

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS DIGEST**

**OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2013**

### **PERSONS**

The Indian contestant who was crowned Miss Asia Pacific World 2013 at a beauty pageant held in Seoul, South Korea – **Shristi Rana**

The Russian President who was ranked as the World's most powerful person for the year 2013 by the Forbes magazine – **Vladimir Putin**

The Chancellor of Germany who was ranked as the World's most powerful woman for 2013 by the Forbes magazine – **Angela Merkel**

The Indian industrialist who was inducted into the prestigious National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in the US for his contributions to industrial development in India and across the world – **Ratan Tata**

The Managing Director and Chief Finance Officer of SBI, who was appointed as the first woman chairperson of State Bank of India, (also became the first woman to head a Fortune 500 company in India) – **Arundhati Bhattacharya**

The new Chairman of 20<sup>th</sup> Law Commission who took over following the resignation of Justice D.K. Jain – **Justice Ajit Prakash Shah**

The Indian External Affairs Minister who represented India at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meet 2013 in Sri Lanka – **Salman Khurshid**

The Chairperson of India's first all-women bank, Bharatiya Mahila Bank, inaugurated by the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh at Air India building in Nariman Point (Mumbai) is – **Usha Ananthasubramanian**

(Note: The bank has started its operations with 7 branches at Kolkata, Mumbai, Lucknow, Guwahati, Chennai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad. Headquarters: New Delhi)

The winning candidate in the presidential election of the Maldives who has been sworn in as the new President – **Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayyoom**

The Venezuelan contestant who was crowned Miss Universe 2013 at a beauty pageant held in Moscow – **María Gabriela Isler**

Delhi Metro's Principal Advisor and former Managing Director who was conferred with the prestigious 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award by the government of Japan – **Mr. E. Sreedharan**

The noted Indian food writer and host of cooking shows (awarded Padma Shri in 2007) who passed away on 06 Nov – **Ms Tarla Dalal**

The Union Minister of State for HRD who was chosen as PETA India's Person of the Year 2013 – **Shashi Tharoor**

The Vice Chief of Air Staff who took over as the new Chief of Air Staff on 31 Dec 2013 – **Air Chief Marshall Arup Raha**

The new Chairman, Chief of Staffs Committee – **General Bikram Singh**

The inventor of AK-47 Assault Rifle who died on 23 Dec 2013 – **Mikhail Kalashnikov**

The new Chief Information Commissioner of India who took over from outgoing CIC Ms Deepak Sandhu on 20 Dec 2013 – **Sushma Singh**

The Pope of the Catholic church who was chosen as the Person of the Year 2013 by TIME magazine – **Pope Francis**

The contestant from Venezuela who was crowned as Miss Earth 2013 at a beauty pageant held at Versailles Palace in Versailles Palace, Muntinlupa City, Philippines – **Alyz Henrich**

The Indian contestant at the Miss Earth 2013 who was awarded the Miss Photogenic and Miss Eco Beauty titles – **Sobhita Dhulipala**

### **PLACES**

The two cities in which airports were granted international status by the Union Cabinet – **Bhubaneswar and Imphal**

The waterway (strait) connecting Black Sea and Sea of Marmara in Istanbul (Turkey) under which a tunnel was opened connecting Asia and Europe – **Bosphorus Strait**

The country in which Festival of India and Indian Chamber of Commerce (INCHAM) were inaugurated by the visiting Vice-President of India, Mr. Hamid Ansari – **Peru**

The place in M.P. where a stampede on a bridge over Sindh river (tributary of Yamuna) killed over 80 people and injured several others – **Ratangarh**

The country to which India resumed supply of arms ending an eight-year old ban imposed in 2005 – **Nepal**

The country which rejected a seat in the United Nations Security Council to protest against a lack of international efforts to end world conflicts – **Saudi Arabia**

The state in which setting up of Legislative Council with a strength of 42 members was approved by the Union Cabinet – **Assam**

The country which was chosen unanimously at the end of CHOGM 2013 in Sri Lanka, to host the 2015 Commonwealth Summit – **Malta**

The venue of 18th International Children's Film Festival of India held from 14 November 2013 – **Hyderabad**

The venue of World Agriculture Forum 2013 Congress and Agri-Tech Fair held from 04 to 07 Nov 2013 – **Hyderabad**

The country which sentenced 152 soldiers to death over a bloody border guard mutiny in 2009 – **Bangladesh**

