

Current Affairs - November 2012 (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, is honoured with the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Ordre des Arts et des Lettres) in Mumbai.

The Union Cabinet approves a plan to grant the status of ex-servicemen to retired personnel of paramilitary and central police forces.

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** asks banks for timely and adequate assistance, to **Micro and Small Enterprises** as soon as signs of sickness are detected.

Veteran cartoonist **T Samuel**, a pioneer of pocket cartoons in the country, **passed away** at the age of 86. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Ashishkumar Chauhan is appointed as the managing director and Chief Executive Officer of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

The world's most-anticipated smartphone, the iPhone 5 is launched in India by Apple Inc.

Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Governor of Gujarat and Rajasthan **Kailashpati Mishra passed away** at the age of 89.

Manipur's legendary singer, artist and actor Khundrapkam Joykumar popularly known as "**Khun Joykumar**" **passed away** at the age of 63.

Banker and New York based- author **Ruchir Sharma** was awarded the **Tata Literature Live! First Book Award** for his Breakout Nations: In Pursuit of the Next Economic Miracles at the Mumbai Litfest on November 5, 2012.

The fast launched by civil rights activist **Irom Sharmila** of Manipur demanding repeal of the **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 completes the 12th years**. She began the protest on November 4, 2000. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

President of India Pranab Mukherjee on 5 November 2012 presented the **Durgabai Deshmukh awards** for women's development for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 at an award ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee dedicates Chhattisgarh Mantralaya at Naya Raipur to the people.

India and Canada attempt to remove overhangs of mistrust that have affected their relationships, at a meeting in New Delhi between Prime Ministers Dr. Manmohan Singh and Stephen Harper.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper calls on President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi and discusses a host of bilateral and multilateral issues.

India and Afghanistan sign four pacts, including one on cooperation in development of coal and mineral resources, in New Delhi after the meeting of the

Prime Minister' Dr. Manmohan Singh and President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

As the Chairperson of the National League of Democracy of Myanmar, **Aung San Suu Kyi** meets Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in New Delhi.

President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurates the **32nd India International Trade Fair (IITF)** in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan. Belarus is accorded the status of partner country. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 comes into force.

Under the Act, a child is defined as any person below the age of 18 and is gender neutral.

Senior journalists **TN Ninan** and **Harish Khare** are awarded the **Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship**.

The former Union Minister K C Pant passes away at the age of 81.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and writer **Katherine Boo** on 14 November 2012 won the **US national book award** for nonfiction for *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*, which sheds light on the lives of India's poor as well as government corruption. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Autar Kaw, a professor of Indian Origin won US Professor of the Year Award-2012 on 15 November 2012.

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on 16 November 2012 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **State Bank of Vietnam (SBV)** for promoting greater co-operation and sharing supervisory information, between the two supervisors.

Urdu Scholar Gopi Chand Narang Awarded Moortidevi Award for 2010 for his outstanding work on Urdu Ghazal aur Hindustani Zehan wa Tehzeeb on November 16, 2012.

The Governments of India and Japan signed the two agreements on 16 November 2012 in Tokyo. The agreements are as following: 1) Agreement between India and Japan on Social Security 2) Memorandum between the Department of Atomic Energy of India and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan on Cooperation in the Rare Earths Industry in India.

Tulsi Govinda Baruah, the Chairman of Assam Tribune Group of Newspapers **died** on 17 November 2012 at his residence in Rajgarh.

Bal Thackeray, Shiv Sena founder, dies at 86 in Mumbai on 17 November 2012. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Tripura government on 18 November 2012 announced that it is going set up two elephant reserves for preservation of the species.

Ms. Vijayalakshmi Iyer takes over as Chairperson and Managing Director of Bank of India.

The Central Government maintains in the Supreme Court that for establishment of a desalination plants for units 1 and 2 of the **Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project**, no fresh environmental clearance is required. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

The **Andhra Pradesh High Court** sets aside the lifetime ban imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) against **Mohammad Azharuddin**, former captain of the Indian cricket team, on charges of match-fixing.

