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## **Latest General knowledge - August 2012**

**Which district of Punjab has been presented the 5th JRD Tata Memorial Award by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen for being ranked first on the composite development index for 548 districts evaluated country wide?**

- Ferozepur (was chosen for the award showing improvement in child and maternal health)

**Which state has become the second highest power purchaser in the country after Punjab?**

- Haryana ( making daily short term power purchases of about 330 lakh units)

**When is India going to get its first C-17 military aircraft from US?**

- In May 2013

**Who was named North India's sculptor of the year 1983?**

- Harjeet Singh Sandhu ( mosaic artist who has earned laurels in New York for his mosaic portrait of Bloomberg, a three time Mayor of New York which will be displayed at the City Hall)

**Name the NASA's most modern spacecraft successfully landed on Mars on 6th August,2012 to begin a pioneering two year search to find out if the red planet is suitable for life and whether it can be inhabitable in the future?**

- Curiosity

**Name the Indian scientist who was a part of NASA team which has identified the landing site of the 'Curiosity'?**

- Amitabh Ghosh

Agni-II image via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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**Name the ballistic missile that lifted off from Wheeler Island in Odisha on 9th August, 2012?**

- Agni-II, capable of carrying nuclear warheads and can cover 2,000 km.

**Who is sworn as the 14th Vice President of India?**

- Hamid Ansari

**Who has become the first Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir (CUK)?**

- Dr. Srikumar Banerjee ( known scientist and Padma Shri Award recipient)

## **GK related to Olympics 2012**

**Name the player of USA who created history by grabbing his 22nd Olympic medal ?**

- Michael Phelps ( retires, won 18 gold medals in total)

**Who got the greatest Olympic athlete of all time Trophy?**

- Michael Phelps

**How many medals are won by India in Olympics 2012?**

- 6 medals, 4 bronze and 2 silver

**Who is the first Indian male shuttler to reach Olympic quarters?**

Parupalli Kashyap

**Name the first Indian women shuttler to enter semifinal at the Olympics?**

- [Saina Nehwal](#) ( won bronze medal for India)

**Name the shooter of Himachal Pradesh (Hamirpur) who won silver medal in Olympics 2012?**

Vijay Kumar, image via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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- [Vijay Kumar](#) ( in men's 25m rapid fire pistol)

**Name the Indian woman boxer who won bronze medal in Olympics?**

- [Mary Kom](#)

**Who won bronze medal for India in men's 60 Kg freestyle wrestling?**

- [Yogeshwar Dutt](#) from Sonapat, Haryana

**Who won the silver medal in 66 Kg wrestling and is the first Indian to win two individual Olympic medals?**

- Sushil Kumar

**Who won bronze medal for India in 10m pistol event?**

Gagan Narang, image via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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- [Gagan Narang](#)

**Which country topped medal table in Olympic 2012?**

- USA (104 medals; 46 gold, 29 silver, 29 bronze)

**Players of which state got the maximum Olympic medals in London Olympics**

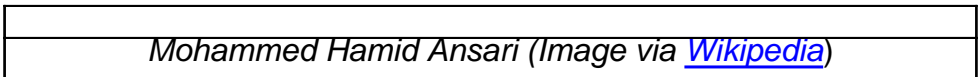
-Haryana

## **Who's Who India, August 2012**

### **Who is President of India?**

-Mr. Pranab Kumar Mukherjee is the 13th and current President of India.

### **Who is vice President of India?**



- Mohammed Hamid Ansari (this is his second term as Vice President of India)

### **Who is agriculture cabinet minister of India?**

- Sh. Sharad Pawar (Shri Sharad Chandra Govindrao Pawar )

### **Who is Finance minister of India?**

-P. Chidambaram (Shri Palaniappan Chidambaram )

### **Who is Home minister (Minister of Home Affairs) of India?**

-Sh. Sushil Kumar Shinde (Sh. Sushil Kumar Sambhajirao Shinde )

### **Who is defence cabinet minister?**

- Sh. AK Antony

### **Who is science and technology cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Vilasrao Deshmukh (Shri Vilasrao Dagadojirao Deshmukh )

**Who is health and family welfare cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Gulam Nabi Azad

**Who is information and broadcasting cabinet minister?**

- Ms. Ambika Soni

**Who is labour and employment cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge

**Who is petroleum and natural gas cabinet minister?**

- Sh. S.Jaipal Reddy

**Who is new and renewable energy cabinet minister?**

- Dr. Farooq Abdullah

**Who is overseas Indian affair cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Vayalar Ravi

**Who is human resources development; communication and information technology cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Kapil Sibal

**Who is road transport and highways cabinet minister?**

- Sh. C.P Joshi

**Who is tourism cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Subodh Kant Sahay

**Who is railway cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Mukul Roy

**Who is law and justice cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Salman Khursheed

**Who is rural development; drinking water and sanitation cabinet minister?**

- Sh. Jairam Ramesh

\*\*\*\*\*For full list and latest portfolios of ministers please refer to [Indian Govt. website](#)\*\*\*\*\*

**Who is chief of the naval staff?**

- Admiral Nirmal Verma (going to retire on 31st August, 2012 and then Vice Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi will take over as new Naval Chief)

**Who is chief of Indian Army?**

-General Bikram Singh

**Who is senior most election commissioner?**

- Sh. V.S.Sampath

**Who is chief justice of India?**

- Sh. S.H. Kapadia

**Who is Attorney General of India?**

- Sh. Goolam E. Vahanvati

**Who is Solicitor General of India?**

- Sh. Rohinton Nariman



## **GK questions July, 2012 -V**

**Which state ranks third in India on school education indicators?**

- Punjab

**Who is going to head HP screening panel for Assembly poll?**

- Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit (Committee set up to short list probable candidates from the state for forthcoming Assembly poll)

**Name the Indian who won Magsaysay award for community initiatives in Tamil Nadu?**

- Kulandei Francis

**Which megastar carried the Olympic flame on the torch relay leg between the City of London and the borough of South wark in London on 26th July,2012, a day before the opening ceremony of sporting spectacle?**

- Amitabh Bachchan

**Where is the venue for the 2012 Olympics?**

- London

**Who is the new Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court?**

- Arjan Kumar Sikri

**Which place is going to have North India's biggest turf club?**

- On the outskirts of Ludhiana

**Which milk federation is planning to export lassi to US?**

- The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited known as Milkfed.

**Who won the first medal for India in Olympics 2012?**

- Gagan Narang ( won a bronze medal in 10m air rifle shooting.)

**At which place the largest industrial solar plant of the country became operational on 29th July,2012?**

- Ludhiana

**Where is a tunnel near the Indo-Pak border detected?**

- In Samba

**At what price the menu of the first dinner served to the first class passengers of the ill fated liner Titanic on 10th April,1912 sold?**

- \$46,000

## **General Knowledge India July, 2012- IV**

**Which country recently ( on 17th July,2012) offered joint production of sophisticated military equipment with India, including cargo planes?**

- Russia ( Recently Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin and Foreign Minister SM Krishna co chaired a meeting of Indo-Russian Inter Governmental Commission on trade, economic,scientific, technical and cultural cooperation)

**The 800 MW Parbati (stage 11) project is part of which project?**

- Part of the 2,013 MW Parbati project, Asia's biggest hydro-power project on the Parbati river in HP.

**Name the first ever pill approved by US to prevent HIV?**

- Truvada ( The once a day pill reduces the chance of contracting HIV)

**Who was called Bollywood's first superstar?**

- Rajesh Khanna ( died on 18th July, 2012)

**Who is going to receive highest US award?**

- Aung San Suu Kyi

**Name the 3rd indigenous stealth frigate inducted by India on 21st July,2012?**

- INS Sahyadri ( The first two ships in the class are INS Shivalik and INS Satpura) INS Sahyadri has 6,200 tonne displacement and is 143m long. It can stay in sea for more than 3 weeks or cover 10,800Km without refuelling.

Pranab Mukherjee via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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**Who will be the India's 13th President?**

- Pranab Mukherjee. He will take oath in Central Hall of Parliament on 25th July,2012 ( He is first person from West Bengal to occupy the top constitutional post)

**Where is ABG Shipyard the India's largest private sector shipyard?**

- At Magdalla port near Surat.

## **Latest General Knowledge July, 2012- III**

**Scientists of which foreign countries have offered help to the Union Ministry of Health and the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in finding the sources of uranium contamination and studying its impact on human and animal health in Punjab?**

- UK, Germany and South Africa

**Name the woman boxer of India who have won five time world championship in succession?**

- Mary Kom

**Who was conferred the Honorary General of the Nepal Army by Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav on July 11,2012?**

- Gen Bikram Singh

**Where is the world's largest solar power project going to be set up?**

- Maharashtra

**Name the first country in the Asia Pacific to house a UNESCO category 1 institute to be located in Delhi and named as the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for peace and Sustainable Development?**

- India

**Name the Indian genetic researcher from Hyderabad in cooperation with American scientists who developed a technique to treat cancer cells without affecting healthy cells using nano-medicine?**

- Dr Rao Panieni (Currently working as chief scientist and senior principal investigator at Care-Stream Health Inc,USA?)

**What is the India's position now in the latest ICC Test Championship ranking table after the annual update took place on July 14, 2012?**

- Fifth Position

Sunita Williams via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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**Name the Indian American astronaut who begins her 2nd space odyssey on July 15,2012?**

- Sunita Williams ( She took off for her second space odyssey on a Russian Soyuz rocket, which blasted off successfully from a cosmodrome in Kazakhstan)

**Who will be the flag bearer of the Indian contingent for the London Olympic Games?**

- Sushil Kumar Solanki, winner of a bronze medal in the 66Kg free style wrestling category in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

**Who will take the final decision to resume bilateral cricketing ties with Pakistan ( Almost five years after Mumbai attacks, the**

**Board of Cricket Control (BCCI) in India agreed to three ODIs and two T20 matches)?**

- By Ministry of Home Affairs, led by P Chidambaram

## Latest General Knowledge July, 2012- II

**Name the Russian painter whose 468 acre estate in Bangalore is going to be developed as an art gallery of his 210 paintings and a rose garden by Karnataka government?**

- Painter Svetoslav Roerich and his actor wife Devika Rani

**Who won the Wimbledon title for fifth time after beating Agnieszka Radwanska in women category at the All England Tennis Club in 2012?**

- Serena Williams

Roger Federer Via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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**Who won the Wimbledon title for seventh time and 17th grand slam crown after beating Andy Murray in male category in 2012?**

- Roger Federer

**Name the cricketer who has been recommended for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award by BCCI?**

- Rahul Dravid ( Yuvraj Singh is also nominated for the Arjuna award)

**Who won the Taman Dayu title at the Taman Dayu Golf Club in Surabaya in 2012?**

- Sujjan Singh



**Where is the Indian Air Force forward base which is the first defence airfield in the country to be equipped with the latest radars, navigation tools and aircraft tracking systems?**

- At Bathinda

**Where is the single largest overseas training base for Sri Lankan troops for the past decade or more?**

- India

**Who won the Miss Deaf World 2012 title?**

- Karin Keuter of Germany ( 50 girls from all over world attended the competition that took place in Czech capital for the 12th time.)

**Name the states where crime against women was highest in 2011?**

- West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh

**Who will be the 21st Chief Minister of Karnataka?**

- Jagadish Shettar

## **GK India, July 2012: Higgs Boson, Satyendra Nath Bose, Euro 2012**

**Where is ISRO going to develop its third launch pad?**

- At its spaceport at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh to meet the growing demand.

**Who won the Euro 2012 football final against Italy in Kiev on 1st July 2012?**

- Spain

**Which place in India have been included on the coveted list of the World Heritage Sites, at a meeting of the World Heritage Committee held in Russia on 1st July,2012?**

- Western Ghats along the west coast of India.( The Western Ghats harbour a wealth of flora and fauna.)

**What is India's rank in Global Innovation Efficiency Index in 2012?**

- 2nd position ( last year India's rank was 9th). China topped the list.

**Which country is considered most favoured destination by major global companies after China and United States?**

- India

**Name the subatomic particle which scientists claimed to have spotted and is believed to be a crucial building block in the formation of universe?**

- God particle or Higgs Boson

**Name the Indian scientist from whose surname the word 'boson' is derived?**

Satyendra Nath Bose via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
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- [Satyendra Nath Bose](#). The discovery of a new subatomic particle Higgs boson have once again brought Satyendra Nath Bose in spotlight.( Bose also worked with Einstein in 1920s providing foundation for Bose-Einstein statistics.)

**Name the state where bio-fuel outlet, first of its kind in the country will be opened?**

- Madenur in Hassan district of Karnataka

**Who has signed a contract with auctioneers Sotheby's to purchase a large archive related to Mahatma Gandhi?**

- Indian government

**Where in India will be the second plant of the French based multinational company ( The world's largest cosmetic and beauty company L'Oreal Group) be set up?**

- In Baddi area ( Himachal Pradesh). Its first plant in India is at Pune.

## **GK India, June 2012**

**Name the state where Gen Bikram Singh first visited after assuming the office on May 31?**

- Jammu and Kashmir

**Who is nominated for the post of President by UPA?**

- Pranab Mukherjee, veteran Congress leader and our Finance Minister.( has resigned from the post of Finance Minister)

**Name the 50 year old bridge which was the first to be built across the river Brahmaputra to bridge the surface communication route between the North-East and the rest of the country inaugurated in June 1963 by first Prime Minister of country Jawaharlal Nehru?**

- Saraighat Bridge

**First ever Ladakh Film Festival opened on 15th June, 2012 with the screening of which movie?**

- Raja Harishchandra( First full length silent film made in 1913 by Dada Saheb Phalke. Only green carpets were there to premiere films)

**Name the China's first woman astronaut into orbit?**

- Liu Yang ( landed on earth safely after 13 days)

**Name the Bhangra and Punjabi folk music pioneer in England**

**to be honoured with the highest civilian award, Order of British Empire (OBE)?**

- Harcharanjit Singh Rupal alias Channi Singh from punjab.

