

1] List of Important International Days in August 2015

9 August - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

12 August - International Youth Day.

19 August - World Humanitarian Day

23 August - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition.

29 August - International Day against Nuclear Tests.

30 August – International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

2] 14 year old Lucknow boy Prabhoop Sekhon won 2 Gold at Special Olympics World Games.

3] Maharashtra government announced construction of 800-km Nagpur-Mumbai expressway.

4] Copenhagen Archery Championships: Indian women's recurve team won silver medal.

5] ASSOCHAM: India to produce at least dozen billionaires among start-ups by 2020.

6] Dipa Karmakar won bronze medal at 6th Senior ART Gymnastics Asian Championships.

7] Delhi Police launched Operation Shishtachar to teach lesson to eve-teasers.

8] NASA signed 490 million US dollars contract with Russia for International Space Station travel.

9] India and Myanmar inked agreement to set up CESDT in Myanmar.

10] 48th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meet held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11] SBI Life Insurance launched Smart Humsafar Plan.

12] Indian-American Atul Keshap appointed as the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

13] RBI relaxed Branch Authorisation Policy to allow banks to merge or close branches in urban areas.

14] PM Narendra Modi inaugurated first National Handloom Day.

15] 61st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in Islamabad.

16] India decided to boycott 61st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in Islamabad.

- 17] BCCI announced Ad-Hoc Committee for Cricket Administration in Bihar and Uttarakhand.
- 18] Global satellite named 'GlobalSat for DRR' proposed to be named after Abdul Kalam.
- 19] Kochi became first Indian city to join World Tourism Cities Federation Council.
- 20] Google Creates Parent Company Called Alphabet Inc.
- 21] World Bio-Fuel Day observed globally on 10 August.
- 22] Raghavendra Gadagkar awarded with Germany's Cross of Order of the Merit.
- 23] Ram Nath Kovind appointed as Governor of Bihar.
- 24] Michael Clarke announced retirement from International Cricket.
- 25] Suraksha Bandhan drive launched to facilitate enrolment under Social Security Schemes.
- 26] Goa Tourism Minister Parulekar conferred with PATWA 2015 award.
- 27] India, Slovak Republic signed MoU for technical cooperation in Railway Sector.
- 28] Reserve Bank of India on 13 August 2015 notified the Union Budget-2015-16 Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) and asked all banks to provide interest concession of 2 percent on short term crop loans of up to 3 lakh rupees.
- 29] "Pahal" Scheme acknowledged by Guinness Book of World Records as largest cash transfer program.
- 30] Maharashtra's Dahi Handi granted with the Adventure Sport status.
- 31] OP Rawat appointed as Election Commissioner of India.
- 32] Jayant Patel appointed as acting Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.
- 33] Sudhakar Shetty elected as President of Gymnastics Federation of India.
- 34] India & World Bank signed agreement of US\$ 308.40 Million for NCRMP-II.
- 35] Sundar Pichai appointed as new CEO of Google.

36] Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards 2015

1. i) **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ranta 2015**

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1	Ms. Sania Mirza	Tennis

(ii) **Arjuna Awards 2015**

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1	Naib Subedar Sandeep Kumar	Archery
2	Ms. M.R. Poovamma	Athletics
3	Mr. Kidambi Srikanth Nammalwar	Badminton
4	Mr. Mandeep Jangra	Boxing
5	Mr. Rohit Sharma	Cricket
6	Ms. Dipa Karmakar	Gymnastic
7	Mr. Sreejesh P.R.	Hockey
8	Mr. Manjeet Chhillar	Kabaddi
9	Ms. Abhilasha Shashikant Mhatre	Kabaddi
10	Mr. Sawarn Singh	Rowing
11	Mr. Anup Kumar Yama	Roller Skating
12	Mr. Jitu Rai	Shooting
13	Shri S. Sathish Kumar	Weightlifting
14	Mr. Bajrang	Wrestling
15	Ms. Babita Kumari	Wrestling
16	Ms. Yumnam Sanathoi Devi	Wushu
17	Mr. Sharath M. Gayakwad	Para-Swimming

37] Abhishek Verma won gold for India at Archery World Cup 2015.

38] PS Jayakumar appointed as MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda.

39] Union Government on 14 August 2015 appointed private sector professionals, namely PS Jayakumar and Rakesh Sharma, as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Canara Bank, respectively.

40] PM Narendra Modi launched a new campaign Start-up India, Stand up India.

