, Europe and Asia.
- Pakistan Court has sentenced 10 men to 25 years of jail for attacking Malala Yousufzai in 2012.

2nd May

- China-Confucius in the Shadows, written by Poonam Surie, an adjunct fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi was released.
- Surender Singh succeeds Arvind Ranjan as the Director General of CISF (Central Industrian Security Force). Surender Singh formerly served as Special Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB).
- NASA ended a Mars-mission called MESSENGER (MErcury Surface, Space Environment, GEochemistry Ranging). This mission was sent in 2004 to study the surface of Mercury.
- Union Minister for Road and Transportation, Nitin Gadkari introduced two new projects in North East India. One is the Shillong Bypass Highway project and the other is the fourlaning of Jorabat- Barapani stretch of 60 kms on NH- 40- NH-44.
- The draft Tourism Policy, 2015 released by the Union Government aims to increase the percentage share of Tourism of India in the world from present 0.68% to 1% by the end of 2020.
- As per the TRAI regulations, the cellular phone companies were directed to implement Mobile number Portability by April, 2015. The Department of Telecommunication has now extended the deadline till 3rd July, 2015.
- A study conducted by the University of Connecticut, USA suggests 1 in every 6 species will become extinct by the end of the century due to global warming.
- World's largest Solar Photovoltaic Plant of 750 MW to be built in Rewa district, Madhya Pradesh. Aimed to be completed by 2017, the cost of the project is 4500 Crore Rupees. Presently, the largest of its kind is the Topaz Solar Farm, California.
- Rafael Nadal is conferred with the Golden Medal for Merit in Work, one of top civilian honors of Spain.
- Maharashtra FDA has filed a FIR against the CEO of Snapdeal, Kunal Bahl and its directors under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The reason being that Snapdeal was selling prescription drugs online, which is a violation of rules prescribed under the act.
- Spring Imperial Decoration of Japan to be conferred on 4 Indians- Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, Thottuvelil Krishna Pillai Aiyappankutty Nair, Nikunj Parekh and Topgay Bhutia.

- An American company, Tesla Motors Inc. has launched a solar energy based powerwall system, which can be used for residential purposes.
- National Sports Federation (under the ministry of Youth Affairs) included motor sports as "sport" in its list of 59 recognized sports.
- AP, Telangana launch the 5 Lakh Rupee Accident Insurance Scheme, which will also cover the education cost of the children of the beneficiary.

3rd May

- American Boxer, Floyd Mayweather wins the World Welterweight title by defeating Manny Pacquiao of Philippines.
- Aditya Birla Group announces a merger of all its apparel businesses into one entity, called the Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd.
- 62nd National Film Awards presented by Pranab Mukherjee-
 - Best Actress- Kangana Ranaut, Queen
 - Best Actor- Vijay Kumar for Kannada film- Nan Avanalla Avalu
 - o Dada Saheb Phalke- Shashi Kapoor
 - Best Feature Film- Court, Marathi
 - Best popular film- Mary Kom
 - o Best children's Film- Kaakkaa mutthai (Tamil) and Elizabeth Ekadashi (Marathi)
 - Best Director- Srijit Mukherjee, Chotushkone (Bengali)
- India has sought Japan's assistance in tackling Cyber Crimes.
- Maya Plitetskaya, one of the most iconic ballet dancers of Russia dies of heart attack.
- Nepal seeks UNESCO's assistance to assess the damage caused to over 200 monuments in wake of massive earthquakes which have hit the region.
- Tunisians unfurled the Tunisian national flag, length of 19 football pitches to set a Guinness Record. This is to call for patriotism in spite of prevalent Islam Extremism.
- UNSC assured India justice in the matter of release of Mumbai Terror attacks mastermind-Zaki- ur- Rehman Lakhvi's release by Pakistan.
- World Press Day is celebrated on 3rd May. The theme for this year was "Safe to Speak: Securing freedom in all media". There was a special focus on UN's action plan on Safety of journalists, Issue of Impunity.
- World Laughter day falls on the first Sunday of May every year.

- 2015 UNESCO/ Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize given to Syrian Journalist and Activist Mazen Darwish.
- Chuck Robbins to replace John Chambers as the CEO of Cisco Systems Inc.

- CMD of Monnet group, Sandeep Jajodia removed from the post of President of Boxing India after its members passed a "no-confidence" Motion against him.
- At the International Shooting Competition held in Hannover, Germany, in the 10m air rifle team- Chain Singh, Gagan Narang and Abhinav Bindra won Gold while Apurvi Chandela won bronze at the women's event.
- Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) defeated Jharkhand to win the 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship. RSPB won the same event even in men's category held in early April this year, defeating UP.
- Union Minister of State for Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the first Science Centre and Planetarium in Puducherry. The museum has been set up by National council of Science Museum, at the expense of 5.5 crore rupees and is the 47th science museum in our country.
- Joint Venture Company, Patratu Thermal power station was formed as a result of a MoA signed between NTPC and Jharkhand Bidyut Vitaran Nigam Limited, with equity proportion of 74:26.
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das and Union minister of State for Energy and Renewable resources inaugurated Magadh Open Cast Mine, Asia's largest mine in Chhatra District, Jharkhand.
- Future Group's Retail business to merge with Bharti Retail.
- 3rd Foreign Office Consultations between India and Tunisia- Agreement signed for exemption of visas for diplomatic and official purposes.
- The 14th edition of Indo-French naval exercise, VARUNA 2015 concluded on the coast off Goa.
- The Barclays Premier League 2014-15 Football title was won by Chelsea after defeating crystal Palace, 1-0 at Stamford Bridge, London.
- M.S. Saini's book 'Indian Bumblebees' reveals that India is home to 48 of the 250 known species of bumblebees.
- Roger Ferderer defeated Uruguayan Pablo Cueves to win the inaugural TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open Men's single title.
- Rajasthan Health minister, Rajendra Rathore inaugurated a cow urine-refinery unit in Pathmeda, Jalore district of Rajasthan.
- Australia announced tough punishments for foreign investors who fail to follow rules while buying land in Australia.
- BHEL commissioned a 195 MW thermal unit of Kanti Bijli Utpadan Nigam ltd. in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

- Journalist Amithabha Chowdhary, who was long associated with the Anandbazaar Patrika, Aajkal, Jugantar, etc. passed away.
- Vedanta Ltd. launched new logo, which was created by internal stakeholders across.