**Name the fifth seeded Indian, who had won the Thailand Open last week, defeated China's Li to win her third title of the year?**

- Saina Nehwal

**What is India's rank on Foreign money in Swiss banks?**

- 55th rank

**With which cells scientists for the first time have developed bone?**

- From fresh and purified fat stem cells ( Fat has a large number of tissue growing stem cells. People could go for liposuction and save fat cells for future use or can use immediately.)

**Who is new Pak PM?**

- Raja Pervaiz Ashraf

**Who has been awarded the prestigious Karen Harvey Prize for 2012 by the American Astronomical Society (AAS)?**

- Dibyendu Nandi of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata. ( The first scientist from the Asia Pacific to get the prize)

**A plaque in the honour of which Indian cricket legend was unveiled at the Oxford University pavilion in London?**

- Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi

## **General awareness, May 2012-II**

**Chief Minister of which state survived copter crash in May, 2012?**

- Jharkhand Chief Minister Arjun Munda

**How many coconuts were broken on the forehead with a baseball bat during a contest organized in Rome on April,2012 by 7 Gatka lads from Tarn Taran to make it to Guinness Book?**

- 59 coconuts in one minute

**How much amount has been invested by Cabinet Committee on May,2012 to end years of shortage for a basic training aircraft for young trainee pilots of the Indian Air Force?**

- Approx. Rs 2900 Crore to buy 75 single engined aircraft from Swiss Company Pilatus.

**India is looking on which countries as part of its strategy to diversify its crude oil imports in view of the difficulties being faced in buying it from Iran?**

- Nigeria, Venezuela and Canada

**Name the only Indian Cricketer who have hit a century in IPL 5 till now?**

- Ajinkya Rahane

**Name the Indian American who has been named as the eighth**

**Chancellor of University of California, San Diego?**

- Pradeep Khosla, an IIT alumnus currently working as the Dean of College of Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Name the book to be published by Punjabi University Patiala about the writings of Manto (famous Urdu writer) announced by Vice Chancellor on the occasion of Saadat Hasan Manto's 100th birth anniversary in May,2012?**

- Sahitik Simrti Granth

**Which anniversary of sandwich was celebrated by British town in May,2012?**

- 250th anniversary

**What are the reports received by Dalai Lama from inside Tibet?**

- That Chinese agents had trained Tibetan women for a mission to poison him while posing as devotees seeking his blessings.



## **Latest Who's who India-May 2012**

**What was the ancient name of Bathinda city?**

- Tribhandanapura and its ruler was Shtrughanadeva.

**Which actress has become the brand ambassador for sanitation campaign?**

- Vidya Balan roped in this campaign by Rural Development minister Jairam Ramesh. ( She will be the first brand ambassador of the Rural Development ministry)

**Who got the best actress trophy on the 59th National Film Awards for 2011?**

- Vidya Balan

**Who received the Dadasaheb Phalka Award, the highest honour in Indian cinema from our Vice President Hamid Ansari on the occasion of 59th National Film Awards 2011?**

- Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee

**Name the two living members of first Lok Sabha to be honored by President on 13th May,2012, 60th anniversary of our Parliament?**

- Rishang Keishing and Resham Lal Jhangde

**Which painting got the highest price ever paid for a work of art**

**at any auction?**

- Edvard Munch's iconic painting "The Scream" was sold for nearly \$ 120 million.

**Who is the first apex court judge to be presented with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by Vice President on 5th May,2012?**

- Justice Kuldip Singh

**Who got the Best District Panchayat Award for year 2011-2012 under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme in the state of Punjab?**

- Bathinda Zila Parishad

**How many cities can be protected by the missile defence shield developed by India?**

- At least two cities ( This shield can be put in place at short notice developed by DRDO)

## **Latest General knowledge May 2012- I**

**Which village of Andhra Pradesh may be sitting over one of the world's largest uranium reserves?**

- Tummalapalle village in Kadapa district.

**Who has created world record in mental division?**

- Dr Amit Garg( Haryana boy and former IIT topper. He mentally divided a 10 digit number with a five digit number in 34.5 sec.)

**After how many years an ancient Nagbal Kapal Mochan Tirtha temple, which houses a 1000-eyed Shivling was opened for puja in Shopian district of South Kashmir?**

- After 22 years on 21st April,2012

**Name the persons of Himachal Pradesh who received national awards for outstanding performance in developing panchayati raj institutions in the state?**

- Hari Chand Sharma ( President zila parishad, Kullu)

Usha Bharti ( President of block samiti, Nirmand, Kullu)

Meena Kumari ( President panchayat samiti, Salooni, Chamba)

Dinesh Thakur ( Barog panchayat, Shimla)

Prem Thakur (President Chamyana panchayat, Shimla)

**When was India's first microwave remote sensing satellite RISAT-1 placed in orbit?**

- 26th April,2012 ( It is India's first ingeniously developed synthetic aperture radar having all weather and day night imaging capability )

**Name the United Nations Secretary General who received an honorary doctorate degree from Jamia Milia Islamia University on 27th April, 2012?**

- Ban Ki-moon ( This is Ban's third visit to India after he took over as the head of world body in 2007)

**Name the new anti malaria drug which India got on 25th April,2012?**

- Synriam ( first ingeniously developed anti malaria drug)

**Whose names have been approved for the nomination to enter the Rajya Sabha by our President Pratibha Patil?**

- The ace batsman Sachin Tendulkar, actress Rekha and industrialist Anu Agha.

## **Latest GK, India: April 2012 -II**

**Recently from which place Archaeological experts from Banaras Hindu University and Cambridge University London have dug out relics believed to be associated with the Harappan civilization?**

- At Khalsa Bahla village in Karnal.( Team has found relics including utensils, pottery and bones)

**Where did US and Indian naval forces armed with guided missile cruiser, destroyers and submarine started a 10 day long annual Malabar exercise on 7th April,2012 to advance their maritime ties and mutual security issues?**

- Bay of Bengal

**Who will be the sports ambassador of Haryana?**

- Leander Paes (Ace lawn tennis player and a [Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee.](#) )

**Earthquake of 8.6 magnitude at which place shaken even India on 11th April, 2012?**

- Indonesia

**Where is India's first Integrated Check Post situated?**

- At Attari ( Inaugurated by Home Minister P Chidambaram)

**What is the name of India's most sophisticated and powerful ballistic missile ever built?**

- Agni V ( with a range of 5000 Km , Agni V will traverse 2000 Km more than any other Indian Missile. Successfully launched on 19th

April,2012.)

**Where is Asia's first dolphin research center going to be set up?**

- In Bihar ( Patna)

**Assam Governor JB Patnaik has taken fresh initiative to bid which status for Majuli river island in Assam so that the world's largest inhabited river island's unique cultural identity can be well preserved for the progeny?**

- UNESCO World Heritage status

**Why J&K government has banned the export of garlic, cardamom, coconut, zeera, banana and chilli to the Pakistan occupied Kashmir from Jammu and Kashmir?**

- Since directions are received not to export items that are not produced in J&K.

## **GK India April, 2012**

**Who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the 2012 London Olympics?**

- Geeta Phogat ( Haryana wrestler)

**Who has become new president of The Tribune Trust?**

- Justice (retd) SS Sodhi

**Who will be the new Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court?**

- Justice Bimala Prasad Das of Orissa High Court

**Which states have been declared poorest on pupil-teacher norms?**

- Punjab and Uttarakhand

**At which place the world's largest Red Ribbon, a symbol of the fight against HIV/AIDS was formed?**

- Karnal ( 6,847 volunteers participated)

**What types of radars are going to be set up at key locations in the Himalayan region by the Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment and the Indian Meteorological Department together?**

- Doppler radars which will track the movement of clouds and predict heavy rain in three hours time.

**Name the Russian made nuclear-powered submarine which is added into Navy on 4th April,2012?**

- INS Chakra

**Name the British MP of Indian origin who is going to create history by featuring in an international film (Jadoo) to be shot on the famous Belgrave Road in Leicester East?**

- Keith Vaz



## **Latest General Knowledge, India- March, 2012 -III**

**Who became the first batsman in the history of cricket to score 100 international centuries?**

- Sachin Tendulkar

**Where is country's first hydro-engineering college located?**

- Bilaspur (HP)

**Which country is the world's largest recipient of arms?**

- India

**Who got the Panth Rattan award by Akal Takht on 20th March,2012?**

- Baba Harbans Singh of Delhi posthumously for his contribution in the field of 'Kar Sewa'. Baba's successor Baba Bachan Singh received the award.

**When is World's Sparrow Day observed?**

- 20th March

**On what occasion Bihar got its own state anthem and state prayer whose CD's were released by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar?**

- On 100th anniversary of Bihar celebrated on 22nd March,2012.( Lyrics of state anthem are written by Patna based poet Satya

Narayan.)

**Name the first Indian actor to receive the honour from the city of New York for her contribution to cinema and involvement with the movie industry?**

- Shabana Azmi

**Which are the countries whose Presidents are here in India to attend the fourth BRICS summit?**

- Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa. ( fourth BRICS will be held on 29th March, 2012 in Delhi and will conclude with the signing of two agreements and the ' Delhi Declaration'.)

**Who is the first head of state to officially declare his assets and liabilities(worth over Rs 4.83 crore)?**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav

**Which state is going to get the Nirmal Pradesh status tag on second number after Sikkim?**

- Himachal Pradesh

## **Latest whoes who of India, March, 2012**

**Who became Chief Minister of Punjab for record fifth time?**

- Parkash Singh Badal

**Who has been appointed Chief Minister of Goa?**

- Manohar Parrikar

**Who is the new youngest Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh?**

- Akhilesh Yadav

**Who is the seventh Chief Minister of Uttarakhand?**

- Vijay Bahuguna

**Who has been appointed the new chairman of the governing body of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study ( IIAS)?**

- Gopalkrishna Gandhi ( youngest grandson of Mahatma Gandhi)

**India with which other country did their two week long joint military exercise in Rajasthan desert in March 2012 with troops engaged with each other in series of anti terrorist and urban warfare drills?**

- US

**Name the legendary Pahari artist whose rare painting is among the 115 works of Indian art currently being exhibited at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford?**

- Nainsukh of Guler

**Who won the best director prize for the Punjabi film "Anhe Ghorey Da Daan" in the 59th National Film Awards?**

- Gurvinder Singh

**Who got the best actress trophy in the 59th National Film Awards announced on 7th March 2012?**

- Vidya Balan for " The Dirty Picture"

**Name the second highest run scorer in Tests who announced his retirement on 9th March,2012?**

- Rahul Dravid

**Who is first batsman in the world to score 100 centuries in international Cricket?**

-Sachin Tendulkar. He has scored 51 centuries in tests and 49 in one-day internationals.

**Name the first woman loco pilot of Andhra Pradesh?**

- S Satyavathi

**Where has been the World's first Pashmina goat kid cloned?**

- In Kashmir by the scientists at the Sher- e- Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir. ( Healthy female kid named Noori born on 9th March, 2012)

**Who will become the first Indian and also the first woman to head the crucial tax transparency unit of global finance body, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) group of G-20 countries and has 108 member nations?**

- Monica Bhatia

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## **Latest GK India, March 2012**

**According to 2011 Annual Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) released globally in Vienna, which country figures high in online dope trade?**

- India ( 151 Kg illicit drugs recovered from 152 parcels in 2011)

**What are the harsher punishments for traffic violations according to the amended Motor Vehicle Act approved on 1st March, 2012 by government?**

- For drunken driving the increased fine will range from Rs 2000 to 10,000 and imprisonment from six months to four years. For using mobile phones while driving fine raised to Rs 500 for first offence and Rs 2000 to Rs 5000 for subsequent offences.

**India and which other country with long coastline have agreed to hold first ever maritime talks?**

- China

**Who is appointed new Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command, IAF in Bangalore on 1st March,2012?**

- Air Marshal Rajinder Singh ( Born in 1953 at Palampur, H.P)

**Recently a pin shaped device suspected to be a remote electronic listening device was found in whose office?**

- In the office of Defence Minister AK Antony on 16th Feb, 2012

**Who has been appointed as the chairman of the monitoring authority that is supervising the investigations into 22 alleged fake encounter killings in Gujarat during 2002-06 by the Supreme Court on 2nd March,2012?**

- Retired judge HS Bedi

**Who will be Pakistan's new cricket coach?**

- Former Australian batsman Dav Whatmore

**Who will be the next Army Chief after General VK Singh, retiring from service on 31st May,2012?**

- Lieutenant General Bikram Singh (second-ever Sikh, after General JJ Singh (retd.) to command the 1.3 million strong Indian Army)

**When did the Army successfully test fired the 290 Km range BrahMos supersonic cruise missile at the Pokharan range to operationalize the second regiment of the weapon system in service?**

- On 4th March, 2012 ( One regiment of the 290 Km range BrahMos consists around 65 missiles, five mobile autonomous launchers on Tatra vehicles and two mobile command posts, among other equipments.)

**Who clinched the first women's Kabaddi World Cup championship title after defeating Iran?**



- India

## **General Awareness India: Diamond sate, River Delta**

**Name the state of India where diamond mines are mainly found?**

- Madhya Pradesh

**Where were huge amounts of uranium recently found?**

- Andhra Pradesh

**Name the first heavyweight boxer to go undefeated throughout his career?**

- Rocky Marciano

**Which is the largest river delta of India?**

- Ganga

**How many postal zones are there in India, under the PIN Code System?**

- 8

**Who elects the Vice President of India?**

- Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

**Which state in South India have a thermal station at Tuticorin?**

- Tamil Nadu

**Name the mineral found in Zawar mines?**

- Zinc

**Which states are known for Cauvery Water dispute?**

- Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

**Which region of India is associated with pine forests?**

- Uttarakhand

## **February GK 2012 series V**

**Name the new helicopters formally inducted into Indian Air Force on 17th Feb.,2012?**

- Mi-17 V5 helicopters

**What is the reason found for ground water contamination in Punjab, especially in the Malwa region?**

- High concentration of uranium due to excessive use of phosphate fertilizers, according to report prepared by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC).

