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Latest Rates of Reserve Bank of India

- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – 4%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – 23%
- Repo Rate: 7.50%
- Reverse repo Rate: 6.50%
- Bank Rate – 9.50%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)– 9.50%

Abstracts of Final Guidelines for new bank licenses issued by RBI

Everyone is welcome, but with caveats:

- Corporates, non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) and public sector entities can set up banks. Broking and real estate companies can also apply.
- Promoters need to be financially sound with track record of 10 years.
- Positive feedback from other regulators and investigative agencies critical.

Ring fenced structure:

- Promoters must set up banks through wholly-owned non-operative financial holding companies.
- Holding company and bank not permitted to lend or invest in any entity belonging to the promoter group.
- Shares of holding companies cannot be transferred to entities outside the promoter group.

Shareholding in the bank:

- Holding company to hold 40% stake in bank for 5 years.
- Holding company to reduce stake in the bank to 20% in 10 years, 15% in 12 years.
- Foreign shareholding capped at 49% for 5 years.

Capital requirements:

- Minimum paid-up capital of the bank must be Rs 500 crore.
- The bank needs to maintain capital adequacy ratio at 13% for initial 3 years.
- The bank must get listed within 3 years.

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Other conditions:

- At least 25% of new branches must be in unbanked rural centres.
- At least 50% of the directors of holding company must be independent directors.
- The bank's board must have a majority of independent directors.

Application process:

- Applications for banking licenses need to be submitted by July 1, 2013.
- RBI to issue in-principle approval after considering recommendations from a high level advisory committee.
- The in-principle approval will be valid for 1 year.

RBI guidelines under Scheme A for White Label ATMs (WLAs):

- i. Under this scheme, RBI gives the approval in case a company establishes a minimum of **1000 ATMs in first year**, twice the number of first year in second year as well as thrice the second year's installation in third year.
- ii. According to RBI guidelines, under Scheme 'A', for every three WLAs (White Level Atms) installed in tier-III to VI centres, one can be installed in tier-I to II centres. Of the total WLAs installed in tiers-III to VI centres, a minimum of 10 per cent should be installed in tier-V & VI centres. Till recently, only banks were permitted to set up ATMs as extended delivery channels. RBI then permitted non-bank entities to set up, own and operate WLAs for expanding reach in tiers-III to VI.

White Label ATMs (WLAs) - The White Label ATMs (WLAs) are the ones which are not owned and operated by the bank but by another non-bank entity.

India's Growth Forecast

World Bank Forecast GDP growth rate for India:

- 5.7% in 2013-14
- 6.5% in 2014-15
- 6.7% in 2015-16

IMF's GDP growth:

- 5.6 %- For India (According to World Economic Outlook) for 2013.
- 3.3%- For global growth.

India's GDP growth:

- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (of India) lowers growth projection for 2013-14 to 5.3 pc from 6.4 percent projected earlier.

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- India's GDP growth likely to be at 5.2% in 2013: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- RBI recently in its quarterly review has scaled down the growth projection for the current fiscal to 5.5 per cent from its earlier estimate of 5.7 per cent.
- Asian Development Bank lowered its growth projection for India to 5.8 per cent in calendar 2013 from 6 per cent estimated earlier, citing the slow progress of economic reforms.
- International Monetary Fund outlook projects India's economic growth at 5.6 per cent this year.
- HSBC cuts India's GDP growth forecast to 4%
- Reserve Bank of India cuts India Growth Forecast (GDP) to 5.5%
- OECD scaled down India's Growth Rate at 5.3 Percent
- S&P pegs India's FY'14 growth at 6.4%; may up rating outlook.

India's Ranking in Different Indexes for 2013

- Global Competitiveness Index-60 for 2013 (Switzerland top in this report)
- Global Hunger Index- 66.
- Global Corruption Index - 94
- Gender Inequality Index - 132nd (UN Human Development (Index) Report)
- India has been ranked as the 119th freest country in the world out of 177 in the 2013 index of economic freedom.
- Human Development Report - 136
- Global Peace Index - 141
- In List of High Net worth Individuals - (5th acc to the Knight Frank Wealth Report 2013)
- In The List of Spam Spewing Nation in the World- 3rd (after US and China): as per the new report of Sophos Labs.

Banking/ Financial News and Updates

- Tata Communications Payment Solutions (TCPS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Communications, is the first company to launched first white label ATM (WLA) at Chandrapada, a tier-V town near Mumbai. It has been branded 'Indicash' by the company. TCPS has got the license from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to launch white label ATM operations last month under scheme 'B' of the central bank.
- Muthoot Finance got in-principal approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for establishing as well as operating.
- RBI Sign first Currency Swap Agreement with Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan valid for a period of 3 years, according to this the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan can draw US Dollar, Euro or Indian Rupee in multiple tranches up to a maximum of 100 million US dollars or its

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- equivalent.
- RBI issued a guide lines that all the cheques should be cleared in 2 days.
 - The **Reserve Bank of India** imposed a fine of Rs 5 crore on Axis Bank, Rs 4.5 crore on HDFC Bank and Rs. 1 crore on ICICI Bank **for violation of Know Your Customer KYC norms and anti-money laundering guidelines** after inquiring into charges leveled by a online portal Cobrapost.
 - RBI has allowed RRBs to open branches in Tier-II cities (Population ~50,000 to 99,999 as per 2001 census) without taking its permission
 - The RBI announced its decision to buy long-term government bonds worth Rs 80 billion (nearly \$1.3bn) to pump more liquidity into the country's banking system.
 - RBI hiked the investment limit in government securities by FIIs and long-term investors \$25 billion from \$20 billion and in corporate bonds \$50 billion from \$45 billion
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) panel mooted 'India Bill Payment System' (IBPS), a GIRO-based electronic bill payment system (GIRO Government Internal Revenue Order) for payment of dues of essential services, insurance premia, utility payments, taxes, university fees, examination fees and school fees.
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed restrictions on banks to import gold with immediate effect to curb the widening current account deficit (CAD).
 - RBI will launch Inflation Indexed Bonds (IIBs) each month with a maturity period of 10 years from 4 June to wean away investors from gold to paper-based savings instruments.
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked banks to bring all districts in metropolitan areas under the lead bank scheme (LBS) fold. The lead bank scheme, launched way back in 1969, is an integrated mechanism to extend banking services to the doorsteps of consumers, especially the poor.
 - **RBI has extended the date for implementation of Basel III by three months i.e., from 1 Jan to 1 April, 2013.**
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) 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.
 - According to the RBI directive, Amanath Cooperative Bank can conduct a financial transaction of not more than Rs. 1,000 per account a day. Besides, the bank has been stopped from accepting deposits till further orders
 - In order to promote lending to priority sectors, the Reserve Bank has allowed urban co-operative banks (UCBs) to grant unsecured loans up to 25 % of their assets if certain conditions are met.
 - India and Japan signed a currency swap agreement for up to 15 billion dollars to address short-term liquidity problems. The bilateral swap arrangement (BSA) has been inked between the Reserve Bank of India and the Bank of Japan.
 - RBI said NBFCs operating infrastructure finance companies (IFCs) can now avail themselves of overseas borrowings up to 75 % of their owned funds without its approval.

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- RBI has launched a website explaining ways to detect counterfeit notes. With a tagline 'Pehchano Paise Ki Boli, Kyunki Paisa Bolta Hai'.
- RBI has issued a new series of 50 paise coins with the rupee symbol and new security features to facilitate easy recognition. It clarified that 50 paise coins will remain in use.
- Government has extended the term of the Anand Sinha Deputy Governor of RBI.
- RBI started Plastic Money Project on Trial Basis in 5 cities (Kochi, Mysore, Jaipur, Bhubhaneshwar and Shimla) of India with the denomination of 10 rupees and will continue with other small denominations depending upon the success of these notes.
- R.B.I. directed Banks to follow Clean Note Policy.
- RBI guide lines for the clearance of all the cheques is 2 days.
- RBI hiked the investment limit in government securities by FIIs and long-term investors \$25 billion from \$20 billion and in corporate bonds \$50 billion from \$45 billion.
- Under the 'Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) scheme, any individual, including poor or those from weaker section of the society, can open zero balance account in any bank (including foreign banks).
- RBI permitted the premature encashment of 8% savings (Taxable) Bonds for individual investors who are 60 years and above in age.
- RBI issued norms for currency swap window for fresh foreign currency non-resident bank-FCNR(B) deposits mobilized for a minimum tenor of 3 years.
- RBI allowed the Non-Resident Investors including NRIs to buy Shares under FDI Scheme. Till now, the FIIs (Foreign Institutional Investor), QFIs (Qualified Foreign Investors) and NRIs were eligible to invest and acquire the shares on the recognized stock exchanges of India in compliance with the FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) regulations. But the NRIs were not allowed to acquire shares on exchange (bourses) under the FDI Scheme.
- The RBI said, min paid-up equity of 25 % should be held directly by the lender. Also, repayment of the principal will commence only after completion of minimum average maturity of 7 years and no prepayment will be allowed before maturity.
- RBI opens special dollar window for 3 oil marketing firms: the central bank has activated the forex swap window, whereby it will undertake sell/buy of dollar-rupee forex swaps for a fixed period with Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum and Bharat Petroleum through a designated bank.
- The RBI imposed restrictions on banks and NBFCs for providing loans against gold coins as well as units of gold ETFs and mutual funds to curb demands for gold. Also banks were asked to ensure that the amount of loan to any customer against gold ornaments, gold Jewellery and gold coins (weighing up to 50 grams) should be within the board approved limit.
- **India has signed a loan agreement of 100 million US dollar with the World Bank for its Low Income Housing Finance Project.** The objective of the project is to provide access to sustainable housing finance for low income households to purchase, build or upgrade their dwellings.
- Govt aimed to bring e-governance at grass root level for transparency under e-district scheme

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and govt has decided to cover 339 of around 620 districts by March 2014 by a system under which govt. services can be accessed through instruments like mobile phones. The initiative is a part of e-Bharat programme for which government has received a financial support of around Rs 700 crore from World Bank.

- World Bank will provide USD 255 million (Rs 1,499.6 crore) loan to India for National AIDS Control Project (NACP-IV)' to promote safe behaviour among high risk groups. was signed in New Delhi on Tuesday between India and the World Bank.
- According to the **World Bank** India is Largest Recipient of Remittances in the World, receiving 69 billion US Dollars in 2012. India is followed by China (60 billion US dollars), the Philippines (24 billion US dollars), Mexico (23 billion US dollars) and Nigeria and Egypt (21 billion US dollars each) are Other large recipients include Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Lebanon.
- **SIDBI signs tripartite MoU with Egyptian body, World Bank:** Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Social Fund for Development (SFD) Egypt and the World Bank. According to Sushil Muhnot, Chairman & Managing Director, SIDBI, under the MOU, SIDBI and its associates will provide consultancy for three year period to SFD and establish credit guarantee system for micro, small and medium enterprises in Egypt.
- **India to buy \$4.3 billion worth of World Bank bonds:** The government announced its decision to invest \$4.3 billion (Rs 27,000 crore) the World Bank's special private placement bonds (SPPBs) so that the country could remain eligible for the global lender's low-cost funding for various domestic infrastructure projects.
- The government signed a \$60 million loan agreement with the **World Bank** to improve watershed operations in seven districts of Karnataka.
- World Bank recorded that remittance flows to developing countries grew by 5.3 per cent to reach an estimated 401 billion dollar in 2012.
- UAE Exchange, one of the largest foreign exchange firms in the United Arab Emirates, has applied to RBI for a banking license in India.
- The Reserve Bank opened a special borrowing window of Rs 25,000 crore to help the crisis-ridden mutual funds tide over liquidity problems.
- Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla has resigned from RBI board to avoid any conflict of interest as one of his group firm is in the race for a new banking licence.
- In view of a series of chit fund frauds, RBI has decided to set up a separate forum for coordination and sharing information to rein in such investment schemes.
- Muthoot Fincorp, which is actually a part of Muthoot Pappachan Group, announced launching 100 crore Rupees non-convertible debenture (NCB) issue in order to fund the expansion of microfinance as well as small and medium enterprise (SME) business
- Reserve Bank will examine financials of 34,754 non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to ascertain their eligibility. "The main objective is to determine whether among these companies there are NBFCs that ought to have registered with the RBI for carrying on their NBF (non-banking financial institution) activities,".