- Baleshwar Ram, former union minister and former MP of the 7th Lok Sabha from Rosera Lok Sabha Constituency passed away.
- Narendra Modi joined the Chinese Social Media, Weibo. He shall be visiting China in a couple of weeks.
- Rahul Yadav resigned as the CEO of Housing.com
- Micheal Blake, Oscar winning- Author, known for his 'Dances with Wolves' passed away.
- 1st Tuesday of May is observed as World Asthma Day. The theme for this year was "You can control your Asthma"
- 119th Constitutional Amendment Bill for Land and Boundary agreement between India and Bangladesh passed by the Union Cabinet. This enables exchange of enclaves between the two states, which are under the possession of the states. The territories of Assam, WB, Meghalaya and Tripura are a part of this.
- 7.02 Billion dollar agreements were signed between Qatar and France. Qatar to supply 24 Dassault Avaiation-built Rafale fighter jets in exchange of training of 36 Qatarui Pilots, 100 technicians and a number of Qatari intelligence officers by the French military.
- Rajasthan govt. signed a MoU between UNICEF, GAIN (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition) and NHM (National Health Mission) to tackle severe malnourishment in the state. So far, 10000 children have been identified as malnourished in 13 districts of the state.

- Lu Ping, the Chinese Diplomat who directed the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office in 1990 and drafted a 'mini constitution' for Hong Kong died.
- AWS (Akash Weapon System), which is indigenously developed has been inducted into the Indian Army.
- Personal Account Number (PAN) has been made mandatory for application for Central Excise Registration.
- A new surveillance law to prevent terrorist attacks, post- Charlie Hebdo attack, has been passed by the French Parliament.
- Algo-Trading, which is a computer calculation of execution of trade based on pre-defined instruction causes Sensex and Nifty indices to close at their lowest in 2015.
- The Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2014 was passed by the Lok Sabha.
- 19th Federation Cup National Senior Athletic Championships- Indian Army team wins men's title and Kerala emerges winner in women's title.
- 10-engine electric plane- Grease Lightening 10 (GL- 10) successfully flight-tested by NASA.
- Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Najma Heptulla released Save the Children's 16th annual State of World's Mothers report titled "The Urban Disadvantage".

- Union Cabinet approved the building and launching of GSAT-17 and GSAT-18 communication satellites, to be built over a span of 30 months.
- State-level 'Beti Bachao Beti padhao' scheme launched in Goa, by Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar. Among the 100 districts selected across India, North Goa is included.
- Oscar Holderer, one of the engineers who had designed the German V2 rocket and the rocket which took US astronauts to the moon died.
- Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill, 2014 passed in the Lok Sabha.
- Charlie Hebdo presented with the 2015 Freedom of Expression Courage award of PEN American Centre. (Editor- in chief of Charlie Hebdo is Gerard Biard.)
- Myntra acquired Bangalore-based Native5 Software Solutions. This will lead to Native5 joining Flipkart, the parent company of Myntra.
- Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Arun Jaitley launched the DD News Mobile App.
- Industrial and commercial Bank of China tops the Forbes 2000 companies list.
- India- S. Korea agree on revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement.
- India- Iran sign a MoU on development of Chabahar port in Iran.
- PayTM offline payment option introduced for Domino's and Café Coffee day.
- CEGS (Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme) for Scheduled Castes and Commercial Motor Driving Training with Defence Skills for 250 women launched by Ministry of Social Empowerment & Justice.
- Cabinet approved foreign investment into REITs (Real Estate Investment Trust)

- Commemorative coin of Swami Chinmayananda, founder of Chinmaya Mission and visionary of Advaita Vedanta released by Narendra Modi.
- Amalendu Guha, an eminent Historian passed away.
- Achal Kumar Jyothi appointed as the Election Commissioner.
- Navneet Rajan Wasan becomes the Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development, after the retirement of Rajan Gupta.
- Mhairi Black from the Paisley and Renfrewshire constituency becomes the youngest lawmaker of UK after defeating Douglas Alexander.
- Nepal Rashtra Bank to provide interest- free loans to rebuild houses that were damaged due to earthquake.
- 'Indian Heritage Museum', the first museum dedicated to India opened in Little India, by Singapore PM Lee Hsein on the occasion of 50th Independence Day of Singapore.

- A paleo channel (inactive river), claimed to be River Saraswati found in Muglawali, Haryana.
- Asian Development Bank and the Union Government sign a deal for 31 M \$ for development of irrigation sources and improving its efficiency in Karnataka.
- Gujarat High Court orders shutting down of 64 Sand mines in the Gir Forest Reserve area.
- Madagascar explorers claim to have found a treasure belonging to the 17th century notorious pirate Capt. William Kidd from Scotland.

- 'Unbelievable- Delhi to Islamabad', a book by Prof. Bhim Singh was released. This book is the result of attempt of Indian and Pakistani advocates to work together to ensure the safety and proper treatment of prisoners of both sides.
- UK General Election, 2015- David Cameroon-led Conservative Party defeats Ed Milliband's Labour Party to win the election.
- Deaflympics has been included in the Sports Policy of Haryana government.
- Goa government introduced new measures for boosting tourism like launching hot air balloons and amphibious vehicles.
- North Korea successfully test-fired the Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile.
- The National Green Tribunal imposed monthly taxes on all households in Delhi to support the initiative to clean up river Yamuna.