**After 26/11 first Hindu Jatha left for Pakistan on 18th Feb., 2012 to celebrate which occasion?**

- To celebrate Mahashivratri at Katasraj in Pakistan which is believed to be related to the Mahabharata era.

**Who has been appointed chairman of the Haryana School Teachers Selection Board?**

- Brig Nand Lal Poonia (retd)

**In which district of Himachal Pradesh the state governments move to sterilize monkey claimed the lives of about 700 monkeys?**

- Kangra district ( Gopalpur Sterilisation Centre)

**Name Nuclear Power Plant which was given clean chit by four member committee set up by Tamil Nadu government on 19th Feb.,2012?**

- Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant ( as it is said to be well equipped to withstand natural calamities, be it earthquake or tsunami)

**Who translated the Punjabi book ' Adh Khidiya Phool' written by Nanak Singh, the Father of Punjabi novel into English version 'A Life Incomplete'?**

- Navdeep Suri ( Nanak Singh's grandson)

**Where is the only shrine in the world which has a natural statue of Hanuman that is not man made?**

- In Southern Pakistani city of Karachi named Shri Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir ( The eight foot blue and white statue is 1500 year old)

## **Latest GK February 2012 IV**

**Who was felicitated with the prestigious National Medals of Arts and Humanities Award by US President Barack Obama for his efforts to increase the understanding of fighting hunger and poverty on 14th Feb.,2012?**

- India born Nobel laureate Amartya Sen

**Whom the Gujarat High Court issued contempt notice on 15th Feb., 2012 for not obeying its order to compensate people whose shops were burnt down in the post-Godhra riots?**

- Narendra Modi government

**India is facing pressure from the US and other Western countries to break trade ties with which country?**

- Iran ( India has to take decision carefully as Iran is not just an important crude oil supplier but also a prospective large export market.)

**Who is the second 100 percent visually impaired person to be accepted into the IAS?**

- Ajit Kumar from Haryana

**Who has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi prize for translation for his book 'Bharat Nikki Kahani' , an anthology of**

**short stories of various languages?**

- Dr Gurbax Singh Frank, a retired professor of Guru Nanak Dev University.

**Which state stood third in India after Gujarat and Maharashtra in attracting investments across various sectors?**

- Andhra Pradesh ( In 2011, the state had attracted investments to the tune of Rs 12.09 lakh crore)

**Name the first Indian Commerce Minister to visit Pakistan to boost trade ties and to create history by becoming the first Indian Speaker to lead a parliamentary delegation to Pakistan?**

- Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar

**Which is the world's second cheapest city according to global survey?**

- Mumbai ( New Delhi is fourth cheapest whereas Ziirich in Switzerland is most expensive place)

## **Ancient History India**

**Which battle opened the Delhi area to Muhammad Ghori?**

- Second Battle of Tarain

**Where were Chola Kings ruling over?**

- Tamil Nadu

**Where did coins made of metal first appeared?**

- Later Vedic Age

**What was the main occupation of Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age) people?**

- Hunting

**Who founded the Saka Era?**

- Kanishka

**Who fought the Third Battle of Panipat?**

- Ahmad Shah Abdali and the Marathas

**Who introduced the market regulations in India in ancient period?**

- Allauddin Khilji



**Name the great poet who graced the court of Alauddin Khilji?**

- Amir Khusru

**Who led the first Muslim invasion of India?**

- Mohammad bin Kasim

**Whose influence is reflected in the sculptures of the Gandhara school ?**

- Greeks

**Name the famous ruler of ancient India, who towards the end of his life converted to Jainism?**

- Chandragupta

**Which was the great centre of trade and commerce in the Gupta period?**

- Mathura

**Who was the founder of the Khalsa?**

- Guru Gobind Singh

**Where were remains of Vijayanagar Empire found?**

- Hampi

**Whose contemporary was Tulsidas?**

- Akbar

**During whose reign The Mathura School of art flourished?**

- Vasudeva

**During whose time the Gandhara School of art developed?**

- Kushans

**Between whom battle of Kurukshetra was fought?**

- Kauravas and Pandavas

## **General Knowledge February 2012- III**

**Name the country which is second largest producer of horticulture commodities such as fruits, vegetables and flowers in the world?**

- India

**On which occasion President Pratibha Patil released a IIC commemorative postage stamp on 9th Feb.,2012?**

- To commemorate the golden jubilee of the India International Centre (IIC) which is a non government institution and is one of the country's premier cultural centre widely regarded as a place where statesmen, diplomats, policy makers, intellectuals, scientists meet.

**Name the first state in the country to set up an urban health mission to provide comprehensive health services in the urban areas particularly slums?**

- Haryana ( Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda also announced that under the Indira Bal Swasthya Yojna (IBSY) free treatment would be provided to all children , earlier it was being provided to children hailing from BPL families.)

**Name the sub-launched long range N-missile developed by China?**

- Julang-2 ( Since China is on the way to add a potent weapon to its sea board nuclear arsenal , it will mount pressure on India as it

doesn't even have a submarine to launch a missile like Julang-2)

**Name the former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister whose admirers have decided to build a temple to perpetuate his memory?**

- Late YS Rajasekhar Reddy

**According to a poll conducted by global research company Ipsos, people of which country are happiest on this planet despite woes, conflicts?**

- Indians

**Whose works will be auctioned by an Indian auction house online for the first time?**

- Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Matisse, Chaggall and Salvador Dali

## **General Awareness India**

**What is the maximum period of gap between any two sessions of the Indian Parliament?**

- Six months

**Who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces in India?**

- The President

**What is the name of first Indian aircraft developed by Government laboratory with private fund?**

- Eagle

**What is the aim of the 'Biosphere Reserve Project'?**

- Protecting Flora and Fauna

**What is the estimated premature deaths caused annually by outdoor air pollution, according to the first pollution survey carried out by World Health Organisation in Sept.,2011?**

- 1.34 millions

**Name the Indian state where the game of Polo is said to have originated?**

- Manipur

**Which fund can be used to meet the unanticipated expenditure without the prior approval of the Parliament?**

**- Contingency Fund of India**

**Name the largest oil refinery of India?**

**- Vadodara**

**Who was the First Election Commissioner of India?**

**- Sukumar Sen**

**Name the state of India having longest coastline?**

**- Andhra Pradesh**

**What is the name of India's first aircraft carrier?**

**- INS Vikrant**

## **Latest General Knowledge India February 2012**

**Which state is going to be first carbon-neutral state in the country by 2020?**

**- Himachal Pradesh**

**What is the law finalized by the Govt. for children up to 5?**

**- The government's first draft policy on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) finalized after four regional consultations with stakeholders across the country proposes a comprehensive law to cover nutritional development and education aspects related to children up to five years of age. (In Feb., the policy will be put in the public domain for comments)**

**Who has been conferred the Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award 2012 by the Mother Teresa International Award committee, Kolkata?**

**- PK Dhumal the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh**

**Which organization will be deploying air borne lasers and sensors to generate precision data about Himalayan topography and the amount of snow covered over the world's highest mountain range?**

**- The Defense Research and Development (DRDO). ( The data would assist in the movement and deployment of troops, planning military operations as well as provide inputs for civic**

development and calculating the extend and availability of fresh water resources.)

**Name the chief commissioner of Customs and Central Excise and Service Tax in Chandigarh who received the World Customs Organization Certificate Merit from Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee on the occasion of International Customs Day in New Delhi?**

**- P.S Pruthi**

**Who inaugurated the 7th Kashmir Festival 'Khushboo-e-Kashmir' organized by SARHAD and Arihant Education Foundation at Pune in Maharashtra?**

**- N.N Vohra Governor of Maharashtra**

**Name the first-ever Canadian woman of Indian origin to be nominated to the Senate the Upper House of Parliament of Canada?**

**- Dr. Asha Seth, an obstetrician and gynaecologist based in Toronto.**

**Name the person who transliterated Guru Granth Sahib in Braille?**

**- Bhai Gurmej Singh**



**What is the cause of fresh unrest in Andhra Pradesh?**

**- Cabinet expansion and reshuffle of portfolios undertaken by the Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy.**

**Name the Prime Ministers who agreed on early conclusion of an agreement to check the use of Mauritius as a route to avoid tax on Investments by Indian companies?**

**- Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh and Prime Minister of Mauritius Navinchandra Ramgoolam.**

**Name the first among industry associates who have agreed to become skill knowledge providers for the Central Scheme of vocational education which HRD Minister Kapil Sibal announced on 7th Feb.,2012 for launch from academic session 2012 in which students dropped out after class tenth can get diploma or degree in a vocation of his choice?**

**- Microsoft, Nokia and Aptech ( Called the National Vocational Educational Qualification Framework, the programme will be implemented through 3,700 polytechnics and 9000 technical institutes approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and will offer diplomas/ degrees in different specialisation.**

**Name the last king of Jammu and Kashmir whose bronze life-size statue has been installed on the Press Club side of the**

**twin bridge over the Tawi by the government through Jammu Municipal Corporation?**

**- Maharaja Hari Singh**

**Name the world's shortest living woman?**

**- Jyoti Amge**

**Which country is interested in importing the cholera vaccine tested and introduced in India in 2009 with the help of Seoul's International Vaccine Institute?**

**- Pakistan**

**How an IT solution to identify and check the genuineness of drugs christened as 'Authentic k' made easier by a Bangalore based Analytics and Technology company, Activecubes?**

**- When a customer buys a drug at a counter he can see a message (number) on strip (Activecubes will partner with pharmaceutical companies to identify and print a unique alphanumeric number on every strip of medication it manufactures which cannot be replicated). He needs to SMS the code to the number given on the strip. The system cross checks the code with the number in the database. If these two numbers match an automatic reply about the drugs validity is sent to the customer within seconds.**

**Name the Bollywood legend whose ancestral home in Peshawar, Pakistan has been turned into heritage site?**

- Dilip Kumar

## **General Awareness India: Political Science, Places, History**

**Where are relics of Buddha preserved?**

**- Stupa**

**On whose written advice President can proclaim Emergency?**

**- Prime Minister**

**To whom President of India can write if he wants to resign from office?**

**- Vice President of India**

**Name the mountain range which stretches from Gujarat in the West to Delhi in the North?**

**- Aravallis**

**Who brought and installed two Asokan pillars in Delhi?**

**- Firozeshah Tughluq**

**Which river is related to Nagarjun Sagar Project?**

**- Krishna**

**What is the new name of Burma?**

**- Myanmar**

**In which Amendment Right to property was removed from the list of Fundamental rights?**

**- Forty-fourth Amendment**

**Who appoints the Chairman and members of State Public Service Commission?**

**- Governor**

**What is the maximum duration for which the Vice President can officiate as the President of India?**

**- 6 months**

**Name the person who presided over the first session of Indian National Congress in 1885?**

**- W.C Bannerjee**

**Who is called "Grand Old Man of India"?**

**- Dadabhai Naoroji**

**Who was the first Indian elected to the leadership of Communist International?**

**- M.N Roy**

**Where is Pushkar lake located?**

**- Rajasthan**

## **Books and Authors: Sunny Days, India Wins Freedom**

**Who wrote the book " Sunny Days"?**

**- Sunil Gavaskar**

**Who is the author of book "Gita Govinda"?**

**- Jayadeva**

**Who is the author of the novel "White Tiger"which won the Booker Prize 2008?**

**- Aravind Adiga**

**Who was the author of "Hind Swaraj"?**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

**Who wrote the book " A Passage To India"?**

**- E.M Forster**

**Who is the author of book "The Shape of the Beast"?**

**- Arundhati Roy**

**Who wrote the book " Animal's People"?**

**-Indra Sinha**

**Who wrote the novel " Neela Chand"?**

**- Shiv Prasad Singh**

**Who wrote an English novel " In Custody"?**

**- Anita Desai**

**Who is the author of book " Many Worlds"?**

**- V.S Naipaul**

**Name the book which has collection of speeches of N.G Ranga?**

**- Three Decades in Parliament**

**Who wrote the book "We Indians"?**

**- Khushwant Singh**

**Who wrote the famous novel " Pride and Prejudice"?**

**- Jane Austen**

**Who is the author of book "India Wins Freedom"?**

**- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**



**Who wrote " War and Peace"?**

**- Leo Tolstoy**

**Who wrote the book "The Daughter of the East"?**

**- Ms. Benazir Bhutto**

**Who is the author of book " The Tribune 130 Years: A Witness to History"?**

**- Prof. V.N Datta**

**Who wrote the book " Glimpses of World History"?**

**- Jawaharlal Nehru**

**Who wrote the book " Unhappy India"?**

**- Lala Lajpat Rai**

**Who wrote the book "Gullivers Travel"?**

**- Jonathan Swift**

**Who wrote " Netaji, Dead or Alive"?**

**- Samar Guha**

**Who is the author of book " Freedom Behind Bars"?**

**- Kiran Bedi**

**Who is author of " Hindu view of life"?**

**- S. Radhakrishnan**

**Who wrote the popular book "The Naked Face"?**

**- Sidney Sheldon**

**Who wrote the book " Eternal Himalayas"?**

**- H.P.S Ahluwalia**

**Who was the author of " Bharat Bharati"?**

**- Maithili Sharan Gupta**

## **Latest GK India Feb 2012**

**Where is Bihar's first all women police station located?**

**-At Biharsharif, the district headquarters of Nalanda about 80 Km from the state capital became operational on 21st Jan., 2012.**

**Who will become Lokayukta of Himachal Pradesh?**

**- Justice Lokeshwar Singh Panta, a former Supreme Court Judge and Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal will take oath as Lokayukta of H.P on 3rd Feb.**