The district in Kerala which has been declared India's first landless-free district in India (It has become the first district in the country where every family owns a piece of land.) – **Kannur**

The country which declared the transnational Islamic political organisation, the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist group – **Egypt**

Little India, the ethnic neighbourhood where riots broke out in December 2013 following the death of an Indian in an accident is located in – **Singapore**

The State which was adjudged the best State in promoting empowerment of persons with disabilities for the year 2013 – **Tamil Nadu**

### **AWARDS**

The Indian film star who was honoured with the 3rd Hridayanath Mangeshkar Award for his contribution to the film industry – **Amitabh Bachchan**

The Indian Human Rights and Animal Rights activist, founder and executive director of The Naz Foundation Trust who was awarded France's highest civilian award '**Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur**' for her work on transgenders and HIV positive patients – **Anjali Gopalan**

The eminent gastroenterologist and director of Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi who was chosen for the 42nd Dhanvantri award – **S.K. Sarin**

The New Zealand author who was awarded the Man Booker Prize 2013 for her second novel The Luminaries – **Eleanor Catton**

The agricultural scientist and Father of Green Revolution in India, who was chosen for the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration 2012 – **MS Swaminathan**

The First National Awards For Senior Citizens instituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and presented by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons are named – **Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2013**

The editor, critic and author who won the 2013 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for her debut novel The Wildings – **Nilanjan Roy**

The renowned film actress who was awarded the Centenary Award for Indian Film Personality of the Year at the International Film Festival of India 2013 in Panjim, Goa – **Waheeda Rehman**

The Carnatic vocalist who was honoured with the first Bharat Seva Puraskar instituted by Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha and Carnatica – **Ms Sudha Raganathan**

The Government of India undertaking which bagged the highest number of National Energy Conservation Awards–2013 given by the Ministry of Power on National Energy Conservation Day on 14th December (22 out of 112 awards) – **Indian Railways**

The Director General of International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) who was conferred with the Excellence in Agricultural Leadership Award by Association of Agricultural Technology in Southeast Asia (AATSEA) – **William D Dar**

## **SPORTS**

The German F1 Racing driver (racing for Red Bull Renault) who won his fourth straight world title at the Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit – **Sebastian Vettel**

The Chinese Snooker professional who won the Indian Open World Snooker Tournament held in New Delhi in Oct 2013 defeating Aditya Mehta of India in the finals – **Ding Junhui**

The Indian cricketer who became the fastest Indian to score a century off 52 balls (surpassing Virender Sehwag's record of century in 60 balls) in an ODI against Australia in Jaipur – **Virat Kohli**

The Indian women's pair of snooker players who won the team title in the 2013 IBSF World 6 – red Snooker Championship after defeating Hong Kong in the final at Carlow, Ireland – **Vidya Pillai and Arantxa Sanchez**

The Indian badminton star who was chosen as the Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year 2013 – **Saina Nehwal**

The Indian cricketer who has been appointed UNICEF's first brand ambassador for South Asia – **Sachin Tendulkar**

The Norwegian chess player who became the new World Chess Champion by defeating 5 times champion Viswanathan Anand in 3 out of 10 games (7 being drawn games) in championship contest held at Hotel Hyatt Regency in Chennai – **Magnus Carlsen**

The Indian cricketer who became the fastest to score 5000 runs in One Day Internationals by achieving it in 114 innings off 120 matches – **Virat Kohli**

The Barcelona footballer who was awarded the European Golden Shoe for a record third time for having scored the most league goals in Europe last season – **Lionel Messi**

Rizvi-Springfield skipper who scored 546 runs against St. Francis D'Assisi in the Harris Shield tournament match becoming the highest scoring Indian in any form of registered competitive cricket – **Prithvi Shah**

The Jamaican sprinter who was named the Female Athlete of the Year 2013 by the International Association of Athletics Federation – **Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce**

The Jamaican sprinter who was named the Male Athlete of the Year 2013 by International Association of Athletics Federation for the fifth time – **Usain Bolt**

The woman shooter from India who created history by becoming the first pistol exponent from India to win a gold medal at the ISSF World Cup finals in Munich, Germany – **Heena Sidhu**

The Indian golfer who won the Dubai City Challenge golf tournament in Dubai – **Shiv Kapur**