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- Rajan announced an external committee, under the chairmanship of former Governor Bimal Jalan, to screen applicants for new bank licences, from January next year.
- **Karur Vysya Bank wins best banker award.**
- Faced with a weakening rupee, the Reserve Bank announced it will sell government bonds worth Rs 22,000 crore every Monday to check volatility in the forex market.
- Remittances to developing countries are likely to grow by an annual average of 8.8 per cent for the next three years and are expected to reach 515 billion US dollars in 2015.
- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh released a commemorative stamp of Rs 5 in memory of freedom fighter and veteran journalist Lala Jagat Narain. Nagaland became the first state to use the high-tech voter recording system 'Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail' (VVPAT) with Electronic Voting Machines for the by-elections to Noksen Assembly constituency.
- Chhattisgarh has been selected for this year's prestigious National Literacy Award for the first time since its formation in November 2000. The award was presented on the International Literacy Day celebrated on September eight.
- Aditya Birla Group (Ultra Tech Cement) to acquire Gujarat cement for Rs 3,800 crore.
- Retirement fund body EPFO is likely to announce an interest rate of 8.5 percent from 8% on provident fund deposits for 2013-14.
- The Karnataka State government sanctioned Rs 100 crore for Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan for strengthening gram panchayats and gram sabhas by providing training to members.
- The International Olympic Committee has asked the Indian Olympic Association to drop charge-sheeted members by October 31 to enable its return to the Olympic family.
- Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB) has opened about 1.5 lakh no-frills accounts in eight districts of the State on a single day as part of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) initiative.
- Central Bank of India and Suvidhaa launched a prepaid (Channel) card for retailers that will enable people to pay their utility bills, taxes and book tickets by going to the nearest Suvidhaa outlets.
- The Central Government raised customs duty on gold, silver and platinum to 10 percent in a bid to curb the surging imports and burgeoning Current Account Deficit (previously gold 8% and silver 6%).
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Centre signed an agreement for **US \$300 million** additional loan to upgrade 254 kilometres of deteriorated highways in northern and southern Bihar.
- **ADB gave 100 Million US Dollar Loan to Uttarakhand for the urban infrastructure programme.**
- The ADB has offered \$150 million loan for the expansion of railway tracks and to improve overall service in the country.
- ADB announced to provide \$74.8 million loan to improve road connectivity in the North East states.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide about 6 billion dollars loan to India to maintain its

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- lending level to India.
- ADB to provide \$300 million loan to Chhattisgarh for overhauling roads.
 - **Maharatna status for Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) and GAIL.**
 - ICICI Bank Ltd, India's largest private sector bank, has launched ICICI Bank Carbon in partnership with Visa.
 - India extends US\$144mn credit line to Liberia of power transmission and distribution projects to reduce the gap of power shortage in Liberia.
 - India tops BRICS in super-rich membership : World Ultra Wealth report 2013.
 - Import Duty on Gold, Silver & Platinum hiked to 10 Percent by Central Government in a bid to curb the surging imports and burgeoning Current Account Deficit.
 - India, Japan to enhance currency swap arrangement to USD 50 billion a development that is likely to bring stability in financial markets in the country.
 - The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 113.70 crore to Karnataka under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
 - **Government of India postponed the implementation of General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR) by 2 years to April 1, 2016.**
 - Govt. granted an aid of 41 Crore Rs. to protect "Pashmina Goats".
 - Centre to set up country's 1st geothermal power project in Ladakh.
 - The State Bank of Travancore launched a new service for its customers - **doorstep banking**. The minimum pick-up will be Rs. 5 lakh and the maximum would be Rs. 20 million.
 - State Bank of India, in partnership with a non-banking finance company, UAE Exchange and Financial Services, has launched a card which will enable the holder to receive the remittance directly on the card. The card State Bank Xpress Money Card can be loaded with up to Rs 50,000. A maximum of 30 remittances can be loaded during a calendar year. Prepaid cards are beneficial to customers as there is no need to open a bank account in State Bank of India.
 - **State Bank of India (SBI) opened its 2nd branch in China (Tianjin), While 1st in Shanghai.**
 - **SEBI has introduced electronic IPOs from January 1, 2013.**
 - The Indian tea industry has finally reached the 1 billion kg-mark in production.
 - Madhya Pradesh is the first State to fully utilize tourism plans funds.
 - ICICI Bank Opened 101 Gramin Branches across Villages in 6 States
 - Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Y V Reddy will be the Chairman of 14th Finance Commission; the 13th Finance Commission was headed by former Finance Secretary Vijay Kelkar.
 - India and Pakistan have agreed to allow two banks each from both, the countries to set up branches across the border. The two Indian banks are SBI and Bank of India and two Pakistani banks are National Bank of Pakistan and United Bank Ltd.
 - Indian banks would need Rs 3,90,000-5,00,000 crore capital over the next six years in the wake of Basel III capital regulations announced by the RBI.
 - Bank of India opened its 1st Branch in South Africa.
 - LIC Housing Finance has launched a new home loan product called "Bhagyalakshmi" for women

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home seekers.

- ING Vysya Life is now subsidiary of Exide Industries
- India is 4th largest energy consumer in the world: According to a Report by US Energy Information Administration (EIA), India has emerged the fourth largest energy consumer of the world after the US, China and Russia, but its per capita energy consumption remains lower than that of developed countries.
- Moneylender-free' village: Canara Bank has taken move by declaring Kunjupannai village in Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu a 'moneylender free' village.
- Card related complaints are highest number of complaints which were reported to the 'Banking Ombudsmans'
- Minimum net-owned funds of Rs 50 lakh must for money transfer business: According to the Reserve Bank of India, Indian agents intending to get into the money transfer business will need to have minimum net-owned funds of Rs 50 lakh. Further, collateral equivalent to three days's average drawings or \$50,000, whichever is higher, may be kept by the Overseas Principal in favour of the Indian Agent with a designated bank in India.
- The National Manufacturing Policy, aims at enhancing the share of manufacturing in GDP to: 25 per cent within a decade.
- 5 kg per head food grain is to be given at subsidized price as per revised Food Bill.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asks urban cooperative banks to implement core banking solutions (CBS) in all their branches by December 31, 2013.
- MNREGA workers to get more wages: From April 1, the maximum daily wage of Rs 214 has been fixed for Haryana, while Bihar, Sikkim, Tripura, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh will get the minimum of Rs 135. The MNREGA wage rate is linked to the Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labour (CPIAL) from April 1 every year.
- Minimum net-owned funds for money transfer business: Rs 50 lakh. Further, collateral equivalent to three days's average drawings or \$50,000, whichever is higher, may be kept by the Overseas Principal in favour of the Indian Agent with a designated bank in India.
- Share of India's goods exports in GDP in 2011-12: 17.7% of GDP
- India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation is subsidiary of: National Housing Bank (NHB).
- **Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme will be expanded to 78 districts from July 13.**
- The government has approved private sector lender Yes Bank's proposal to increase foreign holdings in the company to 60 percent that is likely to result in overseas equity inflow of Rs. 2,650 crore.
- Govt released National Cyber Security Policy 2013 with an aim to protect information and build capabilities to prevent cyber attacks and to safeguard both physical and business assets of the country.
- Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojna, MGPSY, a pension scheme for blue-collar Indian workers was launched in the Gulf. The MGPSY is aimed at helping the workers to save money for their retirement, their return to India and resettlement and provides life insurance cover against natural death during the period of coverage. Under the scheme, Government contributes

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Rs.1,000 per annum for men and Rs. 2000 for women subscribers of MGPSY who save between Rs.1,000 and Rs.12,000 per year in NPS-Lite. 73. Ratings agency Crisil Friday assigned 'AAA' ratings to India Infradebt Limited, the country's first infrastructure debt fund under the non-banking finance company structure. The fund, jointly promoted by ICICI Bank, Bank of Baroda, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and Citicorp Finance (India), awarded its first sanction letter to a road project.

- The Bank International Indonesia (BII) launched its operations in India by opening a branch in Mumbai.
- Anna Bhagya' programme launched in Karnataka. The programme entitles distribution of 30 kg rice at one rupee per Kg to over 98 lakh BPL and Antyodaya card holders in the state. The state Government will distribute over two lakh 78 thousand metric tonne of rice with a subsidy of 4400 crore every month.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved disinvestment of government stake in State Trading Corporation (STC) and ITDC, which would fetch around Rs.30 crore to the exchequer.
- HAUSLA Scheme launch for Family Health Campaign in U.P. HAUSLA (meaning "spirit" or "determination"), the campaign's twin goals include galvanizing state health systems to deliver high-quality, accessible health programs and services, while also increasing awareness and utilization of services by families and communities across the state's 75 districts. The HAUSLA campaign theme song, "Mujhse Bada Mera Hausla", is sung by popular Bollywood singer Shaan.
- In a major upgrade of powers given to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the government has allowed it to pass orders like search and seizure, attachment of properties, arrest and detention of defaulters and pass disgorgement directions to recover the wrongful gains made in contravention of laws.
- The Delhi High Court introduced online payment of court fee, the first such facility in the country which will save litigants from standing in long queues at the counter.
- India ranked 3rd in Global Consumer Confidence Index. Indonesia emerged as the most optimistic country with 124 points followed by Philippines with 121 points and India came third with 121 points.
- Government has approved Free Trade LPG Scheme for selling five Kilogram LPG cylinders through Company Owned Retail Outlets of Oil Marketing Companies.
- Assam government would roll out Food Security scheme from November to cover about 2.25 crore people in the state.
- Rampur become the first city of North India where ATM facility will be available for people maintaining accounts in co-operative banks.
- AADHAR platform must be only channel for DBT payments says Chidambaram and he has asked all public sector banks to approach beneficiaries of Direct Benefit Transfer, DBT, and scheme to link AADHAR number with their bank accounts.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, EPFO, has started registration of digital signatures of employers for online transfer of Provident Fund accounts. The system is aimed at

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- making the fund transfer process transparent, efficient and comfortable for employees.
- Reliance Power said its 45-MW wind power project at Vashpet in Maharashtra has commenced operations.
 - **Public sector banks have been asked by RBI to set up ATMs in all branches by March, 2014 to enable customers in rural pockets to do banking round-the-clock**
 - Vodafone India in association with ICICI bank has started a unique money transfer and payment service “**M-Pesa**” in Bihar and Jharkhand where banking network and financial penetration is inadequate, particularly, in rural areas.
 - The Union Cabinet approved Women Self Help Groups to Get Low Interest Loans at 7% with the objective of removing poverty in rural areas by empowering women. Till now this rate was 11.5 to 14 %.
 - National Stock Exchange(NSE) launched the country’s first Debt Trading Platform
 - LPG subsidy in bank accounts in 18 districts from 1st june under this cooking gas (LPG) consumers will get Rs 435 in their bank accounts when they book an LPG cylinder via direct benefit transfer programme
 - India and Myanmar set 3 billion dollar trade target by 2015 during the meeting of India’s energy minister Anand Sharma with his Myanmar counterpart U Than Htay in New Delhi held on 6 June 2013.
 - Axis Bank launched co-branded credit card that offers a blend of insurance and a number of travel benefits for international frequent flyers, available in 2 versions, viz. World Select and World.
 - Reliance Capital became the first company to suspend gold sales.
 - Exim Bank approved \$300 million loan to Ethiopia for the construction of a railway line linking this landlocked country in the Horn of Africa to a port city in neighbouring Djibouti.
 - President inaugurated Rs 9000 crores’ first Gas-based Power Plant powered by ONGC—Tripura Power Corporation (OTPC) at Palatana in Tripura, which would produce 363.3 MW in the first phase.
 - Reliance Capital has roped in Japanese financial behemoths Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank and Nippon Life Insurance as minority partners to boost its quest for banking license.
 - The top three Expensive markets are: i.Hong Kong (Central) with annual occupancy costs of \$ 235.23 per sq ft topped the most expensive list for the third consecutive time. ii. London’s West End, Beijing’s Finance Street iii. Beijing’s Jianguomen.
 - India and Afghanistan have pledged to enhance bilateral cooperation across various sectors, particularly in the field of education. India is currently one of the largest providers of education scholarships to Afghan youth under various programmes.
 - Cabinet approved Mumbai Metro Line 3. The estimated cost for the metro project has been pegged at Rs 23,136 crore. The Metro project will be completed by March 2019. It will have 27 stations connecting business and industrial districts such as Nariman Point, Worli, Dadar, BKC, MIDC and SEEPZ. The daily ridership is expected to be 13.87 lakh by 2025 and 16.99 lakh by 2031.

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- In its first ever loan to private agri-business in India, Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide \$ 18.4 million to Champion Agro to set up cold storage facilities for fruits and vegetables focusing on Gujarat.
- The Union Cabinet approved the proposal for setting up of the Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) as an independent charitable society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ICICI Bank, the country's largest private sector bank, launched its 'Branch on Wheels' to offer basic banking services in remote areas which have so far been devoid of banking facilities.
- Paradip Port was conferred with the Major Port of the Year award for its excellent performance in the year 2012-13.
- The Government has decided to set up two new major ports one each at Sagar in West Bengal and the other at Dugarajapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- For the first time, an innovative Explosive Detection Kit developed by Indian scientists of DRDO will be manufactured in the United States and sold globally.

Food Security Bill 2013

- The food security bill approved is directed towards giving the right to food to around 67 per cent of India's 120-crore population (including 75% rural and 50% urban).
- While families in the poorest of the poor will continue to get 35 kg of grains per month.
- Rice will be made available at Rs 3/- per Kg.
- Wheat will cost Rs. 2/- a kg and cereal will be sold for 1 Rupee per kg.
- The Food Security programme will be the biggest in the world with the government spending estimated at Rs. 1,25,000 crore annually on supply of about 62 million tonnes of rice, wheat and coarse cereals to 67% of the population.
- About 2.43 crore poorest of the poor families covered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) scheme under PDS (Public Distribution System) would continue to get 35 kg of food grains per family per month but with legal entitlement.
- In Union Budget 2013-14, Rs 10,000 crore set aside for incremental cost for National Food Security Bill.
- The scheme will be linked to the Aadhar scheme which provides every citizen with a unique identification number that's linked to a database that includes the biometrics of all card-holders.
- C Rangarajan is the head of the committee for examination of the Food Security Bill.
- NOTE: Chhattisgarh the first state to pass legislation on food security. The state legislative assembly passed the Food Security Bill 2012 that confers legal rights to the beneficiaries to receive food grains and food items at highly subsidized prices.