**Name the Kangra girl who became 1st professional pistol shooter from Himachal Pradesh?**

**- Anchal Rana**

**Name the new nuclear powered submarine formally handed to India by Russia?**

**- Nerpa (The submarine that has the capacity to fire nuclear warheads)**

**Prime Minister of which country was the chief guest at the Republic Day parade?**

**- Yingluck Shinawatra, Thailand's first woman Prime Minister**

**Name the UAE's first Gurdwara opened in Dubai?  
- Guru Nanak Darbar**

## **Padma and gallantry awards 2012**

**Who got the Padma Vibhushan awards 2012?**

**- KG Subramanyan for art-painting and sculpture**

**Late Mario De Miranda for art cartoonist**

**Late Dr Bhupen Hazarika for art-vocal music**

**Dr Kantilal Hastimal Sancheti for medicine-orthopaedics**

**TV Rajeswar for civil service**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-cinema?**

**-Shabana Azmi**

**Dharmendra**

**Mira Nair**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for science and engineering?**

**- Prof. Shashikumar Chitre**

**Dr MS Raghunathan**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for trade and industry?**

**- Subbiah Murugappa Vellayan**

**Balasubramanian Muthuraman**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for literature and education?**

**- Prof. Dr Shantaram Balwant Mujumdar**

**Prof. Vidya Dehejia**

**Prof. Arvind Panagariya**

**Dr Jose Pereira**

**Dr Homi K Bhabha**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-painting?**

**- Jatin Das**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-instrumental music-violin?**

**- MS Gopalakrishanan**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-instrumental music-sarod?**

**- Pandit Budhadev Das Gupta**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-theatre?**

**- Khaled Choudhury**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-classical vocal and instrumental music?**

**- Dr Trippunithwra Viswanathan Gopalkrishnan**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for art-sculpture?**

**- Anish Kapoor**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for social work?**

**- Satya Narayan Goenka**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for public affairs?**

**- Dr Patibandla Chandrasekhar Rao**

**George Yong-Boon Yeo**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for medicine-oncology?**

**- Dr Suresh H Advani**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for medicine-neurology?**

**- Dr Noshir H Wadia**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for medicine-cardiology?**

**- Dr Devi Prasad Shetty**

**Who got Padma Bhushan Award 2012 for civil service?**

**- N Vittal**

**Mata Prasad**

**Ronen sen**

**Who got Padma Shri Award 2012 for art Indian classical music vocal?**

**-Anup Jalota**

**Who got Padma Shri Award 2012 for art-cinema-direction?**

**- Soman Nair Priyadarshan**

**Who got Padma Shri Award 2012 for art painting?**

**- Vijay Sharma**

**Who got the highest peace time gallantry award Ashok Chakra 2012?**

**- Late Lt. Navdeep Singh**

**Who got the second highest peace time gallantry award Kirti Chakra?**

**- Lt. Sushil Khajuria**

**Lt. Col. Kamaldeep Singh**

**Capt. Ashutosh Kumar**



## **India GK January, 2012**

**Prime Minister -of which country visited India in Jan, 2012 and talked to resolve water issues between two countries and to remove the prevailing bilateral trade imbalance?**

**- Sheikh Hasina Wajed Prime Minister of Bangladesh**

**Where does the Indian bureaucracy in Asia stands, according to a report by a prestigious consulting firm based in Singapore?**

**- Indian bureaucracy is worst in Asia with a 9.21 rating out of 10. Singapore remained the best with the rating of 2.25. (But India was considered better than Brazil, Russia and China as the fastest place to set up a new business and to deal with construction permits and second fastest place to deal with export and import procedures according to report.)**

**Prime Minister of which country visited her ancestral village Bhelupur in Buxar district of Bihar in Jan.,2012?**

**- Kamla Persad Bissessar Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.**

**Name the student of Himachal Pradesh whose research work for systematic harnessing of the geothermal potential as a sustainable source of energy encouraged the government of H.P to explore the possibilities of exploiting the non-conventional source of energy?**

**- Vijay Chauhan student of IIT Mandi**

**Name the place in Himachal Pradesh which has a tradition of**

**celebrating the Lohri festival for the girl child for the past over three centuries?**

**- Paragpur a heritage village located in Kangra district. The government has given the Lohri festival in Paragpur the status of a state festival. (Some historians believe that it might be the first incident of celebration of Lohri for a girl child princess Parag in entire North India.)**

**Sikhs won turban case against which country in United Nations?**

**- France**

**Who was the India's first woman photojournalist to capture the flag hosting ceremony at Red Fort on August 15, 1947 and many other events?**

**- Homai Vyarawala. (The 2011 Padma Vibhushan winner died on 15 Jan., 2012 at the age of 98)**

**What was the agreement signed by India and China at the end of the 15th round of talks between the Special Representatives, Indian National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon and Chinese State Councillor Dai Bingguo on 17th Jan., 2011 in New Delhi?**

**- The two sides established a mechanism for consultation and coordination on the boundary issue to maintain peace along the border.**

**Who is the author of book "The Tribune 130 Years: A Witness to History" which encloses the momentous and exciting**

**journey of the newspaper launched at Lahore on 2nd Feb.,1881?**

**- Prof. V N Datta. Book released by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 19th Jan.,2012.**

**How was the Republic Day 2012 parade historic?**

**- For the first time a woman pilot (Flight Lieutenant Sneha Shekhawat) lead the Indian Air Force contingent down Rajpath and secondly it was after decades that a US- made military plane participated in the majestic overhead fly past.**

## **What, who, which: India general knowledge, Jan 2012**

**Which other company other than Tata has introduced low cost car having a top speed of 70 Km/h and offer mileage of 35 Kmpl?**

**- Bajaj Auto Limited unveiled its ultra low costcar RE60 on 3rd Jan,2012.**

**What were the results of the National Ice Skating Championship held on 3rd Jan.,2012 in Shimla on the Asia's oldest natural ice skating rink?**

**- In the men's senior category Anup Kumar of Andhra Pradesh won the first position and in male junior Ashu Raj of Uttarakhand was the winner. In the women's senior category Sumitra Sahni of Delhi was the winner and in female junior category Suchali Sharma of Himachal won.**

**Which website again showed Jammu and Kashmir as disputed territory? (now corrected)**

**- US website( the US State Department posted a new map of India which reflected the Line of Control in J&K with dotted lines,thereby projecting it as a disputed territory)**

**How is it possible to book train ticket over cell phone?**

**- Its possible after initial registration and downloading of suitable software on the mobile handset with internet facility. After booking a message will be received showing details of PNR, train number, date of journey and class. Passengers can**

**simply show the message.**

**Which state alarmed over the dismal sex ration in the state in 2012 is creating a network of professional informers who will be given Rs25,000 to keep an eye on ultrasound clinics that conduct sex determination tasks and if the crime is proven in court the informer will get another Rs 25,000?**

**- Rajasthan**

**Which project has been sanctioned Rs 19,000 crore by the Union Cabinet on 4th Jan.,2012?**

**- For the Udhampur- Baramulla section of the ambitious railway project designed to link the rest of the country with the Kashmir Valley, scheduled to be completed by 2017.**

**Which leaning temple of Himachal has been restored by INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage)?**

**- Nearly 400years old temple of Deity Bhadrakali located in Sarah area of Kangra district which was damaged during 1905 earthquake.**

**Which is the first state in India to deploy a commando unit- Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) to protect its big cat population?**

**- Karnataka**

**Who is the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's new security**

**chief?**

**- AB Mathur ( A former officer of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW))**

**On what date dozens of Punjab villages falling in the lower Shiwalik hills enjoyed snowfall for the first time?**

**- 7th Jan., 2012**

**Where did the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh inaugurated the 10th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas on 8th Jan.,2012?**

**- Jaipur**

**Name the longest married couple in UK of an Indian origin who married in Punjab in 1925?**

**- Karam Chand(106) and wife Kartari (99) celebrated their 86th marriage anniversary.**

**Into what will be diploma courses of Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology (NIIFT) be converted from the coming academic session?**

**- Degree courses**

**Who in Punjab is the richest candidate to file his nomination till now for the 30th Jan.,2012 assembly elections?**

**- Deputy CM Sukhbir Singh Badal having assets worth more than Rs 76 crore.**

**What are the two new subjects going to be introduced in all CBSE schools from 2012?**

**- Mass media studies and mass media productions**

**Name the second state to claim the absence of people requiring government protection?**

**- Himachal Pradesh**

**Name the World's first hydrogen powered three wheeler?**

**- HyAlfa ( showcased at the 11th Auto Expo 2012 in New Delhi.)**

**Name the controversial author for whom Deoband Chief Maulana Mufti Abul Qasim Normani is demanding to deny visa of the author to visit India for Jaipur Literature Festival 2012?**

**- Salman Rushdie**

**Which roadways have been awarded for having the lowest accident rate among all the state transport undertakings (STU) in the country for 2010-2011?**

**- The Punbus and Punjab Roadways**

**Who is the World Player of Year?**

**- Lionel Messi, won the World Player of the Year award for the third time in row on 9th Jan.,2012.**





## **Latest GK India, January 2012**

**Where has government of India now decided to allow Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs) to directly invest after allowing QFIs to have direct access to Indian mutual funds schemes?**

**- Indian stock market**

**Which country will suffer major cut in military aid according to defence Bill signed by Obama in 2012?**

**- Pakistan ( US President Barack Obama has signed into law a massive \$662 billion defence spending Bill that seeks to suspend a big chunk (60%) of \$1.1 billion military aid to Pakistan).**

**Name the place where Andhra Pradesh Government has decided to go ahead with land acquisition for 6,000 MW nuclear power plant ignoring the widespread public protests?**

**- At Kovvada in the north coastal district of Srikakulam.**

**For which consecutive year India and Pakistan exchanged lists of their nuclear installations and facilities under a two decade old pact that prohibits attacks on atomic assets of each other on 1st Jan.,2012?**

**- 21st consecutive year**

**Why New Delhi lodged a strong protest with Beijing on 2nd**

**Jan.,2012?**

**- After an Indian diplomat S.Balachandran based in Shanghai was ill treated and had to be hospitalised.( He was disallowed from going out of the court room till the proceedings were over and so as he is diabetic patient he fainted.)**

**Who inaugurated the 99th Indian Science Congress (ISC)in Jan,2012?**

**- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (20 Nobel laureates among 15,000 delegates will be participating across the globe and will discuss on issues ranging from food security to climate change and space technology.)**

**Who inaugurated Children's Science Congress on 4th Jan.,2012 and Women's Science Congress on 5th Jan.,2012?**

**-Children's Science Congress was inaugurated by former President APJ Abdul Kalam and India's Ambassador to US Nirupama Rao opened the Women's Science Congress.**

**What is the central theme of five day Indian Science Congress and who is heading it?**

**- Centrl theme is "Science and technology for inclusive innovation- Role of women"and is headed by Geetha Bali, Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Women's University and will be fourth woman in history to head it.**

**Name the place considered as the second home for the migratory birds from China, Ladakh and European countries?**

**- Hadoti (Rajasthan), the four districts of Hadoti- Kota, Bundi, Baran and Jhalawar have been recognised as paradise for migratory birds.**

**Which cricketer has become the first in World to be chosen for the All International De La Press Sportive( AIPS ) Fair Play 2011 award for his exemplary action in recalling Ian Bell, who was declared out by the umpire during Test series in England?**

**- Indian skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni. (AIPS President Gianni Merlo will present Dhoni a trophy during inauguration of 2012 edition of Indian Premier League on 4th April.)**

## **India GK, events- 2011 roundup**

**Name the 74 year old grassroots crusader who channelised the disgust of people at large over rampant corruption in the country into a powerful movement in 2011?**

**- Anna Hazare**

**Where in Delhi a bomb hidden in briefcase exploded killing 11 persons and injuring 47 in the worst attack in India's capital in 3 years in 2011?**

**- In front of New Delhi's High Court**

**Whom did Dalai Lama announced to be his successor in March,2011?**

**- Lobsang Sangay**

**Name the 17th Karmapa against whom the Una police filed a chargesheet under section 120-B of the IPC in 2011?**

**- Ogyen Trinley Dorjee, the third most important Tibetan religious head after Dalai Lama and Panchen Lama. (as police recovered currencies of 26 countries including 1,20,197 chinese yuan and around Rs 5.3 million in Indian currency.)**

**Under which scam, the 43 year old daughter of former chief minister of Tamil Nadu M.Karunanidhi was in Tihar jail in 2011?**

**- 2G spectrum scam**

**Who was bestowed as " Fakhr-e-Quam Panth Rattan" at Akal Takht in Amritsar in 2011?**

**- Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal**

**Who has been selected as the new head of Tata empire in 2011?**

**- Cyrus Mistry**

**Where did India's first Formula one race took place in 2011?**

**- Buddh International Circuit in Delhi**

**On which date India won the World Cup in Mumbai?**

**- 2nd April, 2011**

**Who made the highest score in an ODI against West Indies in Indora in 2011?**

**- Virender Sehwag (he scored 219 to carve out the highest ever individual score)**

**What was the magnitude of earthquake that rocked Sikkim between two transverse faults represented by Teesha and Gangtok lineaments in 2011?**

**- 6.9**

**At which place a devastating fire tore through seven storey AMRI hospital killing 91 people in 2011?**

**- South Kolkata**

**Which song became the most searched You tube video in India in 2011?**

**" Why This Kolaveri Di" the song released on 16th Nov. written and sung by Dhanush (this song is honoured by You tube with a recently Most Popular Gold Medal Award for receiving large number of hits in short time)**

**Which country is chosen as the chair of the United Nations South Asian Regional Commission for Tourism in 2011?**

**- India**

**Name the members of three member panel of Jammu and Kashmir interlocutoes who submitted the final report focussing on a "permanent political settlement of the Kashmir problem" in 2011?**

**- Journalist Mr. Dileep Padgoankar, Ms. Radha Kumar and former Information Commissioner Mr. M.M.Ansari.**

**Who is the richest Indian in the World according to the 2011 Forbes India annual rich list?**

**- Reliance Group head Sh. Mukesh Ambani with a net worth of \$22.60 billion.**

**Where was the fifth bilateral Strategic Dialogue held between India and Japan in 2011?**

**- Tokyo (Japan expresses readiness to bring bullet trains in India)**

**Name the Indian diplomat re-appointed for the second consecutive term as the Secretary General of the commonwealth in 2011?**