The Indian cricketer who became the third batsman in the world to score a double century in One-day Internationals by scoring 209 runs in 158 balls against Australia at Bangalore. (Preceded by Sachin Tendulkar – 2010 and Virender Sehwag – 2011) – **Rohit Sharma**

The country which launched the Olympic torch of Winter Olympics 2014 into space where it was handed over between two spacewalkers of the International Space Station to record the first every torch relay in space – **Russia**

The year in which India is to host the next hockey world cup as announced by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) – **2018**

The badminton player who won the men's singles title defeating M. V. Guru Sai Dutt at 78th Senior National Badminton Championships held at the Siri Fort Sports Complex in New Delhi in Dec 2013 – **Kidambi Shrikanth**

The badminton player who won the women's singles title defeating Rituparna Das at 78th Senior National Badminton Championships held at the Siri Fort Sports Complex in New Delhi in Dec 2013 – **P.V. Sindhu**

The footballer who was chosen as 2013 AIFF Player of the Year for the third time after being awarded with the same in 2007 and 2011 – **Sunil Chhetri**

The former Indian cricket captain who was chosen for BCCI's Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award 2013 – **Kapil Dev**

The Indian cricket player who became the first person to captain India in 50 test matches surpassing Saurav Ganguly's record of 49 tests – **MS Dhoni**

The team which India defeated to win the fourth Kabaddi World Cup at Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana – **Pakistan**

The State in which 4th World Cup Kabaddi 2013 tournament is was held from 01 Dec 2013 – **Punjab**

The Indian golf player who won the Indonesia Open Golf Tournament 2013 in December 2013 – **Gaganjeet Bhullar**

The Indian badminton star who has won the Macau Open 2013 Women's Single title defeating Li Michelle of Canada – **P.V. Sindhu**

The year in which India has been chosen by the International Football Federation to host the Under-17 FIFA World Cup – **2017**

### **DEFENCE**

The airfield in Bangladesh, where an Indian Air Force aircraft (helicopter Mi – 17V5) made a historic landing after a gap of 42 years (last landing by an IAF aircraft was made in 1971) – **Jessore**

The Indo-Russian joint military exercise to improve capabilities for carrying out anti-terrorist operations which was conducted at Mahajan field firing range near India – Pakistan border in Thar desert of Rajasthan is named – **Indra 2013**

Indian Navy's largest offshore patrol vessel which was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Vice-Admiral Satish Soni, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command at Kochi is named – **INS Sunanya**

The nuclear-capable Naval variant of surface-to-surface missile Prithvi which was test-fired on Nov 23 from a warship is named – **Dhanush**

The first stealth combat drone tested by China in November 2013 is named – **Sharp Sword**

The place at which aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya (formerly Admiral Gorshkov) was inducted into the Indian Navy on 16 November at a ceremony attended by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin and Indian Defence Minister A.K. Antony – **Sevmash Shipyard in Severodvinsk**

The advanced jet trainer built by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) with Transfer of Technology from M/s British Aerospace, UK, which has been inducted into the Indian Navy at a ceremony held at the Naval Air Station INS Dega in Visakhapatnam – **Hawk 132**

The 10-day India-China joint military drill on counterterrorism conducted in Miaoergang town in China is code named – **Hand-in-hand**

India's first supersonic jet which was flown for the last time in December 2013 from IAF's base at Kalaikunda after about 50 years of service in the IAF – **MiG-21FL**

### **WORLD INDICES AND INDIA'S RANK**

The rank of India in the Global Gender Gap Index 2013 released by the World Economic Forum – **101**

The rank of India in the Human Capital Index as released by World Economic Forum – **78**

The rank of India in the Corruption Perception Index 2013 released by Transparency International – **94**

The rank of India in the recently released Forbes list of world's best countries for doing business – **98**

### **SPACE**

The NASA space probe designed to study the Martian atmosphere launched aboard Atlas V launch vehicle from Cape Canaveral launching station is named – **MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution)**

The satellite launched by European Space Agency in 2009 which re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean was named – **Gravity field and Ocean Circulation Explorer**

The Chinese moon rover which drove onto the moon's surface on 15 Dec making China the third country to complete a lunar rover mission after the United States and USSR is named – **Yutu or Jade Rabbit**

### **CYCLONES**

The cyclone which hit the eastern coast of India at Gopalpur in Odisha on 13 Oct 13 causing extensive damage to property was named – **Phailin**