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New Appointments

Heads of Important Organizations

- A Anand appointed Director, Central Board of Direct Taxes(CBDT)
- Thomas Bach of Germany was elected president of the International Olympic Committee, replacing Jacques Rogge.
- Ravindra Kumar elected new President of Indian Newspaper Society (INS).
- Erna Solberg Becomes Norway's Prime Minister.
- Rajeev Rishi took over as the CMD of Central Bank of India.
- Arundhati Bhattacharya was appointed the managing director and chief financial officer of the State Bank of India(SBI).
- Raghuram Govind Rajan was on 6 August 2013, appointed as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a time period of three years.
- Tony Abbot elected new Australian Prime Minister. He succeeded Kevin Rudd.
- Rakesh Sethi took Charge as Executive Director of Union Bank of India.
- Vinay Mittal appointed as Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) member.
- D.Bala Venkatesh Varma appointed Ambassador to UN Conference on Disarmament.
- Dilip Trivedi appointed Director General of the CRPF on August 17, 2013.
- Ali Akbar Salehi appointed Head of Atomic Energy Organisation in Iran.
- Ratan Thiyam Appointed as the Chairperson of the National School of Drama Society on August 19, 2013.
- Nishi Vasudeva on 22 August 2013 became the first woman to be selected as the head of Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL).
- Ashwani Kumar Appointed as Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Japan.
- Justice K.N.Basha Appointed as Chairman of the Intellectual Property Appellate Tribunal.
- Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana Appointed New Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court
- Anil Chait Took over as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC).
- Najeeb Jung appointed as new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- R. Chandrasekhar appointed President of Nasscom.
- Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil appointed new Governor of Sikkim.
- KK Paul took over as the New Governor of Meghalaya.
- AK Singh sworn in as the new Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Arvind Sharma Re-Elected as the President of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI).
- Suresh Chandra Mohanty Elected as the New President of ICAI
- Mamnoon Hussain was elected as the 12th President of Pakistan.
- Bhim Sain Bassi Took Charge as the 20th Delhi Police Commissioner.
- Bimal Julka appointed as Secretary of Information & Broadcasting Ministry
- Darren Lehmann appointed Coach of Australian Cricket Team

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- VK Duggal appointed as Nodal Officer for Relief and Rescue operations in Uttrakhand
- K R Kamath Re-Elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- Susan Elizabeth Rice Appointed as the National Security Adviser to Obama
- Ratan Tata Appointed as Chief Advisor of AirAsia India
- New Pope becomes the 266th pontiff
- Ayaz Sadiq Elected as the Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan
- Rami Hamdallah Appointed as the New Prime Minister of Palestine
- Infosys appointed Narayan Murthy as Executive Chairman of the Board
- Avinash Chander appointed as the New chief of Defence Research Development Organiastion(DRDO)
- Sujata Singh Appointed New Foreign Secretary of India. She succeeded Ranjan Mathai.
- Justice P Sathasivam - New Chief Justice of India(CJI). He Succeeded Altamas Kabir.
- Avinash Chander - New Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO Chief) replaced V. K. Saraswat
- Infosys appoints Narayana Murthy as Executive Chairman
- Sunil Soni appointed as the New Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
- Shashi Kant Sharma appointed New Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, replaced Vinod Rai.
- Kushal Singh appointed New Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
- Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul takes oath as new CJ of Punjab & Haryana high court
- K R Kamath Re-Elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- SK Roy New Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation
- Asian Athletics Association's President's - Dahlan Jumaan Al-Hamad
- Ratan Tata Appointed as Chief Advisor of AirAsia India
- Subramanian Ramadorai Appointed Chairman of AirAsia India
- Mittu Chandilya was named as the CEO of the AirAsia India
- VK Duggal appointed as Nodal Officer for Relief and Rescue operations in Uttrakhand
- Hariharan appointed Secy of Indian chess federation
- Bimal Jhulka appointed I&B secretary. He succeeds U K Varma
- Aruna Bahuguna - New Special Director General of the CRPF
- K. Siddaramaiah - New CM of Karnataka replaced Jagadish Shettar
- Sunil Bharti - Vice-Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).
- Dep. Chairman of Rajya Sabha, PJ Kurien - Chairman of Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population & Development (AFPPD).
- Krishnakumar Natarajan – New Chairman of Nasscom. He succeeded N Chandrasekaran.
- S Gopalakrishnan – New President of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry). He succeeded Adi Godrej
- Rajeev Shahare - New High Commissioner of Maldives.
- N. Ravi – President of Editors Guild of India.

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- Archana Bhargava – New Chairman and MD of UBI (United Bank of India)
- Anil Goswami – New Union Home Sec. He succeeded RK Singh
- Vijay Shankar appointed as new Karnataka Advocate General
- Gulzar new chancellor of Assam University
- M.F. Farooqui - Telecom Secretary replaced R. Chandrashekhar.
- Abhay Chautala- New President of Indian Olympic Association
- Vinod Rai - Re-Elected As Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors
- Sidharth Birla (Chairman of Xpro India Ltd and Digjam Ltd) - Senior Vice-President of FICCI.
- Anil Dev Singh - Chairperson of IOA Election Panel (after S.Y. Quraishi).
- Prahlad Joshi - Karnataka BJP President
- Justice D.K. Jain - new Chairman of Law Commission.
- Shyamala Gopinath - New Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) Chairperson.
- Urjit Patel -New Deputy Governor of RBI (replaced Subir Gokarn).
- Naina Lal Kidwai - New President of FICCI- (replaced R.V. Kanoria).
- Rajiv Takru - Secretary of Financial Services in the Finance Ministry replacing Dinesh Kumar.
- Rajnath Singh- new BJP president.
- P.R. Vasudeva Rao - Director of the IGCAR (Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research) replacing S.C Chetal.
- Mukund Govind Rajan - Group Spokesperson and Brand Custodian of Tata Group.
- Justice Y Bhaskar Rao - New Lokayukta of K'taka.
- Asoke Kumar Mukerji - Next Permanent Representative of India to the UN.
- T. S. Vijayan - Chairman of IRDA replaced J. Hari Narayan.
- Manik Sarkar - CM of Tripura for 5th time.
- Vice Admiral Anurag G Thapliyal - New Director General of Indian Coast Guard.
- Mukul Sangma - CM of Meghalaya.
- Neiphiu Rio CM of Nagaland for the 3rd consecutive time.
- Virbhadra Singh – CM of Himachal Pradesh for 6th time.
- Narendra Modi - CM of Gujarat for 4th time.
- Justice Swatanter Kumar - NGT (National Green tribunal) Chairperson.
- Cyrus Mistry - New Chairman of TATA Group after the retirement of Ratan tata.
- MS Sahoo - Secretary of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).
- S Raman - Whole Time Member of Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- S. Ramakrishnan - new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (replaced P S Veeraraghavan).
- Roelant Oltmans - New Director (High Performance) for Indian Hockey Team.
- S. Ramakrishnan - Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre replacing P S Veeraraghava.
- Aishwarya Rai Bachchan as International Goodwill Ambassador – UNAIDS (UN Programme on HIV/AIDS).
- Mary Kom - Brand Ambassador of Super Fight League (SPL) .
- Kenichi Ayukawa - new MD of Maruti Suzuki (replaced Shinzo Nakanishi).
- Justice B.Sudarshan Reddy - first Lokayukta of Goa.

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- B Ashok Reddy - Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Andhra Pradesh, for 2013-14.
- Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar- new Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court
- Rajan Bharti Mittal - president of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) India.
- Justice Ujjal Bhuyan - new Judge of the Guwahati High Court
- Parthasarathi Shome Appointed As the Adviser to Finance Minister of India
- Bhaichung Bhutia – Chairman of All India Football Federation’s Technical committee
- Jagat Singh Negi Elected As the Deputy Speaker of Legislative Assembly of Himachal.
- President of India, Pranab Mukherjee appointed Ali Mohd. Magrey and Dhiraj Singh Thakur as the Judges of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.
- Wei Wei – China’s new ambassador for India in place of Zhang Yang.
- Patrick Suckling - Australia's next High Commissioner to India (replacing Peter Varghese).
- John Kerry- The secretary of state (US).
- Head of WTO (World Trade Organisation): Roberto Azevedo
- New President of ADB (Asian Development Bank): Takehiko Nakao. He succeeded Haruhiko Kuroda
- Burundi's Lydia Nsekera became the first woman to be elected to the FIFA Executive Committee (ExCo) for a full term of four years
- Srikanth Srinivasan - first ever Indian-American judge in the U.S. Supreme Court
- Susan Elizabeth Rice, the American ambassador to the United Nations was appointed as the National Security Adviser of US President Barack Obama
- New Prime Minister of Palestine - Rami Hamdallah
- Libya Deborah Jones New US Ambassador to Libya
- James Comey next FBI director. He succeeded Robert Mueller.
- Sheikh Abdullah to be Qatar's new PM
- Ayaz Sadiq elected as the Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan
- New Pakistan P.M : Nawaz Sharif, Political Party [Pakistan Muslim League (N)]
- Bangladesh first woman Speaker: Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury
- New Malaysia Prime Minister: Najib Razak
- Enrico Letta – New PM of Italy
- Li Keqiang – New Prime Minister of China (succeeded Wen Jiabao).
- Shinzo Abe - New PM of Japan.

New Appointments (Previous Updates)

- Gen Bikram Singh assumes charge as new Army Chief
- DK Joshi will be the next Chief of the Indian Navy
- VS Sampath - 18th Chief Election Commissioner of India
- P. Dwarakanath new CMD of BEML
- Gambian lawyer Fatou Bensouda, first African, to head International Criminal Court
- Sachin Tendulkar takes oath as Rajya Sabha member

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- DK Mehrotra has taken charge of new chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- Justice Madan Bhimrao joined the esteemed panel of Supreme Court Judges
- Jawahar Thakur country's new Controller General of Accounts.
- Sayed Nasir Ali new Joint MD in Air India
- B Surendra Mohan - Chairman and Managing Director of Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC)
- Sekhar Basu took over as Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- Dlamini-Zuma became the first Female Chief of African Union.
- Dr Srikumar Banerjee Appointed first Chancellor of Kashmir's Central University
- Praveen Mahajan appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)
- Bimal Gurung, was elected Chief Executive Officer of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA)
- P. Chidambaram become the new Finance Minister
- Sushilkumar Shinde replaced Chidambaram as new Home Minister.
- World Bank has appointed Kaushik Basu as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President
- YC Deveshwar appointed as Director of RBI Central Board.
- Tulsi Gabbard became the first Hindu-American to be elected to the House of Representatives.
- Justice Altamas Kabir sworn in as New Chief Justice of India.
- Atanu Sen New MD and CEO of SBI Life Insurance.
- Manbir Singh took the oath of office and secrecy as Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
- Abhishek Matoria elected the president of the Indian Boxing Federation (IBF)
- Sandeep Patil replaces K Srikanth as chief BCCI selector.
- New CMD of Allahabad Bank. Shubhalakshmi Panse
- Tilak Raj Bajalia appointed Deputy Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- Milind Kharat New CMD of United India Insurance.
- Pranay Sahay appointed new DG of CRPF.
- Michael Corbat new CEO of Citigroup
- Sanjay Mitra has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of West Bengal
- Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission - Ratan Kumar Sinha (replaced Srikumar Banerjee)
- Attorney-General - Goolam E. Vahanvati (re-appointed)
- Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for six-year tenure - Dalveer Bhandari (Judge of Supreme Court)
- President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for four-year term - India-born Suma Chakrabarti
- Chairman and MD of General Insurance Corporation (GIC) - Mr Ashok Kumar Roy
- New Pakistan High Commissioner to India - Salman Bashir
- New president of World Bank - Jim Yong Kim (Korean-born) American citizen.
- Governor of Uttarakhand - Aziz Qureshi

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- Governor of Goa - Bharat Vir Vanchu
- Governor of Andhra Pradesh - E S L Narasimhan (re-elected)
- Governor of Maharashtra - K. Sankaranarayanan (re-elected)
- Governor of Rajasthan - Margaret Alva
- President of International Chamber of Commerce India (ICC India) - Harsh Pati Singhania
- Chairman & MD of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)- Smt. Rita Menon
- Secretary General of SAARC – Ahmad Saleem
- President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) - M. Rafeeqe Ahmed
- Delhi Metro Rail Corporation 's new MD - Mr. Mangu Singh (previously E Sreedharan)
- CEO of Prasar Bharti – Jawhar Sircar
- Chairperson of the National Film Development Corporation - Ramesh Sippy
- Next General president of the Indian Science Congress – Manmohan singh
- CMD of Coal India Limited – S Narsing Rao
- President of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) - Mr Rajkumar Dhoot
- Indian High commissioner to U.K. – Jaimini Bhagwati
- President of FICCI - Mr R.V. Kanoria
- President of Asian organisation of the Institution of the Accountants General (ASOASI) - Mr Vinod Rai (Comptroller and Auditor General of India).
- Editor-In-Chief of The Hindu group – Siddharth varadarajan
- New king of Malaysia - Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah
- Union Aviation Minister – Ajit Singh (Party – Rashtriya Lok dal)
- Chief Minister of U.P. – Akhilesh Yadav (Party – Samajwadi party)
- Chief Minister of Punjab – Prakash singh badal (Party – Akali dal)
- Chief Minister of Goa – Manohar Parikar (Bharatiya Janata party)
- Chief Minister of Uttrakhand – Vijay Bahuguna (Party – Indian national congress)
- Chief Minister of Manipur – Okram Ibobi Singh (Party – Indian national congress)

List of recently elected/ appointed Presidents Countries

- Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been sworn in as Mali's new president.
- New Egypt's interim President - Adli Mansour replaced Mohammed Morsi
- Hassan Rohani – New President of Iran
- John Ashe elected as the President of UN General Assembly:
- Elbegdorj Tsakhia new Mongolia President
- New Bangladesh President: Abdul Hamid
- New King of Netherlands: Willem-Alexander
- Nicolas Maduro – New President of Venezuela
- Horacio Cartes – New President of Paraguay's
- XI Jinping – New President of China (succeeded Hu Jintao).
- Rafael Correa - Ecuador's President re-elected for a Third Term.