**- Sh. Kamalesh Sharma**

**Name the Indian sports person who officially became honorary Lieutenants Colonel in the Territorial Army in 2011?**

**- Cricket player M.S.Dhoni and olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra**

**Which country is given the Most Favoured Nation status by Pakistan?**

**- India**

**What is the changed name of Orissa officially according to Presidential assent to the Bill?**

**- Name of Orissa is officially changed to Odisha and language from Oriya to Odia.**

**Who is honoured with the Swiss Ambassador's Award for Exceptional Leadership in 2011?**

**- Tata Group chairman Sh. Ratan Tata.**

**Who is crowned Miss World 2011?**

**- Miss Venezuele Ivian Lunasol Sarcos Colmenares.**

**Name the three new elements added to the Periodic Table in 2011?**

**- The new elements numbered 110, 111, 112 are called**

**darmstadtium (Ds), roentgenium (Rg), and copernicium (Cn).**

**Name the latest hi-tech weapon invented in 2011 to prevent obesity?**

**- American firm Intra Pace unveils a stomach implant via keyhole surgery that can help people fight flab by warning the brain when enough food is taken. This credit card sized implant is named as "Abiliti".**



## **General awareness**

**Where at present the BRAHMOS missiles are assembled?**

**- Hyderabad**

**Who wrote the book " Gita Govinda"?**

**- Jayadeva**

**Who was the only Muslim woman to sit on the throne of Delhi?**

**- Razia Sultana**

**Which is the highest military award for valour in India?**

**- Param Vir Chakra**

**Which is the longest river of India?**

**- Ganga**

**Which is the place experiencing minimum and maximum temperatures -28.3 degree Celsius and 15 degree Celsius respectively?**

**- Leh**

**Why Shimla is cooler than Amritsar though they have same latitude?**

**- Because Shimla is at higher elevation.**

**"Nokia" the telecom company belongs to which country?**

**- Finland**

**What is Dry Ice?**

**- Solidified Carbon Dioxide**

**Name the leader under whom India's first coalition government in New Delhi was formed?**

**- Morarji Desai**

## **Governors and Chief Ministers of states**

<b>States Ministers</b>	<b>Governors</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh N.Kiran Kumar Reddy</b>	<b>Sh. E.S.L.Narasimhan</b>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh Nabam Tuki</b>	<b>Sh. J.J.Singh</b>
<b>Assam Tarun Gogoi</b>	<b>Sh. J.B.Pat</b>
<b>Bihar Nitish Kumar</b>	<b>Sh. Devanand Konwar</b>
<b>Chhattisgarh Raman Singh</b>	<b>Sh. Shekhar Dutt</b>
<b>Goa Digambar V. Kamat</b>	<b>Sh. K.Sankaranarayanan</b>
<b>Gujarat Narendra Modi</b>	<b>Sh. Kamla Beniwal</b>
<b>Haryana Bhupinder S. Hooda</b>	<b>Sh. Jagannath Pahadia</b>
<b>Himachal Pradesh Prem Kumar Dhumal</b>	<b>Sh. Ms. Urmila Singh</b>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir Omar Abdullah</b>	<b>Sh. N.N. Vohra</b>
<b>Jharkhand Arjun Munda</b>	<b>Sh. Syed Ahmed</b>
<b>Karnataka D.V.Sadananda Gowda</b>	<b>Sh. Hans Raj Bhardwaj</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Sh. M.O.H.Farook</b>

Oommen Chandy		
Madhya Pradesh	Sh. Ram Naresh Yadav	S
Shivraj Singh Chauhan		
Maharashtra	Sh. K. Sankaranarayanan	S
Prithviraj Chavan		
Manipur	Sh. Gurbachan Jagat	Sh.
Okram Ibobi Singh		
Meghalaya	Sh. R.S.Mooshahary	
Mukul A. Sangma		
Mizoram	Sh. Vakkom Purushothaman	
Lal Thanhawla		
Nagaland	Sh. Nikhil Kumar	
Neiphiu Rio		
Orissa	Sh. M.C. Bhandare	
Naveen Patnaik		
Punjab	Sh. Shivraj Patil	
Parkash Singh Badal		
Rajasthan	Sh. Shivraj Patil (acting)	Sh.
Ashok Gehlot		
Sikkim	Sh. Balmiki Prasad Singh	Sh.
Pawan Chamling		
Tamil Nadu	Sh. K. Rosaiah	
J. Jayalalithaa		
Tripura	Sh. D.Y. Patil	
Manik Sarkar		
Uttarakhand	Ms. Margaret Alva	Sh.
B.C. Khanduri (Retd. Maj Gen.)		
Uttar Pradesh	Sh. B.L. Joshi	Ms.
Mayawati		

**West Bengal**  
**Mamata Banerjee**

**Sh. M.K.Narayanan**

## **Current affairs India, December, 2011**

**Who is the new chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh?**

**- Sh. Nabam Tuki (Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee President Sh. Nibam Tuki was sworn as CM on Nov., 2011.)**

**From where did Sh. L.K Advani launched a 40 day nationwide Jan Chetna Yatra?**

**- From Sitab Diara in Bihar on Oct., 2011**

**Who is appointed as Chairman of state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation on 3rd Oct.,2011?**

**- Sh. Sudhir Vasudeva**

**Who got the 26th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration on 31st Oct,2011?**

**- Former Union Minister Sh Mohan Dharia**

**What are the estimated premature deaths caused annually by air pollution, according to the first pollution survey carried in Sept.,2011 by World Health Organisation?**

**- 1.34 millions**

**For what purpose the three day fast was observed by Gujarat CM Sh. Narendra Modi in Sept.,2011?**

**- Sadbhavna Mission**

**How many total number of enclaves are to be exchanged between territories of two countries India and Bangladesh according to the treaty signed in Sept,2011?**

**- 162**

**What amount is purposed as per capita allocation for health sector for 2011-2012, according to the official review of National Rural Health Mission?**

**- Rs 270**

**Name the singers chosen for K.L.Saigal Lifetime Achievement Award for 2011?**

**- Lata Mangeshkar and her brother Hridaynath Mangeshkar**

**With what score Sehwag breaks the World record for ODIs in 2011?**

**- 219**

## **General knowledge, December, 2011**

**What is AERE?**

**- AERE means Aerial Engineer Recce Equipment. The Army's engineer regiments are to be equipped with micro-unmanned aerial vehicles (micro-UAVs) something similar in size and shape as the flying gadget shown in the movie 'Three Idiots' referred to as AERE. AERE will be able to transmit real time video from high resolution cameras. They can take off and land vertically, enabling their use in any kind of terrain and space. AERE will give the commander and troops on the ground a bird's eyeview of the lay of land immediately ahead of them, enabling to assess the situation and identify the topography most suited for operational requirements. These will also help to detect enemy presence and check the location and strength of their defences and will also facilitate faster assimilation and dissemination of information.**

**What is India's rank on the Transparency International (TI) corruption Perception Index out of 183 countries in 2011?**

**- 95th**

**In Himachal Pradesh where is Aryabhata Geo- Informatics and Space Application centre inaugurated on 5th Dec., 2011 by chief minister Prem Kumar Dhumal?**

**- Shimla ( Geo-informatic technology will help consumers by informing them through SMS about the exact date on which ration will be available, sparing them from repeated visits to fair price shops, can ascertain the presence of teachers and**



students in school on any day and time. It may also help in planning projects like construction of dams only by sitting before computer and many other things.

**Where did the World's costliest crash took place?**

- World's costliest crash took place between 14 luxury cars, including 8 Ferraris on the Chugoku Expressway in Shimonoseki, southwestern Japan on 4th Dec., 2011.

**Why is Japanese PM Yoshihiko Noda going to visit India?**

- He is coming to discuss the proposed nuclear deal between India and Japan in last week of Dec., 2011. India is planning to increase the number of nuclear plants in country to ensure power supplies and is so eager to sign the civil nuclear co-operation pact that would allow it to import nuclear technologies from Japan.

**Name the Earth- like planet whose existence is confirmed by American astronomers?**

- Kepler 22-b which is in the habitable zone around a star similar to the sun. It contains both land and water and has the right atmosphere to support life. Its located 600 light years away. A year at Kepler 22 lasts 290 days but its not yet known what it's mostly made of.

**What is the rank of Tata steel in the world?**

**- Tata steel is the 10th largest steel maker in the world.**

## **Latest GK questions, India, December, 2011**

**Who is the new captain of the Indian Premier League team Rajasthan Royals?**

**- Rahul Dravid**

**Who is elected chairman of the International Sugar Council?**

**- Dr Bhushan Chander Gupta ( At the 40th meeting of the council held in London his name was proposed by the European union and seconded by Mauritius. At present 88 nations are members of the council. The next International sugar conference will be organised in Delhi in the last week of April,2012.)**

**Which country is the second largest producer of sugar?**

**- India ( Brazil is the first largest producer of sugar. India produces 350 million tonnes of sugarcane and about 25 million tonnes of sugar.)**

**Who is the senior most Army officer to have faced a court martial and dismissed from service by an Indian Army Court?**

**- Former Military Secretary, Lieutenant General Avadesh Prakash.( Found guilty for his involvement in Sukna land scam. Though retired in Jan, 2010, the Army Act allows punishment to be handed out till 3 years after retirement)**

**Recently at which places Dawood funding is detected in pharma units?**

**- With the Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) detected**

**inflow of funds from Dawood Ibrahims henchmen in the pharmaceutical firms of Baddi and Paonta Sahib in Himachal Pradesh, where large scale of psychotropic drugs had been seized.**

**What are the instructions given by University Grants Commission (UGC) to all institutes coming under its purview, keeping in view animal welfare and ecological balance?**

**- UGC have given instructions to discontinue dissection of living animals in a 'phased manner', a regular feature in zoology and life science courses. According to guidelines issued the undergraduate students will not be required to perform dissections and if necessary only the animal species that can be bred or cultured on large scale will be used.**

**Who has been bestowed upon the title of "Panth Rattan Fakhr-e-Qaum" by Sri Akal Takhat Sahib?**

**- Punjab chief-minister Parkash Singh Badal in the function held in Amritsar.**

**Where is the biggest military exercicise ' Sudarshan Shakti' being conducted in Dec., 2011?**

**- At Bugundi battle field near Barmer in Rajasthan. (Sudarshan Shakti involves around 50,000 troops, 300 tanks and 250 artillery guns besides armed helicopters. Its ethos is to change the way the Army goes to battle)**

**At what age World's oldest dog died?**

**- Pusuke, the World's oldest living dog died in Japan at the age**

**of 26 years and 9 months on Dec. 6, 2011.**

## **Geography facts India: Mc. Mohan Line, Durand line, Radcliffe line**

**Name the seas joined by Suez Canal?**

**- Red sea and Mediterranean sea**

**Where is the Caspian sea, the largest inland sea or lake in the world located?**

**- Partly in Europe and partly in Asia**

**Where is Elephant Pass located?**

**- Sri Lanka**

**What was the old name of Indonesia?**

**- Dutch East Indies**

**Name the strait which separates Africa from Europe?**

**- Strait of Gibraltar**

**Mc. Mohan Line demarcates the boundary between which countries?**

**- India and China**

**Where is the World's largest ship canal?**

**- Gota in Sweden**

**Name the Strait which separates Asia from North America?**

**- The Bering Strait**

**Durand line is the border common to which two countries?**

**- Pakistan and Afghanistan**

**Name the country which has longest international boundary with India?**

**- China**

**Radcliffe line is the boundary line between which countries?**

**- India and Pakistan**

**Name the Strait connecting Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal?**

**- Palk Strait**

**Current affairs, November, 2011:wax statue of Anna Hazare,World Cup Kabaddi**

**Name the youngest skydriver in the country?**

**- Anusha Tyagi ( Her feat has been recognised by the Limca Book of Records)**

**When is the first attack helicopter squadron scheduled to be raised with the induction of indigenously developed Rudra, the weaponised version of the Dhruv( the advance light helicopter already in service)?**

**- In 2012 ( The machine would be armed with antitank guided missiles, rockets and machineguns. It can also carry torpedoes and antiship missiles)**

**Who crafted the wax statue of Anna Hazare?**

**- India's top wax sculptor Sunil Kandallor**

**What is laser cladding?**

**- The Indian Air Force has developed a laser based process that would enable repair of turbine blades made of titanium in air craft engines that would otherwise have to be discarded. Laser cladding can save crores in foreign exchange. The process uses a laser to generate a local weld pool on the surface of the component and a specially designed powder feed nozzle then introduces a powder composed of similar material into molten metal. Once cooled the resulting layer possesses very similar mechanical properties to those of the original component.**



**Who won the World Cup Kabaddi (in both men's and women's categories) in 2011?**

**- India**

**Who is the Indian Prime Minister whom Singapore describes as 'friend to our shores' and 'visionary'?**

**- Jawahar Lal Nehru ( Prime minister Manmohan Singh unveiled a bronze bust of Nehru at the Asian Civilization Museum green on the picturesque banks of the Singapore River on 20th Nov.,2011)**

**Name the place where an ancient rock carving of Lord Buddha has been excavated in Nov.,2011?**

**- In Suru Kartse valley of Kargil district.( This rock carving is three feet and three inches in height and two feet in width, supposed to be built in eighth century. Kept in Regional Heritage Museum of Antiquities Department in Ladakh.)**

**What is 'Kangaroo Mother Care' (KMC)?**

**- Its one of the best natural way to take care of child by mother like a kangaroo does. so by keeping the baby close to the mother for 12 hours after birth with skin contact, child gets warmth and environment just like he gets inside the womb saving him from varous diseases and infections and also develops very good immune system.**

**Which is India's longest train route to be flagged off in Nov.,2011?**

**- The train named Vivek Express will cover countries longest**

**rail route from Dibrugarh in Assam to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. (will cover 4,286km in approximately 83 hours)**

**What amount was paid to purchase Ranjit Singh-era gold coin?  
- Rs 8 lakh given by a mystery buyer from India to purchase a gold coin of Ranjit Singh era from auction in UK. The gold 'mohur' was minted in the last 10 years of Ranjit Singh's reign.**

