

CURRENT AFFAIRS DIGEST JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014

Awards

The Indian mathematician from Microsoft Research India who along with Adam W. Marcus and Daniel A. Spielman from Yale University has been chosen for the 2014 George Polya Prize by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), in Chicago. – **Nikhil Srivastava.**

The eminent Indian-American scientist and adjunct professor in the Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Development at the University of Minnesota, in whose honour the United States has named a mountain in Antarctica as Mt. Sinha – **Akhouri Sinha.**

The well-known filmmaker and poet who was awarded the 2014 Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award – **Muzaffar Ali**

The Indian born British author who was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Award by Denmark – **Salman Rushdie**

The Indian architect working with Bangalore-based nonprofit Parinaam Foundation, who was named "Young Leader of Tomorrow" by Time magazine for his pioneering work in designing affordable flood-proof houses for slum dwellers – **Alok Shetty**

The originator of online rice bucket challenge who was chosen for Karmaveer Chakra Award and the Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship by iCONGO, an international confederation of NGOs and the United Nations – **Manjulatha Kalanidhi**

The new award which has been instituted at the Jaipur Literary Festival (annually held in the month of January) to be presented to two Indian artists is named – **Ojas Art Award**

Persons

The new Chief of Army Staff who took over from outgoing COAS, General Bikram Singh on 31 July 2014 – **General Dalbir Singh Suhag.**

The former Power Minister who was chosen to head the committee to revisit the Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines of 2014 (NGPG 2014) and the Rangarajan formula and the possibility of applying the same in its present form or with modifications". – **Suresh Prabhu.**

The Indian film star whose ancestral home in Peshawar was declared as National Heritage by the Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif – **Dilip Kumar.**

The former cabinet minister who was appointed the head of a high-level panel on power revamp – Advisory Group for Integrated Development of Power, Coal and Renewable Energy. – **Suresh Prabhu.**

Thailand' army chief who assumed power as the country's new Prime Minister three months after having seized power in a military coup in May 2014 – **Gen Prayuth Chan-ocha**

The woman Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court who was administered oath of office by Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi – **Manjula Chellur**

The senior IRS officer who was appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) following the retirement of Shri RK Tiwari – **KV Chowdhary**

The new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who was sworn in by the Governor Shri K Rosaiah – **O Paneerselvam**

The new President of Afghanistan replacing Mr. Hamid Karzai who had been the President for nearly 13 years – **Ashraf Ghani**

The Chief Justice of Kerala High Court who was sworn in as the 42nd Chief Justice of India by the President of India – **Handyala Lakshminarayanan Dattu**

Two time Prime Minister of New Zealand who was elected for a third term – **John Key**

The veteran BJP leader who was appointed as the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha – **Shri LK Advani**

The new Chairperson of National Commission for Women – **Ms. Lalitha Kumaramangalam**

Obituary

Granville Austin (Died 06.07.2014)

Renowned scholar of the Indian constitution and constitutional assembly debates and author of The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation and Working a Democratic Constitution: A History of Indian Experience.

Eduard Shevardnadze (Died 07.07.2014)

Soviet Union's last foreign minister and the second President of Georgia. He was forced to resign as the President of Georgia following a bloodless Rose Revolution.

Zohra Sehgal (Died 10.07.2014)

Well known film and theatre personality, dancer and choreographer, recipient of Padma Vibhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowship.

Nadine Gordimer (Died 13.07.2014)

South African anti-apartheid activist, author of works like The Conservationist and Burger's Daughter, and winner of Booker Prize (1974) and Nobel Prize in Literature (1991).

Alice Coachman Davis (Died 14.07.2014)

First non-white female athlete to win an Olympic gold medal died at the age of 90 in Georgia. She had won the gold in the high jump at the 1948 London Olympic Games with an American and Olympic record of 1.68 metres.

Pran Kumar Sharma (Died 06.08.2014)

Creator of lovable comic character Chacha Chaudhary.

Robin Williams (Died 11.08.2014)

American actor, comedian, winner of Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in Good Will Hunting. His films included Mrs. Doubtfire, Jumanji, Night at the Museum.

B.K.S. Iyengar (Died 20.08.2014)

Renowned yoga teacher, Padma Vibhushan (2014), Padma Bhushan (2002).

