

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JULY 2015**

### **Awards**

The 2013 winner of Physics Nobel prize who has been awarded the Royal Society's Copley Medal (known as the world's oldest scientific prize) for his pioneering work on the theory of the Higgs boson – **Peter Higgs**

The renowned Indian artist who has been conferred the highest French civilian honour, the Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour) for his peerless achievements – **Syed Hyder Raza**

The founder and chairperson of BRAC (formerly known as Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee) who has been named 2015 World Food Prize Laureate – **Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**

The Indian-American professor who has been named as the 2015 Global Confederation for Higher Education Associations for Agriculture and Life Sciences World Agriculture Prize laureate – **R Paul Singh**

### **Corporate**

The business group which is at the top of "Most Valuable Indian Brands" report released by U.K. based leading brand valuation consultancy, Brand Finance – **TATA Group**

The companies which have joined hands through Project Unnati to help farmers adopt Ultra High Density Plantation (UHDP) technique to boost mango yield – **Jain Irrigation Systems & Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.**

### **Currency and Banking**

The denomination in which RBI has decided to issue coins to commemorate the International Day of Yoga with the inscription Saamanjasya evam shanthi ke liye yog – **Rs. 10**

The public sector bank which has launched the first MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency) card under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) – **Corporation Bank**

The private sector bank which has become the first bank in India to launch Watch Banking for Apple Watch – **HDFC Bank**

### **Disasters**

The cyclone which made a landfall in Bangladesh bringing with it heavy rains in Bangladesh, West Bengal and Odisha was named – **Komen**

The country in which 3 airports have been closed temporarily due to eruptions from 2 of its volcanoes, Mount Raung and Mount Gamalama – **Indonesia**

The typhoon that hit the Chinese coast south of Shanghai city with winds of up to 160 km per hour forcing evacuation of nearly 1 million people was named – **Chan-hom**

## Medicines and Diseases

The Indian state which has declared cancer as a notifiable disease, making it mandatory for doctors to report in case they come across a patient suffering from the disease – **Karnataka**

The state which has launched an intensive prevention drive against anthrax (disease caused by bacillus anthracis) after two cows died due to the infection recently – **Kerala**

The world's first malaria vaccine developed by GlaxoSmithKline and PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative which has been approved European Medicines Agency (EMA) for use in babies in Africa at risk of the mosquito-borne disease – **RTS,S or Mosquirix**

## Persons

The panel formed by Union Sports Ministry to redraft the National Sports Development Code of India (NSDCI) 2011 is headed by – **Justice (retd.) C.K. Mahajan**

The LIC officer who has become the first woman to lead a mutual fund house in India (LIC Nomura Mutual Fund) – **Sarojini Dikhale**

The Director-General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, who has been appointed as the Director-General of The Energy and Resources Institute (also known as TERI) – **Ajay Mathur**

The British humanitarian who rescued nearly 700 children, most of them Jewish, from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of the II World War in an operation known as the Czech Kindertransport who passed away on 01 July 2015 – **Nicholas Winton**

## Places - India

The state which has been chosen to host the XIIth International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences (ISAES), from July 13 to 17, organised by National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India – **Goa**

The city on the banks of river Godavari in which the once-in-12-year event Kumbha Mela began on 14 July 2015 – **Nasik**

## Places - World

The city in China which has been chosen by the International Olympic Committee to host the 2022 Winter Olympics, becoming the first city to be awarded both summer and winter Games – **Beijing**

The country whose citizens have been allowed electronic visa facility by India from 30 July 2015 (the facility is already available to citizens of 75 other countries) – **China**

The African nation which has declared a state of emergency following an Islamic militant gun attack on a Sousse beach hotel, where 38 foreign tourists, mostly Britons, were killed – **Tunisia**

The largest city of Yemen which has been inducted into the list of World Heritage sites in danger by UNESCO along with the City of Shibam in Yemen and Hatra in Iraq – **Sana'a**

## Sports

The Indian cricketer who was presented the Arjuna Award by the Union Sports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, as the sportsperson was not present during the awards ceremony in 2014 – **R. Ashwin**

The Kenyan-born British professional road racing cyclist who has won the 2015 Tour de France, the multiple stage bicycle race – **Christopher Froome**

The Dutch hockey coach who has been appointed the coach for Indian hockey team till 2016 Olympics – **Roelant Oltmans**