**Name the rover launched to Mars by NASA in Nov.,2011?**

**- ' Curiosity ' is the nickname of rover having 17 cameras and 10 science instruments including chemistry labs to identify elements in soil and rock samples to be dug up by the probe's drill-tipped robotic arm. Its powered by heat from the radioactive decay of plutonium. It is designed to last one martian year or 687 earth days.**

## **Questions related to elements, metals and compounds**

**Name the gas used to extinguish fire?**

**- Carbon dioxide**

**Mainly which gas is present in gobar gas?**

**- Methane**

**Which non -metal remains liquid at room temperature?**

**- Bromine**

**Which gas is called laughing gas?**

**- Nitrous oxide**

**Name the alloy of iron, chromium and nickel?**

**- Stainless steel**

**Which metal is kept under kerosine?**

**- Sodium**

**Name the metal used in storage batteries?**

**- Lead**

**What is the common name of sodium carbonate?**

**- Washing soda**

**Which metal is used in pencils?**

**- Graphite**

**Name the metal used as the filament of an electric bulb?**

**- Tungsten**

**What is made from the mixture of lime and chlorine?**

**-Bleaching powder**

**Name the gas usually filled in the electric bulbs?**

**- Nitrogen**

**What is the other name of deuterium oxide?**

**- Heavy water**

**Name the gases used in different types of welding?**

**- Oxygen and acetylene**

**What is added to remove permanent hardness of water?**

**- Washing soda**

**Name the metal present in photo films?**

**- Silver**

**Liquefied Petroleum Gas consists mainly which gases?**

**- Methane, butane and propane**

**Which element is obtained from sea weeds?**

**- Iodine**

**Which gas is used for preparation of soda water?**

**- Carbon dioxide**

**Name the element required for conversion of solar energy?**

**- Silicon**

## **General science**

**What is difference between mass of body and its weight?**

**- Mass is a measure of the quantity of matter whereas weight is a force.**

**Why speed of sound is greater in solids than in liquids?**

**- Because the solids have high elasticity.**

**How many images will be formed when an object is placed between two mirrors placed parallel to each other?**

**- Infinite**

**At which point of earth weight of object will be minimum?**

**- At the center of earth**

**When an open bottle of scent is kept at one corner due to which phenomenon its fragrance is found in whole room?**

**- Diffusion**

**What happens to speed of sound with rise in temperature?**

**- Increases**

**If in a mirror image of object appears to be larger then which type of mirror is used?**

**- Concave mirror**

**Why bubble of water shines?**

**- Due to phenomenon of total internal reflection.**

**An air bubble in water acts as which lens?**

**- Concave lens**

**Why clear nights are more colder than cloudy nights?**

**- Due to radiation**

**Why sky appears to be blue?**

**- Because blue colour of light is of shorter wavelength so easily scattered by dust particles and water vapour.**

**How water in earthen pots remain cool?**

**- Because water keeps on passing out from pores and evaporating.**

## **Latest general knowledge India, November, 2011**

**What is proxy voting?**

**- Proxy voting means casting of vote through a proxy that the voter nominates. It has been already introduced in 6 states and for the first time its about to happen in Punjab.**

**After how many years Abohar's clock tower known as Ghanta Ghar got its clock back?**

**- After 25 years ( earlier it was removed by some miscreants in 1986)**

**Where is North's first advanced veterinary lab opened?**

**- Jalandhar ( second most advanced veterinary disease diagnostic facility in country after Bhopal.)**

**Which country has World's largest democracy?**

**- India**

**Name the smallest neighbour of India?**

**- Maldives ( smallest in South Asia, its population is just 3 lakhs)**

**According to fortune list who is most powerful business woman?**

**- ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar. ( But she does not find a place among the 10 highest paid women executives in the country. Sun TV Network's joint MD Kavery Kalanithi is the highest earner)**



**Where Rahul Gandhi launched Cong's Mission-2012?**

**- Uttar Pradesh**

**What is KG5 drug?**

**- According to international team led by University of California KG5 drug works by making cancer cell 'commit suicide'. It helps in stopping multiplication of tumorous cells and shut themselves down. Will be available in approximately 5 years and will be in pill form.**

**When is India going to test a nuclear-warhead capable ballistic missile named Agni-V that can travel more than 5000km?**

**- February 2012**

**What is Shastar Vidiya?**

**- Shastar Vidiya is a martial art developed by the Sikh community in the 17th century. Its founder was Baba Darbara Singh. It enables an individual without weapons to engage with armed adversaries and disarm them.**

**Nidar Singh Nihang is last Sikh martial art master.**

## **Scientific Inventions: Steam engine, X-Ray, Insulin**

**Who invented the television?**

**- J.L.Baird**

**Who discovered the electric lamp?**

**- Edison**

**Who invented the steam engine?**

**- Newcommen (Later James Watt made improvements)**

**After whose name the Nobel Prize was started?**

**- Alfred Nobel who invented dynamite**

**Who discovered Penicillin?**

**- Alexander Fleming**

**Who discovered photoelectric effect?**

**- Albert Einstein**

**Who discovered insulin?**

**- Dr. F.G.Banting**

**Who discovered X-Ray?**

**- Roentgen**

**Who discovered blood grouping?**

**- Landsteiner**

**Who discovered neutron?**

**- Chadwick**

**Who invented transistor?**

**- Shockley**

**Who invented barometer?**

**- Torricelli**

**Who invented telephone?**

**- Alexander Graham Bell**

**Who invented the petrol engine?**

**- Nikolaus Otto**

**Who discovered the oral polio vaccine?**

**- Jonas Salk**

**Who deciphered the genetic code?**

**- Dr. Hargobind Khurana got nobel prize for it.**

**Who invented the telegraphic code?**

**- Samuel Morse**

**Who discovered the laws of planetary motion?**

**- Johannes Kepler**

**Who invented the lift?**

**- E.G.Otis**

**Who invented radar?**

**- Robert Watson Watt**

**Name the scientist who is considered as the Father of Genetics?**

**- Johann Gregor Mendel**

**Name the scientist who got Nobel Prize twice for the same subject?**

**-Marie Curie**

**Who invented the mercury thermometer?**

**- Galileo**

**Who discovered the noble gases?**

**- Cavendish**

**Who arranged the elements in the Modern Periodic Table?**

**- Mosley**

## **Current affairs India, November, 2011**

**Name the Indians who are among the top 20 most powerful people on earth according to Forbes Power list?**

**- Congress President Sonia Gandhi (at 11th position) and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (at 19th position).(topped by US President Barack Obama)**

**Which country is offered the patnership in the development of world's most advanced flying machine F-35 Joint Strike Fighter by US?**

**- India**

**According to Human Development Index (HDI) 2011 what is India's rank among 187 countries assessed for their performance in three key areas of human development - education, health and income?**

**- 134th rank (Norway, Australia and Netherland top the charts)**

**Who has been elected TMC ( Trinamool Congress) national head?**

**- Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee**

**On which LAC (Line of Actual Control) banners and not guns hold peace?**

**- Along the eastern fringes of Ladakh plateau which is contiguous with Tibet near the village Demchok.**

**( According to an agreement thrashed out in April 2005, India and China have worked out with a 'banner drill' in which soldiers show 10 feet wide banner with slogan painted to each**

**other saying there is need to back off from present position of patrolling)**

**Which is world's fastest growing energy firm?**

**- Cairn India has been ranked the fastest growing oil and gas exploration firm in the world.**

**Where is India going to commission its third research station?**

**- Antarctica ( station named Bharti)**

**What is e-bomb?**

**- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is developing a weapon commonly referred to as "e-bomb" which renders electronic gadgets useless and effectively neutralises the adversary's command control and communication capability by producing a strong electromagnetic field generating powerful electricity surges that play havoc with electronic circuits within a specified area.**

**What is India's rank in South -East Asia for starting business according to World Bank in its report on ' Doing Business in India for 2012'?**

**- 8th position ( first is Afghanistan)**

**Who is Miss World 2011?**

**- Miss Venezuela Ivian Sarcos was crowned Miss World 2011 by Alexandria Mills (Miss World 2010) in London.**

## **Indian history questions: kings, dynasty**

**Who was the first king to conquer Malwa, Gujarat and Maharashtra?**

**- Chandragupta Maurya**

**Upto where Chandragupta Maurya's empire extended in the north-west?**

**- Hindukush**

**Which was the most commonly used coin in Mauryan period?**

**- Karashapana**

**Whose name is associated with the council of the 'Nine Gems'?**

**- Chandragupta-II**

**Who earned the title of 'Liberator'?**

**- Chandragupta Maurya**

**Name the great Hindu king who combined in himself the qualities of Samudragupta and Ashoka?**

**- Harshavardhana**

**Where was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Avanti?**

**- Ujjain**

**In which century did Ashoka reign?**

**- Third century B.C**

**Which ruler was adorned with the title of 'Maharajadhiraja'?**

**- Kanishka**

**Who was called the 'Napoleon of India'?**

**- Samudragupta**

**Where are the achievements of Samudragupta described on?**

**- Allahabad Pillar inscription**

**For what was Gupta dynasty famous?**

**- Art and architecture**

**For what was Ashoka famous?**

**- Ashoka was famous for his vast empire, for his preaching of ahimsa and for following path of Buddha.**

**Which king brought the valleys of Indus, Ganga and Jamuna together for the first time under one political authority?**

**- Ashoka**





## **Latest GK questions-India, November, 2011**

**Who is appointed as the tenth Nawab of Pataudi?**

**- Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan**

**Which temple in Pakistan was reopened after six decades in 2011?**

**- Goraknath Temple ( 160 year old temple at Gorkhatri in Peshawar)**

**Name the baby of Uttar Pradesh who is the symbolic seven billionth baby ?**

**- Baby Nargis ( The world's population touched another milestone on Monday as India welcomed the birth of Nargis as the symbolic seven billionth baby)**

**Who has been re-elected PDP President for the fourth time in Srinagar in 2011?**

**- Mehbooba Mufti**

**Where is the World's fastest motor sports (Formula one or F1), 2011 event being organised in India?**

**- Greater Noida at Buddh International Circuit (BIC) ( India becomes the newest venue for the mother of all motor sports)**

**Which software company is the World's best company to work for ?**

**- Microsoft**

**Who is the new chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh?**

**- Nabam Tuki ( replaced Jarbom Gamlin)**

**Which poet and lyricist returned the Shiromani Sahitkar Award announced for him by the Punjab Government recently?**

**- Dr Sardar Anjum**

**Where the opening ceremony of Kabaddi World Cup took place in 2011?**

**- Bathinda**

**Name two sports person who were felicitated by the Indian Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2011?**

**- Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Abhinav Bindra**

## **Latest GK questions October, 2011**

**Who were given Sikh Heritage Award 2011 for their contribution to elevating the Sikh experience?**

- Navtej Sarna (Category of Award ;Vision)**
- Jaspal Bindra (Category of Award ; Leadership)**
- Gurinder Chadha (Category of Award; Art)**

**What is Ayush treatment?**

- Its a herbal treatment which is quite safe and cheap as compared to allopathic medicines.**

**Name the temple where majority of pilgrims visiting tonsure their heads and offer their hair to Lord Venkateswara?**

- Tirumala temple in Andhra Pradesh (recently earned Rs 133 crore by selling 65000Kg of hair)**

**Name the 4 satellites put in orbit by ISRO workhorse PSLV-C 18?**

- Megha -Tropiques ( will study weather and climate in tropical regions of World)**
- SRM Sat ( will monitor carbon dioxide and water vapour in the atmosphere)**
- Jugnu ( will check out indigenously developed camera system for imaging the Earth in the near infrared region)**
- Vessel Sat (it has tools to guide ships in high seas)**

**Which is the country where the World's first low carbon fuel will be developed?**

- India (since India is World's largest steel producers and low**

**carbon aviation fuel is to be produced from steel)**

**Name the girl who completed her higher secondary schooling from Lawrence school in Kasauli hills and is now crowned as Queen of Bhutan?**

**- Jetsun Pema (married King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck)**

**Pakistan has decided to grant MFN (Most Favoured Nation) status to which country?**

**- India**

**Name the country's longest railway tunnel excavated?**

**Pir Panjal railway tunnel ( 11.17 Km long tunnel underneath the rugged Pir Panjal mountain)**

**How old became the Punjab Regiment in 2011?**

**- 250 years old**

**Name the person who has set a new Guinness record of being the oldest man to complete a full distance marathon in Toronto?**

**- Fauja Singh (a 100 year old runner of Indian origin)**

# General awareness Quiz

## **General Awareness India, October 2011**

**What is the objective of the project "Bhoomi Keralam" launched by the state government?**

**- To conduct a survey of the land.**

**Which state introduced a high tech foodgrain rationing system to ensure timely supply of the foodgrains to people living below poverty line?**

**- Karnataka**

**What are the objectives of the Mission Chandrayaan-1?**

**- Preparing dimensional atlas of the lunar surface.**

**- Chemical mapping of the entire lunar surface.**

**- Locating minerals in the soil of moon.**

**Which award was given to Pt. Bhimsen Joshi in 2008?**

**- Bharat Ratna**

**Which state government had announced that it would provide a special package of incentives to Employment Intensive Industries?**

**- Bihar**

**Which state has maximum density of canals?**

**- Uttar Pradesh**

**Which state of India has highest production of tea?**

**- Assam**

**The Prime Minister is chairman of which commission?**

**- Planning Commission**

**By whom is the Vice-President of the Indian Union elected?**

**- Members of both the Houses of Parliament.**

**Where the third India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) summit took place?**

**- New Delhi**

**Which state has decided to set up Arsenic Removal Plants in all the districts of the state to provide arsenic free drinking water to all people by 2010-2011?**

**- West Bengal**

**Where is India's Space Rocket Launching Centre situated?**

**- Sriharikota**

**With which country India has signed Nuclear Agreement besides USA named as Cooperation Agreement for peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy?**

**- France**



## **Current Affairs October, 2011: India, International**

**Who has been chosen as Brand Icon by election commission of Punjab?**

- [Jaspal Bhatti](#) (Well known comedian)

**Who has become the first lady jawan in Indian army?**

- 35 year old Sapper Shanti Tigga (joined 969 Railway Engineer Regiment of Territorial Army)

**Name the first international research institute for wheat and maize to be set up in Punjab?**

- Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA) will be situated at Ladhawal village in Ludhiana district.