U.R. Ananthamurthy (Died 22.08.2014)

Well-known writer and critic in Kannada language, Jnanpith Award winner (1994) and Padma Bhushan (1998).

Richard Attenborough (Died 24.08.2014)

Noted English actor, film director, film producer. He was the director and producer of the award winning film, Gandhi.

Jagdev Singh Talwandi (Died 19.09.2014)

Veteran Akali Dal leader and former President of Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee.

U. Srinivas (Died 19.09.2014)

Renowned mandolin player and composer of Carnatic music, awarded Padma Shri in 1998 and Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 2009.

Sports

The South African all-rounder who has announced retirement from all forms of cricket – **Jacques Kallis**.

The Indian athlete who was dropped from Commonwealth squad of Indian athletes due to excess androgen levels which prohibit her from participating as a female athlete – **Dutee Chand**.

Indian Chess great who was selected for the Russian Federation's Order of Federation award alongwith and Boris Gelfand of Israel – **Viswanathan Anand**.

The Indian shooter who was ranked as World No. 1 in the rankings released by ISSF (International Shooting Sports Federation) in July 2014 – **Jitu Rai**.

The Kabaddi league team owned by Abhishek Bachchan which won the inaugural STAR ProKabaddi League tournament defeating U Mumba in the finals at Mumbai – **Jaipur Pink Panthers**

The Indian badminton player who won the bronze medal at World Badminton Championships (at Copenhagen, Denmark) losing to Carolina Marin of Spain in the semifinals – **P.V. Sindhu**

The Indian shuttler who won the maiden title of his career by winning the \$ 1,25,000 Indonesian Masters Grand Prix Gold defeating Firman Abdul Kholik in the finals – **H.S. Prannoy**

The Indian tennis player who was awarded the Davis Cup Commitment Award by the International Tennis Federation – **Rohan Bopanna**

Indian light welterweight boxer, winner of gold medal at 2010 Commonwealth Games, who was chosen by the Sports Ministry for the Arjuna Award after being denied the honour initially – **Manoj Kumar**

Indian hockey team captain who was chosen to be the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent at the Asian Games 2014 – **Sardar Singh**

The game in which players have been allowed to wear religious head coverings on trial basis for a period of two years by FIBA – **Basketball**

The Chinese tennis player, winner of French Open in 2011 and Australian Open in 2014, who announced her retirement from the game – **Li Na**

Places - World

The African nation which declared a public health emergency after efforts to control the ebola disease did not prove successful – **Sierra Leone**. (Later, Liberia, Nigeria and Guinea also declared emergency to tackle the disease)

The South East-Asian country which crossed the 100 million (10 crores) mark in population on 27 July 2014 (Its 100 millionth citizen Chonalyn was born at the Jose Fabella hospital in Manila) – **Philippines**. *(Philippines is the 12th country to have a population of above 10 crores after China, India, USA, Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Russia, Japan and Mexico)*

The country in which representatives of Indian Air Force and Indian Navy took office for the first time (making it the fourth country after United Kingdom, USA and Russia to have Indian attaches from the 3 services) – **China**.

The South American nation which in July 2014 became the first country in the world to legalise child labour allowing children above 10 years of age to work – **Bolivia**.

The city in China which was chosen to be the headquarters of the New Development Bank which is being set up by BRICS nations as decided at the sixth BRICS summit – **Shanghai**.

The venue of sixth BRICS Summit 2014 to held from 15 to 17 July 2014, India being represented by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi (Theme of discussions: Inclusive Growth: Sustainable Solutions) – **Fortaleza**.

The country which won a five-year long maritime dispute against India with a United Nations tribunal awarding it 19,467 sq. km of the 25,602 sq. km sea area of the Bay of Bengal – **Bangladesh**.

The province located in the south-west China where a 6.5 magnitude earthquake left over 400 people dead in August 2014 (its epicentre was at Longtoushan Township, Ludian County) – **Yunnan province**

The town in Afghanistan which was chosen by SAARC Culture Ministers Conference to be the SAARC cultural capital for a year beginning April 2015 – **Bamiyan** (Note: Dhaka will be cultural capital for the year beginning April 2016)

The country which set a new record of afforestation in Sep 2014 by planting 3.2 million saplings in one hour, breaking the previous record of 1.9 million trees set by India in 2011 – **Philippines**

Places - India

The Indian village in Jehanabad district of Bihar which in July 2014 became the country's first village to be powered entirely by solar power – **Dharnia**.