- Single Window Permit by Jammu & Kashmir for the shooting of Bollywood films.
- New strategies are being adopted to preserve the pristine beauty of Taj Mahal. The Archaeological Survey of India has been directed to give a full report as soon as possible. Committee in-charge of renewing the monument is headed by Ashwani Kumar, former Union Minister.
- Yemen's Houti rebels have agreed on a 5-day cease fire agreement with Saudi Arabia in order to let humanitarian relief supply allowed to Saudi.
- China's defence budget reaches thrice that of India's.
- Advanced version of BrahMos Land Attack cruise missile tested in Car Nicobar islands.
- Discus Thrower Vikas Gowda won gold in Jamaican International Invitation Meet, Kingston.
- Kamalpreet singh won gold in Hammer throw event for men in Sacramento State Open, US.

- Britain's Andy Murray won men's single title at the Madrid Open by defeating Nadal. Petra Kvitova won the women's title by defeating Svetlana Kuznetzova. Rohan Bopanna- Florin Mergea won the men's doubles title by defeating Nimanjic- Matzowski pair.
- 'Namaste Russia' festival inaugurated in Moscow by Pranab Mukherjee. It aims to showcase the rich culture and heritage of India.
- Nico Rosberg from Germany won the Spanish Grand Prix of F1.
- Hollywood actress Elizabeth Wilson passed away. She was known for her roles in The Graduate (1967), 9 to 5 (1980) and The Addams Family (1991).
- Indian Army and Bank of India signed a MoU on Defence Salary package. This will benefit a large number of army personnel and retired officers with account in the Bank of India.
- National Technology Day was celebrated across country on 11th May.
- The Naval Base in Porbander was commissioned as INS Sardar Patel. It will look into infrastructure and organizational development in Gujarat.
- Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and SIDBI Venture Capital Ltd. signed a MoU to provide easy finance for micro, small and medium scale industries.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the upgraded IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) in Burnpur, West Bengal. ISP houses the largest blast furnace of India.

- A P Shah committee has been appointed by the Ministry of Finance to look into matters regarding MAT (Minimum Alternate Tax) on foreign investors.
- K. Sathish Reddy, chairman of Dr. Reddy Laborataries succeeded Venu Srinivasan as the chairman of NSC (National Safety Council). He will look after the development of SHE (Safety, Health and Environment) programme at the national level.
- Arun Pudur, owner-president of Celframe topped the X-Wealthiest entrepreneurs of Asia under 40 list. He has been ranked #10 in the World richest under 40 list.
- Prime Minister Jivan Jyothi Bima Yojana, an insurance cover for accident victims and beneficiaries has been launched by Narendra Modi in Kolkata. He has also launched the Atal Pension Yojana.
- The 14th lion census showed a 27% increase in lion population in Gir reserve in 2015, in comparison to 2010. The present day number stands at 523.
- K V Kamath, the chairman of ICICI Bank Ltd. has been appointed as the first president of the New Development Bank of BRICS Nations, for a five-year term.
- Union minister for IT and Communication Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated E-commerce Centre of India Posts.

- Global Mobile, messaging plarform, mGage acquired Bangalore-based Unicel Technologies.
- SoftBank Corp., Japan's multinational communication and internet company appointed Nikesh Arora as its president.
- Justice Cyriac Joseph appointed as the Interim Chairperson of NHRC (National human Rights Commission), in place of K G Balakrishnan.
- A 4-Day Indo- Global Pharma Expo and summit 2015 is to be held in Hyderabad.
- Indian-origin Priti Patel appointed as the Minister of State for Employment in British Government.

- Pop Artist Chris Burden, who focused on anti-social behavior, passed away.
- The RBI has advised all public sector banks to appoint internal ombudsman as the Chief Customer Service Officer (CCSO) and must not have worked in the bank prior to this appointment. RBI also released a report titled "State Finances: A study of budgets of 2014-15".
- Deepak Iyer was appointed as MD and CEO of Bharti AXA General Insurance.
- Lee Alan Johnson named as the Head Coach of U-19 Football Team of India. He was named by the All-India Football Federation.
- Indian author Neel Mukherjee won the 2014 Encore Award for his novel 'The Lives of Others'.
- Facebook Inc. signed up with nine publishers to launch Instant Articles. Instant Articles will publish articles directly to the social network's mobile news feeds. The launch partners for Instant Articles are NBC, The Atlantic, The Guardian, BBC News, Spiegel and Bild.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav launched ATM water facility Samajwadi Shudh Payjal Yojana for Uttar Pradesh Roadways Bus Station. The facility was launched at Charbagh, Lucknow and 100 other bus stations.
- The US Research Analytics Firm, Moody's has released a report called 'Global Macro Outlook: 2015-16', regarding Global Economic Policy and investment gap.
- Pranab Mukherjee appointed Arvind Saxena (previously Research and Analysis Wing) as the Member of UPSC.
- Christie's, New York auctioned Pablo Picasso's painting L'es Femme d'Alger for 179.3 million US dollars.
- Indian- American Sivanadane Mandjinay, currently serving as Chemistry Professor in North Carolina University won UNC Board of Governors 2015 award.
- Indian- Origin Harbhajan Kaur Dheer (Labour Party) became the first Asian woman elected as Mayor in UK.