The typhoon which hit the eastern coast of China forcing evacuation of lakhs of people and causing extensive damage to property – **Fitow**

The cyclone which hit Andhra Pradesh crossing the coast at Machilipatnam on 22 Nov 13 forcing evacuation of thousands of people was named – **Helen**

The typhoon which lashed Philippines on 07 November 2013 killing thousands of people and causing large scale devastation was named – **Haiyan**

### **RAILWAYS**

The vintage steam locomotive (manufactured by Chittranjan Locomotive Works) which was been restored and overhauled to run a tourist train from Delhi to Alwar is named – **Akbar**

The first ever Dual Cab 4500 HP Freight Diesel locomotive named Vijay flagged by the Minister of Railways Shri Mallikarjun Kharge has been manufactured by – **Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Varanasi**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The ship belonging to a US-based firm (and registered in Sierra Leone) which was detained by the Indian Coast Guard for carrying weapons in Indian waters is named – **MV Seaman Guard**

India's first indigenous vaccine against Japanese Encephalitis launched by the health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and jointly developed by National Institute of Virology, Pune, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Bharat Biotech Limited is named – **JENVAC**

The Govt of India has constituted a Council of National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) to facilitate better coordination and synergy between the four NITTTRs located at Chandigarh, Bhopal, Calcutta and Chennai. The ex-officio Chairman of the Council will be – **Minister of Human Resource Development**

The theme of International Day of Older Persons, 2013 chosen by the United Nations Organisation – **The future we want: what older persons are saying**

India's first and only business house to cross the turnover of \$100 billion, which fell out of \$ 100 billion club in Nov 2013, because of a fall in the value of rupee – **Tata group**

The volcano located in the island Sumatra of Indonesia which erupted violently in November 2013 forcing about 18,000 people to flee from their homes is named – **Mount Sinabung**

The country which has decided to recall its ambassador from Australia following reports that an Australian security agency attempted to listen to his telephonic conversations of its President – **Indonesia**

The word meaning a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website, which was chosen as the word of the year 2013 by Oxford Dictionary – **selfie**

The Indian dog which has become the first canine to reach the Everest base camp (alongwith its owner Joanne Lefson of South Africa) is named – **Rupree**

Independent India's first Education Minister and freedom fighter to commemorate whose 125th birth anniversary a national portal has been launched by the Government of India – **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**

The auction house which auctioned Mahatma Gandhi's will and the famous charkha used by him in Yerawada Jail and later gifted to American missionary Rev. Floyd A Puffer – **Mullock's Auction house**

The bank which launched the Centurion Card (popularly known as the Black Card) in India issued only by invitation and with a spending limit of Rs. 10 crore – **American Express Bank**

The application launched by Microsoft for the safety of women users of Windows phones is named – **Guardian**

The temperature of the coldest point on Earth located on the Antarctica as measured by a satellite has been found to be – **minus 93.2° Celsius ( – 135.8°F)**.



The Indian university which became the highest-ranked educational institution of India in the first-ever ranking of universities in BRICS and emerging economies by Times Higher Education magazine – **Panjab University**

## **Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan**

### **Introduction**

The National Development Council (NDC) approved Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for reforming the state higher education system as part of the 12th Plan. It was subsequently included in the list of 66 schemes approved by the Cabinet on 20th June 2013, as part of the restructured CSSs for implementation in the 12th Plan. In Oct 2013, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the RUSA.

During the 12th Plan period, 80 new universities would be created by converting autonomous colleges/colleges in a cluster to State universities. 100 new colleges, including professional/technical colleges would be set up and 54 existing colleges would be converted into model degree colleges. Infrastructure grants would be given to 150 universities and 3,500 colleges to upgrade and fill critical gaps in infrastructure especially libraries, laboratories etc. RUSA would also support 5,000 faculty positions.

### **Important Objectives of the Scheme**

Improving the overall quality of existing state higher educational institutions by ensuring conformity to prescribed norms and standards and adoption of accreditation as a mandatory quality assurance framework.

Correct regional imbalances in access to higher education through high quality institutions in rural and semi urban areas as well as creating opportunities for students from rural areas to get access to better quality institutions.

Setting up of higher education institutions in unserved and underserved areas.

Improve equity in higher education by providing adequate opportunities to socially deprived communities; promote inclusion of women, minorities, SC/ST and OBCs as well as differently abled persons.