The Indian city which has become the world's second most populous city with 25 million population after Tokyo (with a population of 38 million) as per a report by U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs – **Delhi**.

The place in Rajasthan at which India's first skill development centre was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje in August 2014 – **Jaipur**

The state which became the first in the country to ratify the National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2014 passed by Parliament last month (the Bill needs to be endorsed by at least 15 States before it can be sent for Presidential assent and brought into effect.) – **Rajasthan**

The place in Uttar Pradesh from where Sulabh International launched its "Toilet for Every House" campaign in Sep 2014 – **Katra Sadatganj, Badaun Dist**

The place in Jammu and Kashmir which saw repeated incursions by Chinese troops around the time of Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to India – **Chumar**

The venue of World Metropolis Congress with participants from over 49 countries to be held from 06 to 10 October 2014 – **Hyderabad**

The State in which President's rule was imposed following the resignation of its Chief Minister Shri Prithviraj Chavan – **Maharashtra**

The state which has adopted the camel as its State Animal with an aim to check its dwindling numbers (from 6,68,000 camels in 1997 to 4,30,426 in 2008) – **Rajasthan**.

Corporate

The e-commerce company which raised a funding of 1 billion dollars from Tiger Global Management LLC, Accel Partners, Morgan Stanley Investment Management and Singapore sovereign-wealth fund GIC in July 2014 (The company is registered in Singapore and was founded by Sachin and Binny Bansal in 2007) – **Flipkart**.

The company engaged in logistics business under Ministry of Railways which was granted Navratna status by the Department of Public Enterprises, Govt of India – **Container Corporation of India**.

Indian technological company which became the first in the country to cross a market capitalisation of Rs. 5 lakh crores (exceeding the combined market capitalisation of Infosys, Wipro Ltd, HCL Technologies Ltd and Tech Mahindra Ltd) – **TCS**.

The sector in which Cabinet Committee has approved raising of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) cap from 26 percent to 49 percent through the Foreign Investment Promotion Board route – **Insurance**.

World's largest e-retailer which has acquired video-game streaming service site Twitch for 970 million dollars – **Amazon**

The Italian coffee brand which has decided to exit from coffee shop business in India by selling off its Barista brand to Carnation Hospitality – **Lavazza**

China based e-commerce business (founded by Jack Ma in 1999) which raised \$21.8 billion in its debut, making it the biggest US-listed IPO in history – **Alibaba**

Cyclones/Hurricanes/Typhoons

The typhoon which hit Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan and China during July 15 to July 21 killing several people and causing large-scale damage was named – **Typhoon Rammasun**.

The typhoon which hit northern Philippines on 14 Sep and then moved on to batter China's southern island Hainan forcing evacuation of thousands of people – **Typhoon Kalmaegi**

The hurricane which hit the Mexican peninsula of Baja California causing substantial damage to property and stranding tourists – **Hurricane Odil**

Defence

The annual bi-lateral Naval exercise of India and United States which were conducted in July 2014 with Japan being a special invitee this year – **Malabar**.

The first in series of anti-submarine corvettes indigenously built by Kolkata based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. (GRSE), which was handed over to Indian Navy in July 2014 and commissioned into the Indian Navy by the Defence Minister Shri Arun Jaitley in August 2014 – **INS Kamorta**.

India's first domestically built guided missile destroyer and the largest-ever destroyer in the Indian Navy which was delivered by Mazagon Dock Limited to the Indian Navy is named – **INS Kolkata**.

The 3D mobile game launched by the Indian Air Force in a bid to attract generation-next youth to pursue a career in the air force is named – **Guardian of the Skies (GOTS)**.

The type of helicopters of the Indian Air Force which were temporarily grounded following a helicopter crash in Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh – **Advanced Light Helicopter (Dhruv)**

The combined Indo-US military training exercise which was conducted in Chaubatiya forest range, near Ranikhet in Uttarakhand in September 2014 was named – **Yudh Abhyas 2014**

Indian Navy's largest patrolling vessel which was commissioned at Chennai by the Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R K Dhowan – **INS Sumitra**

The operation launched by Army to provide relief to flood affected people of Jammu and Kashmir was codenamed – **Operation Megh Rahat**

Space

World's first flying observatory fitted by NASA on a modified Boeing 747 to study stars is named – **SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy)**.