- In a treaty signed by the Holy See and the State of Palestine, Vatican has recognised Palestine as a state.
- World Economic Forum released a report titled 'The Human Capital Report 2015'.
- Telangana Government and Google Inc. sign a MoU for building the biggest campus outside America, in Hyderabad.
- Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved the integrated Ganga Conservation Mission called Namami Gange Programme.
- Eminent Historian Peter Gay passed away in Manhattan.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved 5% disinvestment from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and 10% disinvestment from Indian Oil Corporation.
- Punjab Agriculture department launched a state programme for monitoring soil health of every farm by issuing then personalized Soil Health Cards.

15th May

- Indian–American Karan Menon won the 2015 National Geographic Bee championship.
- USTAAD Scheme launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for traditional affairs.
- Eminent Bengali writer Suchitra Bhattacharya passed away.
- Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change approved Gujarat State Climate Change Plan 2015 to create environment friendly irrigation projects, environment projects and agricultural initiatives.
- SBI launched Contact-less credit and debit cards called sbiINTOUCH.
- RBI allowed 'Tap and Pay' without pin transaction upto Rs. 2000.
- 1st IIIT (Indian Institute of information Technology) in Maharashtra in Nagpur.
- Japanese scientists discovered a new state of matter called Jahn-Teller Metal. This matter resembles insulator, superconductor, metal and magnet simultaneously.
- Islamic clothing company East Essence to debut entry into online retail through Snapdeal.
- Pranab Mukherjee conferred Tamil Literature icons with the Presidential Awards for Classical Tamil.
- Maharashtra govt. banned digging of bore wells beyond 200 feet in order to keep a check on groundwater levels.
- Kayakalp Award Scheme was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It aims to promote Public Health Facilities (PHCs).
- Riley B. King, the king of Blues passed away. He was an American blues songwriter, singer and Guitarist.

- Home Ministry decided to implement the NERS (Nationwide Emergency Response System) to save women in distress whereby the police would immediately respond to any call by a woman in distress anywhere in India.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced its plans to commission the Multi-Object Tracking Radar (MOTR) in June 2015.
- MJ Joseph has been appointed as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in the Union Ministry of Finance. He succeeded Jawahar Thakur.
- Internet firm Askme acquired grocery marketplace BestAtLowest.com for about 10 million US dollar.
- Palestinians observed the 67th anniversary of the 1948 Palestinian Nakba Day. This day marks the foundation day of the State of Israel. Palestinians observe it to reaffirm their right to return to the land from which their ancestors were forcibly displaced by Israel in 1948.
- Researchers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) discovered the world's first fully warm-blooded fish species named Opah. These fish are found in the deep waters off the US, Australia and several other countries.
- Anurradha Prasad, the Editor-in-Chief of News 24 Channel was conferred with the Pandit Haridutt Sharma Award for Journalism, Writing and Social Services.
- 6th National Conference on Nuclear Energy was held in New Delhi. It was organized by ASSOCHAM with the theme Nuclear Energy: A Clean Energy option.

- 21 agreements or MoUs estimated at a total of 22 billion dollars were signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to China.
- Union Minster of State for Science, Technology and Earth Sciences Y. S. Chowdary announced the decision to establish the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) innovation complex between Visakhapatnam and Anakapalle. The complex will capitalize scientific activities in partnership with industries to commercialize innovations in labs.
- Helicopter services will be introduced in Madurai covering three major tourist attractions Kanyakumari, Mandapam and Kodaikanal. This will be done to draw more foreign tourists and provide better transport facilities.
- After the resignation of Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chief Editor of Indian Historical Review, the Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research, Y. Sudershan Rao has disbanded its advisory committee which had noted scholars such as Romila Thapar, Satish Chandra, Irfan Habib and Muzaffar Alam as a part of it.

- US Special Forces conducted a lethal raid in eastern Syria where they killed the IS top commander Abu Sayyaf.
- Russia lost a Mexican satellite hours after a man oeuvre glitch. Roscosmos, which is Russia's space agency said that the Proton-M rocket carrying a Mexican MexSat-1 satellite fell back to the Earth and burnt up in the atmosphere.

- Novak Djokovic of Serbia won his fourth Rome Masters Tennis title defeating Roger Federer. Maria Sharapova defeated Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain to win the women's title.
- India and Mongolia signed 13 agreements to further enhance bilateral ties and co-operation between the two countries during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Mongolia.
- The Union Government allocated 5000 crore rupees for the growth of Department of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.)
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj launched the official website of 10th World Hindi Conference at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan in New Delhi. It will be held from 10th September to 12th September at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal. The main theme is Hindi Jagat: Vistar avm sambhavnai.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first branch of ICICI Bank in China at Shanghai.
- Aruna Shanbaug, the nurse of King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital, Mumbai died after battling with coma for the past 42 years following a sexual assault by a hospital ward boy, Sohanlal Bharta Valmiki.
- Union Government launched the official website of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. The website is launched with blogs section that will have articles, field reports, work in progress and opinions by the officials.
- India assumed Presidency of the 68th World Health Assembly after almost 19 years. The session was presided by the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda at Geneva.

- Harkeert Singh Saini, an Indo-American policeman won the prestigious Top Civillian Supervisor of the Year. He was awarded for his efficient services to the Houston Police department in the state of Texas of United States.
- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Power System Operation Corporation Ltd. (POSOCO) for optimum use of weather information/forecast in the power sector.
- Himachal Pradesh will host the Paragliding World Cup from 23rd October to 31st October at Bir Billing in Kangra Valley.

- Infosys became the first Indian company to join RE100 Renewal Energy Campaign. RE100 is a global platform for major companies committed to 100% renewable power.
- Draupadi Murmy was sworn in as the first woman Governor of Jharkhand since the state was granted statehood since 2000. She succeeded Syed Ahmed who was recently transferred as Governor of Manipur.
- Infosys announced to become carbon neutral by 2018 and it earmarked an amount of 400 crore rupees to achieve this.

