

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF NOVEMBER 2015

Banking

The public sector bank which has announced the launch of mobile app named Batua which can be used to make utility payments, transfer funds and buy air tickets by feature phone users (it will be available in 13 languages) – **State Bank of India**

Corporate

The Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking in which the Govt has approved the disinvestment of 10 percent paid up equity capital – **Coal India Limited**

The social media company which has crossed General Electric company in market valuation and has become the seventh most valuable company in the Standard & Poor's 500 – **Facebook**

Defence

The unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by DRDO the last of the four held with the Indian Army crashed recently – **Nishant**

The Indian Navy's training establishment at Visakhapatnam for architect officers, shipwright officers, and shipwright sailors, which has been commissioned as INS Vishwakarma – **Shipwright School**

The Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft which was dedicated to the nation by the Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar at INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu – **Boeing P 8 I (Poseidon Eight India)**

The annual exercise of the Indian Air Force conducted to work up the full spectrum of IAF capability and undertake planned operations in response to likely future threats and operational contingencies which concluded on 08 Nov 15 was named – **Exercise Livewire**

The seventh Indo-Russian joint training exercise which commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan on 08 November 2015 – **Indra 2015**

The Indian Navy's stealth destroyer from which super-sonic cruise missile BrahMos was test fired to successfully hit a decommissioned ship 'Alleppey' as a target – **INS Kochi**

Sports

The British professional boxer who has become the new WBA (Super), IBF, WBO champion by defeating Ukrainian boxer Wladimir Klitschko – **Tyson Fury**

The Indian badminton player who has won the Macau Open Grand Prix Gold third time in a row defeating Japan's Minatsu Mitani in the finals – **P.V. Sindhu**

The chess player from Tamil Nadu who has been crowned the national champion at the ONGC 53rd National Premier Chess Championship – **Murali Karthikeyan**

The Serbian tennis player who has won the ATP World Tour Finals (Men's Singles) for the fourth consecutive time defeating Roger Federer in the finals – **Novak Djokovic**

The Indian snooker player who has won the 2015 IBSF World Snooker defeating his opponent Zhua Xintong in the final – **Pankaj Advani**

The country which has won the Fed Cup Tennis tournament defeating Russia in the finals at Prague – **Czech Republic**

The new Chairman of International Cricket Council to replace outgoing Chairman N Srinivasan – **Shashank Manohar**

The Indian cricketer who has become the first batsman to cross the 10,000 run mark in Ranji Trophy tournaments – **Wasim Jaffer**

The Argentine football player who has been chosen as the Global Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors – **Lionel Messi**

Persons

The Japanese scholar of Tamil language and recipient of Padma Shri in 2013 who passed away on 26 November 2015 – **Noboru Karashima**

The former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India who has been appointed as an Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – **Subir Gokarn**

The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs who has been designated as the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion for the Asia Region by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) – **Shri Kiren Rijju**

The senior most judge of the Supreme Court who has been nominated to be the next Chief Justice of India on 02 Dec 2015 – **T.S. Thakur**

The Indian businessman and founder and chairman of Hero Motocorp (Hero Group of companies) who passed away on 01 November 2015 – **Brijmohan Lall Munjal**

The Bangladeshi publisher of secular books who has been hacked to death in the capital Dhaka by unidentified assailants – **Faisal Arefin Dipon**

Places

The place in Rajasthan where the Central Govt has announced setting up of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) – **Jhalawar**

The venue of tenth G-20 heads of Government summit held from 15 to 16 November 2015 – **Antalya, Turkey**

The African nation against which the United States has lifted sanctions imposed 11 years ago for the actions of its President Charles Taylor – **Liberia**

The city in Uttar Pradesh which has been chosen by Microsoft as the venue for a project to fund local entrepreneurs aiming to build devices that can overcome India's bandwidth crunch – **Varanasi**

The station of South Western Railway which has become the first station in India to be Visually Challenged Friendly station – **Mysuru**

Miscellaneous

The American private space developer which has successfully tested its reusable rocket New Shepard for the first time – **Blue Origin**

The colour in which many monuments across the world were lighted to mark 25 November as International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women – **Orange**

The rate of Swachh Bharat cess levied by the Central Govt on all services which are at present liable to service tax – **0.5%**

The Indian spiritual personality whose statue was unveiled by the Indian Prime Minister at Kuala Lumpur recently – **Vivekananda**

The Hungarian film which has won the best film award (Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award) at the 21st Kolkata International Film Festival – **The Wednesday Child**

The new website launched by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change especially for the purpose of putting up India's stands and efforts till Paris Summit – **justclimateaction.org**

The scheme for financial turnaround and revival of Power Distribution companies (DISCOMs) which has been approved by the Union Cabinet is named – **UDAY (Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojna)**

The rank of India as per annual report on the world's most valuable nation brands of world's leading independent brand valuation and strategy consultancy, Brand Finance – **Seventh**

