

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS DIGEST**

**JULY – SEPTEMBER 2013**

### **AWARDS**

The architect of Delhi metro project who has chosen for the Lokmanya Tilak Award for 2013 – **E. Sreedharan**

The world renowned music conductor of Western Classical Music who has been chosen for the second Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony 2012 – **Zubin Mehta**

Afghan's first and only woman governor who has been chosen for the 2013 Magsaysay Award for helping build a functioning local government and pushing for education and women's rights in Afghanistan's Bamyán province – **Habiba Sarabi**

The non-governmental organization which has been awarded the National Youth Award 2011–12 alongwith 27 individuals – **Bhavishya Educational and Charitable Society, West Bengal**

The recipient of Amrita Devi Bishnoi Wildlife Protection Award 2010 in the institutional category – **Shri Dadu Paryavaran Sansthan of District Tonk in Rajasthan.**

The recipients of Amrita Devi Bishnoi Wildlife Protection Award 2010 in the individual category – **Shri Saurabh Gupta and Shri Gaurav Gupta**

The recipient of environment ministry's Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Conservation Award 2009 – **Shri S.P. Yadav**

The sarod maestro who has been conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award for the year 2013 – **Amjad Ali Khan**

The Indian trap shooter who was chosen to be awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2013 – **Ronjan Sodhi**

The teenage activist from Pakistan who has been chosen for the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize by the Netherlands based KidsRights Foundation – **Malala Yousafzai**

The public sector company which has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Shield by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on the occasion of Hindi Divas – **NTPC**

The Indian film star who has been honoured with the Global Diversity Award 2013 at the State Room of Britain's House of Commons in London – **Amitabh Bachchan**

The Indian freedom fighter who has been posthumously conferred a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at UK's House of Commons for his contribution during India's independence movement and its journey afterwards – **Jawaharlal Darda**

The Indian girl from Karnataka who has been awarded the Youth Courage award for Education by the UN at the 'Malala Day' function in New York – **Ashwini Angadi**

The renowned Malayalam poetess and social activist who has been conferred the Saraswati Samman for the year 2012 by HRD Minister M M Pallam Raju – **Sugatha Kumari**

The Minister of State for Human Resources Development, Government of India, who has become the first recipient of Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular & Peace Award 2013 (instituted by Sree Narayan Dharma Samithy) – **Dr. Shashi Tharoor**

The Indian economist and Governor of RBI who has been awarded the Fifth Deutsche Bank Prize for Financial Economics 2013 by the Centre for Financial Studies (CFS) in partnership with Goethe University Frankfurt – **Raghuram Rajan**

### **DEFENCE**

The airstrip in Ladakh where Indian Air Force's C – 130J Hercules transport made its historic landing on 20 Aug 13 – **Daulat Beg Oldie**

Kilo – class Indian submarine which sank in Mumbai's naval dockyard following a fire accident on 14 August 2013 – **INS Sindhurakshak**

India's first indigenous aircraft carrier built by Cochin Shipyards Ltd. which was launched by the Defence Minister Mr. A.K. Antony at Kochi is named – **INS Vikrant**

India's first indigenous nuclear powered submarine, the nuclear propulsion reactor in which achieved criticality on 10 August 2013 – **INS Arihant**

Indian Air Force's largest transport aircraft (with a carrying capacity of 70 tonnes) which was formally inducted into the IAF by the Defence Minister at Hindon – **C-17 Globemaster III**

The high-altitude exercise conducted jointly by the Indian Army and its French counterpart in the French Alps at Grenoble from Sep 09 was named – **Shakti**

### **PERSONS**

The new (40th) Chief Justice of India, who has taken over the post from Chief Justice Altamas Kabir – **Justice P. Sathasivam**

The Indian sand artist who has won the gold medal at 12th International Sand Art Competition 2013 held at St. Petersburg, Russia – **Sudarshan Patnaik**