- SS Ahluwalia was appointed as the chairman of Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement (LARR) (Amendment) Bill, 2015. The committee has 20 Lok Sabha members and 10 Rajya Sabha members.
- The Delhi Government decided to launch Pay & Play Scheme at the designated stadiums or sports complexes. This scheme is planned to promote sports for all ages and the facilities would be available to the school students and disabled free of cost.
- The fourth Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Corvette of Project-28 christened Kavaratti was launched at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata.
- HDFC Bank in partnership with Apollo Hospitals launched HDFC Bank Apollo Medical Benefits Card, a co-branded medical benefits card which allows corporates to disburse medical allowances to their employees and has insurance cover for accidents. The card comes with a free accidental death insurance of 3 lakh rupees.
- Peter M Christian was elected as the 8th President of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Federated States of Micronesia is an independent sovereign island nation in the Western Pacific Ocean consisting of four states-Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae.
- The Finance Ministry released the draft outline of Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) notified the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2015. The regulations that have been notified have dropped the 20-25 rule requiring a minimum of 20 investors and a cap of 25% investment by an individual investor in a particular scheme, for certain foreign entities.
- The driest place on the Earth has been discovered by researchers in the Atacama Desert, Chile and is named as Maria Elena South (MES). The earlier place that was touted to be the driest place was the Yungay Region which also lies in the Atacama Desert.
- Mullivaikkal, the northern village where the LTTE rebels fought their last battle commemorated for the first time the Tamilian martyrs who lost their lives during the civil war between the Liberation Tiger of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and Sri Lankan Army.
- The UN released Mid-2015 World Economic Situation Prospects (WESP) update. In the release, it was highlighted tht world economy continues to grow at a modest pace.

• President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 50th anniversary of India's first historic climb of Mount Everest in 1965 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. On 20th May 1965, Indian team led by Captain Mohan Singh Kohli of the Indian Navy made history by climbing 8848-metres high Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak, for the first time after a series of three unsuccessful attempts over a period of five years. Kohli had also written a book on the expedition titled "Nine Atop Everest".

21st May

- Hungarian writer Laszlo Krasznahorkai won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for 2015. He gained recognition for his book Satantango. The Man Booker International Prize is a literary award given biennially to a living author of any nationality for a body of work published in English or generally available in English translation.
- Eminent economist Mrinal Datta Chaudhuri passed away. He served as the Director of Delhi School of Economics and also served as the policy advisor to the previous UPA government.
- Maharashtra Government decided to amend Section 66 (1) (c) of the Factories Act, 1948, so that women employees can work in night shifts. This section restricted women from working at a factory between 7 PM and 6 AM.
- Anti-Terrorism Day was observed across India on 21st May. It is also the death anniversary of the 7th Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who was assassinated at an election rally near Chennai by a suicide bomber who was from the LTTE.
- Uttar Pradesh Food Safety and Drug Administrations (UP FDA) asked Nestle India to withdraw a batch of Maggi noodles from the market after the body found that the product contained high level of lead in it. It also said that the batch contained high level of added monosodium glutamate (MSG), a taste enhancer.
- Tathagata Roy was sworn in as Tripura Governor succeeding Padmanabh Balkrishna Acharya who is also the Governor of Nagaland.
- Mumbai's Siddhivinayak temple received International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001-2008 certification for best quality practices. The temple facilitates darshan and funds various public interest activities like education, drought management in state and others.
- V Shanmuganathan was sworn in as Meghalaya Governor. Meghalaya was without a permanent governor for the past four months. West Bengal Governor had been given the additional charge after KK Paul was removed from office.
- Indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missile, Astra was successfully fired at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur in Odisha. It was test-fired aboard a Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft.
- The Finance Ministry has constituted Shah Committee to look into the issue of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) on Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs).

- 9th session of the India-South Africa Joint Ministerial Commission was held in Durban. It was co-chaired by Minister for External Affairs and Overseas Indian Affairs Sushma Swaraj and Foreign Minister of South Africa Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.
- ISRO announced that ASTROSAT will be launched by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-34 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. It is the first dedicated Indian space observatory mission aimed at studying distant celestial objects. The satellite is to be launched to a 650 km near equatorial orbit around the Earth.
- US President Barack Obama entered the Guinness Book of World Record for reaching a million followers in a span of mere 5 hours after going live on the social media platform Twitter with @POTUS account. He beat the previous record that was held by Robert Downey Jr. who reached this milestone in 23 hours and 22 minutes.
- Ecologists found new fish species Pethia striate in Tunga River in the Kudremukh National Park, Karnataka. The fish from Western Ghats is currently known to be found only in the two streams of Mudba and Turad.
- International Day of Families was observed on 15th May with the theme "Men in Charge? Gender Equality and Children's Rights in Contemporary Families."
- Mirage 2000 fighter jet of Indian Air Force (IAF) landed successfully on Yamuna Expressway as part of developing road runaway for emergency landing. It's a kind of first for military aviation in India.

22nd May

- Union Cabinet approved PSLV Continuation Programme consisting of fifteen operational flights PSLV-C36 to PSLV-C50. The flights will be launched during the period 2017-2020 at a cost of around 3090 crore rupees. The programme will help meet the demand for the launch of satellites at a frequency of four to five launches per year.
- Akhil Amar, an Indian-American professor at the Yale University was appointed as a member of the prestigious National Council on Humanities of United States (US) by President Barack Obama.
- World Bank approved a 250 million USD credit for the Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness in Bihar Programme. The credit will be provided to improve the effectiveness of elementary school teachers in Bihar by making them more qualified, accountable and responsive.
- ISIS militants seized the ancient city of Palmyra in Syria. This city is known as the Pearl of Desert/Tadmur and its capture raises security concern as it opens the way for ISIS to advance to key government-held areas such as Damascus and Homs.
- The Cabinet gave its approval to set up a new Ammonia-Urea Complex at Namrup in Assam. The complex will be set up on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode by a joint venture (JV).
- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu O Panneerselvam resigned after Jayalalithaa was elected as the legislature party leader. He was appointed as a replacement of former AIADMK chief J

Jayalalithaa who had resigned after being convicted in the 18 year old disproportionate assets case of over 66 crore rupees.