41] Mustansir Barma won 2015 Gujar Mal Modi award for innovative science and technology.

42] Saina Nehwal became 1st Indian shuttler to win silver medal in World Badminton Championship.

43] 2015 United States-India Cyber Dialogue held in Washington, DC.

44] RBI granted 'in-principle' approval to 11 Payment Banks applicants

The 11 payment banks granted the approval includes

- Aditya Birla Nuvo Limited
- Airtel M Commerce Services Limited
- Chola mandalam Distribution Services Limited
- Department of Posts
- Fino PayTech Limited
- National Securities Depository Limited
- Reliance Industries Limited
- Shri Dilip Shantilal Shanghvi
- Shri Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- Tech Mahindra Limited
- Vodafone m-pesa Limited

45] Aditi Chauhan became India's first woman to play in English league football.

46] Kishor Piraji Kharat appointed as MD and CEO of IDBI Bank.

47] SBI launches mobile wallet app 'Buddy'.

48] ICICI Bank launched locker facility named Smart Vault.

49] Ajit Kumar Seth appointed as Chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board.

50] Noted academician Amitabh Mattoo appointed as Advisor to J&K CM Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

51] Book titled Mrs Funnybones authored by Twinkle Khanna released.

52] Babasaheb Purandare conferred with 'Maharashtra Bhushan' Award.

53] 'Making India Awesome' authored by Chetan Bhagat released.

54] Union Government launched web portal Vidya Lakshmi for Students Seeking Educational Loans.

55] Ranil Wickremesinghe sworn in as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

56] Ashwani Lohani appointed as CMD of Air India Limited.

57] R Gandhi panel recommended conversion of UCBs into Regular Banks.

58] Bangladesh became first country to receive funds from UN for Solar Home Systems.

59] Debut Novelist Zia Haider Rahman won the James Tait Black Award 2015.

60] Pakistan and Russia signed defence agreement that includes the sale of four Mi-35 helicopters.

61] The Book 'Modern Thought Leaders- Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lectures (1997-2014)' edited by Shri Anil Shastri, Former Union Minister and son of Late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.

62] England won 2015 Ashes Test series 3-2.

63] Aditi Ashok became first Indian to win the Ladies British Amateur Golf championship.

64] Serena Williams won Cincinnati Masters Women's Singles title.

65] Roger Federer won Cincinnati Masters Men's Singles tennis title for record seventh time.

66] Usain Bolt won 100 meter title at 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing.

67] DJB commissioned 1st ever Hydro-power plant at Chilla.

68] Raipur to host 2015 FIH Hockey World League Final.

69] PayU India tied-up with redBus to attract customers to use its wallet PayU Money.

70] Second Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit held in Jaipur.

71] Union Government launched 'Sehat' to provide healthcare facilities in rural areas.

72] 105-year-old Urdu copy of Ramcharitmanas written by Shiv Brat Lal found.

73] Justice ML Tahaliyani sworn-in as Lokayukta of Maharashtra.

74] Syrian woman Journalist Zaina Erhaim awarded with Peter Mackler Award 2015.

- 75] Indian-American Vince Chhabria appointed as a full-time federal judge by Obama.
- 76] Amol Palekar appointed as Chairman of India's Oscar jury.
- 77] Kandakatla Manohar appointed as Director of NIMS.
- 78] Air India won Guru Tegh Bahadur Hockey title.
- 79] Usain Bolt won 200 meter title at 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing.
- 80] AB de Villiers broke Sourav Ganguly's record of fastest 8000 ODI runs.
- 81] Tennis Player Novak Djokovic appointed as Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF.
- 82] GSLV-D6 successfully launched GSAT-6 communication satellite.
- 83] Rajendra Singh conferred with 2015 Stockholm Water Prize.
- 84] Kolkata Port adjudged as the best 'Major Port of 2014-15'.
- 85] Arun Jaitley Releases Book "Globalisation, Democratization and Distributive Justice"
Authored by Professor Mool Chand Sharma.
- 86] The Indian Army has released a book on 1965 Indo Pak War. The book, "1965 : Stories from the Second Indo-Pak War" by Rachna Bisht Rawat.