NASA probe launched in January 2006, which passed planet Neptune's orbit on 25.08.2014, nearly 25 years after Voyager 2 spacecraft executed the first-ever flyby of faraway Neptune and its icy moon Triton – **New Horizons**

The spacecraft launched in 2004 by European Space Agency which has reached the Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko (67P) after a journey of 10 years, 5 months and four days crossing a distance of 6.4 billion km – **Rosetta**

The unmanned capsule launched aboard Falcon-9 by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, or SpaceX, carrying a 3D printer alongwith some other equipment to International Space Station is named – **Dragon**

Universities/Institutions

Ahmedabad based premier design institute which was accorded the status of institution of national importance by an act of parliament, making it the 41st institute to have such a status – **National Institute of Design.**

The university in Maharashtra which was renamed **Savitribai Phule University** in July 2014 – **Pune University.**

The institute at which foundation stone for world's first Natural World Heritage Centre was laid by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar – **Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun**

The ancient Indian University which started its first academic session in Rajgir, Bihar, more than 800 years after it was destroyed – **Nalanda University**

Miscellaneous

The mission launched by Government of India to promote conservation and developments of indigenous breeds of cows in a focused and scientific manner is named – **Rashtriya Gokul Mission.**

The indigenous research vessel built by ABG Shipyard intended to carry out monsoon experiments and underwater exploration in the deep sea basins of Andaman by the scientists of National Institute of Oceanography which was flagged off from Visakhapatnam on 27 July is named – **RV Sindhu Sadhana.**

Flight AH 5017, (type of plane – McDonnell Douglas MD83) of Algeria's national airline, Air Algerie, which crashed in Mali killing 116 people on board was travelling from – **Burkina Faso to Algiers.**

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 (MH17) which is believed to have been shot down with a Buk surface-to-air missile killing about 295 people on board, was a Boeing 777-200ER travelling from – **Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur.**

The minimum floor capital which has been prescribed by Reserve Bank of India for setting up of small banks in India – **Rs. 100 crores.**

The minimum broadband speed notified by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) by amending the Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal Regulations, 2012 has been raised from 256 kbps to – **512 kbps.**

The 240-Megawatt **Uri-II** Hydro Electric Project (HEP) located near the Line of Control (LoC) in Baramulla district of Kashmir which was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is located on the river – **Jhelum.**

The treaty to facilitate access to published works for persons who are visually impaired, which India became the first country to ratify (the treaty was adopted by 79 member countries of the World

Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on June 27, 2013 and will come into force once 20 countries ratify it) – **Marrakesh Treaty**.

The commonly used commodities which were included in the purview of stock holding limits under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to curb hoarding and rising prices – **Onion and Potato**.

The number of languages covered by .bharat domain name launched by Government of India in the Devanagari script – **Eight** (Bodo, Dogri, Hindi, Konkani, Maithili, Marathi, Nepali, and Sindhi)

The scheme launched by the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to help the poor open bank accounts which with a facility of a debit card and an insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh is named – **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana**

The Indian atomic power station which has become the second nuclear plant in the world, after Pickering Nuclear Generating Station at Ontario, Canada to run continuously for 739 days – **Rajasthan Atomic Power Station**

India's first multi-sensor moored observatory (designed and developed by ESSO-NIOT and ESSO-NCAOR with ESSO-Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad) which was successfully deployed in Kongsfjorden Fjord of the Arctic from the Norwegian Polar Institute's research vessel R.V. Lance – **IndARC**

The ship belonging to environmental organisation Greenpeace which was released by Russian authorities after being held for nearly a year when two Greenpeace activists boarded a Russian oil rig to protest against oil drilling plans in the Arctic – **Arctic Sunrise**

The theme of World Tourism Day celebrated on 27 September 2014 – **Tourism and Community Development**

The volcano in Japan which erupted on 27 Sep, blanketing the surrounding area in ash and killing about 30 people – **Mt. Ontake**

The railway station in Tamil Nadu which has become the first station in India to get free wi-fi network – **Chennai Central**

The Hindi film directed by Geetu Mohandas which has been selected as India's official entry to the Academy Awards in the best foreign film category – **Liar's Dice**