- Researchers from Konkan Cetacean Population Study team spotted two Blue Whales and four Bryde's whales near Kunkeshwar off the Sindhudurg coast in Maharashtra between March and May. This is for the first time in 100 years that Blue Whales have been sighted off the coast of Maharashtra.
- The British sports business magazine SportsPro released the World's 50 Most Marketable 2015 Report. Eugenie Bouchard, a tennis player from Canada topped the list followed by FC Barcelona footballer Neymar and golfer Jordan Spieth in the second and third places respectively. Indian cricketer Virat Kohli was placed on the 6th position and Saina Nehwal, the ace shuttler, was placed on the 44th position.
- Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) reported that India has registered green building projects of over 3 billion sq ft area. This feat puts India at the 2nd position in the world green building footprint. A green building is one which uses less water, optimizes energy efficiency, conserves natural resources, generates less waste and provides healthier spaces for occupants as compared to a conventional building.
- The UN observed the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May. The theme for this year is "Biodiversity for Sustainable Development." May 22nd was proclaimed as International Day for Biological Diversity in December 2000 to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues and to commemorate the adoption of Convention of Biological Diversity on 22nd May 1992 by the Nairobi Final Act.
- The US Army has developed Blast proof wallpapers to protect soldiers from explosions. The prototype can be quickly and easily applied by non-specialised units at short notice. It is a lightweight sticky wallpaper lined with tough Kevlar fibres and can be carried by troops to reinforce walls of temporary buildings.
- The authorities of the Gangotri National Park in Uttarakhand opened the Nelong Valley for tourists for the first time since its closure in 1962. Foreign tourists are still not allowed into the valley. Nelong Valley situated 45 kms away from the Indo-China border in the Uttarkashi district was closed for civilians after the 1962 war between both the countries.
- The Andaman & Nicobar Police proposed to reserve 33% of the seats for the posts of constable and sub-inspector for women.
- Washington based World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Access Initiative released the first Environmental Democracy Index for the year 2015. The index evaluates whether Governments are enacting national laws to promote accountability, transparency and citizen engagement in environmental decision making. India was ranked at 24th among the 70 countries. Lithuania tops the list and Haiti features at the bottom of the list.
- Department of Science and Technology said that India reached the 6th position in terms of scientific publications.
- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) released the latest single's rankings which Saina Nehwal topped followed by Li Xuerui of China.

23rd May

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet gave its nod for appointing G Mohan Kumar as the Defence Secretary. He will be in office for two years and succeeds Radha Krishna Mathur.
- AIADMK Leader J Jayalalithaa was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the fifth time. The oath was administered by the Governor of Tamil Nadu K Rosaiah. She succeeded O Panneerselvam after she was acquitted in the disproportionate assets case by the Karnataka High Court.
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Arcelor Mittal signed a MoU to set up an automotive steel manufacturing facility under a Joint Venture (JV) arrangement in India.
- Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd launched LiteOS operating system for Internet of Things (loT) based devices. It will be the world's most lightweight loT OS with a size of 10KB. The technology is a part of the Agile Internet of Things (loT) solution.

- Mumbai Indians won the 8th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) defeating Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by 41 runs. This was their second title triumph after 2013. The following awards were given to the respective players
 - Man of the Match Rohit Sharma
 - Player of the Tournament Andre Russell
 - Orange Cap David Warner
 - Purple Cap Dwayne Bravo
 - Emerging Player of the Season Shreyas Iyer
 - Most Valuable Player Andre Russell
- Nico Rosberg of Germany won the Monaco Grand Prix F1 World Championship title while Sebastian Vettel came second and Lewis Hamilton stood third.
- John Forbes Nash Jr. the Princeton University mathematicians died along with his wife in a car crash. A Beautiful Mind, the movie that won an Oscar, was inspired by his life. He became famous for his game theory, differential geometry and partial difference equations. His theories were used in economics, evolutionary biology, artificial intelligence, accounting, politics and military theory. In the year 1994, he shared the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. In 2015, he won the Abel Prize which is considered to be the Nobel Prize in Mathematics.
- French thriller Dheepan won the Palme d'Or top prize at the Cannes Film Festival. The film focused on the lives of the refugees. Masaan directed by Neeraj Ghaywan won the Promising

Future Prize Ex-aequo. It also won the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) award.

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recommended Contract system for Indian women cricket team.
- Indian boxers won three gold medals Savita, Mandeep Sandhu and Sakshi and two silver medals Soniya and Niharika Gonella at the World Junior Women's boxing Championship held in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Indian-origin entrepreneur Ranjit Singh Baxi was elected as the Head of the Bureau of International Recycling. This organization facilitates free and fair trade of recyclables in a sustainable and competitive world economy. He succeeds Bjorn Grufman.
- The Union Cabinet approved the changes in the Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) policy on investments by NRIs, Person of Indian Origins (PIOs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs).