Ensure adequate availability of quality faculty in all higher educational institutions and ensure capacity building at all levels.

Create an enabling atmosphere in higher educational institutions to devote themselves to research and innovation.

Integrate skill developments efforts of the government with the conventional higher education system through optimum interventions.

The scheme will be spread over two plan periods. Centre-State funding would be in the ratio of 90:10 for North – Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and 65:35 for other States and Union Territories.

## Human Capital Index

The Human Capital Index, covering 122 countries, released by the World Economic Forum explores the contributors and inhibitors to the development and deployment of a healthy, educated and productive labour force.

### **The four pillars of the Index**

The Health and Wellness pillar contains indicators relating to a population's physical and mental well-being, from childhood to adulthood.

The Education pillar contains indicators relating to quantitative and qualitative aspects of education across primary, secondary and tertiary levels and contains information on both the present workforce as well as the future workforce.

The Workforce and Employment pillar is designed to quantify the experience, talent, knowledge and training in a country's working-age population.

The Enabling Environment pillar captures the legal framework, infrastructure and other factors that enable returns on human capital.

### **Top 5 countries**

Switzerland – 1; Finland – 2; Singapore – 3; Netherlands – 4; Sweden – 5

### **Major Countries and their ranks**

U.S.A. – 16; U.K. – 8; France – 21; Germany – 6; Japan – 15; Russia – 51

### **India and its Neighbours**

India – 78; Bangladesh – 110; Sri Lanka – 50; Pakistan – 112; China – 43

## Booker Prize 2013 Shortlist

1. A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki (Canada)
2. Harvest by Jim Crace (England)
3. The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri (India)
4. The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton (New Zealand) – **Winner**
5. The Testament of Mary by Colm Toibin (Ireland)
6. We Need New Names by noviolet Bulawayo (Zimbabwe)

## **Nobel Prizes 2013**

### **Physics**

Francois Englert (Belgium) and Peter W. Higgs (United Kingdom)

For the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider

### **Chemistry**

Martin Karplus (Austria), Michael Levitt (South Africa) and Arieh Warshel (Israel)

For the development of multiscale models for complex chemical systems

### **Medicine**

James E. Rothman (U.S.A.) Randy W. Schekman (U.S.A.) and Thomas C. Südhof (Germany)

For their discoveries of machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells

### **Literature**

Alice Munro (Canada)

Master of the contemporary short story

### **Peace**

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

For its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons

### **Economic Sciences**

Eugene F. Fama (U.S.A.), Lars Peter Hansen – U.S.A. and Robert J. Shiller – U.S.A.

For their empirical analysis of asset prices

### 44th International Film Festival of India

Venue – **Goa**

Held from 20 to 30 Nov 2013

Head of the jury – **Serbian film director Goran Paskaljevic**

Opening Film – **The Don Juans directed by Jiri Menzel**

Closing Film – Justin Chadwick's film **Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom**

Country in Focus – **Japan**

Golden Peacock Award – East Timor's film **Beatriz's War**

Best Director – **Kaushik Ganguli** for Bengali film Apur Panchali

Special Jury Award – Turkish film **'Thou Gild'st the Even'**

Best Actor (Male) – **Alon Moni Aboutboul** for his performance in Israeli movie A Place in Heaven

Best Actor (Female) – **Boczarska Magdalena** for her performance in Polish film In Hiding

Special Centenary Award – Bengali film **Meghe Dhaka Tara** directed by Kamaleshwar Mukherjee

Lifetime Achievement Award – Czech filmmaker **Jiri Menzel**

Centenary Award for Indian Film Personality of the Year – **Waheeda Rahman**

### 18th International Children's Film Festival of India

Venue – **Hyderabad**

Held from 14 to 21 Nov 2013

Inaugural Film – **Gopi Gawaiya Bagha Bajaiya** directed by Shilpa Ranade

#### Winners of Awards

Golden Elephant – Best Live Action Film – **Kauwboy** (The Netherlands)

Golden Elephant – Best Live Action Director – **Batul Mukhtiar** for Kaphal (Indian)

Golden Elephant – Best Animation Feature – **Ernest Et Celestine** (France)

Golden Elephant – Best Live Action Director – **Batul Mukhtiar for Kaphal** (Indian)

Golden Elephant – Best Short – **Chinti** (Russia)

