

## **CLATGyan September 2015 Compendium – 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> September**

- Zayn Khan was elected as the President of the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI).
- Eminent Hindi writer Dr Kamal Kishore Goenka was conferred with 24th Vyaas Samman for the year 2014 for his work 'Premchand ki Kahaniyon ka Kaal Kramanusaar Adhyayan'.
- Korea-Andhra Pradesh Friendship Forum organized the Korea Caravan 2015 in Vishakhapatnam.
- A class 9th student from Koraput district of Odisha, Lalita Prasida Sripada Srisai, grabbed the prestigious Community Impact Award at the fifth Google Science Fair held in California.
- The World Rhino Day was observed to celebrate all five species of rhino and they are Javan rhinos, Black, White, Sumatran and Greater one-horned.
- PV Chandran was elected as President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) for the year 2015-16. He represents Grihalakshmi, a Malayalam magazine. He succeeds Kiran B. Vadodaria.
- John T Chambers, the Executive Chairman of Cisco, was elected as the next Chairman of US-India Business Council's (USIBC) by the Council's Board of Directors. He succeeded Ajay Banga, the President and CEO of MasterCard, who has been the longest-serving chairman of the Council.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas will be held at Los Angeles, California, USA from 14<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The Theme for RPBD Los Angeles will be – The Indian Diaspora: Defining a New Paradigm in India-US Relationship.
- The three million strong Indian Diaspora in the US launched Mission 2022 in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to make US-India partnership a defining partnership of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This mission will have a series of dialogues with the Diaspora over the next seven years as India turns 75.
- PepsiCo Chairman Indra Nooyi and Hindustan Times Group chairperson Shobhana Bharatiya were awarded with the 2015 Global Leadership Award of the US-India Business Council (USIBC).

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- The first India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue was held in Washington, the USA.
- Baseball legend Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra died at his home in New Jersey at the age of 90.

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- Michel Kafando was reinstated as the president of Burkina Faso.
- Revered monk of the Hindu monastic order, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, passed away at the age of 85.
- Haryana Government increased the pension given to the ex-servicemen or widows of soldiers by 1500 rupees who took part in World War I and World War II.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) won the 2015 All India Baba Farid Gold Cup hockey title in Faridkot, Punjab.
- The former publisher of Penguin India and editor-in-chief of Random House India, Chiki Sarkar, launched her own publishing company, Juggernaut in collaboration with ex-CEO of Web18, Durga Raghunath.
- Stuti Narain Kacker, was appointed as the head of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- Alexis Tsipras of Syriza party was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Greece by the President of Greece Prokopis Pavlopoulos. It was the second sworn in for him as his party stood victorious in the general elections held to the parliament in January 2015.
- The United National Development Programme (UNDP) stated its intention to provide support in implementation of Arunachal Vision 2030 of Arunachal Pradesh. It will extend the cooperation to CM's Mission on Skill Development and Employment Generation in the State.
- Telenor Group announced that it had changed its brand identity along with legal company name from Uninor, its subsidiary in India, as Telenor India Communications Pvt. Ltd. Telenor has said that the renaming will not change its commitment.
- The Heritage Flying Expedition was in news as the Pushpak aircraft, which formed a part of the Heritage Flying Expedition, touched down at Sanganer airport. The aircraft is more than 55-years-old and was used for Air Observation role in the 1965 and 1971 operations. It was rebuilt and refurbished to flying standards with no modern equipment.
- Filmmaker Rahul Rvail resigned from the Oscar Selection Jury. He resigned from his post citing differences with the chairperson of the Jury Amol Palekar.

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- Government Chawngfiang Middle School of Mizoram won the sub-Junior (Under-14) title of the 56th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament by defeating Esteqalal School of Afghanistan.

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- Amol Palekar headed 15-member Oscar Selection Jury selected Marathi-film Court as India's official entry to 88th Oscar Awards.
- President Pranab Mukherjee appointed West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi as Governor of Tripura.
- Indian film Angry Indian Goddesses, a story about a group of Indian girls in Goa gone wild, was voted as the first runner-up at the 40th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).
- The Union Government appointed Arvind Panagariya, Vice President of NITI Aayog, as the Sherpa for the 2015 G-20 Summit. The Summit will take place in Antalya, Turkey in November 2015.
- Permila Tirkey, a tribal woman from India working as a maid in the United Kingdom, won the country's first caste discrimination case against her Indian-origin employers Ajay Chandhok and Pooja Chandhok.
- Former Indian Cricket Captain Sourav Ganguly was appointed as the President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). This announcement was made by the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. He succeeded Jagmohan Dalmiya.
- Forbes released the Forbes' list of richest Indians. Industrialist Mukesh Ambani retained his tag for the ninth year in a row with a net worth of 18.9 billion dollars. The richest Indian woman is Savitri Jindal who was ranked at 23<sup>rd</sup> position. Binny Bansal, ranked at 86<sup>th</sup> position is also the youngest entrant in the list while Brijmohan Lall Munjal is the oldest.
- A stampede at the Hajj pilgrimage resulted in the deaths of at least 719 pilgrims and injured around 863 people during the annual Hajj in Mecca. The incident occurred near a T-shaped intersection of narrow streets in Mina, between Mount Arafat and the Grand Mosque when the pilgrims were performing the symbolic stoning of the devil by throwing stones at the three pillars.

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- Rear Admiral Sanjay Mahindru took charge as Flag Officer Submarines.
- Matthias Muller was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Volkswagen Group.
- The Gujarat High Court ruled that the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006 will also apply to a Muslim person and the act will prevail over personal laws. The ruling was made by Justice JB Pardiwala.
- S K Sharma was appointed as the Chairman of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB).