- ICICI Bank launched Voice Recognition Service for Biometric Authentication which will authenticate customers based on their speech patterns. ICICI Bank will become the first bank to offer this service.
- Union Government approved 21 FDI proposals worth 281 crore rupees based on recommendations of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB).
- Indian off-road racer CS Santosh presented with 2014 FMSCI Motorsport Man of the Year Award. He became the first Indian to compete in Dakar Rally by participating in the world's toughest cross-country rally of 9000 km held in South America in January 2015.
- Complete Story of Indian Reforms: 2G, Power & Private Enterprise written by Pradeep Baijal was published.
- India and Vietnam signed Joint Vision Statement on Defence Cooperation for the period of 2015-2020 in New Delhi.
- UAE launched Strategic Framework for its newly established Space Agency whose Director-General is Mohammed Nasser Al-Ahbabi. The framework is aimed at launching satellite missions and the first Arab unmanned probe to Mars called Hope Probe in 2021.
- Switzerland named two Indians-Sneh Lata Sawhney and Sangita Sawhney-under probe in its official gazette. These two women figured out among scores of foreign nationals who have Swiss bank accounts.
- Kumar Sangakkara was named CEAT International Cricketer of the Year 2015.
- 2000 year old Water supply system unearthed in Umm Tuba quarter of Israel.
- NRI scientist Latha Venkataraman from the United States has created first single-molecule device that can be used for nano-scale devices. It has been claimed to perform 50 times better than all the designs that have been created so far.
- Eminent American Photographer Mary Ellen Mark passed away.

• A tornado struck northern city of Ciudad Acuna in Mexico.

26th May

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) of USA granted work permit for H-4 visa holders only if their spouses (H-1B visa holders) had applied for green-card, an authorization for permanent residence in the country.
- NATO launched Arctic Challenge Exercise in the north of Norway, Sweden and Finland. The exercise involves 115 fighter planes and 3600 troops from nine countries. A similar kind of exercise was organized earlier in 2013.
- Forbes released the World's 100 Most Powerful Women 2015 list. The most powerful woman in the list is Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany. The four Indians named in the list are Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chanda Kochhar, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Shobhana Bhartia.
- Trevor Bayliss was appointed as head coach of the England Cricket Team.
- Abraj Kudai, the world's biggest hotel, is set to open in Mecca in the year 2017. It will have 45 stories with over 10000 rooms and 70 restaurants. London based firm Areen Hospitality has been contracted to design the rooms and hotel interiors.
- Manabi Bandopadhyay became first transgender principal of KrishnagarWomen's College in the Nadia district, West Bengal.
- High Court allowed Greenpeace India to operate two of its domestic accounts to accept fresh domestic contribution which it can use for daily functioning.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Doordarshan's farmer-centric Kisan TV Channel.
- Himachal Pradesh set up satellite tracking system to check forest fire. In case of any fire accident, the officials of the forestry department will receive SMS on their mobiles.
- According to a Wildlife Conservation Trust study, 48 tigers are inhabiting the non-protected Chandrapur district forest areas of Maharashtra. The total number of such animals has increased to 120 in the zone in which Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve lies.
- Delhi Government approved mandatory GPS in all public transport vehicles from June 2015. The decision was taken after considering the security and safety of commuters, especially women. The GPS devices will be available from Driving License Appointment and Payment System (DIMTS) and can be procured at cost-effective rates.
- Union Ministry of Finance constituted Committee on Revisiting & Revitalizing Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model of Infrastructure Development under the Chairmanship of Vijay Kelkar.
- Nirbhay Sharma was sworn in as the Governor of Mizoram. He succeeded Keshari Nath Tripathi who is the West Bengal Governor and had been given additional charge of Mizoram.

- Tripura withdrew Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 from the state. The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting held in Agartala. The Act had been enforced on 16th February, 1997 in 40 police station areas of the state dominated by tribals due to relentless violence and bloodshed.
- Reserve Bank of India notified Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) to invest up to 49% in Gammon Infrastructure Projects Limited under the Portfolio Investment Scheme (PIS).
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) launched Gold Now platform for forward contracts in gold. It involves selling and buying of locally refined gold. The Gold Now Platform is intended to complement the Gold Monetization Scheme that was proposed by the Finance Ministry.
- Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs notified the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2014. The act had received the assent of the President of India in early May. 16 amendments pertaining to winding up, board resolutions, bail provisions and utilization of unclaimed dividends have been incorporated.
- Five women suspended for anti-doping rule violations named for Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF). The TOP Scheme was formulated with the objective of identifying and supporting potential medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games and the disciplines that were being focused on were Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Wrestling and Shooting.
- Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports gave nod for recognizing Regional Sports Federations (RSFs). The decision was taken to promote sports that have a regional outreach.
- Ajanmi Beti Ke liye Daud was a marathon organised for the cause of saving girl child in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh by the Forum for Human Rights and Justice (FHRJ). The objective was to save the girl child and arrest the declining sex ratio in the state which presently stands at 906 females against 1000 males.
- Microsoft announced to open India's first Digital Experience Centre in Vadodara, Gujarat. The centre aims to bring to life these experiences for Small and Medium Enterprises, entrepreneurs and educational institutions and help them leverage contemporary cloud technology to drive business growth as well as enhance skills and promote learning.
- United Nations Security Council adopted a resolution 2222 (2015) on protection of journalists in conflict zones. The resolution was adopted following a rising number of deaths and kidnappings of media professionals.
- The US state of Nebraska abolished death penalty after a veto override was passed through its legislature. With this, Nebraska joins the league of Washington D.C. and 18 other states. It also became the first traditionally conservative state in four decades to do so.
- Seven FIFA Officials arrested on bribery charges in Zurich by Switzerland authorities. Among the arrested officials was Jeffrey Webb who is the Vice-President of FIFA. They were arrested for allegedly accepting 150 million US dollars as bribes from US based sports marketing agencies since 1991.

