

**Coir Board has been awarded “Gold Medal”** for best display and demonstration under category of public sector undertakings, Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards, Nationalized Banks, in the India International Trade Fair 2014, which concluded at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

**8 crore people open bank accounts** under PM Jan Dhan Yojana: Jaitley

MOU was signed between India and Mozambique on cooperation in the field of Oil and Gas for five years. The objective of the MOU is to enhance bilateral cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**India, along with 20 other countries, signed the inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on establishing the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on October 24th, 2014 in Beijing. All the signatory countries can become Prospective Founding Members of AIIB. The MoU is non-binding document. By signing the MoU, India is eligible to participate in the negotiations for arriving at a mutually acceptable Articles of Agreement (AoA) to constitute this Bank. The signatories to this Articles of Agreement will become the founding members of this Bank.

**Government has launched E-Biz portal** for providing single online platform to help companies get over five dozen approvals to start project through a single online platform as part of its attempt to make it easier to do business. 27 services of Central Government and 24 services of the State Government to be integrated with the portal.

**It has been decided by the Government to introduce plastic notes** in the denomination of Rs. 10/-. One billion plastic notes of the denomination of Rs. 10/- will be introduced in a field trial in five cities selected for their geographical and climatic diversity. The primary objective of introduction of polymer/plastic notes is to increase its life and not to combat counterfeiting.

**Pakistan’s capital Islamabad** will host the 19th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit in 2016.

In **34th India International Trade Fair, 2014**, which ended here today the “Power Pavilion” of Ministry of Power has been awarded Gold Medal in the category of Best Depiction of the Theme of ‘Empowerment of Women’.

**Indian tennis star Sania Mirza** appointed the UN Goodwill Ambassador for the South Asian region by UN Women at an event held to mark the International Day To End Violence Against Women.

**Promising Australian batsman Philip Hughes** today succumbed to his head injuries that he sustained during a domestic match on Tuesday, leaving the cricket fraternity in shock over the huge tragedy.

The Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan informed the Lok Sabha today that during the **current year National Highways of 8500 km** in length are targeted to be undertaken under various schemes of the Ministry.

**The Government has decided to introduce and implement Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana** in the country. Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) envisages feeder separation, strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution system including metering of distribution transformers/feeders/consumers and rural electrification with scheme cost of Rs.43033 crore during the entire implementation period.

**Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath** Singh, along with Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (I/C), Tourism & Culture and Minister of State for Civil Aviation launched the Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVoA) enabled with Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) Scheme here today.

The facility will be available at nine international airports in the country namely Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Goa. The TVoA enabled with ETA Scheme will facilitate nationals of 43 countries including Australia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Djibouti, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kingdom of Tongo, Laos, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, New

Zealand, Niue, Norway, Oman, Palestine, Papua & New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of Korea (i.e. South Korea), Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Palau, Russia, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tuvalu, UAE, Ukraine, USA, Vietnam and Vanuatu.

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs & Sports**, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal conferred Arjuna Award 2014 to Shri Manoj Kumar, Boxer on 26th November 2014 in New Delhi in recognition of his achievements in international sports events.

**PM Narendra Modi arrived in Kathmandu** with an aim to inject new momentum to regional bloc SAARC during its two-day summit beginning Wednesday as he said development of close relations with neighbours was a key priority for his govt.

**Kathak queen Sitara Devi died** at a hospital on Tuesday. She was 94. Born in 1920 in Kolkata, Sitara Devi drew from the themes, poetry and choreography collected by her father in her choreographies. She is the recipient of prestigious awards like Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Padma Shri and Kalidas Samman.

**The government has appointed former IAS officer Deepak Gupta** as new chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

**Ajit Doval, National Security Adviser (NSA), has been appointed as the Special Representative of India** to conduct boundary negotiations and strategic consultations with China.

**Magnus Carlsen asserted his supremacy over Viswanathan Anand** for the second year in running as the Norwegian retained his World Championship title after defeating the Indian Challenger in the 11th game, in Sochi, Russia.

## **BCCI Awards 2014**

The eighth annual BCCI Awards Ceremony, to recognize and reward India's top cricketers in the 2013-14 season, held on 21 November 2014.