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- Mittal Jack Lew (democratic Party) - US Treasury Secretary Administration, replacing Geithner.
- Milos Zeman - Czech Republic's President (First Directly Elected President).
- Sally Jewell - U.S. Interior Secretary.
- Nicos Anastasiades - President of Cyprus
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- Rajkeshwur Purryag became the fifth President of Mauritius
- Pranab Mukherjee elected as 13th President of India
- Hassan Sheikh Mohamud new President of Somalia
- Enrique Peña Nieto newly elected president of Mexico
- Taur Matan Ruak President of East Timor
- Barack Obama is re-elected President of USA
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- President of the European Council - Herman Van Rompuy (re-elected)
- President of Germany - Joachim Gauck
- Russia's President for third term - Vladimir Putin (Belong to united Russia party, Previously Prime minister of Russia)
- France's President - Francois Hollande (Belong to Socialist Party, Previously Nicolas Sarkozy)
- President of Maldives - Dr Mohamed Waheed
- President of Yemen - Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi
- President of Malawi - Joyce Banda
- President of Nicaragua - Daniel Ortega (re-elected)
- President of Nigeria - Goodluck Jonathan (re-elected)
- President of Guyana - Donald Ramotar

List of recently elected/ appointed Vice-Presidents Countries

- Hamid Ansari re-elected vice-president of India

List of recently elected/ appointed Prime Minister Countries

- Erna Solberg Becomes Norway's Prime Minister.
- Tony Abbot elected new Australian Prime Minister. He succeeded Kevin Rudd.
- New Prime Minister of Palestine - Rami Hamdallah
- Sheikh Abdullah to be Qatar's new PM
- Kevin Rudd new Australian Prime Minister. He succeeded Julia Gillard.
- Ayaz Sadiq elected as the Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan
- New Pakistan P.M : Nawaz Sharif, Political Party [Pakistan Muslim League (N)]
- Bangladesh first woman Speaker: Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury
- New Malaysia Prime Minister: Najib Razak
- Enrico Letta – New PM of Italy
- Li Keqiang – New Prime Minister of China (succeeded Wen Jiabao).

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- Shinzo Abe - New PM of Japan.
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- Hisham Kandil to form government in Egypt
- Antonis Samaras was sworn in as Prime Minister of Greece.
- Ali Zidan elected New Prime Minister of Libya.
- Zhantoro Satybaldiyev new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan
- Laurent Lamothe new prime minister Haiti
- Abdullah Ensour new prime minister of Jordan
- Abdi Farah Shirdon new Prime Minister of Somalia
- Daniel Kablan Duncan new Prime Minister of Ivory Coast / Côte d'Ivoire
- Hailemariam Desalegn new Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- Abdelmalek Sellal new Prime Minister of Algeria
- Bidzina Ivanishvili new prime minister of Georgia
- Russia's Prime minister Dmitry Medvedev (Belongs to United Russia party, Previously President of Russia)

List of Newly/Recently elected chief minister of India in 2013

- **Hemant Soren** sworn in as ninth Chief Minister of Jharkhand on July 13, 2013.
- **Siddaramaiah** sworn-in as the 22nd Chief Minister of Karnataka on May 11, 2013.
- **Mukul Manda Sangma** Sworn-In As the Chief Minister of Meghalaya on 5 March 2013. (Re-Elected, 2nd Term)
- **Neiphiu Rio** sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland on 5 March 2013 (Re-Elected).
- **Manik Sarkar** - Chief Minister of Tripura for 5th time.

List of Newly/Recently elected chief minister of India

- **Manohar Parrikar**, Chief Minister of Goa, took charge of office on March 9, 2012
- **Vijay Bahuguna**, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, took charge of office on March 13, 2012
- **Akhilesh Yadav**, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, took charge of office on March 15, 2012
- **Prakash Singh Badal**, Chief Minister of Punjab, took charge of office on March 1, 2007 (Re-Elected).
- **Okram Ibobi Singh**, Chief Minister of Manipur, took charge of office on March 2, 2002 (Re-Elected)
- **Virbhadra Singh**, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, took charge of office on 25 December 2012.
- **Narendra Modi**, Chief Minister of Gujarat, took charge of office on 26 December 2012 (Re-elected for 3rd time).

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Newly Appointed Governors (in 2013)

- K. K. Paul - Appointed as the Governor of Meghalaya on 1 July 2013. (Replaced - Ranjit Shekhar Mooshahary)
- Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil - Appointed as the Governor of Sikkim on 1 July 2013. (Replaced - Balmiki Prasad Singh)
- Nirbhay Sharma - Appointed as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh on 29 May 2013. (Replaced - General Joginder Jaswant Singh)
- Devanand Konwar - Appointed as the Governor of Tripura on March 9, 2013 (Replaced D Y Patil).
- D. Y. Patil- Appointed as the Governor of Bihar on March 9, 2013 (Replaced Devanand Konwar).
- S. C. Jamir - Appointed as the Governor of Odisha on March 9, 2013 (Replaced M C Bhandare).
- Nikhil Kumar - Appointed as the Governor of Kerala on Appointed as the Governor of (Replaced Karnataka Governor H R Bhardawaj who had the additional charge of Kerala).
- Ashwani Kumar - Appointed as the Governor of Nagaland on March 9, 2013 (Replaced Nikhil Kumar).

In the year 2012, the list of Newly Appointed governors are:

- Aziz Qureshi - Appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand on 15 May 2012 replaced Margaret Alva.
- Margaret Alva - Appointed as the Governor of Rajasthan on 12 May 2012 replaced Shivraj Patil.
- Bharat Vir Wanchoo - appointed as governor of Goa. Took office on 4 may 2012.

Term Extended (in 2012):

- Governor of Andhra Pradesh - E S L Narasimhan (re-elected)
- Governor of Maharashtra - K. Sankaranarayanan (re-elected)

In the year 2013, the lists of Newly Appointed Administrator are:

- Andaman and Nicobar Islands - A. K. Singh
- Delhi - Najeeb Jung
- Puducherry - Virendra Kataria

In the year 2012, the lists of Newly Appointed Administrator are:

- Administrators of Dadra and Nagar Haveli - B.S. Bhalla
- Administrators of Daman and Diu - B.S. Bhalla

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Cabinet Ministers

- Mallikarjun Kharge: New Railway Minister
- Mr. Oscar Fernandes - Road and Highways Minister
- Ms. Girija Vyas - New Housing, Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Minister.
- Mr. K.S. Rao - New Textiles Minister
- Mr. SiS Ram Ola – New Labour and Employment Minister.

Ministers of state:

- EMS Natchiyappan takes oath as MoS commerce and industry
- J D Seelam becomes MoS finance
- Manikrao Gavit gets social justice and empowerment
- Santosh Chowdhury gets health & family welfare

List of Newly Appointed Indian Ambassador (in 2013 Only)

- Shri Ranjan Mathai appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom
- Ms. Subashini Murugesan concurrently accredited as High Commissioner of India to Saint Lucia, with residence in Paramaribo
- Dr. A.V.S. Ramesh Chandra appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Uganda.
- Ms. Ruchira Kamboj appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO, Paris
- Shri Vijay Keshav Gokhale appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany
- Shri Ravi Bangar appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cyprus
- Shri Mysore Kapanaiiah Lokesh appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland
- Ms. Anita Nayar appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon
- Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the United States of America
- Shri Ashok K. Kantha appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the People's Republic of China
- Shri Gaddam Dharmendra appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia
- Shri Anup Kumar Mudgal appointed as next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mauritius
- Shri Sanjay Verma appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Shri Sarvajit Chakravarti appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia
- Sh. Sunil Jain appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait
- Smt. Hemalata C. Bhagirath appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana

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- Shri Somnath Ghosh appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mongolia
- Shri Amrit Lugun appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Republic of Yemen
- Dr. Ashok Kumar Amrohi appointed as next High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam
- Shri Arun Kumar Singh concurrently accredited as Ambassador of India to the Principality of Monaco
- Ms. M. Subashini has been concurrently accredited as the High Commissioner of India to Barbados
- Shri D. Bala Venkatesh Varma appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the UN Conference on Disarmament, Geneva
- Shri Malay Mishra appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary
- Shri Gauri Shankar Gupta appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- Shri Ranjit Rae appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Nepal
- Shri Basant Kumar Gupta concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to San Marino
- Shri Kunal Roy appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Niger
- Shri Ravi Thapar appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to New Zealand
- Shri Rajesh Nandan Prasad appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Netherlands
- Ms. Manju Seth has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to Comoros
- Smt. Radhika Lokesh appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ireland
- Smt. Preeti Saran appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Shri K. Jeeva Sagar appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana
- Smt. Narinder Chauhan appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia.
- Shri Niraj Srivastava appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to Denmark
- Shri Manohar Ram concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to Gabon.
- Shri Gautam Mukhopadhyaya appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
- Shri Jayant N. Khobragade has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kyrgyz Republic
- Shri Suresh Babu has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to Georgia
- Shri Amar Sinha has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Afghanistan
- Shri Manohar Ram concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Congo
- Shri Arun Kumar Singh appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France
- Shri Rajeev Shahare appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Maldives
- Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Singapore
- Shri Asoke Kumar Mukerji appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to the UN
- Shri Pratap Singh concurrently accredited as the High Commissioner of India to Bahamas.
- Shri B.K. Gupta appointed next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Italy

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- Shri Vanlalhuma appointed next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malawi

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List of Newly appointed Ambassador to India

- Wei Wei – China's new ambassador for India in place of Zhang Yang.
- Nancy J Powell - US Ambassador to India
- Daniel Peter Othol - South Sudan ambassador to India (first diplomat from South Sudan)
- Michael Steiner-German Ambassador to India.

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Foreign Visits and Foreign Visitors

Foreign Visitors and foreign visits of important dignitaries in the year 2013.

Official Foreign Visits of Indian Dignitaries

- President of India to Belgium and Turkey (2-8 October 2013).
- Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh Visited USA on the last week of September, 2013.
- Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Japan Dr. Ashwani Kumar's visit to Tokyo in September, 2013.
- The Foreign Secretary of India, Smt. Sujatha Singh, visited Nepal from September 14-15, 2013. External Affairs Minister, Shri. Salman Khurshid visited Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan from September 12-15, 2013.
- Special Envoy of India for Sudan and South Sudan, Shri P.S. Raghavan visited South Sudan between 8-9 August, 2013.
- Visit of Vice President of India M. Hamid Ansari visited Iran on August 4, 2013.
- Visit of Mrs. Preneet Kaur, Minister of State for External Affairs to Tanzania on 8-10 July, 2013.
- National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon visited Srilanka on 8-9 July 2013.
- External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid visited Iraq on June 19-20, 2013.
- Minister of State for External Affairs Shri E.Ahamed will pay an official visit to Bahrain on 4-5 June 2013.
- Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari visited Uzbekistan from 21 to 24 May 2013.
- External Affairs Minister Shri Salman Khurshid visited Saudi Arabia on May 25-26, 2013.
- Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, visited Japan on May 27-29, 2013 and to the Kingdom of Thailand on May 30-31, 2013.
- External Affairs Minister, Shri Salman Khurshid, visited the People's Republic of China on May 09-10, 2013.
- Minister of State for External Affairs Shri E. Ahamed visited Libya from April 14-16, 2013.
- Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh visited Germany on 10-12 April 2013.
- External Affairs Minister Shri Salman Khurshid visited to Japan on 26-27 March, 2013.
- President of India visited Bangladesh on March 3-5, 2013.
- Foreign Secretary Shri Ranjan Mathai visited United States on February 20-22, 2013.
- External Affairs Minister Shri Salman Khurshid visited Bangladesh from February 16 -17, 2013.
- External Affairs Minister Shri Salman Khurshid will pay an official bilateral visit to Bhutan on 14-15 January 2013.
- External Affairs Minister Shri Salman Khurshid will visit France on 10-11 January 2013 for bilateral discussions with Mr. Laurent Fabius, the French Foreign Minister.

