

(He took over from Justice H L Dattu who retired on 2nd December 2015)	
The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). These six IITs will be set up at? (Each new IIT will have an initial intake of 180 students in its first year from temporary / transit which would increase to 450 in the second year and to 928 (840 Undergraduates, 80 Postgraduates and 8 Ph.D.) in the third year of their operation.)	Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Jammu, Kerala and Karnataka
Name the Senior Janata Dal (United) leader and five-time MLA who was unanimously elected new Speaker of the Bihar State Legislative Assembly?	Vijay Kumar Chaudhary
Name the pilot and actor who won the gold medal in the 'physique fitness' category at the seventh WBPB World Bodybuilding and Physique Championships in Bangkok?	Thakur Anoop Singh
Name the renowned Sarangi maestro (a recipient of Padma Bhushan (2006) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986)) who passed away recently at the age of 88?	Ustad Sabri Khan
What is the rank of India in the Global Innovation Index 2015 which is released by Cornell University, INSEAD, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) recently?	81

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the country which has launched its first high orbit high-definition (HD) optical imaging satellite called Gaofen-4?	China
Which Hollywood film was the most pirated film of 2015 with over 46 million illegal downloads?	Interstellar
Which West-African country has been declared Ebola-free by the WHO?	Guinea
Name the 53-year old British man who has become the first man in the world to row across the Pacific Ocean from North America to Australia non-stop and solo?	John Beeden
Which country became the first team in the cricket history to score 1000 individual centuries across all three formats of International cricket?	Australia
Which country has announced to use Chinese currency Yuan as its legal currency along with the US Dollar and South Africa Rand after China cancelled debts worth \$40 million?	Zimbabwe
Name the FIFA Chief and UEFA Chief who were banned from all football-related activities for 8 years?	Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini
The Winter Solstice which marks the shortest day of the year in Earth's northern hemisphere occurred on? (During Winter Solstice, the northern hemisphere is at its farthest from the sun.)	December 22

Name the Hollywood film which has become Hollywood's biggest opener having collected \$238 million in its opening weekend breaking previous record of Jurassic World (\$208 million)?	Star Wars: the Force Awakens
Name the Jamaican sprint star, a 11-time world champion and 6-time Olympic medalist, who has been voted the Best Male Athlete of 2015 by the International Sports Press Association (AIPS)? (Novak Djokovic and Lionel Messi were voted second and third place respectively.)	Usain Bolt
A 1,370 year old copy of the Quran, claimed to be the world's oldest copy of the Islamic holy book, was found in?	Birmingham, United Kingdom
Which country recently lifted a 32-year ban on blood donations by gay and bisexual men?	USA
The three-day long 2nd World Internet Conference was concluded on 18 December 2015. At which place this conference was held?	Wuzen (China)
International Migrants Day was observed across the world on? (On 18 December 1990, the General Assembly, United Nations adopted the international convention on the protection of the rights of migrant workers and members of their families.)	18th December 2015
Which country's membership terms to join the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as 163rd member was approved at the WTO's Tenth Ministerial Conference (MC10) recently?	Afghanistan
By what percentage the Federal Reserve of United States (US) increased the interest rate for the first time since 2006?	0.25%
Name the first-ever vaccine against dengue fever which has been manufactured by French company Sanofi and has been cleared for use in Mexico? (Dangue fever affects up to 400 million people per year.)	Dengvaxia
Name the German Chancellor who was named as Person of the Year 2015 by Time Magazine?	Angela Merkel
Name the world number one women shuttler from Spain who has won the 2015 Female Badminton Player of the Year award?	Carolina Marin
International Anti-Corruption Day was observed across the world on?	9th December 2015
Which country formally joined as the ninth member of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?	New Zealand
5th "Heart of Asia" conference began at?	Islamabad (Pakistan)
Which bank holds world's largest assets at 2.95 trillion dollar?	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)
International Day of Persons with Disabilities with the theme - Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities, was observed on?	3rd December 2015

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery was observed on?	2nd December 2015
World AIDS Day (Theme - On the Fast-Track to end AIDS) was observed on?	1st December 2015
Who was elected as the president of Burkina Faso?	Roch Marc Christian Kabore
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved Yuan for inclusion in its elite basket of reserve currencies. Yuan is the currency of which country? (The yuan, also known as the renminbi, will join the US dollar, euro, Japanese yen and British pound next year in the basket of currencies the IMF uses as an international reserve asset.)	China

International Tennis Federation (ITF) on 22 December 2015 announced winners of 2015 World Champions

List of ITF 2015 World Champions:

Awards	Winners
Men's World Champion	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's World Champion	Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles World Champions	Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands) & Horia Tecau (Romania)
Women's Doubles World Champions	Martina Hingis (Switzerland) & Sania Mirza (India)
ITF Junior World Champions	Dalma Galfi (Hungary) & Taylor Fritz (USA)
ITF Wheelchair World Champions	Jiske Griffioen (Netherlands) & Shingo Kunieda (Japan)

ICC Awards 2015

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Awards	Winners
Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year	Steven Smith (Australia)
ICC Test Cricketer of the Year	Steven Smith (Australia)
ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year	AB de Villiers (South Africa)
ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year	Meg Lanning (Australia)
ICC Emerging Cricketer of the Year	Josh Hazlewood (Australia)

ICC Associate and Affiliate Cricketer of the Year	Khurram Khan (UAE)
ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year	Stafanie Taylor (West Indies)
David Shepherd Trophy for ICC Umpire of the Year	Richard Kettleborough
ICC Spirit of Cricket Award	Brendon McCullum (New Zealand)
ICC Twenty20 International Performance of the Year	Faf du Plessis (South Africa for his 119 off 56 balls in 2nd T20I vs West Indies, 11 January 2015, Johannesburg)

Abbreviations in News:

1. **NIIF:** National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
2. **AIB:** Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
3. **ECI:** Election Commission of India
4. **FIR:** First Information Report
5. **IRCTC:** Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd.
6. **TRAI:** Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
7. **RRB:** Railway Recruitment Board
8. **FSSAI:** Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
9. **RCom:** Reliance Communications
10. **PSLV:** Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle
11. **CBDT:** Central Board of Direct Taxes
12. **UCCN:** UNESCO's Creative Cities Network
13. **ICU:** International Cycling Union
14. **GFI:** Global Financial Integrity
15. **DGCI:** Drug Controller General of India
16. **IPL:** Indian Premier League
17. **WIPO:** World Intellectual Property Organization
18. **HD:** High-Definition
19. **ITF:** International Tennis Federation
20. **ICBC:** Industrial and Commercial Bank of China