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## **AUGUST 2015 – ANALYSIS**

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

2<sup>nd</sup> August- friendship day

10<sup>th</sup> August-world bio fuel day

12<sup>th</sup> August-international youth day

13<sup>th</sup> August-international youth day

26<sup>th</sup> August-women's equality day

29<sup>th</sup> August-national sports day

29<sup>th</sup> August-sanskrit diwas

### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

**Acharya Dev Vrat** - Governor, Himachal Pradesh

**Amitabh Bachchan** - Ambassador, Maharashtra's new Tiger Conservation

**Anupam Kher** - Ambassador, HeforShe (UN's Gender Equality Campaign)

**Ashwani Lohani** - CMD, Air India

**J.L.N. Murthy** - Vice chairman, American Bar Association

**Karnal Singh** - Director, Enforcement Directorate  
(ED)

**Kishor Piraji Kharat** - MD & CEO, IDBI

**Om Prakash Rawat** - New Election Commissioner  
[**Note** : With Rawat's appointment the **threemember ECI has been filled**, other two members are **Nasim Zaidi** (Chief Election Commissioner) and **A K Joti** (EC)]

**Ram Nath Kovind** - Governor, Bihar

**Ranil Wickremesinghe** - Prime Minister, Srilanka

**Rohit Nandan** - Secretary, Ministry of Skill  
Development and Entrepreneurship

**Sachin Tendulkar** - Ambassador, Maharashtra's new  
Tiger Conservation

\***SUNDAR PICHAI** -CEO Google

Recently appointed heads of banks

Bank of baroda- **P S jayakumar**

Bank of india- **M O Rego**

Canara bank- **rakesh Sharma**

IDBI- **kishore piraji kharat**

**PNB- usha anantha Subramanian**

## **DEATHS**

**Arthur Morris** - Australian cricket legend

**Bhalchandra Pendharkar** - Veteran Marathi stage actor

**Dr.M.M. Kalburgi** - Senior Kannada Writer

**George Cole** - Hollywood Actor

**Julian Bond** - US civil rights activist

**Kayyara Kinhanna Rai** - Kannada Poet, freedom fighter

**Om Prakash Munjal** - founder of Hero Cycle

**Paravoor Bharathan** - Malayalam actor

**Suvra Mukherjee** - 1st Lady of India (President Pranab Mukherjee's Wife)

## **AWARDS**

**D Parulekar (Goa Tourism Minister)** - PATWA Award 2015

**Dr Modadugu Vijay Gupta** - first Sunhak Peace Prize

**Dr.M. Veerappa Moily** - Saraswati Sammaan 2014

**Jot Singh** - Tenzing Norgay national adventure award

**N. Valarmathi** - 1st APJ Abdul Kalam award

**Novak Djokovic** - Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF

**Queen Elizabeth** - Longest reigning monarch, Britain

**Raghavendra Gadagkar** - Germany's Cross of Order of the Merit Award

**Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** - Sania Mirza

## RAMON MAGASAYSSAY AWARDEES 2015

**Anshu Gupta** - India

**Sanjeev Chaturvedi** - India

**Kommaly Chanthavong** - Laos

**Ligaya Fernando** - Philippines

**Kyaw Thu** – Myanmar

### RBI rates( on 4<sup>th</sup> august 2015)

bank rate=8.25%

repo rate=7.25%

reverse repo= 6.25%

CRR = 4%

SLR = 21.5%

### NATIONAL NEWS

- 10th World Hindi Conference (WHC) will be held from 10th to 12th September 2015.
- As a consumer friendly initiative, the Petroleum Ministry launched a scheme SAHAJ for online release of new LPG connections for the consumers.
- Asia's biggest telescope MAST was inaugurated at Udaipur Solar Observatory in Rajasthan.
- Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has launched a Mobile App named flyDel to serve the passengers by

- providing real-time flight information and access to all passengers' facilities available at the airport in Delhi.
- Gujarat has announced a ban on the use of plastic in the state.
- ICICI Bank has announced a new home loan proposition, 'ICICI Bank Saral-Rural Housing Loan', with a special interest rate.
- India gets its first private bank in 11 years with Finance Minister Arun Jaitley inaugurating "Bandhan Bank" as a full-fledged scheduled commercial bank.
- India retains its top spot as the world's largest exporter of beef, according to data released by the U.S.
- Department of Agriculture, and has extended its lead over the next highest exporter, Brazil.
- India successfully places its latest communication satellite GSAT-6 in the orbit.
- India's third largest private sector lender, Axis Bank has launched the first Contactless Debit, Credit and Multi-Currency Forex Card in association with VISA the payments gateway company in the country

## INTERNATIONAL

- China has successfully tested the power system of a Long March-5 carrier, stated to be the largest space launchvehicle that will be used in the Chang'e-5 lunar mission around 2017.
- China reduces interest rates by 0.25 percent to calm stock markets and boost growth.

- Google has unveiled a surprise restructuring, creating a new parent company called Alphabet Inc.
- Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif was on a visit to India.
- Japan has restarted its controversial nuclear power program after a shutdown triggered by the 2011 Fukushima crisis, as the government pushes to return to a cheaper energy source despite widespread public opposition.
- Pakistan has banned the Islamic State militant group that has overrun vast stretches of Iraq and Syria after repeatedly denying the dreaded outfit's presence within its territory.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Two-Day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- Singapore commemorates 50 years since it became an independent state.

## SPORTS

- Ace Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal regains the No. 1 spot in World Badminton Rankings.
- After 36 years, the Indian Women Hockey Team Makes History by getting into 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Archer Abhishek Verma clinches Gold medal in Archery World Cup.
- Sri Lankan cricketer Kumara Sangakkara bids farewell to International cricket.