The Indian–American entrepreneur and academic behind the revolutionary sound systems of Bose Corporation, who died on July 12 at the age of 83 in Wayland, Massachusetts – **Amar Gopal Bose**

The pseudonym under which J.K. Rowling author of the popular Harry Potter series of novels wrote a detective novel, The Cuckoo's Calling – **Robert Galbraith**

The place at which establishment of India's first university exclusively for women (Indira Gandhi National University for Women) has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Rae Bareli**

Indian youngster, beneficiary of a cleft lip surgery, through New York-based organization Smile Train who flipped the coin at the Wimbledon men's singles final between Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic – **Pinki Sonkar**

Mahasundari Devi, a Padma Shri awardee of 2011, who died on 04 July 2013 was associated with – **Madhubani painting**

The American engineer and inventor known for inventing computer mouse who died on 02 July 2013 – **Douglas Englebart**

The Chief Justice of Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court who was sworn as the Interim President after the country's first democratically elected President Mohammed Morsi was ousted by the military – **Adly Mansoor**

The new Chief of Integrated Defence Staff who took over the office from Lt General Naresh Chandra Marwah – **Lt. Gen Anil Chait**

The eminent Indian classical singer and music director, better known as a noted vocalist of Jayadeva's 'Gita Govind' who died on 25 Aug 2013 – **Pandit Raghunath Panigrahi**

The Chief economic advisor who has been designated to take over as the next Governor of the Reserve Bank of India – **Raghuram Rajan**

The existing President of Zimbabwe for the last 33 years who has been declared elected for a further 5 – year term in the recent elections – **Robert Gabriel Mugabe**

The new President of Iran who took office succeeding Mahmoud Ahmadinejad – **Hassan Rouhani**

The new President of Pakistan who has succeeded Mr Asif Ali Zardari, who stepped down after completion of his five year term – **Mamnoon Hussain**

The former IAS officer who has been elected as the regional director of World Health Organization's South-East Asia Region (SEAR) being the first Indian to hold the post after a gap of 44 years – **Poonam Khetarpal Singh**

The person who has been appointed as India's first woman Chief Information Commissioner – **Ms Deepak Sandhu**

The Indian economist who has taken over the 23rd Governor of Reserve Bank of India from the outgoing Governor Dr. D Subba Rao – **Raghuram Rajan**

The Indian author of best-selling book A Kabuliwala's Bengali Wife who was shot dead by suspected militants in Afghanistan – **Ms. Sushmita Banerjee**

## **PLACES**

The neighbouring country to which India has restored the supply of subsidized fuel, which had been stopped about a month ago on technical grounds – **Bhutan**

The place in Tamil Nadu where India's 21st nuclear reactor set up with Russian technology has gone critical on Saturday, 13 July 2013 – **Kudankulam**

The Indonesian province which has been hit by an earthquake measuring 6.1, causing substantial damage to life and property – **Aceh**

The state which has been declared the country's first smoke-free state for achieving 85.42 percent compliance with Section 4 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 – **Himachal Pradesh**

The country which has become the 28th nation to join the European Union – **Croatia**

The five cities in which new IIITs have started functioning under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode from this academic year are – **Chittoor (A.P.), Kota (Raj.), Tiruchirapalli (TN), Guwahati (Assam) and Vadodara (Guj.)**

The place in Andhra Pradesh at which a fire broke out in an HPCL refinery on 23 Aug killing over 20 persons and injuring several others belongs to – **Visakhapatnam**

The place in Andhra Pradesh where the Union Government has decided to set up a major port (alongwith a decision to set up a new major port at Sagar in West Bengal) – **Dugarajpatnam**

The place in Northern Ireland where World Police and Fire Games 2013 are being held from 01 to 10 Aug – **Belfast**

The place in Kerala where India's first Naval and Maritime Expo (NAMEXPO) was held from 24 Sep 13 – **Cochin**