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Foreign Visitors/Dignitaries to India

- The President of the Republic of Liberia Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf will pay a State Visit to India from September 9 to 13, 2013 at the invitation of the President of India.
- Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay visited India from August 30 to September 4, 2013.
- Prime Minister of Iraq, Mr. Nouri al-Maliki visited India from 22-25 August, 2013.
- The 2nd Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Karim Khalili, visited India from August 20-22, 2013 upon the invitation of Vice President
- Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, Mr. Samuel Santos Lopez visited India from August 19-23, 2013.
- The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, r. Pham Binh Minh visited India from 10-12 July, 2013.
- Foreign Minister of Argentina Héctor Marcos Timerman visited India from June 15-18, 2013.
- The President of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, visited to India from May 20-22, 2013.
- Foreign Minister of Cuba, Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla visited to India from May 25-27, 2013.
- Chinese Premier Mr. Li Keqiang visited India on May 19-21, 2013.
- Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov to India from May 2-5, 2013.
- President of Egypt Dr. Mohamed Morsy visited India from March 18-20, 2013.
- Special Envoy of the Syrian President to India Ms. Bouthaina Shaaban visited India on March 6, 2013.
- Foreign Minister of Romania, Mr. Titus Corlatean visited India from March 7-8, 2013.
- Foreign Affairs of Portugal, Mr. Paulo de Sacadura Cabral Portas visited India from 03-07 March, 2013.
- Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Yerlan Idrissov visited India on March 3-5, 2013.
- Prime Minister of UK David Cameron visited India on February 18-20, 2013.
- President of France Francois Hollande visited India from February 14-15, 2013.
- Prime Minister of Bhutan Jigmi Y. Thinley visited India from February 7-9, 2013.
- The King and Queen of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Her Majesty Jetsun Pema, visited India from 23-30 January 2013.
- President of Republic of Mauritius Mr. Rajkeswur Purryag visited India from 3rd to 10th January, 2013.

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Obituary

An obituary is a news article that reports the recent death of a person, typically along with an account of the person's life and information about the upcoming funeral.

- Jasjit Singh, Air Commodore (Retd.) And India's Best Military Analyst, Died at 79
- Renowned Kamaicha player Sakar Khan passed away
- Renowned Naturalist and Ornithologist Zafar Futehally passed away
- Desh Prem Azad, the Former Coach of Cricketer Kapil Dev, Died at 75
- Former Bengal Cricketer and Coach Kalyan Mitter passed away on 16 August 2013 in Kolkata
- Marich Man Singh Shrestha, the former Prime Minister of Nepal, died
- Dezso Gyarmati, the Water Polo legend from Hungary died
- Telugu writer, novelist and columnist, Malathi Chandur, died following prolonged illness in Chennai on 21 August 2013.
- Pandit Raghunath Panigrahi, the Eminent Indian Classical Singer Passed Away.
- Julie Harris passed away on 25 August 2013 at the age of 87 years at West Chatham, Massachusetts, United States.
- Former athlete Henry Rebello died in Gurgaon on 27 August 2013.
- Irish writer Seamus Heaney died at the age of 74 on 29 August 2013.
- David Frost died on 31 August 2013 aboard the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth.
- Douglas Engelbart, Father of the Mouse died at the Age of 88
- Padma Shree Awardee Madhubani Painting artist Mahasundari Devi died at the Age of 92
- Dr. H.A.B. Parpia, the renowned Food Scientist died
- Veteran actor Pran died due to prolonged Illness.
- Amar Gopal Bose, the Founder of Bose Corporation Passed Away at 83.
- Italian businessman Ottavio Quattrocchi died in Milan on July 13, 2013.
- N Rangabashyam, the Padma Bhushan award recipient Gastroenterologist died
- Samar Mukherjee, the CPI-M Veteran Leader Passed Away at 100
- Veteran Tamil Film lyricist Vaali Died at the Age of 82
- Prof. Oommen Mathew, Former MLA from Kuttanad, Kerala died
- Former Union Minister Khurshed Alam Khan died
- L Brojeshori Devi, the Olympian Judo Player Passed Away at 32
- Manjula Vijayakumar, the South Indian Actress died at the Age of 59
- IMO Secretary-General Emeritus and Padma Vibhushan Awardee, C.P. Srivastava died in Italy.
- Arun Nehru, the Former Union Minister and Close Aide of Rajiv Gandhi, Died at 69
- Obaid Siddiqi, National Research Professor at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), died in Bangalore following a Road Accident.
- Ilya Segalovich, the Co-Founder of Yandex Died at the Age of 48 Years.
- Jagdish Raj, the Most Type-Cast Actor of Bollywood Died at 85.
- SN Hanumantha Rao, the Former Indian Test Umpire Passed Away at 83.

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- Hemendra Prasad Barooah, the Noted Assam Tea Planter Passed Away at 87.
- Mahasundari Devi –Madhubani painting artist & Padma Shree Awardee
- Jiroemon Kimura - World's oldest ever man (Japan) died at the aged 116
- Rituparno Ghosh - the renowned Bengali film maker
- Ruma Chatterjee - National Cycling Coach 6. James Gandolfini - Triple Emmy Award
- Surendra Tiwari - Hindi story writer and playwright
- Sarabjit Singh : Indian
- Sanaullah Haq: Pakistani terrorist
- Mahendra Karma - Founder of Salwa Judum & Congress leader from Chhattisgarh
- Lalgudi Jayaraman - Renowned violinist and composer
- Shakuntala Devi - Indian Mathematician
- Michael Henry Denness - former England captain
- V.S. Ramadevi - Former Governor of Karnataka
- Margaret Thatcher - Former Prime Minister of Britain died
- Ruth Praver Jhabvala - Oscar and Booker Prize winner
- Robert Edwards - British scientist
- J.S. Verma - former Chief Justice of India
- Shamshad Begum - playback singers
- Lonappan Nambadan - former Member of Parliament from Kerala
- Jetti Veera Raghavulu - Well known Telugu music director and playback singer
- V C Shukla - Veteran Congress leader
- Prof Veer Bhadra Mishra - Noted Environmentalist
- Ganesh Pyne - Legendary Painter
- Chinua Achebe - father of African literature.

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Summits and Organization

BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Summits

- **4th BRICS Summit 2012** – New Delhi, India
- **5th BRICS Summit 2013** – Durban, South Africa
- **6th BRICS Summit 2014** – Fortaleza, Brazil
- **7th BRICS Summit 2015** – Ufa Rissia

G-8 Annual Summits

Group of Eight (G8) Countries - *France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Russia.*

- **37th G8 Meeting 2011** – Deauville, France
- **38th G8 Meeting 2012** - David camp, USA
- **39th G8 Summit 2013** - County Fermanagh, UK
- **40th G8 Summit 2014** - Russia

G-20 Summits

- **7th G 20 Meeting 2012** – Los Cabos, Mexico
- **8th G 20 Meeting 2013** – Saint Petersburg, Russia
- **9th G 20 Meeting 2014** – Brisbane, Australia
- **10th G 20 Meeting 2015** – Turkey

SAARC Summits

SAARC - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

- **17th SAARC Summit 2011** – Addu, Maldives
- **18th SAARC Summit 2013** - Kathmandu, Nepal

ASEAN Summits

ASEAN - Association of South East Asian Nation

- **19th ASEAN Summit 2011 (November)** – Bali, Indonesia
- **20th ASEAN Summit 2012 (April)** – Phnom penh, Cambodia
- **21th ASEAN Summit 2012 (November)**– Phnom penh, Cambodia
- **22nd ASEAN Summit 2013 (April)** – Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

ASEAN-India Summit

- **9th ASEAN-India Summit 2011** - Bali, Indonesia
- **10th ASEAN-India Summit 2012** – Phnom penh, Cambodia

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East Asia Summit (EAS)

EAS meetings are held after annual ASEAN leaders' meetings.

- **6th East Asia Summit 2011** - Bali, Indonesia
- **7th East Asia Summit 2012** - Phnom penh, Cambodia

IBSA Summits

IBSA Dialogue Forum - India, Brazil, South Africa.

- **5th IBSA Summit 2011** – Pretoria, South Africa
- **6th IBSA Summit 2013** – India

APEC Summits

APEC - Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation

- **23rd APEC summit 2011** – Honolulu, USA
- **24th APEC Summit 2012** - Vladivostok, Russia
- **25th APEC Summit 2013** - Medan/Jakarta, Indonesia
- **26th APEC Summit 2014** - China
- **27th APEC Summit 2015** - Philippines
- **28th APEC Summit 2016** - Lima, Peru

OPEC Seminars

OPEC - Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

- **4th OPEC International Seminar 2009** - Vienna, Austria
- **5th OPEC International Seminar 2012** - Vienna, Austria

NAM Summits

NAM - Non-aligned Movement

- **16th NAM Summit 2012** – Tehran, Iran
- **17th NAM Summit 2015** – Caracas, Venezuela

Nuclear Security Summit

- **2nd Summit 2012** – Seoul (South Korea)
- **3rd Summit 2014(Next)** : Netherlands

SCO Meetings

SCO - Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- **SCO Meeting 2011** – Astana, Kazakhstan
- **SCO Meeting 2012** – Beijing, China
- **SCO Meeting 2013** - Kyrgyzstan

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NATO (North Atlantic treaty organization) international conference on Afghanistan will be held in Chicago (USA)

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Meetings

Annual meeting of the board of governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held every year.

- **ADB Annual Meeting 2012** - Manila, Philippines
- **ADB Annual Meeting 2013** - New Delhi, India

WTO Ministerial Conferences

WTO - World Trade Organization

- **8th WTO Ministerial Conferences 2011** - Geneva, Switzerland
- **9th WTO Ministerial Conferences 2013 (Expected)** - Bali, Indonesia

Other Important Summits/ Meetings

- London to host 9th Islamic economic forum - The ninth edition will be held at London's Excel Centre between 29th and 31st October, first time that the event will be held outside of a Muslim country
- 7th Regional Pravasi Bhartiya Divas to be held in Sydney
- 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development - Yokohama (Japan)
- 8th Session of the India-Yemen Joint Committee for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation (JCM) took place in New Delhi
- WEF India chapter meet: Kochi will host the 29th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (India chapter) on November 8 and 9. This is the first time that World Economic Forum (India chapter) event was being planned for South India. Earlier, 27 Meetings of World Economic Forum were held in New Delhi and once in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 4th India-US Strategic Dialogue - New Delhi
- 3rd SAARC Ministerial Level Meet on Poverty - Nepal
- SAARC literature festival 2013 - Agra
- 19. SAARC summit 2012 - Indore.
- 20. SAARC journalists' summit held in Indore.
- Arab Summit 2012 - Baghdad (Iraq)
- Arab league Summit - Doha.
- World Economic Forum Summit 2012 Nov-Gurgaon(Haryana) 24. 10th BASIC Summit - New Delhi
- Earth Summit : -Rio de Janeiro
- United Nation conference on Sustainable Development- Rio de Janeiro
- World Economic Forum - Davos (Switzerland)
- 11th Energy Efficiency Summit organized by (CII - Confederation of Indian Industries) - Hyderabad
- World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) held in Dubai. 30. The

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international biodiversity meet- Hyderabad

- 6th IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) Summit – New Delhi, India
- 46th annual general meeting of the Manila-based multilateral lending agency held at Greater Noida.
- United Nations framework convention on Climate, 2011 - Durban, South Africa
- 10th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change - New Delhi, India
- 12th Annual summit of European Union and India - New Delhi, India
- G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting - Mexico City, Mexico
- Friends of Syria Meeting – Istanbul, Turkey
- 5th Ministerial level India-UK Economic Financial Dialogue – New Delhi
- United Nation Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 17th National youth Festival – Mangalore, Karnataka
- World Economic Forum – Davos, Switzerland
- World Polio Summit 2012 - New Delhi, India
- India, Russia Inter-Governmental Commission meet 2012 - New Delhi, India

New Member of Important Organizations

- **United Nation** – Total Member – 193 (Last member- South Sudan)
- **WTO** – Total Member – 159 (Last member - Tajikistan, Laos, Russia)
- **World bank and International Monetary Fund** – Total Member – 188 (Last member – South Sudan)
- **European Union** – Total member – 28 (Last Member - Croatia)

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Awards/ Recognitions

- **Miss Philippines Megan Young crowned Miss World 2013.**
- The former South African President Nelson Mandela on 27 August 2013 won the inaugural Mahathir Award for Global Peace.
- Tata Steel was adjudged the Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant in India for the year 2011-12.
- Harshwanti Bisht selected for Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal 2013.
- Vijay Singh was Named a Recipient of the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Prasad Babu, AP Cop Selected For Ashok Chakra Posthumously.
- The Prem Bhatia Memorial award presented to Shalini Singh of the Hindu.
- Delhi conferred Lifetime Achievement Award 2013 on Abdul Rashid Khan and Anjolie Ela Menon.
- VP Sharma won the Gujar Mal Modi Award for Science and Technology 2013.
- Sri Lankan President felicitated tribal community, the Veddas on World Indigenous Peoples Day.
- US Presidential Medal of Freedom to be conferred on Bill Clinton & Oprah Winfrey.
- Sugathakumari was conferred with Saraswati Samman 2012.
- Zubin Mehta named for Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony 2013.
- Britain honoured Krishna Menon by placing Blue plaque on his First Home in London.
- Bono the frontman of rock band U2 was awarded with the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters on 17 July 2013 for the contribution to music.
- British Firm called Real VNC was presented the MacRobert Award.
- Paradip Port Conferred With the Major Port of the Year Award.
- Amjad Ali Khan to get 21st Rajiv Gandhi National Sadhbhavna Award .
- "Emirates Woman Award" - Vandana Gandhi for excelling and providing innovation in preschool education and leadership, strategy, community service.
- 21st Century Achievement Award 2013 – UIDAI :The International Data Group (IDG) Computerworld Honours Program, Computerworld Honors Laureate has honored Government of India initiative UIDAI with 21st Century Achievement Award 2013 under the category 'Economic Development'.
- 2013 Indian Business Leader of the Year" award: Sanjeev Goenka
- Yellow Oscar award - Indian short film 'High Power'. This film (made in 2012) is based on the project- affected people of Tarapur Atomic Power Station. Pradeep Indulkar is the producer-director of this film accepted the award
- Wernher von Braun Memorial Award: APJ Abdul Kalam: The honour is given to recognise excellence in management and leadership in a space-related project.
- Indian-American Sathwik Karnik Wins National Geographic Bee Contest
- Indian-American Arvind Mahankali wins Spelling Bee for sixth straight year
- Nasscom award - Sentinel, developed by MindHelix Technosol Pvt. Ltd., and iFollow, from Aucupa Innovative Solutions, were among the winners of Nasscom's first all-India App Fame

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Contest to search for mobile tools to aid personal safety of women and to help deal with emergencies.