The Airbus A321-231 carrying 217 passengers on its flight from Sharm el-Sheikh International Airport, Egypt, to Pulkovo Airport, Saint Petersburg, Russia which crashed in the Sinai region of Egypt was operated by – **Metrojet Airlines (Kogalymavia)**

Launch of GSAT-15 - Communication Satellite

Launch date - 11 Nov 2015

Launch Station - Kourou, French Guiana

Launch Vehicle - European Ariane 5 VA-227

Specifications - Geosynchronous satellite weighing 3164 kg carries communication transponders in Ku-band as well as a GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) payload operating in L1 and L5 bands. GSAT-15 is the third satellite to carry GAGAN payload after GSAT-8 and GSAT-10, which are already providing navigation services from orbit. GSAT-15 will be positioned at 93.5 deg East longitude in the geostationary orbit along with the operational INSAT-3A and INSAT-4B satellites.

[Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Award 2015](#)

Presented by the President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 14 November 2015

1. Dr. Santhosh G. Thomas, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
2. Smt. Vaijayanti M. Chougala, Karnataka
3. Dr. Moji Jini, Arunachal Pradesh

[Quami Ekta Week Nov 19 to Nov 25](#)

November 19 – observed as National Integration Day

November 20 – observed as Welfare of Minorities Day

November 21 – observed as Linguistic Harmony Day

November 22 – observed as Weaker Sections Day

November 23 – observed as Cultural Unity Day

November 24 – observed as Women's Day

November 25 – observed as Conservation Day

[MSP for Rabi Crops of 2015-16 Season](#)

Commodity	MSP 2014-15	MSP 2015-16
Wheat	Rs. 1450	Rs. 1525
Barley	Rs. 1150	Rs. 1225
Gram	Rs. 3175	Rs. 3425
Masur	Rs. 3075	Rs. 3325
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rs. 3100	Rs. 3350
Safflower	Rs. 3050	Rs. 3300

[Launch of IMPRINT India](#)

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee launched IMPRINT India, a Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to develop a roadmap for research to solve major engineering and technology challenges in ten technology domains relevant to India was launched by the President on November 5, 2015.

The objectives of this initiative are to

1. identify areas of immediate relevance to society requiring innovation,
2. direct scientific research into identified areas,
3. ensure higher funding support for research into these areas and
4. measure outcomes of the research effort with reference to impact on the standard of living in the rural/urban areas.

IMPRINT India will focus on ten themes with each to be coordinated by one IIT/IISc, namely

1. Health Care - IIT Kharagpur,
2. Computer Science and ICT – IIT Kharagpur,
3. Advance Materials – IIT Kanpur,
4. Water Resources and River systems – IIT Kanpur,
5. Sustainable Urban Design – IIT Roorkee,
6. Defence – IIT Madras,
7. Manufacturing – IIT Madras,
8. Nano-technology Hardware- IIT Bombay,
9. Environmental Science and Climate Change – IISc, Bangalore and
10. Energy Security – IIT Bombay.

WTA Finals 2015

Venue : Singapore

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Women's Singles	Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland)	Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)
Women's Doubles	Martina Hingis (Switzerland), Sania Mirza (India)	Garbine Muguruza (Spain) , Carla Suarez Navarro (Spain)

Launch of e-Pathshala, Saransh, Shaala Siddhi portals

The Union Minister Smt Smriti Irani launched the e-Pathshala, Saransh, Shaala Siddhi portals on 07 Nov 2015

e-Pathshala : A web portal which hosts educational resources for Students, Teachers, Parents, researchers and educators. It is available through especially developed mobile app interface on Android, IOS and windows platforms for wider access and contains textbooks and other e-books as E-Pub 3.0 and Flipbooks in English, Hindi and Urdu.

Shaala Siddhi : It is a comprehensive instrument for school evaluation which enables the schools to evaluate their performance in more focused and strategic manner to facilitate them to make professional judgement for continuous improvement. The web-portal of the framework will help all schools to assess themselves and the results can be seen by all enabling them to provide feedback. The initiative has already been successfully piloted in four districts of Tamil Nadu.

Saransh : It is a tool which allows the schools to identify areas of improvement in students, teachers and curriculum to facilitate and implement change. The platform is presently available for classes 9th to 12th and provides a comprehensive overview of standard 10th performance since 2007 and standard 12th performance since 2009 till the current academic session.

Abbreviations in News

UDAY : Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana

IMPRINT : Intended Nationally Determined Contribution

SATYAM : Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation

Current Affairs Questions

1. With which of the following companies was businessman Brijmohan Lall Munjal associated?
(a) TVS (b) Hero (c) Sterlite (d) Essar
2. With which of the following sports is the Gondwana Cup associated?
(a) Polo (b) Football (c) Kabaddi (d) Tennis
3. Which of the following days was observed as Welfare of Minorities Day?
(a) November 17 (b) November 18 (c) November 20 (d) November 22
4. Noboru Karashima, who passed away recently was a well known scholar of which of the following languages?
(a) Tamil (b) Assamese (c) Manipuri (d) Bengali
5. Joshna Chinappa is associated with which of the following sports?
(a) Squash (b) Tennis (c) Badminton (d) Table Tennis
6. Which bank has recently launched mobile app named Batua which can be used to make utility payments, transfer funds and buy air tickets by feature phone users?
(a) ICICI Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) HDFC Bank (d) Axis Bank
7. Which company is working on Project Loon, with the Indian government for providing Internet connectivity by using large balloons?
(a) Microsoft (b) Facebook (c) Google (d) Apple
8. In which of following companies has the Govt announced its decision of disinvestment of 10% of its holding?