The place in Rajasthan where the foundation stone of Mainline Electrical Multiple Unit (MEMU) Coach Factory has been laid by Smt Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the UPA – **Rupaheli Station (Bhilwara Dist.)**

NTPC's Lara Super Thermal Power Project, the foundation stone of which was laid by the PM in Sep 2013 is located in – **Raigarh (Chhattisgarh)**

NTPC's 2,980 MW Rajiv Gandhi Sipat Super Thermal Power Station which was dedicated to the nation by Dr. Manmohan Singh on 19 Sep 2013 is located in – **Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh**

The city which has been given the right to host Olympic Games 2020 by the International Olympic Committee – **Tokyo**

The state which has become the first in the country to use VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) with Electronic Voting Machines (for the by-elections to Noksen Assembly constituency.) – **Nagaland**

The venue of 2013 G-20 Summit being held from 05 September, India being represented by PM Dr. Manmohan Singh – **St. Petersburg, Russia**

### **SPACE**

India's advanced weather satellite which was launched aboard launch vehicle Ariane-5 from Kourou, French Guiana – **INSAT-3D**

The satellite navigation system developed by ISRO which was launched aboard PSLV-C22 from Prof Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on 01 July 2013 is named – **IRNSS-1A**

The GSLV mission designated to launch into orbit the advanced communication satellite GSAT – 14, which was aborted barely an hour before the launch following a fuel leak – **GSLV-D5**

India's first full fledged military communications satellite which was launched aboard Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou (French Guiana) on 30.08.13 – **GSAT-7**

The talking robot launched by Japan aboard H – IIB Launch Vehicle towards International Space Station from the Tanegashima Space Center is named – **Kirobo**

The rocket launched by Japan carrying the payload SPRINT-A, which Japan has claimed is a cheaper and more efficient way of sending satellites into space – **Epsilon**

The spacecraft launched by NASA in 1977, which has become the first man-made object to enter the interstellar space on 25 Aug 2012 (as confirmed by NASA in Sep 2013) – **Voyager 1**

The unmanned space craft launched by NASA on 07 Sep to study the moon's atmosphere is named – **LADEE (Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer)**

### **SPORTS**

The Indian sportsperson who won the first ever gold medal in javelin throw at the IPC (International Paralympics Committee) Athletics World Championships being held at Lyon in France – **Devendra Jhajharia**

The Indian Grandmaster who won the Commonwealth Chess Championship 2013 held at Port Elizabeth, South Africa – **Abhijeet Gupta**

The new coach of Indian hockey team appointed to replace Michael Nobbs – **Maharaj Krishan Kaushik**

World No. 2 British Tennis player who won the Wimbledon Gentlemen Singles title defeating Serbian Novak Djokovic in the finals (thus becoming the first British player since 1936 to win the Wimbledon crown) (He also became the first man since 1936 to win the US Open in 2012 defeating Novak Djokovic in the finals) – **Andy Murray**

The 15th seeded French Tennis player who has won the Wimbledon Ladies Singles title defeating Germany's Sabine Lisicki in the finals – **Marion Bartoli**

The former tennis star from Switzerland who was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame (Newport, Rhode Island) – **Martina Hingis**

The 20th Asian Athletic Championship which began at Shiv Chatrapati Stadium on 03 July in Pune were inaugurated by – **Prithviraj Chavan (CM of Mah)**

The team which has won the 2013 Confederations Cup defeating Spain in the finals played at Rio de Janeiro – **Brazil**

The Indian team of archers which won the gold medal at World Archery Championships Stage IV at Wroclaw, Poland consisted of – **Deepika Kumari, Bombayla Devi and Rimil Buriuly**

The team which won the Indian Badminton League's inaugural title defeating Awadhe Warriors in the finals played at Mumbai – **Hyderabad Hotshots**

The Indian trap shooter who was chosen to be awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2013 – **Ronjan Sodhi**

Indian weightlifter who has won gold medal in the 62kg weight category, lifting a total of 192 kg at the IWF World Masters Weightlifting Championships, in Turin, Italy – **Sudhakar Jayant**