- 'Indian Healthcare Visionary of the Decade' award - Dr Mukesh Hariawala (Healthcare Economist) for unveiling a unique and novel customized universal health insurance model 'Womb to Tomb', concept.
- IMPAC Dublin Literary Award - Kevin Barry, for his debut novel, City of Bohane
- Venezuela journalism prize - Huga Chavez (posthumously)
- Walter Scott Prize 2013: Tan Twan Eng (Malaysian author) for his Novel 'The Garden of Evening Mists'
- Manappuram award - Vinod Rai (Former CAG), under the category of civil servant achieving excellence in public administration. Award was given by Manappuram Finance Limited (MFL).
- NTR National Literary Award (2013) - Manoj Das (Oriya writer)
- Man Booker International Prize(2013) - Lydia Davis
- United Nation's Public Service Award (2013) : Oommen Chandy (Chief Minister of Kerala) for his Mass Contact Programme
- Asian Award: Anupam Kher, for his performances in movies like "Silver Linings Playbook", "Bride & Prejudice", and "Bend it Like Beckham".
- 2013 Pulitzer Prize - Adam Johnson for fiction for his novel "The Orphan Master's Son"
- Vyas Samman (2011) - Professor Ramdarash Mishra// Vyas Samman (2012) - Dr Narendra Kohli "Na bhooto na bhavishyati"
- Bihari Puraskar (2012) – Hariram Meena for his hindi novel Dhooni Tape Teer
- Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. Carole King (US singer-songwriter)
- Jnanpith Award - 2011 - Pratibha Ray
- Jnanpith Award – 2012 - Ravuri Bharadwaja
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2012– Pran Krishan Sikand
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2011 – Saumitra Chatterjee.
- Dadasaheb Phalke Academy Awards 2013 - Yash Chopra and Rajesh Khanna
- Phalke Ratna Award - Asha Bhosle
- Abel Prize 2013- Pierre Deligne (Belgian Mathematician)
- Pulitzer Prize 2013 - The New York Times won four Pulitzer Prizes
- Saraswati Samman (2013) – Sugathakumari, (the Malayalam poetess for the poetry collection 'Manalezhuthu', which means The Writing on the Sand in English 31. Saraswati Samman (2012), – Rohit Gautam for Bang Bhoomi (conferred by K. K. Birla Foundation)
- Moorti Devi Award (2012) – Gopichand Narang
- UNA-USA's Global Leadership Award called (Champion for Global Change Award) - Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai
- Lata Mangeshkar Samman (2013): Singer Hariharan
- Asom Ratna Award for the year (2012): Indira Goswami (posthumously)
- Srimanta Shankardeva Award (2008): Sharmila Tagore
- ISRO Young Scientist Award (2013): Jenita Mary Nongkynrih for her urban information system

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project in the North East.

- RedInk Lifetime Achievement Award (2013) - N. Ram (Former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu) and Kuldip Nayar (veteran author-journalist-activist)
- Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2011- Ella Bhatt (Founder of Sewa)
- Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2012- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (president of Liberia)
- National e-Governance award - Madhya Pradesh for 2012-13, for its 'Sparsh Abhiyan' aimed towards the disabled and the aged.
- Doctorate of Civil Law – President Pranab Mukherjee was conferred an honorary degree of Doctorate of Civil Law by the University of Mauritius
- Jammu and Kashmir won FE India's Best Bank Award 2012-13.
- Satellite Hall of Fame - U. R. Rao: Top Indian space scientist has been inducted into the Satellite Hall of Fame in Washington DC by the Society of Satellite Professionals International, in the US.
- 'International Refiner of the Year' 2013 - Reliance Industries

Oscars 2013

- Best Picture: **"Argo"**
- Best Director: **Ang Lee, "Life of Pi"**
- Best Actor: **Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln"**
- Best Actress: **Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook"**
- Best Supporting Actor: **Christoph Waltz, "Django Unchained"**
- Best Supporting Actress: **Anne Hathaway, "Les Misérables"**
- Best Writing – Original Screenplay: Django Unchained – Quentin Tarantino
- Best Writing – Adapted Screenplay: Argo – Chris Terrio from The Master of Disguise by Antonio J. Mendez & The Great Escape by Joshua Bearman
- Best Animated Feature: **"Brave"**
- Best Foreign Language Film: **"Amour," Austria -**
- Best Documentary – Feature: Searching for Sugar Man – Malik Bendjelloul and Simon Chinn
- Best Documentary – Short Subject: Inocente – Sean Fine and Andrea Nix Fine
- Best Live Action Short Film: Curfew – Shawn Christensen
- Best Animated Short Film: Paperman – John Kahrs
- Best Original Score: Life of Pi – Mychael Danna
- Best Original Song: "Skyfall" from Skyfall – Adele Adkins and Paul Epworth
- Best Sound Editing: Skyfall – Per Hallberg and Karen Baker Landers
- Best Sound Mixing: Les Misérables – Andy Nelson, Mark Paterson, and Simon Hayes
- Best Production Design: Lincoln – Rick Carter and Jim Erickson
- Best Cinematography: Life of Pi – Claudio Miranda
- Best Makeup: Les Misérables – Lisa Westcott and Julie Dartnell
- Best Costume Design: Anna Karenina – Jacqueline Durran

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- Best Film Editing: Argo – William Goldenberg
- Best Visual Effects: Life of Pi – Bill Westenhofer, Guillaume Rocheron, Erik-Jan de Boer, and Donald R. Elliott

National Sports Award 2013

A. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:

Sl. No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Mr. Ronjon Sodhi	Shooting

B. Arjuna Awards:

Sl. No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Ms. Chekrovolu Swuro	Archery
2.	Ms. Kavita Chahal	Boxing
3.	Mr. Rupesh Shah	Billiards & Snooker
4.	Mr. Virat Kohli	Cricket
5.	Mr. Abhijeet Gupta	Chess
6.	Mr. Gagan Jeet Bhullar	Golf
7.	Ms. Saba Anjum	Hockey
8.	Ms. Rajkumari Rathore	Shooting
9.	Ms. Joshna Chinnappa	Squash
10.	Ms. Mouma Das	Table Tennis
11.	Ms. Neha Rathi	Wrestling
12.	Mr. Dharmender Dalal	Wrestling
13.	Mr. Amit Kumar Saroha	Athletics (Para)

C. Dronacharya Awards for 2013:

Sl.No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Ms. Poornima Mahato	Archery
2.	Mr. Mahavir Singh	Boxing
3.	Mr. Narinder Singh Saini	Hockey
4.	Mr. K.P. Thomas	Athletics*
5.	Mr. Raj Singh	Wrestling*

* Lifetime contribution in coaching

D. Dhyan Chand Awards:

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Sl.No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Ms. Mary D'souza Sequeira	Athletics
2.	Mr. Syed Ali	Hockey
3.	Mr. Anil Mann	Wrestling
4.	Mr. Girraj Singh	Para Sports (Athletics)

E. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards-2012:

S. No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Basant Singh Roy	Mountaineering
2.	Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal	Mountaineering
3.	Lt. Cdr. Abhilash Tomy	Sailing
4.	Naib Subedar Paramjeet Singh Siddhu	Hang Gliding
5.	Prem Singh	Mountaineering
6.	Hari Ram	Mountaineering

F. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

Sl. No.	Category	Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, 2013
1.	Community Sports Identification and Nurturing of Budding Young Talent	Dr. U.K. Mishra, Founder and President, National Sports Academy, Allahabad
2.	Financial Support for Sports Excellence	Services Sports Control Board
3.	Establishment and Management of Sports Academies of Excellence	Pullela Gopichand Academy of Badminton, Hyderabad
4.	Employment of Sportspersons and sports welfare measures.	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

G. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy:

Sl. No.		Year
1.	Guru Nanak Dev Vishwavidyalay, Amritsar	2010-11
2.	Punjabi Vishwavidyalay, Patiala	2011-12
3.	Punjabi Vishwavidyalay, Patiala	2012-13

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Ramon Magsaysay Award 2013

Awarded Uncategorized:

- **Habiba Sarobi** aged 55, First Female governor of Afgan Province of Bamyan, received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award for the year 2013. She was recognized for promoting education and woman's right.
- **Lahpai Seng Raw**, Founder of Myanmar's largest civil society group, has also been honored with the award for helping people across ethnic groups under conditions of armed conflict.
- The Nepalese group **Shakti Samuha (Power Group)**, formed by survivors of human trafficking, has recognised for helping fellow victims by setting up halfway homes and emergency shelters.

Awarded under Emergent Leadership category:

- **Ernesto Domingo**, a 76-year-old Physician honored for dedicating his career to pushing for the poor's access to Health services and for groundbreaking and successful advocacy of neonatal Hepatitis vaccination that has saved millions of lives in the Philippines.
- The **Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Corruption Eradication Commission)**, Indonesia's independent anti-corruption Government body, was honored for a 100-percent conviction rate in the 169 cases it fought between 2004 and 2010, during which it recovered more than US 80 million dollars in stolen assets.

60th National Film Award

Name Of Award	Name of Film	Awardee
Best Feature Film	Paan Singh Tomar (Hindi)	Producer: UTV Software Communications Ltd., Director: Tigmanshu Dhulia
Indira Gandhi Award For Best Debut Film Of A Director	Chittagong (Hindi)	Producer: Bedabrata Pain, Director: Bedabrata Pain
	101 Chodiyangal (Malayalam)	Producer: Thomas Kottackkom, Director: Siddhartha Siva
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Vicky Donor (Hindi)	Producer: Sunil Lulla, John Abraham, Ronnie Lahiri and Ram Mirchandani; Director: Shoojit Sircar
	Ustad Hotel (Malayalam)	Producer: Listin Stephen, Director: Anwar Rasheed
Nargis Dutt Award For Best Feature Film On National	Thanichallanjan (Malayalam)	Producer: Cherian Philipose, Director: Babu Thiruvalla

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Best Film On Social Issues	Spirit (Malayalam)	Producer: MJ Antony, Director: Renjith
Best Film On Environment Conservation/Preservation	Black Forest (Malayalam)	Producer: Baby Mathew Somatheeram, Director: Joshy Mathew
Best Children's Film	Dekh Indian Circus (Hindi)	Producer: Mahaveer Jain, Director: Mangesh Hadawale
Best Animation Film	Delhi Safari (Hindi)	Producer: Anupama Patil and Kishor Patil; Director: Nikhil Advani
Best Direction	Dhag (Marathi)	Animator: Rafique Shaikh; Shivaji Lotan Patil
Best Actor	Paan Singh Tomar (Hindi)	Irrfan
	Anumati (Marathi)	Vikram Gokhale
Best Actress	Dhag (Marathi)	Usha Jadhav
Best Supporting Actor	Vicky Donor (Hindi)	Annu Kapoor
Best Supporting Actress	Vicky Donor (Hindi)	Dolly Ahluwalia
	Thanichalla Njan (Malayalam)	Kalpana
Best Child Artist	Dekh Indian Circus (Hindi)	Virendra Pratap
	101 Chodiyangal (Malayalam)	Minon
Best Male Playback Singer	Chittagong (Hindi)	Shankar Mahadevan for the song Bolo Na
Best Female Playback Singer	Sambhita (Marathi)	Aarti Anklekar Tikekar for the song Palakein Naa Moondon
Best Cinematography	KO: YAD (Mising)	Cameraman: Sudheer Palsane; Laboratory: Prasad Film Laboratory, Chennai
Best Screenplay		
Screenplay Writer (Original):	Kahani(Hindi)	Sujoy Ghosh
Screenplay Writer (Adapted):	OMG Oh My God (Hindi)	Bhavesh Mandalia and Umesh Shukla
Dialogues:	Ustaad Hotel (Malayalam)	Anjali Menon
Best Audiography		
Location Sound Recordist	Annayum Rasoolum (Malayalam)	Radhakrishnan S
Sound Designer	Shabdo (Bengali)	Anirban Sengupta and Dipankar Chaki
Re-Recordist Of The Final	Gangs of Wasseypur	Alok De, Sinoy Joseph and Shreejesh Nair