- Sevilla FC won Europa League title defeating Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk FC at National Stadium Warsaw, Poland.
- "State of Food Insecurity in the World 2015" report was released by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). The number of hungry people in the world has dropped to 795 million.
- Former United Kingdom Prime Minister Tony Blair resigned as Special Envoy of the Middle East Quartet which is a group of four members the United Nations, the United States, the European Union and Russia. This group is involved in mediating peace process in the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict and was established in 2002 in Madrid, Spain.
- Indian-origin teacher Gurnimrat Nimmy Sidhu named for University of Oxford Inspirational Teacher Award. It was given to her for helping one of her students get into one of the world-famous varsity. She received the trophy alongside 11 others. The award was set up to encourage more state-funded schools to connect with the university and to counter criticism of elitism with largely wealthy and privately educated students being able to gain admission.

28th May

- Nigerian Army launched operations to flush out Boko Haram from Sambisa Forest and to rescue women who have been abducted by the group. The forest was captured by the group in Febraury 2013 and has been used to shelter the 276 female Chibok schoolgirls who had been kidnapped. It was made the primary base in March 2015.
- The Reserve Bank of India released Draft Guidelines on Net Stable Funding Ratio(NSFR) for Banks under Basel III Framework on Liquidity Standards for banks. Its objective will be to ensure that banks maintain a stable funding profile in relation to their assets ad off-balance sheet activities.
- The Reserve Bank of India proposed to introduce Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) for Mass Transit Systems (MTS). These will be used to facilitate migration to electronic payments fulfilling India's wish of becoming a less-cash society.
- Abhinav Bindra became the 4th Indian shooter to qualify for 2016 Rio Olympics in men's air rifle event. The three shooters who have already secured a quota are Gagan Narang, Jitu Rai and Apurvi Chandela.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis set up a high powered task force in order to make Mumbai a credible competitor among other International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs).
- Increasing number of hamlets are responsible for the decline in the number of tigers in Buxa Tiger Reseve, West Bengal
- Book titled "Ahmedabad: A City in the World" by Amrita Shah was released. It is a biograph of India's 7th largest city and its all too frequent complicity in communal violence.

- A book titled "Super Economies: America, India, China & The Future of the World" written by Raghav Bahl was released. The book explains the vastly changed nature of the world since the Cold War and predicts what the likely changes would be in the 21st century.
- S Christopher appointed as Director General of Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO).
- 23 year old Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wodeyar, the adopted son of Pramoda Devi Wodeyar was crowned as the 27th Maharaja of Mysuru royal family. The last coronation took place 41 years ago when Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wodeyar was crowned at 21.
- VA Prasanth appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of the Indian Bank succeeding K Srinivasa Raghavan. Indian Bank was established in 1907, is an Indian state-owned financial services company with headquarters in Chennai.

- State Bank of India launched Online Customer Acquisition Solution. It is an online platform to apply for Home Loans, Car Loans, Education Loans and Personal Loans. It will help the customers gauge their eligibility and get a quote personalized to their requirement.
- Central Statistics Office released Provisional Estimates of National Income for the financial year 2014-15 both at constant (2011-12) and current prices. As per it, the GDP at constant prices will grow at 7.3% while at current prices, it is expected to grow at 10.5%.
- Andhra Pradesh brought 16 Sectors under Schedule III of the AP Infrastructure Development Enabling Act (APIDEA), 2001 with an aim to develop infrastructure in public private partnership (PPP) mode. This was done to facilitate the government to extend Swiss Challenge method to award infrastructure project in these 16 sectors.
- Anand Kumar, Founder of Super 30, honoured in Canada for his pioneering work in the field of education. The Legislature of British Columbia, Canada has honoured him for his rare achievements to the students from India's underprivileged sections.
- Veena Jain appointed as Director General of Doordarshan News. She succeeded Akshay Rout.
- Pradeep Kumar Sinha appointed as Cabinet Secretary to Union Government. He succeeded Ajit Seth.
- G Satheesh Reddy appointed as Scientific Advisor to Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- Sepp Blatter re-elected as FIFA President.
- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers observed across the world on 29th May. The theme for this year was "Together for Peace". The day was established to honour the memory of the UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives in the cause of peace and pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in UN peacekeeping operations.
- The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy was released.

• Winner of three Wimbledon titles in a day, Doris Hart, died at 89. He had one each Grand Slam tournament at least once. In 1951, she defeated Shirley Fry in singles, then paired with Fry to win the women's double and went ahead to win the mixed doubles with Frank Sedgman.

30th May

- Yogathon to be hosted in 100 US cities of first International Yoga Day. It is a type of campaign to spread awareness about Yoga. The event is being organized by about 50 major spiritual and Yoga organisations like Art of Living, Overseas Volunteer for a Better India (OVBI) and others.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley inaugurated new Bank Note Paper Line unit in Hoshangabad, MP. With this step, India will become self-reliant in producing Bank Note Paper for big denominations.
- Former Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo was appointed as Chancellor of Nalanda University. He will succeed Amartya Sen who withdrew his candidature for a second term. The ancient Nalanda University was revived in September 2014 in which only 15 students were selected from over 1000 applicants.
- Union Government notified Undisclosed Foreign Income as Assets and imposition of Tax Act, 2015. The Act will come into effect from April 1st, 2016.

- Gurpreet Singh became 5th Indian to get quota place in shooting for 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Fourth North East Youth Festival was concluded in Jorhat district of Assam.
- Mohun Bagan won I-League title of football after 13 years defeating Bengaluru FC.
- Ex-Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili appointed as Governor of Ukraine's Odessa region.
- Barcelona won King's Cup final triumph against Athletic Bilbao.
- WHO launched campaign against illicit trade of tobacco products on World No Tobacco Day which was observed globally on 31st May.