The venue of World Athletics Championships 2013 being held from 10 to 18 August 2013 – **Moscow**

The badminton player from Thailand who won the World Badminton Championships women's singles title defeating Li Xuerei of China in the finals – **Ratchanok Intanon**

The Indian badminton player who won the bronze medal at World Badminton Championships (at Guangzhou, China) losing to Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand in the semifinals (becoming the first Indian woman to win a medal at the World Badminton Championships) – **P.V. Sindhu**

The 31-year old athlete from Kenya who won the 40th BMW Berlin Marathon and set a new world record by clocking 2 hrs 3 mts and 23 secs – **Wilson Kipsang**

The country which won the ISTAF Sepaktakraw Men's title defeating Malaysia in the finals at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi – **South Korea**

The country which won the ISTAF Sepaktakraw Women's title defeating Indonesia in the finals at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi – **Thailand**

The country which won the Asia Cup hockey championship defeating India in the finals at Ipoh, Malaysia – **South Korea**

The International Shooter who was chosen for Odisha's most prestigious award for sportspersons Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2013 – **Shriyanka Sadangi**

The chess player from West Bengal who won the National Women's Premier Chess title, third time in a row – **Mary Ann Gomes**

The sporting event which has been reinstated for the Olympics 2020 about seven months after it was excluded from the games – **Wrestling**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The company which has developed a India's first Hydrogen-powered automobile bus, jointly with Indian Space Research Organisation – **Tata Motors Ltd**

The group accident insurance scheme for nearly 2.5 lakh drivers of CNG run public transport vehicles in Delhi launched by Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas, and Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi is named – **IGL Suraksha Yojana**

The World Heritage Site at which the Union Tourism Minister, Shri K Chiranjeevi launched the Clean India Campaign – **Taj Mahal**

The nation-wide National Tobacco Control Campaign launched by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to raise public awareness about the dangers of smokeless tobacco is named – **Tears you apart**

Bangalore International Airport has been renamed as – **Kempegowda International Airport**

The birthday of Pakistani child activist, Malala Yousafzai, which was commemorated as Malala Day by the United Nations – **12 July**

The 163-old telegram service has been closed with effect from 9.00 p.m., 14 Jul 2013. The first telegraph line in India was inaugurated on Oct 4, 1851 between – **Kolkata and Diamond Harbour**

The country which has passed The Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill 2013, permitting abortion if the mother's life is in danger (following widespread outrage over the death of Savita Halappanavar, an Indian dentist) – **Ireland**

The theme of World Population Day 2013 observed on July 11 – **Focus is on Adolescent Pregnancy**

The university in the United States at which international edition of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism was launched on Aug 26 – **University of South Carolina**

Earth Overshoot Day, which marks the day our resource consumption for a given year exceeds the planet's ability to replenish was observed for 2013 on – **20 August**

The toll free helpline (1800 – 11 – 2001) to provide information about welfare programmes for minorities launched by Minority Affairs Minister K. Rahman Khan is named – **Khidmat**

8888 uprising, whose 25th anniversary was observed on 08 Aug 2013 pertains to student uprising in – **Myanmar**

The first ever burger made from lab grown beef which was eaten at a news conference in London was developed by – **Prof Mark Post of Maastricht University**

The hospital in Kolkata at which India's first breast milk bank in public sector was opened to cater to the needs of new – borns who are unable to get mother's milk – **SSKM Hospital**

Tuivai Hydro Electric Project, the construction of which was accorded centre's approval is located in (Tuivai river is a tributary of Barak river) – **Mizoram**

The anti – diabetes drug which was banned in June 2013 for the risk it caused to heart and kidneys and on which the ban has been revoked allowing it to be marketed with box warning – **pioglitazone**

The film written and directed by Gyan Correa, which has been nominated to represent India in the Best Foreign Film category at next year's Oscars (The film had won the National Award for the Best Feature Film in Gujarati) – **The Good Road**