The initiative launched by Google India in association with Bollywood actor-director Farhan Akhtar's initiative MARD, to increase internet literacy among women in the country is named (Google India had first time launched a 'digital literacy' initiative campaign called 'Helping Women Get Online' (HWGO) in collaboration with Intel, HUL and Axis Bank in 2013) – **Reach For The Sky**

The residence of Shri Jamshetji Tata in Mumbai which alongwith Shakargad Nivasini Devi Temple Complex in Satara dist of Maharashtra have been awarded UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage awards – **Esplanade House**

Wimbledon 2014

Event	Winner	Nationality	Runner-up	Nationality
Gentlemen's Singles	Novak Djokovic	Serbia	Roger Federer	Switzerland
Ladies' Singles	Petra Kvitova	Czech Republic	Eugenie Bouchard	Canada
Men's Doubles	Vasek Pospisil & Jack Sock	Canada USA	Bob Bryan Mike Bryan	USA
Women's Doubles	Sara Errani & Roberta Vinci	Italy	Timea Babos & Kristina Mladenovic	Hungary France
Mixed Doubles	Nenad Zimonjic & Samantha Stosur	Serbia Australia	Max Mirnyi & Chan Hao-ching	Belarus Taiwan

FIFA World Cup 2014

Venue : Brazil

Winner : Germany

Second, Third and Fourth Position : Argentina, Netherlands and Brazil respectively

Golden Ball for Best Player : Lionel Messi (Argentina)

Golden Boot for Top Scorer : James Rodriguez (Columbia)

Golden Glove for Best Goalkeeper : Manuel Neuer (Germany)

Best Young Player : Paul Pogba (France)

Union Budget 2014–15

Programmes – aims and allocations

Programme	Aim	Allocation
Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna	Assured irrigation	Rs. 1000 crore
Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission	Integrated project based infrastructure in rural areas	-
Neeranchal	To give impetus to watershed development	Rs. 2142 crores
Safety for Women on Public Road Transport	Safety of women in buses etc.	Rs. 50 crores
Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana	To help in improving the efficiency of delivery of welfare services meant for women	Rs. 100 crores.
Swachh Bharat Abhiyan	To provide sanitation facility to every household by 2019	-
Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya New Teachers Training Programme	To infuse new training tools and motivate teachers	Rs. 500 crores
Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana	To augment power supply to the	Rs. 500 crores.

	rural areas	
Statue of Unity	To erect a Statue of Sardar Patel as the symbol of the unity of the country	Rs. 200 crores
Skill India	To skill the youth with an emphasis on employability and entrepreneur skills	-
Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	To improve accessibility for rural population	Rs. 14,389 crores.
Communication Linked Interface for Cultivating Knowledge (CLICK) and online courses.	Setting up of virtual classrooms	Rs. 100 crores.
Digital India	To bridge the divide between digital "haves" and "have-nots" and ensure Broad band connectivity at village level	Rs. 500 crores.
Jal Marg Vikas	Project on River Ganges to enable commercial navigation of at least 1500 tonne vessels between Allahabad and Haldia	Rs. 4,200 crores.
One Rank One Pension	Equity in pension among retired personnel of armed forces	Rs. 1,000 crores.
War Memorial	Princes Park, Delhi	Rs. 100 crores.
Namami Gange	Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission	Rs. 2,037 crores.
Arun Prabha	24x7 channel for the North-East India	-

New Institutes Proposed in Union Budget 2014-15

National Academy for Customs and Excise at **Hindupur** in Andhra Pradesh

2 National Institutes of Ageing to be set up in **AIIMS**, New Delhi and **Madras Medical College**, Chennai

AIIMS like institutions to come up in Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Vidarbha (Maharashtra) and Poorvanchal (UP)

Jai Prakash Narayan National Centre for Excellence in Humanities to be set up in MP

5 more IITs to come up in Jammu, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala

5 IIMs in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Odisha and Rajasthan

2 more Agricultural Research Institute of Excellence in Assam and Jharkhand

Agricultural Universities in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan

Horticulture Universities in Telangana and Haryana

Sports University in Manipur

New Governors of States

Uttar Pradesh – **Shri Ram Naik**

Gujarat – **Om Prakash Kohli**

Chhattisgarh – **Balramji Dass Tandon**

West Bengal – **Keshari Nath Tripathi**

Nagaland – **Padmanabha Acharya**

Haryana – **Kaptan Singh Solanki**

Kerala – **P Sathasivam** (former Chief Justice of India)

Rajasthan – **Shri Kalyan Singh**

Karnataka – **Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala**

Maharashtra – **Ch. Vidyasagar Rao**

Goa – **Mridula Sinha**

Manipur – **Dr. Krishna Kant Paul**

Sports Awards 2014

Arjuna Awards 2014

The Selection Committee for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards was headed by **Shri Kapil Dev**.