87] List of 98 Cities selected under Smart Cities Mission

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of cities shortlisted	Names of selected Cities	Population of Cities

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Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	1. Port Blair	1,40,572
Andhra Pradesh	3	1. Vishakhapatnam	18,78,980
		2. Tirupati	3,74,260
		3. Kakinada	3,50,986
Arunachal Pradesh	1	1. Pasighat	24,656
Assam	1	1. Guwahati	9,62,334
Bihar	3	1. Muzaffarpur	3,93,724
		2. Bhagalpur	4,10,210
		3. Biharsharif	2,96,889
Chandigarh	1	1. Chandigarh	10,55,450
Chhatisgarh	2	1. Raipur	10,47,389
		2. Bilaspur	3,65,579
Daman & Diu	1	1. Diu	23,991
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1. Silvassa	98,032
Delhi	1	1. New Delhi Municipal Council	2,49,998
Goa	1	1. Panaji	1,00,000
Gujarat	6	1. Gandhinagar	2,92,797
		2. Ahmedabad	55,77,940
		3. Surat	44,67,797
		4. Vadodara	17,52,371
		5. Rajkot	13,23,363
		6. Dahod	1,30,530

	Haryana	2	1. Karnal 2. Faridabad	3,02,140 14,14,050
	Himachal Pradesh	1	1. Dharamshala	22,580
	Jharkhand	1	1. Ranchi	10,73,427
	Karnataka	6	1. Mangaluru 2. Belagavi 3. Shivamogga 4. Hubballi-Dharwad 5. Tumakuru 6. Davanegere	4,84,785 4,88,292 3,22,428 9,43,857 3,05,821 4,35,128
	Kerala	1	1. Kochi	6,01,574
	Lakshadweep	1	1. Kavaratti	11,210
	Madhya Pradesh	7	1. Bhopal 2. Indore 3. Jabalpur 4. Gwalior 5. Sagar 6. Satna 7. Ujjain	19,22,130 21,95,274 12,16,445 11,59,032 2,73,296 2,80,222 5,15,215
	Maharashtra	10	1. Navi Mumbai 2. Nashik 3. Thane 4. Greater Mumbai 5. Amravati 6. Solapur	11,19,000 14,86,000 18,41,000

			7. Nagpur 8. Kalyan-Dombivali 9. Aurangabad 10. Pune	1,24,00,000 7,45,000 9,52,000 24,60,000 15,18,000 11,65,000 31,24,000
	Manipur	1	1. Imphal	2,68,243
	Meghalaya	1	1. Shillong	3,54,325
	Mizoram	1	1. Aizawl	2,91,000
	Nagaland	1	1. Kohima	1,07,000
	Odisha	2	1. Bhubaneswar 2. Raurkela	8,40,834 3,10,976
	Puducherry	1	1. Oulgaret	3,00,104
	Punjab	3	1. Ludhiana 2. Jalandhar 3. Amritsar	16,18,879 8,68,181 11,55,664
	Rajasthan	4	1. Jaipur 2. Udaipur 3. Kota 4. Ajmer	30,73,350 4,75,150 10,01,365 5,51,360
	Sikkim	1	1. Namchi	12,190

	Tamil Nadu	12	1. Tiruchirapalli 2. Tirunelveli 3. Dindigul, 4. Thanjavur, 5. Tiruppur, 6. Salem, 7. Vellore, 8. Coimbatore, 9. Madurai, 10. Erode, 11. Thoothukudi 12. Chennai	9,16,674 4,74,838 2,07,327 2,22,943 8,77,778 8,31,038 5,04,079 16,01,438 15,61,129 4,98,129 3,70,896 67,27,000
	Telangana	2	1. Greater Hyderabad 2. Greater Warangal	67,31,790 8,19,406
	Tripura	1	1. Agartala	4,00,004
	Uttar Pradesh**	12	1. Moradabad 2. Aligarh 3. Saharanpur 4. Bareilly 5. Jhansi 6. Kanpur	8,87,871 8,74,408 7,05,478 9,03,668 5,05,693 27,65,348

			7. Allahabad	11,12,544
			8. Lucknow	28,17,105
			9. Varanasi	11,98,491
			10. Ghaziabad	16,48,643
			11. Agra	15,85,704
			12. Rampur	3,25,313
	Uttarakhand	1	1. Dehradun	5,83,971
	West Bengal	4	1. New Town Kolkata	36,541
			2. Bidhannagar	
			3. Durgapur	6,33,704
			4. Haldia	5,71,000
				2,72,000

88] Anil Kumar won gold medal in Cadet Wrestling World Championships.

89] Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Union Home secretary.