The film star who was awarded the Pride of the Nation award by Anti Terrorist Front for his attempt to raise the sensitive issue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assassination through his role as a RAW agent in "Madras Cafe" – **John Abraham**

The beauty pageant contestant who has become the first Indian origin woman to be crowned Miss America – **Nina Davuluri**

The Indian representative at the Miss World beauty pageant, who was awarded the 2nd Multimedia Award (the first was awarded to Indian contestant Vanya Mishra in 2012) – **Navneet Kaur Dhillon**

Megan Young, who was crowned Miss World 2013 at the beauty pageant in Bali, Indonesia belongs to – **Philippines**

The Indian tanker ferrying oil from Iraq, which was detained by Iran for about 26 days at its Bandar Abbas port was named – **Desh Shanti**

The Somalia based terrorist outfit has claimed responsibility for attack on Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall – **al-Shabab**

The Indian Railway manufacturing unit which has rolled out the country's most powerful engine of 5500 HP (also the largest on a 22-axle load in the world) – **Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi**

The dedicated pin code which has been allotted to the Supreme Court by the Department of Posts – **110201**



## **LEGISLATIONS**

### **National Food Security Bill, 2013**

*Ordinance Promulgated by the President on 05 July 2013*

#### **Important Facts to Remember**

The quantity of foodgrains a person shall be entitled to receive per month at subsidised prices from the State Government under the Targeted Public Distribution System – 5 kgs

The quantity of foodgrains a household covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana shall be entitled to receive per month at the specified prices – 35 kgs

#### **Benefits to pregnant woman and lactating mother**

Meal free of charge during pregnancy and six months after the child birth, through the local anganwadi.

Maternity benefit of not less than **Rupees Six thousand**.

#### **Benefits to children**

Children in the age group of six months to six years – age appropriate meal free of charge through the local anganwadi.

Children upto Class VIII or within the age group of six to fourteen years one mid-day meal, free of charge, everyday, except on school holidays in all schools run by local bodies, Government and Government aided schools.

Children suffering from malnutrition shall also be provided meals, free of charge through the local anganwadi..

#### **Food Security Allowance**

In case of non-supply of the entitled quantities of foodgrains or meals to entitled persons, such persons shall be entitled to receive such **Food Security Allowance** from the State Government as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

#### **Women Empowerment**

The eldest woman of not less than eighteen years of age in every eligible household shall be the head of the household for the purpose of issue of ration cards.

### **Obligations of Central Government**

The Central Government shall allocate from the central pool the required quantity of foodgrains to the State Governments under the Targeted Public distribution System. In case of short supply of foodgrains, the Central Government shall provide funds to the extent of short supply to the State Government.

### **Obligations of State Government**

The State Governments shall take delivery of foodgrains from the Central Government and ensure delivery to the entitled persons through fair price shops or anganwadis as applicable.

## **Companies Bill 2013**

### **Salient Features of the Bill passed by Rajya Sabha in August 2013**

- It allows a single individual to set up a one-person company as against a minimum of 2 required as per existing rules.
- It is mandatory for companies to spend at least 2 per cent of their net profit on Corporate Social Responsibility. The companies will also have to give preference to the local areas of their operation for such spending. If they are unable to meet CSR norms, they will have to give explanations and may even face penalty.
- Punishment has been introduced for falsely inducing a person to enter into any agreement with bank or financial institution, with a view to obtaining credit facilities.
- In order to guard the interests of employees, the bill provides for payment of two years' salary to employees in case a company shuts operations.
- Auditors may be appointed for a period of five years subject to ratification by members at every annual general meeting.
- The limit in respect of maximum number of companies in which a person may be appointed as auditor has been proposed as 20.
- The maximum number of directors in a private company has been increased from 12 to 15, which can be increased further by special resolution.
- Independent directors shall be excluded for the purpose of computing "one-third of retiring directors".
- The financial year of any company can end only on March 31 and the only exception is for companies which are holding/subsidiary of a foreign entity requiring consolidation outside India.