Ratan N Tata steps down as Chairman of Tata Power and Cyrus P Mistry is appointed Chairman.

The **Government of India** approves a proposal to levy a one-time fee on telecom companies holding spectrum beyond a specified limit, to garner almost Rs. 31,000 crore.

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** gives its nod, to a proposal for **disinvestment** of 10 per cent of the Centre's equity in **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

The Supreme Court of India quashes the criminal proceedings initiated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against **Jaffer Sharief** under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code for an alleged corrupt practice he indulged in as Railway Minister in 1995.

The fifth **Russia-built** multi-role stealth frigate **INS Tarkash** is commissioned into Indian Navy at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad in Russia.

Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** receives an unprecedented welcome when he arrives in Karachi, as part of his week-long visit to Pakistan.

Finance Ministry says Information received from the Government of France about **HSBC** is analyzed and investigation into the information is undertaken by the different jurisdictional authorities under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

President Pranab Mukherjee launches **Aakash 2 tablet**, the advanced version of low cost tablet Aakash, in New Delhi.

The Government receives just Rs. 9,224 crore by holding a Supreme Court ordered **2G spectrum auction**. Only 18 of the 22 telecom circles receive a bid. Delhi, Mumbai, Rajasthan and Karnataka circles find no bidders.

Asian Games and Commonwealth Games medalist **Pinki Pramanik** is charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPL) for rape, criminal intimidation and other offences in the charge sheet submitted by the police in a district court at Barasat in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.

The Czech Republic on 18 November 2012 won the **100th Davis Cup 2012** finals, after defeating Spain by 3-2 in the finals. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Asian under 10 girls chess champion **Nutakki Priyanka** bagged the **world youth chess championship at Maribor, Slovenia** on 18 November 2012.

Bangladesh opted out of the key summit known as D-8 Summit in Pakistan which is scheduled to be held later in November 2012.

M. Mahalakshmi and **R. Vaishali** from Chennai on 19 November 2012 won Gold at the **World Youth Chess Championship in Slovenia**.

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, in its notification released on 19 November 2012 directed banks not to provide loans to its customers for purchase of all types of gold, which includes primary gold, jewellery, bullion, gold coins, units of **Gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETF)** and units of gold mutual funds.

Yuvi- Book on Cricketer Yuvraj Singh authored by Makarand Waingankar Released.

Scott Flemming Became the New Indian Basketball Team Coach.

President of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf chosen for **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2012** on November 19, 2012.

Malala Yousafzai, on 19 November 2012 awarded by World Peace and Prosperity Foundation for her bravery and commitment to education for girls in adverse conditions in Swat, Pakistan.

The Indian-American **Sunita Williams**, 47, set the record by returning to Earth on 20 November 2012 from the International Space Station (ISS) from Russian Soyuz capsule after having spent 4 months in the Space.

Delhi High Court on November 20, 2012 Launched **e-court Fee System** making Justice Delivery System Paperless.

The **President of India Pranab Mukherjee** on 20 November 2012 released a Commemorative Postage Stamp on late **Ramgopal Maheshwari**.

Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India on 20 November inaugurated the **Mannam International Socio-Cultural and Charitable Center** at Rashtrapati Bhavan's Auditorium.

The 8th meeting of the **India-UK Joint Working Group (JWG)** on Counter Terrorism was held on November 20, 2012 in New Delhi.

Sunil Gavaskar conferred with **Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** on November 21, 2012.

Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab, the lone surviving terrorist of 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attacks, was hanged on 21 November 2012 at Pune's Yerwada Jail at 7:30 am and buried inside the jail premises. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Ranjit Sinha appointed as next director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 22 November 2012 for two years.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was awarded with **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development** on 22 November 2012 at Rashtrapati Bhavan by President of India, Pranab Mukherjee.

The **Computer Society of India (CSI)** on 22 November 2012 adjudged Ministry of External Affairs' **Passport Seva Project** as the **most significant e-Governance initiative** of the Government of India undertaken during 2011-12.

Government of India on 22 November 2012 signed a 70-million US Dollar loan agreement with World Bank for financing the Karnataka Health Systems Development as well as Reform Project.

