

CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 2015

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Kshatrapati Shivaji was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- Janata Dal Leader Nitish Kumar was sworn in as the 34th Chief Minister of Bihar.
- Eminent Scientist Tapan Misra was appointed as CEO of ISRO Space Application Centre at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Arvind Kejriwal sworn-in as Chief Minister of Delhi.
- The RBI reduced the statutory liquidity ratio by 50 basis points to 21.5%.
- Apple becomes first company worth over \$700 billion in Global Market Value.
- The CM of Bihar resigned on 20th February 2015.
- Kolkata becomes India's first Wi-Fi Metro city.
- Madhya Pradesh won the 10th National Award for Excellence in MGNREGA.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- India Ranked Second last in Global Intellectual Property Index.
- Syriza MP Zoe Konstantopoulou has been voted as the new Greek Parliament President. She is the youngest President of Greece's Parliament.
- Under Sea quake caused Minor Tsunami in Japan.
- UNICEF partnered with Airtel to provide Education Content in Africa.
- Two tropical cyclones Marcia and Lam hit Australia on 20 February 2015.
- Google Acquires Facebook Marketing Start up Toro.
- China opened largest overseas Diplomatic Mission in Islamabad.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- NASA successfully launched the Earth observing Satellite.
- Facebook and Reliance Communication bring internet.org to India.
- India successfully test-fired the Supersonic Cruise Missile Brahmos on 14 February 2015 from the INS Kolkata.
- Australian researchers have developed the world's first ever 3-D Jet Engine.

SPORTS

- Cristiano Ronaldo voted the best player ever to have played in the Premier League.
- Reliance Communications offers free Twitter for the ICC World Cup.
 - ICC World Cup 2015 – Ab de villiers records fastest 150 in ODI History.
 - ICC World Cup 2015 – Virat Kohli becomes first Indian batsman to score century in World Cup against Pakistan.
- France wins the 5th World Handball Title.
- Novak Djokovic beats Andy Murray in Australian Open Men's Final.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 4th February – World Cancer Day
- 13th February – World Radio Day
- 20th February – World Day of School Justice.
- 28th February – National Science Day

DEATHS

- Eminent Cartoonist Rajinder Puri died on 16th February 2015.
- Bollywood actor Ashraf-ul-Haq died on 17 February 2015 at the age of 45.
- Veteran Tamil Director RC Sakthi died aged 75, on February 23rd 2015.
- Hukam Singh, the former Chief Minister of Haryana has passed away at the age of 86, on 26 February 2015.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Nasrin Ejner – Presented with Bharat Gaurav Award by the Indian International Friendship Society.
- Vinod Mehta conferred with Yash Bharti Award by the govt. of UP.
- Hindoi Sengupta's book shortlisted for United States Prestigious Hayek Prize.
- Famous Marathi Novelist Bhalchandra Nemade has been selected for 2014 Jnanpith Award, the highest Literary Honour in India.