## **SPORTS EVENTS**

### **20th Asian Athletic Championships – 2013**

Venue: Shiv Chatrapathi Stadium Pune, 03 July to 07 July 2013

Medals Tally

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	China	16	06	05
2.	Bahrain	05	07	03
3.	Japan	04	06	10
4.	Saudi Arabia	04	02	01
5.	Uzbekistan	03	04	01
6.	India	02	06	09

#### **Indian Gold Medal Winners**

- 1.Vikas Gowda – Discus Throw
- 2.Women's Team comprising Nirmala, Anu Mariam Jose, Tintu Luka, Poovamma MR – Womens 4 x 400 m relay

#### **Indian Silver Medal Winners**

- 1.Jithin C Thomas – Men's High Jump
- 2.Prem Kumar – Men's Long Jump
- 3.Renjith M – Men's Triple Jump
- 4.Asha Roy – Women's 200 m
- 5.Poovamma MR – Women's 400 m
- 6.Sudha Singh – Women's 3000 m steeple chase

#### **Indian Bronze Medal Winners**

- 1.Ratiram Saini – Men's 10000 m
- 2.Satinder Singh – Men's 400 m hurdles
- 3.Arjinder Singh – Men's Triple Jump
- 4.Om Prakash – Men's Shot Put
- 5.Samarjit Singh – Men's Javelin Throw

6. Dutee Chand – Women's 200 m

7. Tintu Luka – Women's 800 m

8. Hemasree J – Women's 100 m hurdles

9. Mayookha Johny – Women's Long Jump

### **IAAF World Athletics Championship 2013**

**Venue : Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow**

Medals Tally : Top 5 medallists

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Russia	7	4	6
2.	U.S.A.	6	14	5
3.	Jamaica	6	2	1
4.	Kenya	5	4	3
5.	Germany	4	2	1

### **Prominent Winners - Men**

#	Event	Winner	Country	Mark
1.	100 m	Usain Bolt	Jamaica	9.77 secs
2.	200 m	Usain Bolt	Jamaica	19.66 secs
3.	5000 m	Mohamed Farah	Great Britain	13:26.98
4.	10000 m	Mohamed Farah	Great Britain	27:21.71
5.	Marathon	Stephen Kiptotich	Uganda	2:09:51
6.	4 x 100 m relay	Nesta Carter, Kemar Bailey-Cole, Nickel Ashmeade and Usain Bolt	Jamaica	37.36 secs
7.	4 x 400 m relay	David Verburg, Tony McQuay, Arman Hall and LaShawn Merritt	U.S.A.	2:58.71

### **Prominent Winners - Women**

#	Event	Winner	Country	Mark
1.	100 m	Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce	Jamaica	10.71
2.	200 m	Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce	Jamaica	22.17
3.	Pole Vault	Yelena Isinbayeva	Russia	4.89 m
4.	4 x 100 m relay	Carrie Russell, Kerron Stewart, Schillonie Calvert and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce	Jamaica	41.29
5.	4 x 400 m relay	Yuliya Gushchina, Tatyana Firova, Kseniya Ryzhova and Antonina Krivoshapka	Russia	3:20.19

## US Open 2013

Event	Winner	Nationality	Runner-up	Nationality
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal	Spain	Novak Djokovic	Serbia
Women's Singles	Serena Williams	USA	Victoria Azarenka	Belarus
Men's Doubles	Leander Paes Radek Stepanek	India Czech Republic	Alexander Peya Bruno Soares	Austria Brazil
Women's Doubles	Andrea Hlavackova Luce Hradecka	Czech Republic	Ashleigh Barty Casey Dellacqua	Australia
Mixed Doubles	Andrea Hlavackova Max Mirnyi	Czech Republic Belarus	Abigail Spears Santiago Gonzalez	USA Mexico