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Mixed Track	(Hindi)	
Best Editing	Kahaani (Hindi)	Namrata Rao
Best Production Design	Vishwaroopam (Tamil)	Boontawee 'Thor' Taweepasas and Lalgudi N Ilayaraja
Best Costume Designer	Paradesi (Tamil)	Poornima Ramaswamy
Best Make-Up Artist	Vazakkuenn 18/9 (Tamil)	Raja
Best Music Direction		
Songs	Samhita (Marathi)	Shailender Barve
Background Score	Kaliyachan (Malayalam)	Biji Bal
Best Lyrics	Chittagong (Hindi)	Prasoon Joshi for song Bolo Na
Special Jury Award		
	Chitrangada (Bengali)	Rituparno Ghosh
	Kahaani(Hindi)	Nawazuddin Siddiqui
	Gangs of Wasseypur (Hindi)	Nawazuddin Siddiqui
	Dekh Indian Circus (Hindi)	Nawazuddin Siddiqui
	Talaash (Hindi)	Nawazuddin Siddiqui
Best Special Effects	Eega (Telugu)	Makuta VFX
Best Choreography	Vishwaroopam (Tamil)	Pandit Birju Maharaj
Best Feature Film		
Best Assamese Film	Baandhon	Producer: Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation Ltd.; Director: Jahnu Baruah
Best Bengali Film	Shabdo	Producer: Brand Value Communications Ltd.; Director: Kaushik Ganguly
Best Gujarati Film	The Good Road	Producer: National Film Development Corporation Ltd.; Director: GyanArora
Best Hindi Film	Filmistan	Producer: Satellite Picture Pvt. Ltd.; Director: NitinKakkar
Best Kannada Film	Bharath Stores	Producer: Basant Productions; Director: P. Sheshadri
Best Malayalam Film	Celluloid	Producer: Kamal and Ubaid; Director: Kamal
Best Manipuri Film	Leipaklei	Producer: Aribam Syam Sharma; Director: AribamSyam Sharma

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Best Marathi Film	Investment	Producer: Pratibha Matkari; Director: Ratnakar Matkari
Best Punjabi Film	Nabar	Producer: Jasbir Singh and Sonu Kaur; Director: Rajeev Sharma
Best Tamil Film	Vazakkuenn 18/9	Producer: N. Subhash Chandra Bose; Director: Balaji Sakthivel
Best Telugu Film	Eega	Producer: K. Ranganatha Sai; Director: S.S. Rajamouli
Best Urdu Film	Harud	Producer: Aamir Bashir and Shankar Raman; Director: Aamir Bashir
Best English Film	Lessons in Forgetting	Producer: Prince Thampi; Director: Unni Vijayan
Best Mising Film	KO: YAD	Producer: Manju Borah; Director: Manju Borah
Special Mention		
	Ozhimuri (Malayalam)	Lal
	Bharat Stores (Kannada)	HG Dattatreya
	Baandhon (Assamese)	Bishnu Kharghoria
	Ishaqzade (Hindi)	Parineeti Chopra
	Dekh Indian Circus (Hindi)	Tannishtha Chatterjee
	Dhag (Marathi)	Hansraj Jagtap
	Ustad Hotel (Malayalam)	Thilakan
Non-Feature Films		
Best Non Feature Film	Shepherds of Paradise (Gojri and Urdu)	Producer: Raja Shabir Khan; Director: Raja Shabir Khan
Best Debut Film Of A Director	Eka Gachha Eka Manisa Eka Samudra (Odia)	Producer: Veenu Bhushan Vaid; Director: Lipika Singh Darai
Best Anthropological/ Ethnographic Film	Char... The No-Man's Island (Bengali)	Producer: Sourav Sarangi; Director: Sourav Sarangi
Best Biographical/ Historical Reconstruction	Celluloid Man (English, Hindi, Kannada and Bengali)	Producer: Shivendra Singh Dungarpur; Director: Shivendra Singh Dungarpur
Best Arts /Cultural Film	Modikhanyachya Don Goshti (Marathi)	Producer: Gouri Patwardhan; Director: Gouri Patwardhan
Best Promotional Film	Dreaming TajMahal (Hindi and Urdu)	Producer: Nirmal Chander; Director: Nirmal Chander

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Best Environment Film Including Agriculture	Timbaktu (English)	Producer: Public Service Broadcasting Trust; Director: Rintu Thomas & Sushmit Ghosh
Best Film On Social Issues	Behind The Mist (Malayalam)	Producer: Babu Kambrath; Director: Babu Kambrath
Best Exploration/ Adventure Film (Including Sports)	Manipuri Pony (English and Manipuri)	Producer: Films Division; Director: Aribam Syam Sharma
Best Investigative Film	Inshallah Kashmir (English)	Producer: Ashvin Kumar; Director: Ashvin Kumar
Special Jury Award	I Am Micro (English) Cancer Katha (English)	Director: Shumona Goel & Shai Heredia Director: Vasudha Joshi
Best Short Fiction	Kaatal (Marathi)	Producer: Film & Television Institute of India; Director: Vikrant Pawar
Best Film On Family Values	After Glow (English and Gujarati)	Producer: Film & Television Institute of India; Director: Kaushal Oza
Best Direction	Kaatal (Marathi)	Vikrant Pawar
Best Cinematography	Kaatal (Marathi)	Cameraman: Abhimanyu Dange; Lab: Reliance Media Works
	Shepherds of Paradise (Gojri and Urdu)	Cameraman: Raja Shabir Khan
Best Audiography	Do Din KaMela (Kutchi)	Harikumar M
Best Editing	Celluloid Man (English, Hindi, Kannada and Bengali)	Irene Dhar Malik
Best Narration/ Voice Over	Suranjana Deepali (Assamese)	Moni Bordoloi
Special Mention	Pinch of Skin (English and Hindi)	Director: Priya Goswami
	Allah Is Great (English, Hindi and Danish)	Director: Andrea Iannetta
	Raah (Animation)	Animator: Sanjay Jangid

Best Writing on Cinema

Name of Award	Name of Book	Awardee
Best Book on Cinema	Silent Cinema in India - A Pictorial Journey	Publisher: Harper Collins Publishers India; Author: BD Garga
Best Film Critic	P S Radhakrishnan	

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IIFA Awards 2013

- Best film: 'barfi!'
- Best actor: Rranbir Kapoor for 'barfi!'
- Best female actor: Vidya Balan for 'kahaani'
- best director: Anurag Basu for 'barfi!'
- Best story: Tani and Anurag basu for 'barfi!'
- Best actor in a supporting role (male): Annu Kapoor for 'vicky donor'
- Best actor in a supporting role (female) - Anushka Sharma for 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan'
- Best debut (female): Yami Gautam for 'vicky donor'
- Best debut (male): Ayushmaan Khurana for 'vicky donor'
- Best actor in a comic role: Abhishek Bachchan for 'bol bachchan'
- Best actor in a negative role: Rishi Kapoor from 'agneepath'
- Best debut director: Gauri Shinde for 'English Vinglish'
- Best music director: Pritam for 'barfi!'
- Best lyrics: Amitabh Bhattacharya for 'mujhme kahin' from 'agneepath'
- Best singer male: Sonu Nigam for 'agneepath'
- Best singer female: Shreya Ghoshal for 'chikni chameli' from 'agneepath'
- Best sound design: Shajith Koyeri for 'barfi!'
- Best background score: Pritam for 'barfi!'
- Audience choice best jodi of the year: Deepika Padukone - Ranbir Kapoor
- Digital Star of the Year: Shah Rukh Khan

Nobel Prize 2012 Winners

- Nobel Prize in Physics 2012 - Serge Haroche and David Wineland
- Nobel Peace Prize for 2012: European Union
- Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2012: Robert J Lefkowitz and Brian K Kobilka
- Nobel Prize in Literature 2012: Chinese author Mo Yan
- Nobel Prize in Economy 2012: Alvin Roth and Lloyd Shapley
- Nobel Prize in Medicine 2012: John Gurdon, Shinya Yamanaka

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Important Current Affairs 2013 - Sports

TENNIS

US Open 2013

- Men's Single: Rafael Nadal (Spain) defeated Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- Women's Single: Serena Williams (USA) defeated Victoria Azarenka (Belarus)
- Men's Doubles: Leander Paes and Radek Stepanek defeating Alexander Peya and Bruno Soares.

Wimbledon 2013

- Men's Single: Andy Murray (Britain) defeated Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- Women's Single: Marion Bartoli (France) defeated Sabine Lisick (Germany)
- Men's Doubles: Bob and Mike Bryan defeated Dodig & M. Melo

French Open 2013

- Men's Single: Rafael Nadal Defeated David Ferrer
- Women's Single: Serena Williams Defeated Maria Sharapova
- Men's Doubles: Bob and Mike Bryan Defeated Michael Llodra & Nicolas Mahut
- Mixed doubles: Frantisek Cermak and Lucie Hradecka defeated Daniel Nestor and Kristina Mladenovic

Miami Open 2013

- Andy Murray beat David Ferrer
- Serena Williams beat Maria Sharapova.

Italian Open 2013

- Rafael Nadal beat Roger Federar
- Serena Williams defeated Victoria Azarenka

Madrid Open 2013

- Rafael Nadal beat Stanislas Wawrinka
- Serena Williams beat Maria Sharapova.

Australian Open 2013

- Men Single: Novak Djokovic (Serbia) bt Andy Murray (Britain).
- Women Single: Victoria Azarenka bt Li Na (china)
- Men Double: Bob & Mike Byan bt Robin haase & Igor Sijlsing
- Women Double: Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (Italy) bt Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellaqua

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CRICKET

- England won the 2013 Ashes series 3–0; the series of Test cricket matches contested between England and Australia for The Ashes.
- India lifts Champions Trophy 2013 by defeating England in a rain-hit final in Birmingham. Ravindra Jadeja declared man of the match and Shikhar Dhawan declared man of the tournament.
- England to host Cricket World Test Champions in - 2017, ODI World Cup in - 2019
- Australia to host 2019 World Cup and World Twenty20 in 2020
- India will host the: World T20 Cup -2016, World Test Championship 2021, World Cup for the fourth time in 2023
- West Indies to host Women's World T20 in 2018 and Under-19 Cricket World Cup in 2022.
- Afghanistan was granted the Associate membership of the ICC, making it the eighth Asian nation and the 38th overall to get the status.
- Rajeev Shukla resigned as Chairman of IPL
- Mumbai Indians won the sixth edition of Indian Premier League (IPL 2013), defeated Chennai Super Kings in final.
- Indian pacer S. Sreesanth, Ajit Chandila and Ankeet Chavan were caught by Delhi Police in spot-fixing racket in the ongoing Indian Premier League matches
- Gurusath Meiyappan, son-in-law of BCCI president N. Srinivasan and CEO of Chennai Super King team was arrested on charges of betting, conspiracy and cheating
- Sachin Tendulkar announced his retirement from Indian Premier League
- Shikhar Dhawan first Indian Cricketer who scored a ton on Test debut as an opener.
- Chris Gayle (Royal Challengers Bangalore player) has set a new record for the fastest century in just 30 balls IPL 2013 (T20) 6th edition against Pune Warriors.

Indian Badminton League

- Indian Badminton League (IBL) is a franchise league by Badminton Association of India (BAI).
- The inaugural edition of the Indian Badminton League is held in India from August 14, 2013 to August 31, 2013.
- There were 6 franchises with each team having 12 players including 4 foreign players.
- Six franchise of IBL - Hyderabad HotShots, Banga Beats, Awadhe Warriors, Mumbai Masters, Pune Pistons, Delhi Smashers
- Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia is the highest paid player of Indian Badminton League with \$135,000 in salary and Saina Nehwal of India is the second highest paid and the highest paid Indian Player with \$120,000 in salary.
- The league kicked off at Delhi with a gala ceremony on 14 August 2013.
- The Finals were played at Mumbai on 31 August 2013.
- Hyderabad Hotshots won the inaugural IBL title at Mumbai on 31 August 2013.