LIST OF 2014 AWARDEES

COL. C.K. NAYUDU LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – **Dilip Vengsarkar**

POLLY UMRIGAR AWARD - **Bhuvneshwar Kumar**

LALA AMARNATH AWARD FOR THE BEST ALL-ROUNDER IN THE RANJI TROPHY, 2013-14 – **Parvez Rasool (J & K CA)**

LALA AMARNATH AWARD FOR THE BEST ALL-ROUNDER IN DOMESTIC LIMITED-OVERS COMPETITIONS, 2013-14 – **R. Vinay Kumar (KSCA)**

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA AWARD – HIGHEST SCORER IN THE RANJI TROPHY IN 2013-14 – **Kedar Jadhav (Maharashtra CA)**

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA AWARD – HIGHEST WICKET-TAKER IN THE RANJI TROPHY IN 2013-14 – **Rishi Dhawan (HPCA)**

M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-25 CRICKETER OF 2013-14 – **Rahul Tripathi (Maharashtra CA.)**

M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-19 CRICKETER OF 2013-14 – **B. Anirudh (Hyderabad CA)**

M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-16 CRICKETER OF 2013-14 – **Shubman Gill (PCA)**

M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST WOMAN CRICKETER (JR) OF 2013-14 – **Smriti Mandhana (Maharashtra CA)**

BEST UMPIRE IN DOMESTIC CRICKET IN 2013-14 – **Anil Chaudhary**

**World's 1st White Tiger Safari to come up in MP** - Powerful roar of white tigers will soon reverberate in Madhya Pradesh's Vindhya region as the world's first White Tiger Safari would begin in Rewa, which was once home to this rare breed of the big cats.

**US President Barack Obama's** proposed visit to India in January next year is a great opportunity to strengthen and expand bilateral strategic partnership, top American administration officials and experts have said.

**Govt aims at 30-km road building a day** by 2016 : Nitin Gadkari

**Mangalyaan** has been named among the **best inventions of 2014** by **Time magazine** which described it as a technological feat that will allow India to flex its "interplanetary muscles."

**Govt to Launch Blue Revolution** - Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister for Agriculture today on the occasion of World Fisheries Day informed that the Government is focused to usher in a **Blue Revolution meaning increase in fish production and productivity in the country on the occasion** of World Fisheries Day

**Kotak Mahindra Bank** on Thursday November 20, 2014 **acquired** Bangalore-based, **ING Vysya Bank**, in which Dutch financial services group ING has a 42.73 percent stake, in an all-stock deal.

**Tech Mahindra Ltd. acquires US-based Lightbridge Communications Corporation (LCC)** for \$240mn

**In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India'** campaign, the **HRD ministry is planning to come up with a 'Think in India' drive to encourage students** and researchers to come up with innovations and new ideas and to keep the talent back home from leaving abroad.

**One of the Hong Kong's most celebrated filmmakers Wong Kar-Wai** will receive the **Lifetime Achievement Award at the 45th GOA edition of IFFI.**

**Veteran diplomat Michel Kafando** has been chosen as **Burkina Faso's interim president.**

**The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley** re-launched the **Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP)**

**PM's address to Indian community at Allphones Arena, Sydney**

**Saina Nehwal** wins China Open Super Series Premier

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**External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** said that **India is the third largest passport issuing country after China and the US.**

**Mitchell Johnson** named ICC Cricketer of the Year

**CRY launches** project to end child labour

**Kerala has become the first State in the country to have 100 per cent** coverage of all households with bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in a record two-and-a-half months.

**Rohit Sharma created** history by hitting the highest individual ODI score with an incredible knock of **264** to power India to a mammoth 404 for five in fourth cricket one-dayer against Sri Lanka. **The right-hander also became only the second man to hit two double centuries in ODIs.**

**The European Space Agency's Philae lander** has made space history by successfully reaching the surface of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

Senior BJP legislator **Haribhau Bagde** was unanimously elected as the **Speaker of the Maharashtra Assembly.**

**President Pranab Mukherjee** on Monday November 10, 2014 **conferred Jnanpith award on eminent Hindi poet Kedarnath Singh** for his outstanding contribution towards Indian literature.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in the Myanmar capital Nay Pyi Taw** on Tuesday to attend the ASEAN and the East Asia summits on the first leg of his three- nation tour that will also take him to Australia and Fiji.

**RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.** a public sector undertaking of Ministry of Railways added yet another jewel in its crown by bagging the 'Aegis Graham Bell

Awards 2014'. This award is organized by Aegis School of Business and Convergence, India with support of Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI),

**Rajiv Mehrishi appointed** as new Finance Secretary

**The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee** attended the **National Education Day** Celebrations organized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development today (**November 11, 2014**)

The Vice President of India **Shri M. Hamid Ansari** was presented with a book entitled "**Empire to Independence**" authored by **Maj Gen (Retd) Jai Krishan Kaushik**.

**Seeking to inject momentum in the country's 'Act East' policy**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarks on a three-nation tour of Myanmar, Australia and Fiji on Tuesday November 11, 2014 to attend key multilateral summits during which India is expected to push for steps to create more jobs and improve world economy.

**Former Goa CM Manohar Parrikar** bagged the defence portfolio.

Former Shiv Sena leader **Suresh Prabhu**, who resigned from the party to join BJP, will replace Sadananda Gowda as the railway minister. Gowda has been shifted to the law ministry.

**J.P. Nadda** is the new health and family welfare minister while Birender Singh will take care of the rural development ministry.

**Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched "Jeevan Pramaan"** - an "Aadhar-based Digital Life Certificate" for pensioners, in a move that could eventually benefit over a crore pensioners.

**Marxist Communist Party (CMP) founder leader M V Raghavan**, a prominent figure in Kerala politics for decades, died on Sunday after prolonged illness.

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**India and Bhutan on Friday November 7, 2014** agreed to collaborate on the noble objectives of the establishment of **Nalanda University** in Bihar to develop the institution as an international centre of excellence.

**Laxmikant Parsekar** was sworn-in as **Goa Chief Minister**. Nine other Ministers also take oath.

**The government hopes to attract USD 250 billion** (Rs 15 lakh crore) investments within 4-5 years to give a boost to the energy sector and provide electricity to all, Power Minister Piyush Goyal said.

**India's bowling all-rounder, Bhuvneshwar Kumar**, has been named as the winner of the 2014 LG ICC People's Choice award.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** made his debut among the world's most powerful people, ranked 15th on the Forbes list topped by Russian President Vladimir Putin who pipped his US counterpart Barack Obama for a second year in a row.

**Navy Chief Admiral R K Dhowan** will on Friday November 7, 2014 hand over the second Indian Fast Attack Craft (FAC) to the Seychelles that will strengthen its Coast Guard against piracy and other threats.

**The Minister of Railways, Shri D.V.Sadananda Gowda launched** a Book titled – "Art & Railways – A Bangalore Saga" written by Railway officers, Mr. S. Mani & Ms. Lily Pandeya

## List of Important International Days in November 2014

- 2 November – International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
- 6 November – International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- 10 November – World Science Day for Peace and Development
- 14 November – World Diabetes Day
- 16 November – International Day for Tolerance
- 16 November (Third Sunday in November) – World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims



- 19 November – World Toilet Day
- 20 November – Universal Children’s Day
- 20 November (Third Thursday in November) – World Philosophy Day
- 21 November – World Television Day
- 22 November – Africa Industrialization Day
- 25 November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
- 29 November – International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

**Veteran Bollywood actor Sadashiv Amrapurkar**, who essayed villainous and comic roles with equal ease and gave powerful performances in “Ardh Satya” and “Sadak”, died in Mumbai on Monday after battling lung infection.

**Hasmukh Adhia appointed as Secretary**, Department of Financial Services

**Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** has been chosen for one of Japan’s top national awards for his contribution to India-Japan ties, becoming the first Indian to receive the rare honour. Mr Manmohan Singh will be awarded ‘The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers’ for his “significant contribution to the enhancement of relations and promotion of friendship” between Japan and India for about 35 years, a Japanese Embassy statement said.

**Lt Gen BK Chopra**, Senior Colonel Commandant of Army Medical Corps assumed the appointment of Director General Armed Forces Medical Services..