## WIMBLEDON 2013

Event	Winner	Nationality	Runner-up	Nationality
Gentlemen's Singles	Andy Murray	Great Britain	Novak Djokovic	Serbia
Ladies's Singles	Marion Bartoli	France	Sabine Lisicki	Germany
Gentlemen's Doubles	Bob Bryan Mike Bryan	USA	Ivan Dodig Marcelo Melo	Croatia Brazil
Ladies's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei Peng Shuai	Taiwan China	Ashleigh Barty Casey Dellacqua	Australia
Mixed Doubles	Daniel Nestor Kristina Mladenovic	Canada France	Bruno Soares Lisa Raymond	Brazil USA

## AWARDS

### Magsaysay Award Winners 2013

1. **Ernesto Domingo** (Philippines) – Recognized for his exemplary embrace of the social mission of medical science.
2. **Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi** (Corruption Eradication Commission)(Indonesia) – Recognized for its fiercely independent and successful campaign against corruption
3. **Lahpai Seng Raw** (Myanmar) – Recognized for her quietly inspiring and inclusive leadership
4. **Habiba Sarabi** (Afghanistan) – Recognized for her bold exercise of leadership to build up a functioning provincial government against great odds
5. **Shakti Samuha "Power Group"**(Nepal) – Recognized for transforming their lives in service to other human trafficking survivors.

### **Capital Foundation Awards**

The Vice President of India Shri M. Hamid Ansari presented the Capital Foundation Awards instituted by Capital Foundation Society on 07 Sep 2013.

#### **Capital Foundation Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Award**

Shri S. Jaipal Reddy - In recognition of his outstanding contribution to Science, Technology and Public Service.

#### **Capital Foundation's Justice P.N. Bhagwati Award**

Dr. Lalit Bhasin - In recognition of his outstanding contribution to Human Rights and Legal Education.

#### **Capital Foundation's Justice Kuldip Singh Award**

Mr Vijay Panjwani - In recognition of his outstanding contribution to Environmental Protection.

#### **Capital Foundation Award**

Shri Arun Jaitley	In recognition of his contribution as an Outstanding Parliamentarian
Dr Justice K. Narayana Kurup	For Public Health and Anti Smoking Campaign
Shri Manjit Singh	For Punjabi Language, Culture and Tradition
Lt. General Syed Ata Hasnain	For Military Services and Leadership
Major Gen Dr. Naresh Chandra Arora	For Orthopaedics
Shri M.G. Arora	For Law Publications

### **Sports Awards 2013**

#### **Arjuna Awards 2013**

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

#	Name	Discipline	#	Name	Discipline
1.	Ms. Chekrovolu Swuro	Archery	9.	Ms. Saba Anjum	Hockey
2.	Ms. PV sindhu	Badminton	10.	Ms. Rajkumari Rathore	Shooting
3.	Ms. Kavita Chahal	Boxing	11.	Ms. Joshna Chinnappa	Squash
4.	Mr. Rupesh Shah	Billiards & Snooker	12.	Ms. Mouma Das	Table Tennis
5.	Mr. Virat Kohli	Cricket	13.	Ms. Neha Rathi	Wrestling
6.	Mr. Abhijeet Gupta	Chess	14.	Mr. Dharmender Dalal	Wrestling
7.	Mr. Gagan Jeet Bhullar	Golf	15.	Mr. Amit Kumar Saroha	Athletics (Para)

**Note:** Ranjith Maheshwari was initially chosen for the award but his name was later dropped from the list of awardees. The government finally decided to not to confer him with the prestigious Arjuna award as the triple jumper has been found to have used a 'scheduled' substance (ephedrine) in 2008.