South Africa's first post-apartheid international cricket captain who passed away on 28 July 2015, having played only 3 ODIs during his international career – **Clive Rice**

The venue of 14th Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015 being held from July 25 and declared open by Michelle Obama – **Los Angeles**

The domestic cricket tournament which has been scrapped from 2015-16 season by the BCCI – **Duleep Trophy**

The French Formula One driver who died on 17 July 15 of critical head injuries sustained at last year's Japanese Grand Prix – **Jules Bianchi**

The welterweight world champion who has been stripped of the title, he won in May beating Filipino Manny Pacquiao, for failing to comply with rules by the World Boxing Organization (WBO) – **Floyd Mayweather Jr.**

The team which has won the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup Championship defeating Japan in the finals at Vancouver in Canada (this is the country's 3rd title) – **U.S.A.**

The team which has won the 2015 Copa America football tournament defeating Argentina in the finals – **Chile**

The team which has won the South Asian Basketball (SABA) Championship defeating Sri Lanka in the finals at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru – **India**

## Space

The project launched by physicist Stephen Hawking with funding from Russian billionaire Yuri Milner o search for intelligent extraterrestrial life in the Universe is named – **Breakthrough Listen**

The NASA spacecraft launched in 2006 to study the dwarf planet Pluto, which has confirmed the presence of frozen methane on Pluto's surface – **New Horizons**

## Miscellaneous

The year by India is set to become a water-scarce country as per a report by consulting firm 'Everything About Water' (EA Water) – **2025**

The charitable organisation which has topped the list of the world's wealthiest private foundations established by living ultra high net worth (UHNW) individuals as per a report published by Wealth-X – **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

The novel written by Indian author Anuradha Roy which has been selected in the 2015 Man Booker Prize long list of 13 novels – **Sleeping on Jupiter**

The country which has vetoed the United Nations Security Council resolution that called for the 1995 Srebrenica massacre to be described as a "genocide." – **Russia**

The country which has banned the sacrifice of animals at the world's largest animal sacrifice event, the Gadhimai Festival held every five years – **Nepal**

The All India Railway Helpline number for passengers to utilize in the event of a crime both on running trains and platforms which was unveiled by Minister of State (MoS) for Home Affairs Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary – **1512**

The sub-atomic particle of which the scientists at CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Switzerland have found new evidence – **Pentaquark**

The theme of World Population Day observed on 11 July 2015 – **Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies**

The Eurasian political, economic and military organisation of which India and Pakistan have been accepted as full members (The Beijing-based organisation currently has China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan as members – **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**

The Pune college founded in 1885 which has been accorded the special heritage status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) – **Fergusson College**

The pre-paid card linked mobile wallet service launched by BSNL which allows its customers to transfer money, pay for services as well as withdraw cash of up to Rs. 1 lakh (even without having a bank account) is named – **Speed Pay**

### [Wimbledon 2015](#)

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Gentlemen's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
Ladies' Singles	Serena Williams (USA)	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)
Gentlemen's Doubles	Jean-Julien Roger (Netherlands) & Horia Tecau (Romania)	Jamie Murray (Great Britain) & John Peers (Australia)
Ladies' Doubles	Martina Hingis (Switzerland) & Sania Mirza (India)	Ekaterina Makarova & Elena Vesnina (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	Leander Paes (India) & Martina Hingis (Switzerland)	Alexander Peya (Austria) & Timea Babos (Hungary)
Boys Doubles	Sumit Nagal (India) & Ly Hoang Nam (Vietnam)	Reilly Opelka (USA) & Akilla Santillan (Japan)

### Leander Paes – Grand Slam titles Won

<b>Mens Doubles</b>	<b>Years Won</b>	<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>Years Won</b>
French Open	1999, 2001, 2009	French Open	-
Wimbledon	1999	Wimbledon	1999, 2003, 2010, 2015
US Open	2006, 2009, 2013	US Open	2008
Australian Open	2012	Australian Open	2003, 2010, 2015

### Sania Mirza – Grand Slam titles Won

<b>Womens Doubles</b>	<b>Years Won</b>	<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>Years Won</b>	<b>Girls Doubles</b>	<b>Years Won</b>
Wimbledon	2015	Australian Open	2009	Wimbledon	2003
		French Open	2012		
		US Open	2014		