#	Name	Discipline	#	Name	Discipline
1.	Mr. Abhishek Verma	Archery	9.	Ms. Mamta Pujari	Kabaddi
2.	Ms. Tintu Luka	Athletics	10.	Mr. Saji Thomas	Rowing
3.	Ms. HN Girisha	Para-athletics	11.	Ms. Heena Sidhu	Shooting
4.	Mr. V Diju	Badminton	12.	Ms. Anaka Alankamony	Squash
5.	Ms. Geethu Anna Jose	Basketball	13.	Mr. Tom Joseph	Volleyball
6.	Mr. Jai Bhagwan	Boxing	14.	Ms. Renubala Chanu	Weightlifting
7.	Mr. R Ashwin	Cricket	15.	Mr. Sunil Kumar Rana	Wrestling
8.	Mr. Anirban Lahiri	Golf	16.	Mr. Manoj Kumar*	Boxing

*Award for Manoj Kumar was announced in September.

[Dhyanchand and Dronacharya Awards 2014](#)

Dhyanchand Awards			Dronacharya Awards		
#	Name	Discipline	#	Name	Discipline
1.	Mr. Gurmail Singh	Hockey	1.	Mr. Mahabir Prasad	Wrestling
2.	Mr. KP Thakkar	Swimming-diving	2.	Mr. N Lingappa	Athletics – Lifetime
3.	Mr. Zeeshan Ali	Tennis	3.	Mr. G Manoharan	Boxing – Lifetime
			4.	Mr. Gurcharan Singh Gogi	Judo – Lifetime
			5.	Mr. Jose Jacob	Rowing - Lifetime

[Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2014](#)

1. Community Sports Identification and Nurturing of Budding Young Talent: **Jindal Steel Works**
3. Establishment and Management of Sports Academies of Excellence: **Guru Hanuman Akhara**
4. Employment of Sportspersons and sports welfare measures: **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**
2. Other forms of sports activities not covered in the categories mentioned in the schemes: **Child Link Foundation of India–Magic Bus**

[Tenzing Norgay Awards](#)

Land adventure: Subedar Jagat Singh, Passang Tenzing Sherpa;

Air adventure: MWO Surender Singh

Lifetime achievement: Wg. Cdr. (retd) Amit Chowdhury.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy: Punjabi University, Patiala.

[RBI's new directive on use of ATMs](#)

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reduced free transactions for savings bank account holders at other-bank ATMs from five to three a month in six metros.
2. This is applicable for transactions done at ATMs in Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.
3. The reduction will not apply to customers having no-frills or small basic savings bank deposit account (BSBDA) type of accounts as well as for transactions done by savings bank account holders at ATMs situated outside these six metros.
4. The banks are free to offer free transactions above this mandated limit.
5. The RBI has also advised banks to provide their savings bank account holders with at least five free transactions a month at their own ATMs.
6. Banks can levy transaction charges (not exceeding Rs 20 plus taxes per transaction), which are decided in a transparent manner for transactions above the free limit.

International Mathematical Union Awards 2014

The following are the winners of various awards at the opening ceremony of the International Congress of Mathematicians 2014 on August 13, 2014.