### **Dhyanchand and Dronacharya Awards 2013**

<b>Dhyanchand Awards</b>		<b>Dronacharya Awards</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
Ms. Mary D'Souza Sequeira	Athletics	Ms. Poornima Mahato	Archery
Mr. Syed Ali	Hockey	Mr. Mahavir Singh	Boxing
Mr. Anil Mann	Wrestling	Mr. Narinder Singh Saini	Hockey
Mr. Girraj Singh	Para Sports (Athletics)	Mr. K.P. Thomas	Athletics
		Mr. Raj Singh	Wrestling

### **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2013**

1.	Community Sports Identification and Nurturing of Budding Young Talent	Dr. U.K. Mishra, Founder and President, National Sports Academy, Allahabad
2.	Financial Support for Sports Excellence	Services Sports Control Board
3.	Establishment and Management of Sports Academies of Excellence	Pullela Gopichand Academy of Badminton, Hyderabad
4.	Employment of Sportspersons and sports welfare measures	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

### **World Happiness Report**

World Happiness Report released by the United Nations General Assembly ranks nations on the basis of six key factors that include GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, someone to count on, perceived freedom to make life choices, freedom from corruption, and generosity.

#### **Top 10 Countries**

1. Denmark; 2. Norway; 3. Switzerland; 4. Netherlands; 5. Sweden; 6. Canada; 7. Finland; 8. Austria; 9. Iceland; 10. Australia.

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

U.S.A. - 17; U.K. - 22; France - 25; Germany - 26; Japan - 43; Russia - 68

#### **India and its Neighbours**

India - 111; Bangladesh - 108; Sri Lanka - 137; Nepal - 135; Pakistan - 81; China - 93

**Salient Features of the Report of Committee for Evolving a Composite Development Index for States headed by Shri Raghuram Rajan**

- A Multi Dimensional Index has been suggested to help measure backwardness and to aid the Centre in allocating funds to states.
- The Index categorizes backwardness of states based on (i) monthly per capita consumption expenditure (ii) education (iii) health (iv) household amenities (v) poverty rate (vi) female literacy (vii) percent of SC-ST population (viii) urbanization rate (viii) financial inclusion and (x) connectivity.
- Depending on the scores on the Multi Dimensional Index, each state will be categorized as Least Developed, Less Developed and Relatively Developed.
- The states that score 0.6 and above (out of 1) on the composite index are classified as Least Developed, the states that score from 0.4 to 0.6 are Less Developed and the states that score less than 0.4 are Relatively Developed.

**Position of States as per the Index**

Least Developed	Index Score	Less Developed	Index Score	Relatively Developed	Index Score
Arunachal Pradesh	0.73	Gujarat	0.49	Goa	0.05
Assam	0.71	Himachal Pradesh	0.40	Kerala	0.09
Bihar	0.76	Andhra Pradesh	0.52	Maharashtra	0.35
Chhattisgarh	0.75	Jammu & Kashmir	0.50	Punjab	0.35
Jharkhand	0.75	Karnataka	0.45	Tamil Nadu	0.34
Meghalaya	0.69	Manipur	0.57	Uttarakhand	0.38
Madhya Pradesh	0.76	Mizoram	0.49	Haryana	0.40
Odisha	0.80	Nagaland	0.55		
Rajasthan	0.63	Sikkim	0.43		
Uttar Pradesh	0.64	Tripura	0.47		
		West Bengal	0.55		

**Geographical Indicator Tags Approved**

1. **Nagpur Orange** – Oranges cultivated in the Nagpur and Vidharbha region of Maharashtra and some parts in adjoining regions of Madhya Pradesh
2. **Dharmavaram Pattu Sarees** – Handloom Pattu sarees with broad solid colour borders with contrast pallus woven with brocaded gold patterns from Dharmavaram, a weaving cluster in Ananthapur of Andhra Pradesh.
3. **Warli tribal art** – 400 yrs old Tribal Art Form originated in Thane Dist. of Maharashtra by the Warli indigenuous tribe. The paintings are made on a austere brown background with a single colour, white.
4. **Kerala's Kaipad rice** – Kaipad rice is naturally organic rice produced in the saline prone sea coastal rice tract of North Kerala covering Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargod districts.