(a) Indian Oil Corporation (b) ONGC (c) BHEL (d) Coal India Limited

9. Across which of the following borders has the RBI issued instructions to stop the barter system (trading of goods without exchange of money)?

(a) Indo-Pak border (b) Indo-Bangladesh border

(c) Indo-Nepal border (d) Indo-Myanmar border

10. At which place in Rajasthan has the govt decided to set up National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research?

(a) Bhilwara (b) Jhalawar (c) Jalore (d) Bharatpur

11. Who of the following was awarded the Centenary Film Personality Award at the 46th International Film Festival of India?

(a) Rajinikanth (b) AR Rahman (c) Illayaraja (d) Kamal Hasan

12. To which political party does the Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi belong?

(a) National Unity Party (b) Union Solidarity and Development Party

(c) National Democratic Force (d) National League for Democracy

13. Which of the following tournaments has been won by Indian shuttler PV Sindhu for the third time in a row?

(a) Macau Open (b) Indonesia Open (c) Shanghai Open (d) Malaysia Open

14. Which day was observed along with Childrens' Day in India on November 14?

(a) World Tuberculosis Day (b) World Diabetes Day

(c) World Food Day (d) World AIDS Day

15. On 25 November monuments across the world were lighted in orange colour to mark which of the following days?

(a) International Diabetes Day (b) International Day of Persons with Disabilities

(c) International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women

(d) International Day of Refugees

16. Aditya is a mission being planned by ISRO to study which of the following celestial bodies?

(a) Sun (b) Jupiter (c) Neptune (d) Mercury

17. At which of the following places did the Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveil a statue of Swami Vivekananda?

- (a) Hanoi (b) Jakarta (c) Singapore (d) Kuala Lumpur

18. The President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee recently inaugurated the 500th year celebrations of the advent of which medieval saint at Vrindavan?

- (a) Vallabhacharya (b) Namdev (c) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu (d) Ramanajucharya

19. Which of the following private space companies has successfully tested a reusable rocket named New Shepard?

- (a) SpaceX (b) Bigelow Aerospace (c) Planet Space (d) Blue Origin

20. Recently, Radison Blu Hotel of which city was under terrorist attack which left several people dead?

- (a) Timbaktu (b) Tunis (c) Bamako (d) Tripoli

21. What is the rate of Swachh Bharat cess levied by the Central Govt on all services which are at present liable to service tax?

- (a) 1% (b) 0.5% (c) 0.25% (d) 0.75%

22. In which city did the Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi unveil the statue of 12th century social reformer Basaveshwara recently?

- (a) London (b) Singapore (c) Brussels (d) Kuala Lumpur

23. Which film won the Golden Elephant Award for Best Feature Film at the 19th International Children's Film Festival of India held in Hyderabad recently?

- (a) Bear Story (b) Celestial Camel (c) El Clan (d) The Man Who Knew Infinity

24. November 26 was observed in India as the -

- (a) Constitution Day (b) Day for Elimination of Violence against Women
(c) Yoga Day (d) Peace Day

25. Who of the following has become the first batsman to surpass the 10000 run mark in Ranji Trophy cricket tournament?

- (a) Wasim Jaffer (b) Amol Muzumdar (c) Mithun Manhas (d) Devendra Bundela

26. With which country is India developing Long Range Surface to Air Missile (LRSAM) (recently test-fired)?

- (a) U.S.A. (b) United Kingdom (c) France (d) Israel

27. Which of the following has recently become the first visually challenged friendly railway station in India?

- (a) Pune (b) Mysuru (c) Madurai (d) Warangal

28. Which country recently shot down a Russian fighter SU-24 for intruding into its air space?

- (a) Egypt (b) North Korea (c) Syria (d) Turkey

29. Which company has recently appointed soccer star Lionel Messi as its brand ambassador?

- (a) Honda Motors (b) Hyundai (c) Tata Motors (d) Mahindra and Mahindra

30. Indra 2015 was a joint military exercise conducted recently by India and -

- (a) Singapore (b) Sri Lanka (c) France (d) Russia

31. The United States of America recently lifted sanctions against which of the following nations?

- (a) Liberia (b) Libya (c) Iran (d) Turkey

Answers

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (a) 6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (d) 10. (b) 11. (c) 12. (d) 13. (a)
14. (b) 15. (c) 16. (a) 17. (d) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (c) 21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (b) 24. (a) 25. (a) 26. (d)
27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (d) 31. (a)