### Important News in Brief

**Mr. APJ ABDUL KALAM** – 15 October 1931 - 27 July 2015

President of India: 25 July 2002 – 25 July 2007

Birth place – Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu      Death – IIM, Shillong

#### Awards

Padma Bhushan – 1981; Padma Vibhushan – 1990; Bharat Ratna – 1997; Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration – 1997

#### Books authored

India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium,

Wings of Fire: An Autobiography

Ignited Minds: Unleashing the Power Within India

The Luminous Sparks

Mission India

Inspiring Thoughts

Indomitable Spirit

Envisioning an Empowered Nation

You Are Born To Blossom: Take My Journey Beyond

Turning Points: A journey through challenges

Target 3 Billion

The Life Tree (Poems)

My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions

A Manifesto for Change: A Sequel to India 2020

Forget your Future: Candid, Forthright, Inspiring

### Famous Quotes by APJ Abdul Kalam

If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.

You have to dream before your dreams can come true.

Great dreams of great dreamers are always transcended.

We will be remembered only if we give to our younger generation a prosperous and safe India, resulting out of economic prosperity coupled with civilizational heritage.

To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal.

Man needs his difficulties because they are necessary to enjoy success.

To succeed in life and achieve results, you must understand and master three mighty forces— desire, belief, and expectation.

Those who cannot work with their hearts achieve but a hollow, half-hearted success that breeds bitterness all around.

### Beidou Navigation Satellite Navigation System

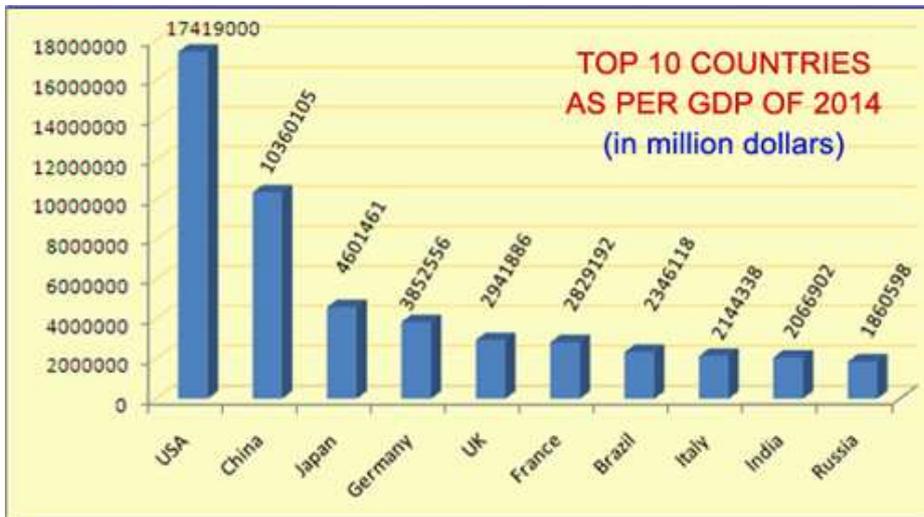
It is a Chinese satellite navigation system consisting of 35 satellites. The 18th and 19th satellites were launched by China on **July 25, 2015** from Xichang Satellite Launch Center on a Long March-3B rocket. The first BeiDou satellite of the present system was launched in 2000. The constellation currently covers the Asia and Pacific region and will be expanded to the whole globe when completed. The system has a positioning accuracy of 10 meters.

### New Suez Canal

Egypt completed the first trial run of the New Suez Canal on **July 25**.

New Suez Canal is being created parallel to the existing Suez Canal. The original Suez Canal opened in 1869 and took 10 years to build. The new canal is expected to be completed in one year and open in August 2015. This will allow ships to sail in both directions at the same time over much of canal's length and double the capacity from 49 to 97 ships a day. In addition the project will boost the hard currency earnings for Egypt from the present \$5.3 billion to \$13.226 in 2023. The project has been launched simultaneously with plans to build six new tunnels under the canal.

### [GDP Rankings for 2014 as per World Bank Report](#)



### [Solar Impulse - Update](#)

What is it? - Swiss long-range experimental solar-powered aircraft

Mission - To achieve the first circumnavigation of the Earth using only solar power.