Special Jury Prize – **Moon Man** (France)

Jury Prize for Best Artwork – **Goopi Gawaiya Bagha Bajaiya** (India)

### India's Mars Orbiter Mission

Launch date: **05 November 2013**

Launch vehicle: **PSLV – XL C25**

Launch station: **Sriharikota**

Insertion into Martian orbit: **24 Sep 2014**

Informal name: **Mangalyaan**

### Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2013

#### **Akademi Ratna (Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows)**

Smt Kanak Rele – Exponent of Mohiniattam

Shri R. Satyanarayana – Musicologist

Shri Mahesh Elkunchwar – Playwright

#### **Akademi Awards in the Field of Music and Dance**

<b>Awards in the Field of Music</b>		<b>Awards in the Field of Dance</b>	
Shri Ritwik Sanyal	Hindustani Vocal	Smt. Jamuna Krishnan	Bharatnatyam
Smt. Veena Sahasrabuddhe	Hindustani Vocal	Shri B Herambhanathan	Bharatnatyam
Shri Hashmat Ali Khan	Hindustani Instrumental Music (Tabla)	Smt Rajashree Shirke	Kathak
Shri Dhruba Ghosh	Hindustani Instrumental Music (Sarangi)	Shri Kalamandalam MPS Namboodiri	Kathakali
Smt. Aruna Sairam	Carnatic Vocal	Shri Chinta Seetha Ramanjaneyulu	Kuchipudi
Shri D. Seshachari Shri D Raghavachari (Hyderabad Brothers)	Carnatic Vocal	Smt Sangeeta Dash	Odissi
Shri Trichy Sankaran	Carnatic Instrumental Music (Mridangam)	Shri Jogen Dutta Bayan	Sattriya
Shri Thiruvizha Jayashankar	Carnatic Instrumental Music (Nadaswaram)	Shri Srinivasa Rangachariar	Major traditions of dance & Dance theatre (Arayer sevai)
Shri Bankim Sethi	Major Traditions of Music (Odissi Music)	Shri Dhaneshwar Swain	Music for dance

### **Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award 2012 – 13**

Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award 2012 – 13 were given away by Smt. Krishna Tirath, the Minister for Women and Child Development during the Vatsalya Mela on 19.11.2013 at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a silver plate and a citation.

#### **Awards for 2012**

1. Shri Bhabendra Nath Dutta – Assam
2. Shri Ved Prakash Arya – Haryana
3. Dr. Samir Hasan Dalwai – Maharashtra

#### **Awards for 2013**

1. Sister Dr. Mary Litty – Kerala
2. Shri Lian C. Tombing – Manipur
3. Shri Satya Prakash Sharma – Himachal Pradesh

### **National Awards for Child Welfare, 2012**

National Awards for Child Welfare, 2012 were also given alongwith Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Awards by the honourable minister. The award given for outstanding performance in the field of child development and welfare carries cash prize of Rs. 3 lakh and a citation for each institution, and Rs. 1 lakh and a citation for each individual.

#### **Institutions awarded**

1. Akshay Pratishthan – New Delhi
2. Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust – Delhi
3. S.M.S.S. Hindu Mahila Mandiram – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
4. Ushas Centre for Exceptional Children – Hubli, Karnataka
5. Thutak Nunpuitu Team – Aizwal, Mizoram

#### **Individuals awarded**

1. Shri Bharat Lal Sahu – Chhattisgarh
2. Dr. N. Raveendran – Kerala
3. Ms. Shailaja Ashok Goundaje – Maharashtra

### **Sahitya Akademi Awards 2013**

<b>Language</b>	<b>Creation</b>	<b>Author</b>
1. Bengali	Dwaipayan Hradar Dhare (Poetry)	Subodh Sarkar
2. Bodo	Delphini Onthai Mwdai Arw Gubun Gubun Khonthai (Poetry)	Anil Boro
3. Dogri	Doha Satsai (Poetry)	Sitaram Sapolia
4. English	Laburnum For My Head (Short Stories)	Temsula Ao
5. Hindi	Miljul Man (Novel)	Mridula Garg
6. Kannada	Akyana Vyakyana (Essays)	C.N. Ramachandran