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- The 193-member United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) formally adopted the Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development along with a set of bold new Global Goals that are a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world.
- A digital installation named as Assembly of Youth was unveiled at the United Nations headquarters in New York, USA. It was developed for UNICEF by Google. The purpose of the installation is to bring the voices of children and young people from across the world to the heart of the UN General Assembly.
- China successfully launched a new model of carrier rocket, the Long March-11 from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the north-western province of Gansu. The rocket carried four micro-satellites into space, which will be used mainly for testing. The Long March 11 launch is the 211<sup>th</sup> of China's Long March series following the first launch in April 1970 when a Long March 1 rocket had put China's first satellite Dong Fang Hong-1 into the orbit.
- The first conference on the contemporary relevance of Bhagvad Gita was held in London, United Kingdom. It was organised by Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and High Commission of India.

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- Mathematician Jacob Tsimerman of the University of Toronto, Canada was chosen for the prestigious 2015 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched its India's first dedicated satellite for astronomy research, named ASTROSAT.
- One of the fastest bowlers of all time, former England cricketer Frank Tyson died in Australia at the age of 85. He was nicknamed as Typhoon.
- The 16th Governor of Manipur, Syed Ahmed passed away in Mumbai due to cancer at the age of 70.
- Hoping Stone Lyngdoh, Meghalaya's oldest and longest serving legislator, passed away in Shillong at the age of 86.
- World Tourism Day was observed across the world on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 with the theme "One Billion Tourists, One Billion Opportunities".
- Lewis Hamilton of Britain and Mercedes racing driver won the 2015 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix title.
- BS Basawan Committee constituted by Union to revisit the civil services examination pattern.
- The Guangzhou Open Women's Doubles title was won by Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis.

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- Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions revealed that an expert committee was constituted to revisit the civil services examination pattern. The seven member committee was constituted in August 2015 and is headed by B S Baswan. Also, the committee was mandated to submit report within six months from the date of its constitution.

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- Governor of Meghalaya V. Shanmuganathan was appointed as the Governor of Manipur by the President Pranab Mukherjee after the demise of incumbent Dr. Syed Ahmed Khan.
- Prince Charles of Britain awarded Indo-British van driver Dee Patel with the Pride of Britain Award.
- Wipro Limited was selected as member of the global Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) - 2015 for the sixth consecutive year.
- The Maharashtra government declared the year 2017 as the Visit Maharashtra Year to encourage tourism in the state.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CSIR-CIMAP), Lucknow won the CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development (CAIRD) 2014.
- Internet search engine giant Google announced its tie-up with Indian Railways that will provide free Wi-Fi facilities to 400 stations. The Wi-Fi facilities will be provided under Project Nilgiri. The plan will initially start with 100 busiest railway stations. Later, the facility will be extended to the remaining stations.

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- Former Indian ambassador to Nepal Jayant Prasad was appointed as the Director General of Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA).
- Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping was held at the UN headquarters in New York, the USA.
- Union Defence Minister Manohar Parikkar dedicated the INS Kochi at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. It is the largest warship built so far in India weighing over 7500 tonnes.
- International Heart Day observed on 29 September.
- Janam Mukherjee released the book authored by him titled Hungry Bengal. War, Famine, Riots and the End of Empire.
- 17th All-India Government Whips Conference was held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

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- Kartik Chandran was named a 2015 MacArthur Fellow and a genius grant of 625000 US dollars for working on a novel solution to the world's need for food, clean water and energy.
- Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu launched the Indian Railway Knowledge Portal for dissemination of detailed information on Indian Railways. It will allow the user to access most of the available knowledge about Indian Railways at one location due to linkage of websites, documents and much more.
- Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari launched the Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy, 2015. The policy seeks to promote green covers along National Highway corridors and was launched at the National Conference in New Delhi.
- The High Court of Delhi agreed to hear a PIL that challenges the constitutional validity of Article 370 of the Constitution of India that deals with the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. The PIL was filed by a 22-year old girl Kumari Vijayalakshmi Jha and it was agreed to be heard by a bench of Chief Justice G Rohini and Justice Jayant Nath.
- Union Government announced that four brand ambassadors for Digital India programme were appointed. The list of brand ambassadors are Satwat Jagwani, Krati Tiwari, Ankit Fadia and Pranav Mistry.

### 30<sup>th</sup> September

- International Translation Day observed on 30 September.
- Zenia Bhumgara of India was conferred with the Merlin Award in Mumbai in the field of magic conferred by the International Magicians Association (IMS).
- Union Communications and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad released a commemorative postal stamp on Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.
- On 30th September 2015, for the first time at United Nations headquarters in New York, the Palestinian flag was raised.
- The city of Coventry honoured Ratan Tata, chairman Emeritus of Tata sons, with its highest award in recognition of his contributions to the West Midlands region of central England.
- The Supreme Court of India refused to entertain a PIL by advocate Mithilesh Kumar Pandey asking political parties to fulfil their pre-election promises or stay away from post-poll alliances.
- The first-ever US-India-Japan Trilateral Ministerial dialogue was held on the sidelines of the 70<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly session in New York.

- A team of researchers completed a proof-of-principle study on a DNA sequencing-based real-time blood test that can be used to rapidly diagnose Ebola and other pathogens.
- Karthik Chandran, an Indian-American associate professor of earth and environmental engineering at Columbia Engineering was named a 2015 MacArthur Fellow. He was given a genius grant of 625000 US dollars for working on a novel solution to the world's need for food, clean water and energy.