Fields Medal (started in 1936): Artur Avila, **Manjul Bhargava**, Martin Hairer, Maryam Mirzakhani

Rolf Nevanlinna Prize 2014 (started in 1982): Subhash Khot

Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize for Applications of Mathematics 2014 (started in 2006): Stanley Osher

Chern Medal Award 2014 (started in 2010): Phillip Griffiths

Leelavati Prize 2014 (started in 2010): Adrian Paenza

Ramon Magsaysay Award Winners 2014

Awardee	Employment/Occupation	Awarded for
1. Hu Shuli	Founder and Editor-in-chief, Caixin Media Group, Beijing, China	For her unrelenting commitment to truthful, relevant, and unassailable journalism, her fearless promotion of transparency and accountability in business and public governance, and her leadership in blazing the way for more professional and independent-minded media practices in China.
2. Saur Marlina Manurung	Director and Co-Founder, SOKOLA, Bekasi, Indonesia	For her ennobling passion to protect and improve the lives of Indonesia's forest people, and her energizing leadership of volunteers in SOKOLA's customized education program that is sensitive to the lifeways of indigenous communities and the unique development challenges they face.
3. Omara Khan Masoudi	Director, National Museum of Afghanistan	For his courage, labor, and leadership in protecting Afghan cultural heritage, rebuilding an institution vital for Afghanistan's future, and reminding his countrymen and peoples everywhere that in recognizing humanity's shared patrimony, we can be inspired to stand together in peace.
4. The Citizens Foundation	Non-government organization based in Pakistan	For the social vision and high-level professionalism of its founders and those who run its schools, in successfully pursuing their conviction that, with sustained civic responsiveness, quality education made available to all—irrespective of religion, gender, or economic status—is the key to Pakistan's brighter future.
5. Wang Canfa	Founder and Standing Director, Beijing Huanzhu Law Firm (BJHZLF), China	For his discerning and forceful leadership—through scholarly work, disciplined advocacy, and pro bono public interest litigation—in ensuring that the

		enlightened and competent practice of environmental law in China effectively protects the rights and lives of victims of environmental abuse, especially the poor and the powerless.
6. Randy Halasan, for Emergent Leadership	School In-Charge, Pegalongan Elementary School, Davao City, Philippines	For his purposeful dedication in nurturing his Matigsalug students and their community to transform their lives through quality education and sustainable livelihoods, doing so in ways that respect their uniqueness and preserve their integrity as indigenous peoples in a modernizing Philippines.

Pro Kabaddi League

Organiser: Mashal Sports

Official Broadcaster: Star Sports

Teams

#	Team	Owner	Captain	Tournament Standings
1.	Bengal Warriors	Future Group	Nilesh Shinde	7
2.	Bengaluru Bulls	Kosmik Global Media	Manjit Chillar	3
3.	Dabang Delhi	Do It Sports Management	Jasmer Singh	6
4.	Jaipur Pink Panthers	Abhishek Bachchan	Navneet Gautam	1
5.	Patna Pirates	Rajesh Shah	Rakesh Kumar	4
6.	Puneri Paltan	Insurekot Sports	Wazir Singh	8
7.	Telugu Titans	Veera Sports	Rajaguru Subramanian	5
8.	U Mumba	Unilazer Sports	Anup Kumar	2

US Open 2014

Event	Winner	Nationality	Runner-up	Nationality
Men's Singles	Marin Cilic	Croatia	Kei Nishikori	Japan
Women's Singles	Serena Williams	USA	Caroline Wozniack	Denmark
Men's Doubles	Bob Bryan Mike Bryan	USA	Marcel Granollers Marc Lopez	Spain
Women's Doubles	Ekaterina Makarova Elena Vesnina	Russia	Martina Hingis Flavia Pennetta	USA Italy
Mixed Doubles	Bruno Soares Sania Mirza	Brazil India	Abigail Spears Santiago Gonzalez	USA Mexico

2014 Right Livelihood Awards

Joint Honorary Award

1. **EDWARD SNOWDEN** (USA) "for his courage and skill in revealing the unprecedented extent of state surveillance violating basic democratic processes and constitutional rights".
2. **ALAN RUSBRIDGER** (UK) "for building a global media organisation dedicated to responsible journalism in the public interest, undaunted by the challenges of exposing corporate and government malpractices".

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ASMA JAHANGIR (Pakistan) - for defending, protecting and promoting human rights in Pakistan and more widely, often in very difficult and complex situations and at great personal risk". It is the first time that a Right Livelihood Award goes to Pakistan.

BASIL FERNANDO (Hong Kong SAR) of ASIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (China) - for his tireless and outstanding work to support and document the implementation of human rights in Asia".

BILL McKIBBEN (USA) founder of 350.org - "for mobilising growing popular support in the USA and around the world for strong action to counter the threat of global climate change".

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