7. Kashmiri	Aina Aatash (Short Stories)	Mohi-ud-din Reshi
8. Konkani	Manmotayam (Essays)	Tukaram Rama Shet
9. Maithili	Sangharsh Aa Sehanta (Memoirs)	Sureshwar Jha
10. Malayalam	Kathayillathavante Katha (Autobiography)	M.N. Paloor
11. Manipuri	Chinglon Amadagi Amada (Travelogue)	Makhonmani Mongsaba
12. Marathi	Vachanaryachi Rojanishee (Essays)	Satish Kalasekar
13. Nepali	Manka Lahar Ra Raharharu (Travelogue)	Man Bahadur Pradhan
14. Odia	Banaprastha (Play)	Bijoy Misra
15. Punjabi	Nirvaan (Novel)	Manmohan
16. Rajasthani	Aanthyo Nahi Din Hal (Poetry)	Ambika Dutt
17. Sanskrit	Chaladuravani (Poetry)	Radhakant Thakur
18. Santali	Chanda Bonga (Poetry)	Arjun Charan Hembram
19. Sindhi	Mansh-Nagari (Poetry)	Namdev Tarachandani
20. Tamil	Korkai (Novel)	R.N. Joe D'Cruz
21. Telugu	Sahityaakashmlo Sagam (Essays)	Katyayani Vidmahe
22. Urdu	Lava (Poetry)	Javed Akhtar

### **CNN IBN Indian of the Year Awards – 2013**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year : **NGO Stop Acid Attacks**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Politics : **Arvind Kejriwal**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Sports : **P.V. Sindhu**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Business : **Rajiv Bajaj**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Entertainment : **Kapil Sharma**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Public Service : **Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Supreme Court advocate Lily Thomas**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Special Achievement : **NDRF and ITBP**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Special Achievement : **Deepika Padukone**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Outstanding Achievement : **Leander Paes**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Outstanding Achievement : **Ramakant Achrekar**

CNN – IBN Indian of the Year – Lifetime Achievement : **Late Justice J.S. Verma**

## **Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela**

Born : **18 July 1918**

Died: **05 December 2013**

Prison life – **1964 – 1990**

President of South Africa – **1994 – 1999**

### **Important Awards conferred on Mr. Nelson Mandela**

Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding – **1979**

Bharat Ratna – **1990**

Lenin Peace Prize – **1990**

Nishan-e-Pakistan – **1992**

Nobel Peace Prize – **1993**

Indira Gandhi Award for International Justice and Harmony – **1996**

### **Foreign Policy Magazine Leading Global Thinkers of 2013**

1. **Edward Snowden** – For exposing the reach of Government spying
2. **Keith Alexander** – For masterminding the surveillance state
3. **Glenn Greenwald** – For giving Edward Snowden a voice
4. **Laura Poitras** – For giving Edward Snowden a voice
5. **Dilma Rouseff** – For confronting Washington and its spies

### **Indians in the list**

32. **Arvind Kejriwal** – For leading a campaign to clean up India's capital
77. **Urvashi Butalia** – For exposing the roots of India's rampant sexual violence
77. **Kavita Krishnan** – For exposing the roots of India's rampant sexual violence

### **LG ICC Awards 2013**

ICC Cricketer of the Year (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy) – **Michael Clarke (Australia)**

ICC Test Cricketer of the Year – **Michael Clarke (Australia)**

ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year – **Suzie Bates (New Zealand)**

ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year – **Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka)**

ICC Emerging Cricketer of the Year – **Cheteshwar Pujara (India)**



ICC Associate and Affiliate Cricketer of the Year – **Kevin O'Brien (Ireland)**

ICC Twenty20 International Performance of the Year – **Umar Gul (Pakistan)**

ICC T20I Women's Cricketer of the Year – **Sarah Taylor (England)**

ICC Spirit of Cricket Award – **Mahela Jayawardena (Sri Lanka)**

ICC Umpire of the Year (winning the David Shepherd Trophy) – **Richard Kettleborough**

People's Choice – **MS Dhoni**

### **Chief Ministers – Recent State Elections – November 2013**

Rajasthan – **Vasundhara Raje** (has become the CM of Rajasthan for the second time)

Chhattisgarh – **Dr. Raman Singh** (has become the CM of Chhattisgarh for the third consecutive time)

Madhya Pradesh – **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** (has become the CM of Madhya Pradesh for the third consecutive time)

Mizoram – **Pu Lalthanhawla** (has become the CM of Mizoram for the second consecutive time and a record fifth time in his political career.)

Delhi – **Arvind Kejriwal**