The Union Cabinet of India on 22 November 2012 passed the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy (NPPA)**.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the **disinvestment of 9.5 percent Government Stake in the Maharatna PSU-National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)** on 22 November 2012 from its holding of 84.50 percent.

Joaquim Barbosa was sworn-in as **Brazil's Supreme Court's first non-White President** on 23 November 2012 at a packed ceremony in the capital Brasilia.

Ernest Bai Koroma, leader of the All People's Congress was **re-elected as the President of Sierra Leone** on 23 November 2012.

Usain Bolt and Allyson Felix named **IAAF World Athletes of the Year 2012 on November 24, 2012.** (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Government of India on 24 November 2012 announced to set up a **National Cancer Institute (NCI)** and a **National Cardio Care Centre (NCCC)** at the second campus of All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Badhsa village of **Jhajjar, Haryana.**

Arvind Kejriwal on 24 November 2012 announced the name of his newly formed Political Party as **Aam Admi Party** at the Constitution Club, New Delhi.

The **worst industrial fire accident** took place on 24 November 2012 in **Bangladesh** at Ashulia near Dhaka killed over 100 and injured many.

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel became **youngest triple champion in the history of Formula One on 25 November 2012.**

BJP suspended Rajya Sabha Member **Ram Jethmalani** from the Party on November 25, 2012.

India-Maldives Joint Military Training Exercise **EKUVERIN 2012** held in Belgaum, India from 12 to 25 November 2012.

Scientists developed a new drug called **Aflibercept** for stopping the cancerous cells from multiplying. The new drug compels the cancerous cells to sleep which in turn stops them in multiplying.

The **2nd India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue** was held in New Delhi on 26 November, 2012.

India and Sweden signed a **social security agreement in New Delhi on 26 November 2012.** This agreement will help both the countries in more investment and work opportunities for nationals of India and Sweden.

The **Government of India** on 27 November 2012 approved a scheme under the **12th**

Five Year Plan for carrying out an **anti-piracy initiative** in the audio-visual sector with an allocation of two crore rupees.

The Social, Humanitarian Cultural Affairs Committee (Commonly referred as third committee of the UN General assembly) of United Nations on 27 November 2012, overseeing human rights issues, unanimously passed a resolution on North Korea. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

Maldives cancelled its Biggest Foreign Investment Project with GMR Group.

The **Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF)** on 29 November 2012 appointed **Luiz Felipe Scolari** as the **Coach of Brazilian Football team.**

The **Parliament of Egypt passed draft of their new constitution** in which the duties, responsibilities and roles of the legislature, judiciary and executive have been defined. (www.Examsbuzz.in)

BS Yeddyurappa resigned from BJP and Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

Inder Kumar Gujral, who served as the Prime Minister in United Front government in 1990s, died at the age of 92 on 30 November 2012.

The economy of India grew just by 5.3 percent in July-September quarter of fiscal year 2012-2013, revealed the Central Statistical Organization (CSO). In the previous fiscal year, the gross domestic product (GDP) had grown by 6.7 percent in the same quarter. In the first quarter of 2012-2013, the economy had grown by 5.5 percent.

The **Government of India** on 29 November 2012 **issued new guidelines** to stop misuse of **section 66(a) of the Information Technology Act.**

Scientists of NASA have discovered a huge mass of ice at Mercury's North Pole on 29 November 2012. Mercury is the planet closest to the Sun. These findings come from the Mercury-orbiting probe of NASA, Messenger.

Eight core sectors of the Indian Economy grew by 6.5 percent, the eightmonth high in October 2012-2013 in comparison to 0.4 percent in same time period last year, the official data revealed on 30 November 2012

Supreme Court of India on 30 November 2012 issued certain guidelines in order to put a halt to eve-teasing. SC termed eve-teasing consequences disastrous and also directed the government that women cops in plain clothes should be deputed at the public places.

Infosys Decided Shifting Its American Shares From Nasdaq to NYSE.

Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on 30 November 2012 launched its e-Passbook portal for its members to access their accounts online. The facility will be available on the website- www.epfindia.gov.in.

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