**Name the scientist who won 2011 Nobel Prize for medicine (for unlocking immune system)?**

- Bruce Beutler, Jules Hoffmann, and Ralph Steinman (three have opened up new avenues to develop therapy against infections, cancer and inflammatory diseases)

**Name the scientists who won the Nobel Prize in Physics 2011?**

- [Saul Perlmutter](#), Brian Schmidt, Adam Riess (for their studies of exploding stars that revealed expansion of the universe in accelerating)

**Who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2011?**

- Israeli scientist Daniel Shechtman (for his discovery of quasicrystals, a mosaic like chemical structure)

**Name the herbal drug developed by DRDO for soldiers working in high altitude areas?**

**- Performax**

**What are the benefits of medicine Performax?**

**- Performax is a herbal formulation of 10 selected herbs known to have adaptogenic properties. It helps to improve the physical and mental performance by increasing blood oxygenation and reducing low density lipoproteins and cholesterol.**

**What is the name of World's cheapest tablet PC?**

**- [Aakash](#) (Android based device developed by IIT researchers and now being developed by a company called DataWind.**

**Name the Apple co-founder who changed the daily habits of millions by reinventing computing, music and mobile phones?**

**- [Steve Jobs](#) (Died at the age of 56 on Oct. 5th, 2011)**



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## **India Fact Sheet**

**Which is our National song?**

**- Vande Mataram**

**Who composed our National song?**

**- Bankim Chandra Chatterji**

**What is our National Anthem?**

**- Jana Gana Mana**

**Who wrote our National Anthem?**

**- Rabindra Nath Tagore**

**How many stanza's of Jana Gana Mana song were adopted as National Anthem?**

**- Only the first stanza**

**Who composed the famous song 'Sare Jahan Se Accha'?**

**- Mohammad Iqbal**

**From where are the words 'Satyameva Jayate' taken?**

**- Mundak Upanishad**

**How many spokes are there in our national emblem 'Ashoka Chakra'?**

**- 24**

**In which year was the National Anthem first sung?**

**-1911**

**What is the ratio of width of our National Flag to its length?**

**- 2:4**

**Our Indian National Calendar is based on which era?**

**- Saka era**

**When was the design of our National Flag adopted by the Constituent of India?**

**- July, 1947**

**What was adopted from the Maurya dynasty in the emblem of government of India?**

**- Four lions**

**Our Indian Constitution closely follows the Constitutional system of which country?**

**- U.K**

**When was the Constituent Assembly that framed Constitution for Independent India set up?**

**- 1949**

**Who was the chairman of Constituent Assembly?**

**- Dr. Rajendra Prasad**

**When India became a Sovereign, democratic republic?**

**- Jan 26, 1950**

**Who is known as the Father of the Indian Constitution?**  
**- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**

## **General questions related to geography**

**When are days and nights equal throughout the globe?**

**- When sun is above the equator**

**What is the latitude of South Pole?**

**- 90 degree**

**On globe, the latitude and longitude intersect at what angle?**

**- 90 degrees**

**From where the longest circle which can be drawn from earth's surface will pass?**

**- Will pass through Equator**

**What will be the difference in longitudes between two places if their time difference is 2 hours and 20 minutes?**

**- 35 degree**

**What happens when a ship crosses Date line from west to east?**

**- It loses one day**

**Which is the great circle on earth's surface?**

**- The equator**

**Which countries are located on the Greenwich Meridian?**

**Algeria, Guinea, Iceland**

**Greenwich mean time (GMT) is the standard time of which**

**country?**

**- U.K**

**On which part of earth days and nights are of equal length always?**

**- Equator**

**Why the International Date Line makes slight deviation from 180 degree meridian?**

**- To divide Pacific Ocean in two halves**

**One degree of longitude on equator is equal to what distance?**

**- 69 miles**

**What is equal to latitude of a place?**

**- Angle between the horizon and the equator**

**In how many time zones is U.S.A divided?**

**- 5**

**Latitude and longitude are at what angle to each other?**

**- Perpendicular to each other**

**What is the difference in time between two places 1 degree longitude apart?**

**- 4 minutes**

**How many lines are there in latitude and longitude?**

**- Latitude includes 180 lines and longitude has 360 lines**



**because longitude connects North Pole to South Pole and latitude is divided from east to west.**

**What reference is taken to know the local time of a place?**

**- Longitudinal position**

**In how many time zones is the World divided?**

**- 24**

**What is the time difference between IST and GMT?**

**- 5 hours 30 minutes**

**Watches of a country is set according to what time?**

**- Standard time of the country**

## **Places in India important from GK prospective-1**

**Name the place where Lord Buddha breathed his last?**

**- Kushinagar**

**Where are the World famous Khajuraho sculptures located?**

**-Madhya Pradesh**

**Where is the National Institute of Nutrition located?**

**-Hyderabad**

**Vijayghat ( Samadhi of Lal Bahadur Shastri) is situated on the bank of which river?**

**- Yamuna**

**Where is National School of Mines located?**

**- Pune**

**Where is the Indian Institute of Science located?**

**- Bangalore**

**In which state are the World famous Ajanta Caves situated?**

**- Maharashtra**

**Where is the famous Meenakshi Temple situated?**

**- Tamil Nadu**

**Where are Dilwara Temples situated?**

**- Rajasthan (Near Maount Abu)**

**Which city is called 'White City' of Rajasthan?**

**- Udaipur (Remember Jaipur is called Pink city). Udaipur is also known as city of lakes.**

**Where is Buland Darwaza located?**

**- Fatehpur Sikri**

**Kanchipuram is in which state?**

**Tamil Nadu**

**Which place is famous for gigantic rock-cut statue of Budha?**

**- Bamiyan**

**Where is Char Minar located?**

**- Hyderabad**

**Where is Sun Temple situated?**

**- Konark**

**Where is the National Defence Academy situated?**

**- Khadakvasla**

**Where are the headquarters of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts?**

**- New Delhi**

**Where is the headquarters of Oil and Natural Gas Commission?**

**- Dehradun**

**Where is the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre located?**

**- Trivandrum**

**Which is the Garden City of India?**

**- Bangalore**

**Where is Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy which trains Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officers situated?**

**- Mussoorie**

**Where is Indian Cancer Research Institute situated?**

**- Bombay**

**Which city is known as 'Electronic City of India'?**

**- Bangalore**

**Hawa Mahal is situated in which city?**

**- Jaipur**

**Where is famous Somnath Temple located?**

**- Gujarat**

**Where is Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research located?**

**- Kalpakkam**

**For what is Bijapur known?**

**- Gol Gumbaz**

## **Current affairs: India, September, 2011**

**Which metro has been certified by the United Nations as the first metro rail based system in the World to get carbon credits for contributing to the fight against climate changes?**

**- The Delhi Metro**

**Where is the India's first largest bamboo museum?**

**- Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (IHBT) in Palampur (H.P)**

**Which will be the new subject added to the curriculum of Kendriya Vidyalayas?**

**- German**

**Which is the World's largest exporter of inverters?**

**- Su-Kam Power Systems**

**Which state in India has three language teaching formula?**

**- Punjab**

**With whom are the rare replicas of sacred book Guru Granth Sahib?**

**- Colonel Gurman Singh ( grandson of renowned Sikh historian and scholar Baba Prem Singh)**

**Who will be the new Director General of Police (DGP) after the retirement of P.S. Gill?**

**- Director General Anil Kaushik**

**Which cricketer known as "Tiger" also father of famous actor died on 23rd September,2011?**

**- Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi**

**Name the latest India's surface -to-surface missile successfully test fired (on 26th Sept,2011)?**

**- Prithvi-II (striking range of 350 km)**

**When was the foundation day of CSIR ( Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) observed?**

**- 26th September (49th foundation day was observed on 26th Sept.,2011)**

## **Famous Personalities, India and International**

**Which child artist got Critics Best Actor Award for his acting in a film Taare Zameen Par?**

**- Darsheel Safary**

**Who is the person of Indian origin nominated as the Governor of Louisiana, an American state?**

**- Bobby Jindal**

**Who is the elected Prime Minister of Pakistan from Pakistan People's Party?**

**- Yousuf Raza Gillani**

**Late Vijay Tendulkar who died in 2008 were famous in which field?**

**- Playwright**

**Who is generally regarded as the pioneer of Local Self Government in Modern India?**

**- Ripon**

**Who is known as founder of Mohemmadan Anglo-Oriental college at Aligarh?**

**- Sir Syed Ahmed Khan**

**Who was the first recipient of Nehru Award for International Understanding?**

**- Martin Luther King**

**Who is known as 'Lady with the Lamp'?**

**- Florence Nightingale**

**Who is the renowned flute player?**

**- Hari Prasad Chaurasia**

**With which musical instrument was Ustad Mustaq Ali Khan associated?**

**- Sitar**

**Who was the first woman to go in space?**

**- Valentina Tereshkova**

**Late Girilal Jain was a noted figure in which field?**

**- Journalism**

**In which field Aachan Maharaj has distinguished himself?**

**- Dance**

**Begum Akhtar is associated with which field?**

**- Vocal Music**

**Satyan Bose is known for his excellence in which field?**

**- Motion Picture**

**For which dance Birju Maharaj is well known?**

**- Kathak**

**Who headed the committee on computerisation in Indian**



**banks(1988)?**

**- M. Narasimhan**

**Vocalist Rahamat Khan belongs to which Gharana?**

**- Gwalior Gharana**

**With which field M.F. Hussain were associated?**

**- Painting**

**Who was first Indian woman to become president of U.N. General Assembly?**

**- Late Smt. Vijayalaxmi Pandit**

**In which field the name of Gangubai Hangal associated?**

**- Music**

**Name one famous Sarod player?**

**- Amjad Ali Khan**

**Who is known as Nightingale of India?**

**- Sarojini Naidu**

**Which was the musical instrument used by Amir Khusro?**

**- Sitar**

**Who was the first lady to become judge of the Supreme Court?**

**- Meera Sahib Fathima Beevi**

**Who is known as Father of Geometry?**

**- Euclid**

**Who was the first person to set foot on moon?**

**- Neil Armstrong**

**Who is the creator of Rock Garden in Chandigarh?**

**- Nek Chand**

**Who is called the Flying Sikh of India?**

**- Milkha Singh**

**Who inspired Green Revolution in India?**

**- N.E. Borlaug**

**Who is the man popularly known as Gurudev?**

**- Rabindranath Tagore**

## **Books and their authors important from Indian GK prospective**

**Who published the " Red Data Book" containing information on the wild animals and plants in danger of extinction?**

**- International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources**

**Who is the author of " Tarikh-i-Alai" containing the details of the first few years of Sultan Alauddin Khilji?**

**- Amir Khusrau**

**Who wrote the line "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever"?**

**- John Keats**

**Who is the author of book "Speed Post"?**

**- Shobha De**

**Who wrote the book "Ammi! Letter to a Democratic Mother"?**

**- Saeed Mirza**

**Who is the author of the book "Unto the Last" which influenced Gandhi ji?**

**- John Ruskin**

**Who wrote the immortal song "Vande Mataram"?**

**- Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya**

**Whose autobiography is "India Wins Freedom"?**

**- Abul Kalam Azad**

**Who is the author of the book "The Exile"?**

**- Navtej Saran**

**Who wrote the book "The Namesake"?**

**- Jhumpa Lahiri**

**Who is the author of novel "The White Tiger"?**

**- Aravind Adiga**

**Who said "Child is the father of Man"?**

**- William Wordsworth**

**Who is the author of the book "My Experiments with Truth"?**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

**What is the original name of Mahabharata?**

**- Jai Samhita**

**Who is the author of the book " We Indians"?**

**- Khushwant Singh**

**A famous novel 'Pride and Prejudice 'is written by whom?**

**- Jane Austen**

**Who said, "God helps those who helps themselves"?**

**- Algernon Sidney**

**Who wrote 'Gita Govinda'?**

**- Jaya Dev**

**Who said 'Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err'?**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

**Who is called Father of English Poetry?**

**- Chaucer**

**'Glimpses of World History' is written by whom?**

**- Jawaharlal Nehru**

**Who wrote the book 'Gulliver's Travels'?**

**- Jonathan Swift**

**Who wrote 'One Day Wonders'?**

**- Sunil Gavaskar**

**'A Voice of Freedom' is a book written by whom?**

**- Nayantara Sahgal**

**Who wrote the first history book?**

**- Herodotus**

**Who is the creator of 'Sherlock Holmes'?**

**- Arthur Conan Doyle**

**Who composed the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana'?**

**- Rabindranath Tagore**

**Who wrote the book 'Around the World in Eighty Days'?**

**- Jules Verne**

**Who said " I have nothing to offer except blood, sweat and tears"?**

**- Churchill**

**Which book is entitled as 'Bible of Communism'?**

**- Das Kapital**

**Who wrote Panchatantra?**

**- Vishnu Sharma**

**Who wrote the famous play 'Macbeth'?**

**- William Shakespeare**

## **Current affairs India, September, 2011**

**What will be the production capacity of Kashang Power Project, being set up in Kinnaur district of Himachal?**

**- 130 MW**

**On whom a leading business school, INSEAD conferred " Business Leader for the World Award" in June 2011?**

**- [Sunil Bharti Mittal](#)(Airtel)**

**Who has been appointed the Governor of RBI after the retirement of Shri Y.V. Reddy?**

**- [Mr. D. Subbarao](#) (Current RBI Governor)**

**Name the eminent Hindi authors chosen for Jnanpith Award 2011?**

**- Srilal Shukla and Amar Kant**

**Who won Jnanpith Award in 2010?**

**- Chandrasekhar Kambar (renowned Kannada literateur)**

**By what percentage India's unemployment rate fell in 2009-2010 according to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)?**

**- 2 percent**

## **Sports: General Knowledge, India & World**

**Who is the first Indian sports person to win an individual Gold medal in the Olympic Games?**

**- Abhinav Bindra**

**Which sportsperson won the maximum number of Olympic Gold Medals?**

**- Michael Phelps**

**Which game is associated with Merdeka Cup?**

**- Football**

**Which country won the maximum number of medals in Olympics 2008 held in Beijing?**

**- USA**

**Usain Bolt adjudged as the fastest man on the earth in Olympics 2008 belongs to which country?**

**- Jamaica**

**Which player is the author of the book "Straight From The Heart"?**

**- Kapil Dev**

**Term Double Fault is associated with which game?**

**- Lawn Tennis**



**Which player is the author of book named "Sunny Days"?**

**- Sunil Gavaskar**

**Which country has hosted the Asian Games for maximum number of times?**

**- Thailand**

**With which sports is Sushma Saroeiker associated?**

**- Kho-Kho**

**Champion Trophy is associated with which game?**

**- Hockey**

**Name the Indian chess player who broke the World Record by finishing the game in twelve moves?**

**- V. Anand**

## General awareness India

Raja Ravi Verma (Image via <a href="#">Wikipedia</a> )
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Who painted the masterpiece "Hamsa Damayanti"?