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Formula One season 2013

Following are the Winner of Formula one Grand Prix of 2013

- Australian Grand Prix - Kimi Räikkönen
- Malaysian Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel
- Chinese Grand Prix - Fernando Alonso
- Bahrain Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel
- Spanish Grand Prix - Fernando Alonso
- Monaco Grand Prix - Nico Rosberg
- Canadian Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel
- British Grand Prix - Nico Rosberg
- German Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel
- Hungarian Grand Prix - Lewis Hamilton
- Belgian Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel
- Italian Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel
- Singapore Grand Prix - Sebastian Vettel

Other Important Sports Update:

- Sudirman Cup – China defeated South Korea
- PV Sindhu won Malaysia Badminton Grand Prix Title Gu Juan of Singapore
- Brazil beats Spain to win Confederations Cup 2013
- Parimarjan Negi won the Continental Chess Association Open title defeated Bindi Cheng
- Ace discus thrower Vikas Gowda clinched the first gold for India in the 20th Asian Athletics Championships in Pune
- Chris Martin, the fast Bowler of New Zealand has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- K Srikanth clinched defeated Boonsak Ponsana to clinch the Thailand Open Grand Prix Badminton 2013
- 4th Kabaddi World Cup will be held in Punjab in November
- BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) Former Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashraful match-fixing charges in Bangladesh Premier League.
- Bayern Munich won German Cup 2013 defeated Stuttgart
- Ananya Gupta claimed a bronze medal in the World School Chess championship held at Haldikki in Greece
- Ragala Venkat Rahul bags three Golds in Asian Youth Weightlifting
- MS Dhoni becomes first captain to win all ICC trophies
- Boxer Manjeet Singh won Silver medal at China Open:
- Bolt won Jamaican 100 title to reach World Championships
- Pune host Asian Athletic Championship meet in July
- Delhi to host South Asian Junior Table Tennis

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- India win silver in Archery World Cup: Rajat Chouhan and Manjudha won silver medal at the World Cup (Stage-II) Archery competition in Turkey.
- Prasanna new Grand Master : V Vishnu Prasanna celebrated his new Grandmaster status by outwitting seasoned GM Boris Chatalbashev of Bulgaria
- Punjab beat Odisha to lift HI Jr. Men's National Ch'ship:
- Australia became the third country after Japan and hosts Brazil to reach next summer's World Cup after sealing a dramatic late win against Iraq.
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni was named captain of the ICC's Team of the Champions Trophy
- Australia (CA) sacked Mickey Arthur and appointed Darren Lehmann as the new coach of the Australian team.
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- Somyajeet Ghosh - become the youngest national Table Tennis Champion
- Rupesh Shah clinched the 12th Asian Billiards championship title after beating compatriot Alok Kumar in the final
- Narayanan Srinath retained his Asian Junior title by defeating J Saranya at the Asian Junior Chess Championship
- Preeti Beniwal won gold in 2013 Senior National Women's Boxing Championship
- Winner Asian Chess Championship 2012 – Parivarjan Negi.
- Serena Williams named WTA Player of the Year 2012 after winning Wimbledon
- Grenke Chess Classic Trophy 2013 - Viswanathan Anand (India) after defeating Arkadij Naiditsch (Germany.)
- ICC Women's World Cup 2013 - Australia defeated West Indies at Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai.

List of Important Cups and Trophies

- Ashes Cup – Cricket – Australia England
- Azlan Cup – Hockey – International
- Augusta Masters – Golf- International
- Agha Khan – Cup Hockey – India
- Australian Open – Lawn Tennis- International
- American Cup – Yatch Racing – USA
- Bama Belleck Cup – Table Tennis – India
- Borg-Warner Trophy – Motorsports – Indianapolis America
- Beighton Cup – Hockey – India
- Bledisloe Cup – Rugby – NewZealand & Australia
- Bombay Gold Cup – Hockey -India
- BCS Trophy – Football – America
- Burdwan Trophy – Weight Lifting – India
- British Open – Golf – International

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Calcutta Cup- Rugby – England and Scotland
Champions trophy – Hockey – International
Colombo Cup – Football – International
Commissioner’s Trophy – Baseball – America
Davis Cup- Tennis – International
DCM Trophy – Football – India
Derby Horse – Racing – International
Dhyanchand Trophy – Hockey – India
Dr. BC Roy Trophy – Football – India
Duleep Trophy – Cricket – India
Durand Cup – Football – India
European Champion Clubs’ Cup – Football- International
Ezra Cup- Polo – India
FIFA World Cup Trophy – Football -International
French Open – Lawn Tennis – International
Grey Cup- Football – US & Canada
Heineken Cup – Lawn Tennis – International
Heisman Trophy – Football – America
Hopman Cup – Lawn Tennis – International
IFA Shield – Football – India
Kings Cup – Air Races – England
Lady Ratan Tata Trophy – Hockey – India
Larry O’Brien Championship Trophy – Basketball – America
League Championship Trophy – Football – International
Liners Open – Golf – International
Malaysian Open – Badminton – International
Mann Cup – Lacrosse – America
McClelland Trophy – Football – Australia
Meredka Cup – Football – Asia
MLS Cup – Soccer – America
Moinuddaula Gold Cup – Cricket – India
Nehru Trophy – Hockey – India
Old Oaken Bucket – Football – Inter-college, USA
Premier League Trophy – Football – International
Prince of Wales Cup – Golf – England
Ranaji Trophy – Cricket – India
Radha Mohan Cup – Polo – India
Rangeshwari Cup – Hockey – India
Rovers Cup – Football – India
Santosh Trophy – Football – India
Scindia Gold Cup – Hockey – India

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Subrato mukherjee Cup – Football – India
Stanley Cup – Hockey – America
Swaythling Cup – Table Tennis – World
Thomas Cup – Badminton – World
The Scottish Cup – Football – International
Tata Open – Lawn Tennis – International
Uber Cup – Badminton (Women) – World
US Open – Lawn Tennis – International
UEFA Champions League – Football – International
US Maters – Golf – International
U. Thant Cup – Tennis – International
Vince Lombardi Trophy – Super Bowl – America
Webb Ellis Cup – Rugby – World
Wellington trophy – Rowing – India
Walker Cup- Golf – England
West Chester Cup – Polo – England
World Cup – Hockey, Football, Cricket – World

Books and Authors

Books by Chetan Bhagat

- Five Point Someone - What not to do at IIT
- One Night @ the Call Center
- The 3 Mistakes of My Life
- 2 States - The Story Of My Marriage

Books by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

- Ignited Minds
- Wings of Fire
- Mere Sapnon Ka Bharat
- Agni Ki Udaan 5
- Vijayi Bhav
- You Are Born To Blossom
- Inspiring Thoughts

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Books by Amartya Sen

- Poverty & Famines
- Argumentative Indian
- On Ethics & Economics
- Employment, Technology And Development
- Rationality And Freedom
- Idea Of Justice
- Inequality Reexamined
- Bhartiya Arthatantra Ithihas Aur Sanskriti (hindi)
- Identity & Violence- The Illusion Of Destiny
- Resources Values & Development
- A Frank Friendship: Gandhi And Bengal: A Descriptive Chronology (by Amartya Sen & Gopalkrishna Gandhi)
- Development as Freedom

Books by Arvind Adiga

- The White Tiger: A Novel
- Between the Assassinations

Books by Arundhati Roy

- God of Small Things
- Listening to Grasshoppers
- Algebra Of Infinite Justice.

Books by Kiran Desai

- Inheritance of Loss

Books by Vikram Chandra

- Sacred Games

Books by Vikram Seth

- A Suitable Boy
- A Suitable Girl
- The Golden Gate.

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Books By Suketu Mehta

- Maximum City

Books by V.S Naipaul

- An Area of Darkness
- A Bend In the River
- The Masque of Africa
- Magic Seeds
- Mystic Masseur.

Books by Bill Gates

- The Road Ahead
- Inside Out
- Business @ the Speed of Thought
- Bill Gates Speaks: Insight From The World's Greatest Entrepreneur by Janet C. Lowe, Bill Gates
- The Book Of Leadership Wisdom: Classic Writings By Legendary Business Leaders by Andrew Grove, Michael Eisner, Bill Gates

Books by Bill Clinton

- My Life
- My Life: The Early Years
- My Life: Presidential Years
- Giving: How Each Of Us Can Change The World

Books by Barak Obama

- The Audacity of Hope
- Dreams from My Father
- Change We Can Believe In
- The Essential Barack Obama (Audio Book)

Other Important Books of Well-Known Authors

- Appointment of a Chief Justice - A R Antule
- A Bend in the River -V.S. Naipaul
- A House for Mr. Biswas -V.S. Naipaul

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- A Million Mutinies Now - V.S. Naipaul
- A Passage to England - Nirad C Chadhury
- A Prisoner's Scrapbook - L K Advani
- A suitable Boy - Vikram Seth
- A Village by the Sea - Anita Desai
- A Voice for Freedom -Nayantara Sehgal
- Afternoon Raag - Amit Chaudhari
- An Area of Darkness -V.S. Naipaul
- An Autobiography: -Jawaharlal Nehru
- An Equal Music -Vikram Seth
- An Idealist View of Life -Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- Asia and Western Dominance - K.M. Panikkar
- Autobiography of an Unknown Indian - Nirad C. Choudhuri
- Danielle Steel : A Good Woman
- Salman Rushdie: Midnight's Children
- Howard Jacobson: The Finkler Question
- Hilary Mantel: Wolf Hall
- Mario Vargas Llosa : The Feast of Goat, The Time of the Hero
- M.S Swaminathan : Sustainable Growth: Towards food Security
- Herta Muller : Everything I Possess I carry with me, The Land of Green Plums.

Important Currencies

Currencies of SAARC Countries

- Afghanistan - Afghan afghani
- Bangladesh - Bangladeshi taka
- Bhutan - Bhutanese ngultrum
- India - Indian rupee
- Maldives - Maldivian rufiyaa

Observers of SAARC

- Australia - Australian dollar
- China - Chinese renminbi
- European Union - Euro
- Japan - Japanese yen
- Iran - Iranian rial

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- Nepal - Nepalese rupee
- Pakistan - Pakistani rupee
- Sri Lanka - Sri Lankan rupee

Other Countries at SAARC

- South Africa - South African rand

Curriencies of BRICS Countries

- Brazil - Brazilian real
- Russia - Ruble
- India - Indian Rupee
- China - Renminbi (yuan)
- South Africa - South African rand

Currencies of G8 Countries

- Canada - Canadian dollar
- France - Euro, franc
- Germany - Euro, Swis Franc
- Italy - Euro
- Japan - Yen
- Russia - Ruble
- United Kingdom - Pound sterling (GBP)
- United States of America - United States Dollar
- European Union - Euro

- Mauritius - Mauritian rupee
- Myanmar - Myanma kyat
- South Korea - South Korean won
- United States - United States Dollar

Important Currencies

- Kenya-Kenyan shilling
- Jordan-Jordanian dinar
- Kuwait-Kuwaiti dinar
- Korea, South-South Korean won
- Korea, North -North Korean won
- Laos - Lao kip
- Mexico- Mexican peso
- Norway-Norwegian krone
- Poland- Polish zloty
- Saudi Arabia-Saudi riyal
- Singapore - Singapore dollar
- Switzerland-Swiss franc
- Syria-Syrian pound
- Tuvalu - Australian dollar, Tuvaluan dollar
- Egypt-Egyptian pound

Name of Important Commiittee to Remember

- Narasimham Committee I (1991) and Narasimham Committee I (1998) on Banking Sector Reforms.
- Hilton-Young Commission recommendated setting up of RBI.
- The All-India Rural Credit Survey Committee, 1951 - recommending creation of a strong,

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integrated, state-sponsored, state-partnered commercial banking institution with an effective machinery of branches spread all over the country.

- Janakiraman Committee - To investigate the security transactions of the bank
- Parthasarathi Shome. – for Tax Administration Reform Commission (TARC), Suggest a system to enforce better tax compliance
- Damodran Committee: on improvement of customer services in banks
- Shri M. Narasimham Committee: on Banking Sector Reforms
- Shri B. Mahapatra Committee: to review the existing prudential guidelines on restructuring of advances by banks/financial institutions
- Shri Aditya Puri Committee: Dissemination of Credit Information
- MBN Rao Committee: to prepare the blueprint of India's first women's bank
- K M Chandrasekhar committee : for rationalization of foreign investment norms
- Shri Pulak Kumar Sinha Committee: to study the feasibility of Aadhaar as an additional factor for authentication of card present transactions
- B. Shivraman Committee - Nabard
- Mukul Mudgal Committee: looking into US giant Walmart's lobbying activities to enter India
- MBN Rao Committee: to prepare the blueprint of India's first women's bank
- Shri Raghuram Rajan Committee: on Financial Sector Reforms,
- Arvind Mayaram Committee –for giving clear definitions to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII),
- Committee Set Up On Uttarakhand Floods: The committee will be headed by AK Ganju (Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission, Patna)
- JS Mathur committee : to revise Newspaper Advertisement Rates.
- Parthasarathi Shome committee - implementation of GAAR (General Anti Avoidance Rule)
- Mukul Mudgal Committee: looking into US giant Walmart's lobbying activities to enter India
- Mukul Mudgal Committee: to look at process of film clearance
- Shri K.U.B. Rao Committee: recommended aligning gold import regulations
- K. Ratna Prabha : Committee on indecent depiction of women in media
- SK Srivastava Committee: to formulate a policy on public-private partnership model to raise coal output
- K M Chandrasekhar Committee – for rationalization of foreign investment norms

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- RS Gujral Committee - suggest measures to boost MSME exports.
- Arvind Mayaram Committee –for giving clear definitions to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII)
- Suma Verma Committee - to update, and revise the Banking Ombudsman Scheme, 2006
- MS Ahluwalia committee - to evaluate aspects related to set up of Nalanda University
- Sitakant Mahapatra committee - for inclusion of Bhojpuri language in eighth schedule of constitution
- C Rangarajan committee - for poverty scale estimates in the country
- MB Shah committee - for inspection of illegal mining activities
- N Rangachary committee - to examine taxation policies for I.T. sector
- N R Narayana Murthy committee - for evaluation of corporate sector participation in Higher Education.
- Deepak Parekh committee – for Financing Infrastructure sector
- Naresh Chandra committee - 14 member task force on security issues
- Bhandari Committee - Reconstruction of RRBs
- Khandelwal Committee on HR issues of public sector banks.

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