Project leaders - André Borschberg and Bertrand Piccard

Flight to accomplish the mission began on - 09 March 2015

Mission starting point - Abu Dhabi, UAE

First stop - Muscat, Oman

Stops in India - Ahmedabad and Varanasi

Stop after leaving Varanasi - Mandalay (Myanmar), Chongqing (China), Nanjing (China), Nagoya (Japan)

New Record - The plane reached Hawaii on 3 July, setting new records for the world's longest solar-powered flight both by time and distance, and longest solo flight, by time, for any aircraft.

### [World Economic Forum's list of World's Ten Largest Employers](#)

United States Department of Defense - 3.2 million people

People's Liberation Army, China - 2.3 million people

Walmart - 2.1 million people

McDonalds - 1.9 million people

UK National Health Service - 1.7 million people

China National Petroleum Corporation - 1.6 million people

State Grid Corporation of China - 1.5 million people

Indian Railways - 1.4 million people

Indian Armed Forces - 1.3 million people

Hon Hai Precision Factory (Foxconn) - 1.2 million people

### **Launch of PSLV C-28**

Launch date - 10 July 2015

Launch site - Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, A.P.

Heaviest ever commercial mission by ISRO.

5 British satellites weighing 1,440 kg launched.

DMC-1, 2 and 3 are identical satellites and a part of Disaster Monitoring Constellation

CBNT-1 is a 91-kilogram (201 lb) spacecraft to demonstrate earth observation techniques.

DeorbitSail will be used to investigate the use of a deployable sail to deorbit a satellite.

All the 5 have been manufactured by Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd.

### **Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011**

<b>Data</b>	<b>All India</b>	<b>Top State in the category</b>
Total Households	17,91,64,759	Uttar Pradesh -2,59,75,460
Landless households deriving major part of their income from manual casual labour (in percentage)	38.27%	Tamil Nadu - 55.80%
Households paying income tax / professional tax (in percentage)	4.58%	Goa - 19.65%
Households with salaried job in government (in percentage)	5%	Himachal Pradesh - 23.08%
Monthly income of highest earning household member is < 5000 (in percentage)	74.49%	Chhattisgarh - 90.79%
Monthly income of highest earning household member is 5000 - 10000 (in percentage)	17.18%	NCT of Delhi - 42.24%
Monthly income of highest earning household member is > 10000 (in percentage)	8.29%	NCT of Delhi - 28.50%
Households Owns mobile only (in percentage)	68.35%	NCT of Delhi - 87.98%

### **7th BRICS Summit**

Venue: Ufa, capital of Bashkortostan in Russia

Dates: 8 to 10 July 2015

New Development Bank: with an initial capital of \$50 billion formally launched its operations.

## Films in News

**Bajrangi Bhaijaan** (Hindi): Director - Kabir Khan, Story - Vijayendra Prasad

**Baahubali** (Telugu and Tamil): Director - SS Rajamouli, Story - Vijayendra Prasad

**Manjhi** (Hindi): Director - Ketan Mehta, Based on the life of Dasrath Manjhi, who carved a road through a mountain in 22 years.

## Current Affairs Questions

1. As per the latest report on GDP by World Bank for the year 2014, India has overtaken which country in the list of top ten countries by GDP?

- (a) Russia                      (b) Italy                      (c) Brazil                      (d) France

2. Which of the following colleges was recently accorded heritage status by the University Grants Commission?

- (a) Loyola College, Chennai                      (b) Fergusson College, Pune  
(c) St Stephens College, Delhi                      (d) Elphinstone College, Mumbai

3. What is upper limit of loan available under Shishu intervention of Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana?

- (a) Rs. 30,000                      (b) Rs. 50,000                      (c) Rs. 2,00,000                      (d) Rs. 5,00,000

4. Who of the following has won the Gentlemen Singles at the Wimbledon Tennis tournament 2015?

- (a) Andy Murray                      (b) Rafal Nadal                      (c) Roger Federer                      (d) Novak Djokovic

5. MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency) is a wholly owned subsidiary of -

- (a) NABARD                      (b) SBI                      (c) SIDBI                      (d) RBI

6. Which country is scheduled to host the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup?

- (a) Qatar                      (b) Turkey                      (c) Argentina                      (d) France

7. In which year was Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was awarded the Bharat Ratna?

- (a) 1997                      (b) 1998                      (c) 2002                      (d) 2007

8. Who of the following was the Captain of winning USA team and was also awarded the Golden Ball and Silver Boot at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015 tournament held in Canada?