- Raja Ravi Varma

In India, who issues one rupee coins and notes as well as subsidiary coins?

- The Reserve Bank of India

How is population density in India defined?

- The number of persons per square kilometre.

When was Sangeet Natak Akademi set up by Government of India?

- 1953

Which musical instrument is said to be invented by Amir Khusro?

- Sitar

Where is Boat Race a popular sport?

- Kerala

The Rath Yatra at Puri is celebrated in honour of which Hindu

**deity?**

**- Jagannath**

**In which state is Ganesh Otsav celebrated?**

**- Maharashtra**

**From where are the words "Satyameva Jayate" (inscribed below the base plate of the emblem of India) taken?**

**- Mundak Upanishad**

**What are the bank deposits that can be withdrawn without notice called?**

**- Demand deposits**

**What is the practice of selling goods in a foreign country at a price below their domestic selling price is called?**

**- Dumping**

**Who propounded the Market Law?**

**- J.B.Say**

**Triple vaccine is administered to a new born child to save him from which diseases?**

**- Whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria.**

**Which country has an Unwritten Constitution?**

**- UK**

**The World famous 'Peacock Throne' was kept in which Mughal building?**

**- New Agra Fort**

**Where is the birth place of Guru Nanak Ji?**

**- Talwandi**

**Motilal Nehru and Chittaranjan Das were the founder members of which party?**

**- Swarajya Party**

**From which mines was the famous Kohinoor diamond produced?**

**- Golconda**

**Who was the first speaker of Independent India's Lok Sabha?**

**- G.V. Mavalankar**

**Who presented the first Union Budget of Independent India?**

**- R.K. Shanmukham Chetty (1947)**

## Latest India & International GK, September, 2011

Miss Universe 2011 (Image credit: <a href="#">Wikipedia</a> )
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Who won the title of Miss Universe in 2011 held in Sao Paulo?

- [Leila Lopes](#) of Angola

Who is the first Indo-Canadian to take command of a Canadian regiment?

- Harjit Singh Sajjan (joined Canadian army in 1989)

When comes death anniversary of Sardar Dyal Singh Majithia (founder of The Tribune)?

- 9th September (passed into eternity 113 years ago)

Who is given Rashtriya Gaurav Award in 2011?

- Prof. Sukhmeen Kaur Hanjraw, Head of Department of Computer Sciences in Khalsa college, Patiala (this award is given few extraordinary people who have specialised in various fields like science and technology, education, industry, fine arts, politics and social work)

On 15th September, 2011 which Minister was awarded the Agriculture Leadership award in New Delhi?

- Minister Sham Lal Sharma ( Minister for Health, Horticulture and Floriculture)

**When was 64th Raising Day of Western Command celebrated?**  
**- 15th September, 2011 at its headquarters in [Chandimandir](#) (Chandigarh)**

**Year 2011 is observed by Army as what?**  
**- Year of Disabled Soldiers**

**Which hockey team won the Asian Championship Trophy at Ordos(China) in 2011?**  
**- India**

## **General Awareness India**

**Which age group children in India are ensured free and compulsory education?**

**- 6-14 years**

**What are GM Crops?**

**- Genetically Modified Crops.**

**Where is head office of the State Bank of India located?**

**- Mumbai**

**What is the upper house of parliament known as?**

**- The Rajya Sabha**

**Kathakali a folk dance is prevalent in which state?**

**- Kerala**

**Who composed the national song of India (Vande Maatram)?**

**- Bankim Chandra Chatterji**

**On which era is the Indian National Calender based?**

**- Saka era**

**Which country was under the grip of a severe earthquake followed by tsunami recently?**

**- Japan**

**What is the designation of the chairperson of Lok Sabha?**

**-Speaker**

**While playing with which team Rahul Dravid completed his 10,000 runs in the Test cricket?**

**- South Africa**

**Which game is associated with Agha Khan Cup?**

**- Hockey**

**Where is Union Budget presented firstly?**

**- The Lok Sabha**

**Which is the India's largest public sector commercial bank at present?**

**- State Bank of India**

**What is the ratio of width of our National flag to its length?**

**- 2:3**



## **Current Events: Latest GK India**

**Name the cities of Himachal to be developed as the solar cities?**

**-Shimla and Hamirpur**

**How 4G services will hit the country in 2012?**

**-4G technology will offer many advancements to the wireless market including downlink data rates well over 100 Mbps, low latency, very efficient spectrum use and low cost implementation.**

**Which was the World's first surviving clone buffalo at NDRI (National Dairy Research Institute)?**

**-Garima, lived for two years (died on 1st August,2011 due to heart failure).**

**Name two other clones left with NDRI?**

**-Garima II (a female) and Shreasth (a male).**

**Which entrance exam after CAT to be held nationwide will go online?**

**-AIEEE (All India Engineering Entrance Exam ) to be held on April 29, 2012.**

**What will be the new name of West Bengal?**

**-Paschim Banga**

**On which date Chennai turned 372 years?**

**-August 22, 2011. (founded on August 22, 1639 and was known as Chennappanaikan )**

**Name 72 year old social activist who supported Jan Lokpal Bill?**

**-Anna Hazare**

**Name the ship commissioned by India which is biggest in its class in the World?**

**-INS Satpura (ship which is 143m long can tactically fire weapons even before enemy detects it).**

**Who is the 26th Chief Minister of Karnataka?**

**-Mr. D.V.Sadananda Gowda (he succeeds Mr. B.S.Yeddyurappa).**

**With whom the Income Tax Department decides to share its PAN card database?**

**-NATGRID (a network aimed at robust information-sharing among law enforcement agencies).**

## **Important days observed throughout the world**

**When is World Laughter Day celebrated?**

**-26th January**

**On which day International Women's Day observed?**

**-8th March**

**When comes the World Disabled Day?**

**-15th March**

**When is World Health Day celebrated?**

**-7th April**

**Which day is observed as World Heritage Day?**

**-18th April**

**When is Earth Day observed?**

**-22nd April**

**Which day is known as World Book and Copyright Day?**

**-23rd April**

**When is International Labour Day observed?**

**-1st May**

**Which day is celebrated as World Red Cross Day?**

**-8th May**

**When is the Mother's Day celebrated?**

**-11th May**

**When is Commonwealth Day observed?**

**-24th May**

**On which date Anti Tobacco Day observed?**

**-31st May**

**When comes the World Environment Day?**

**-5th June**

**Which day is chosen to be celebrated as Father's Day?**

**-20th June (3rd sunday of June)**

**When is the World Population Day observed?**

**-11th July**

**Which day is celebrated as International Literacy Day?**

**-8th September**

**Which day is known as World Tourism Day?**

**-27th September**

**When is World Food Day observed?**

**-16th October**

**When is the UN Day observed?**

**-24th October**

**World Aids Day falls on which date?**

**-1st December**

**World Human Rights Day is observed on which day?**

**-10th December**

## Important dates and days of India

When is India's National Youth Day celebrated ?

- 12th January

When is India's [Army Day](#) celebrated ?

-15th January

When is India's [Republic Day](#) celebrated?

-26th January

When is Martyr's Day in India celebrated ?

-30th January

Which day in India celebrated as Central Excise Day ?

-24th February

When is [National Science Day](#) celebrated in India?

-28th February

Which day is celebrated as [National Maritime Day](#) in India?

-5th April

When in India National Technology Day celebrated?

-11th May

On which date Quit India Day comes?

-9th August

Which day is celebrated as [Independence Day](#) of India?

-15th August

**When is Sadbhavna Diwas (Goodwill Day ) observed in India?**  
**-20 August (Late Prime minister [Rajiv Gandhi's](#) birth anniversary)**

**When comes National [Sports Day](#) of India?**  
**-29th August**

**When in India Teachers Day celebrated?**  
**-5th September**

**Which day is observed as Sanskrit Day in India?**  
**-5th September**

**Indian Air Force Day is observed on which day ?**  
**-8th October**

**When comes National Postal Day in India?**  
**-10th October**

**Which day in India is celebrated as [Children's Day](#)?**  
**-14th November**

**Which day in India is observed as Minorities Rights Day?**  
**-18th December**

**When comes the Farmer's Day (Kisan Divas )in India ?**  
**-23rd December**

## **Honours and awards, 2011**

**Who is conferred the king Abdulaziz Medal of first class in 2011?**

**-India's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mr. Talmiz Ahmad (for his contributions towards elevating Indo -Saudi ties)**

**Who is crowned Miss Universe India 2011?**

**-Ms. Vasuki Sunkavalli (of Hyderabad)**

**Who is chosen for Mercy Ravi Award 2011 (for exemplary contribution to public life by a woman)?**

**-Ms. [Sheila Dikshit](#) (Delhi Chief minister)**

**Who is chosen by Bangladesh for the prestigious and the highest state honour "Swadhinata Sammanona"?**

**-Late Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (for her contribution to the country's war of liberation in 1971)**

**Who are the two Indians to get [Ramon Magsaysay Awards](#) for 2011 announced in Manila?**

**-Dr. Harish Hande (a U.S trained Indian engineer recognised for bringing solar lights to India) and Ms. Nileema Mishra (for her work with villagers in Maharashtra)**

**Who got the National Communal Harmony Award?**



**-Md. Hanif Khan Shastri (Sanskrit scholar)**

## Indian awards for games, 2011: Dronacharya, Arjuna and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award

Who got [Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna](#) (highest sports award in country) award?

-Gagan Narang (shooter)

Who got [Dronacharya Award](#) in 2011 ?

-Kuntal Kumar Roy (athletics), I. Venkateshwara Rao (boxing), Devender Kumar Rathore (gymnastic), Rajinder Singh (hockey), Ramphal (wrestling).

Who got [Arjuna Award](#) in 2011 ?

-Rahul Banerjee (archery ), Preeja Sreedharan (athletics), Vikas Gowda (athletics), Jwala Gutta (badminton), Suranjoy Singh (boxing), Zaheer Khan (cricket), Sunil Chhetri (football), Ashish Kumar (gymnastics), Rajpal Singh (hockey), Rakesh Kumar (kabaddi), Tejeswini Bai (kabaddi), Tejaswini Sawant (shooting), Vikram Khade (swimming), Somdev Devvarman (tennis), Sanjay Kumar (volleyball), Ravinder Singh (wrestling), K. Ravi Kumar (weightlifting), Sandhyarani Devi (wushu), Prasanta Karmakar (physically challenged swimmer).

Who got [Dhyan Chand Award](#) in 2011?

-Shabbir Ali (football), Sushil Kohli (swimming), Raj Kumar (wrestling).

Who got Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award in 2011?

-Reena Dharamshaktu (mountaineering), Mamta Sodha

**(mountaineering), Dilip Dondé (sailing), Late Balwant Singh Sandhu(mountaineering).**

**Who got Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar in 2011 ?**

**-Petroleum Sports Promotion Board and N.Ramachandran (Sports Academies of Excellence).**

## **Largest in India: General knowledge India**

**Which is the largest port in India?**

**-Mumbai**

**Which is the largest lake in India?**

**-Wular lake (Kashmir)**

**Which is the largest saline water lake in India?**

**-Chilka lake (Orissa )**

**Which is largest man made lake in India?**

**-Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar (Rihand dam )**

**Which is largest fresh water lake in India?**

**-Kolleru lake (Andhra Pradesh )**

**Which is largest populated city in India?**

**-Mumbai**

**Which is largest state of India?**

**-Rajasthan**

**Which is the state wise largest area under forest in India?**

**-Madhya Pradesh**

**Which is the largest delta in India?**

**-Sunderbans delta**

**Which is largest river without delta in India?**

**-Narmada and Japti**

**Which is the largest public sector bank in India?**

**-State Bank of India**

**Which is the largest dome in India?**

**-Gol Gumbaz at Bijapur**

**Which is the largest zoo in India?**

**-Zoological Garden at Alipur (Kolkata )**

**Which is the largest museum in India?**

**-India Museum at Kolkata**

**Which is the largest river island in India?**

**-Majuli (Brahmaputra river ,Assam)**

**Which is the largest planetarium in India?**

**-Kolkata**

**Which is the largest desert in India?**

**-Thar desert (Rajasthan)**

**Which is the largest district in India?**

**-Ladakh**

**Which is the largest area wise state in India?**

**-Rajasthan**

**Which is the largest populated state in India?**

**-Uttar Pradesh**

**Which is the largest cave in India?**

**-Amarnath (Jammu and Kashmir )**

**Which is largest cave temple in India?**

**-Kailash Temple, Ellora (Maharashtra)**

**Where is largest animal fair held in India?**

**-Sonepur (Bihar )**

**Which is the largest auditorium in India?**

**-Sri Shanmukhanand Hall (Mumbai)**

**Which is the largest Gurudwara in India?**

**-Golden Temple (Amritsar )**

**Which is the largest Church in India?**

**-Saint Cathedral (Goa )**

**Which is the language next to Hindi spoken by largest number of people in the Indian sub continent ?**

**-Bengali**

**Which is the largest Mosque in India?**  
**-Jama Masjid**