- (a) Hope Solo                      (b) Carli Llyod                      (c) Lauren Holiday                      (d) Megan Rapinoe

9. Which landmark in coach production has just been achieved by Integral Coach Factory, Chennai?

- (a) 10,000 coaches                      (b) 20,000 coaches                      (c) 50,000 coaches                      (d) 1,00,000 coaches

10. With which of the following sports is Rani Rampal associated?

- (a) Hockey                      (b) Wrestling                      (c) Squash                      (d) Chess

11. How many satellites did the PSLV-C28 launch on 10 July 2015?

- (a) 6                      (b) 5                      (c) 3                      (d) 8

12. Which of the following channels did an Airbus E-fan, an electric plane cross recently in a historic first?

- (a) English Channel                      (b) Suez Canal                      (c) Panama Canal                      (d) Bering Strait

13. As the latest Socio Economic and Caste Census, which state has the highest percentage of landless households deriving major part of their income from manual casual labour?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh                      (b) Bihar                      (c) Jharkhand                      (d) Tamil Nadu

14. Luxury car manufacturing company Maserati which announced its re-entry into the Indian market recently is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ company.

- (a) German                      (b) French                      (c) Italian                      (d) American

15. Who of the following is the story writer of recent box-office hit films Bajrangi Bhaijaan and Bashubali?

- (a) Vijayender Prasad                      (b) Javed Akhtar                      (c) Chetan Bhagat                      (d) Kabir Khan

16. Tom Moore, who passed away recently was a cartoonist associated with which of the following popular comic characters?

- (a) Mickey Mouse                      (b) Archie                      (c) Garfield                      (d) Calvin

17. Which of the following domestic cricket tournament will not be played in the 2015-16 season?

- (a) Duleep Trophy                      (b) Ranji Trophy                      (c) Vijay Hazare Trophy                      (d) Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

18. Which of the following the world's largest employer as per a report released by World Economic Forum recently?

- (a) Indian Railways                      (b) People's Liberation Army, China  
(c) Walmart                      (d) US Department of Defense

19. Which country won the 2015 Copa America Football tournament?

- (a) Chile                      (b) Argentina                      (c) Brazil                      (d) U.S.A.

20. RTS,S is the first vaccine developed to combat which of the following diseases?

- (a) Ebola                      (b) Malaria                      (c) Swine flu                      (d) MERS

21. What is the name of the project launched by Stephen Hawking and Yuri Milner to look for extra-terrestrial life in the Universe?

(a) New Horizons      (b) Search for Aliens      (c) Humans not alone      (d) Breakthrough Listen

22. Which of the following is the All India Railway Helpline Number launched in July to cover 27 states and all Union Territories?

(a) 1319      (b) 1390      (c) 1512      (d) 1215

23. Which of the following was the theme of the World Population Day observed on July 11, 2015?

(a) Vulnerable Population in Emergencies      (b) Investing in Young People  
(c) Being Young is Tough      (d) Fight Poverty – Educate Girls

24. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed who has been awarded the 2015 World Food Prize belongs to which country?

(a) Pakistan      (b) Bangladesh      (c) Indonesia      (d) Maldives

25. Which of the following banks has launched the first MUDRA card under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana?

(a) Indian Bank      (b) Canara Bank      (c) Corporation Bank      (d) Allahabad Bank

26. Which city has been chosen to host the 2022 Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee recently?

(a) Seoul      (b) Beijing      (c) Atlanta      (d) Paris

27. Who is the author of the book Sleeping on Jupiter, which has been included in the 2015 Man Booker Prize long list?

(a) Anuradha Roy      (b) Anna Small      (c) Sunjeev Sahota      (d) Anne Tyler

28. Anshu Gupta who has been awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award is the founder of which of the following NGOs?

(a) Aasra      (b) Asha      (c) Parchchai      (d) Goonj

29. In which denomination has RBI decided to issue coins to commemorate International Yoga Day observed on June 21?

(a) Rs. 2      (b) Rs. 5      (c) Rs. 10      (d) Rs. 100

30. What kind of an animal was Cecil which was in news for having been killed by an American dentist in Zimbabwe?

(a) Lion      (b) Rhinoceros      (c) Elephant      (d) Gorilla

**Answers**

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (a) 8. (b) 9. (c) 10. (a) 11. (b) 12. (a) 13. (d)  
14. (c) 15. (a) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (d) 19. (a) 20. (b) 21. (d) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (c) 26. (b)  
27. (a) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (a)

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