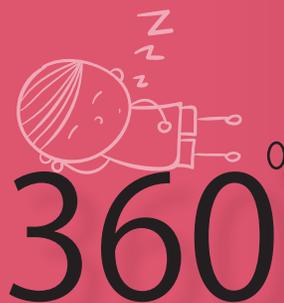




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Happy Children's Day



Children's day also known as Bal Divas in India is celebrated every year on 14th of November. Children are the key to success and development of a country as they would lead the future of their country in different and new technological way. Children are innocent, admirable with pure heart and loved by everyone.

Children's day in India is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of the legendary freedom fighter and independent India's first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (Popularly known as Chacha Nehru). He was the one who used to spend most of his precious moments with children and their innocence. This day reminds everyone to renew his commitment towards the welfare of children and teach them to live by Chacha Nehru's ideals.

In our country most schools have cultural programs for the day, with the students managing it all. All over the country various cultural, social and even corporate institutions conduct competitions for children. Children's day is a day for children to engage in fun and frolic. On this day, even parents are very enthusiastic to make their children happy. This day is enjoyed as their own day.

Childhood is the best time in the life of everybody which should be necessarily given a right track to make them successful in the future as an asset of the country. Without the right track they may miss living a good life. This can be done only by giving them right education, care and showing them right way to progress.

So let us join hands, let us stand up for children so the future leaders of this nation can emerge as world leaders.

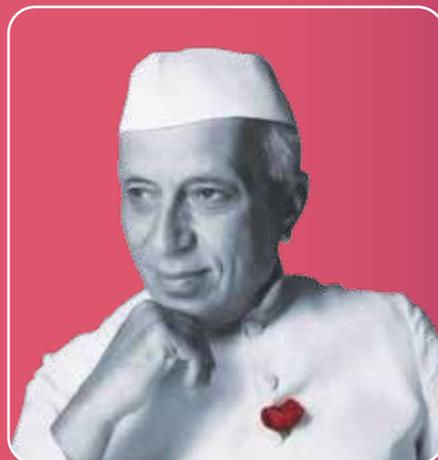
Kofi Annan, the former Secretary General of the United Nations said, "There is no trust more blessed than the one that world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their safety and rights are respected, that their welfare is respected, that their lives are free from fear and that they grow in peace".



Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.
— Rabindranath Tagore

Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.
— APJ Abdul Kalam

Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow.
— Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru



National Affairs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 5th November 2015 launched three incentive schemes to monetize the gold that is lying idle in homes of India. The Gold Monetization Scheme, Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme, the first ever Indian gold coin and bullion scheme (bearing national emblem Ashok Chakra on one side and Mahatma Gandhi's image engraved on the other side).

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been ranked as the world's ninth most powerful person by Forbes magazine in 2015. The list was released on 4th November 2015.

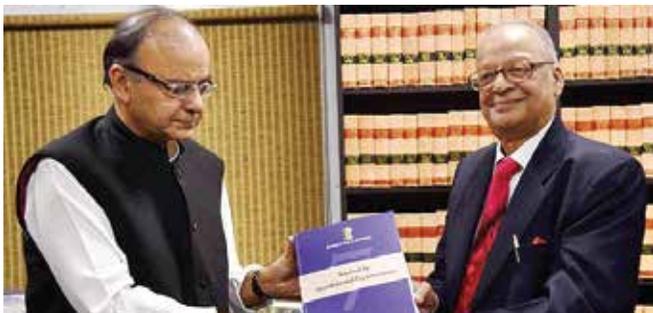
- On 5th November 2015, Chief Minister of Puducherry, N. Rangasamy launched "Free Garment Scheme" for Schedule Caste families in Puducherry.

- President Pranab Mukherjee on 5th November 2015 launched Imprint India, a Pan-IIT and IIS joint initiative. The project encourages the Indian technical institutions to develop a blueprint for research to crack major engineering and technology challenges relevant to the nation.

- The government of India, on 6th November 2015 imposed a new tax on all services for contributing to Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The additional 0.5 per cent tax is named as Swachh Bharat Cess.

- The Union Government on 6th November 2015 declared militant outfit National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang (NSCN-K) and all its formation as a terrorist organization. It was declared so under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967.

- The Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani on 7th November 2015 launched the e-Pathshala, Saaransh and National Programme on School Standards and Evaluation Framework (Shala Siddhi) web portals/ mobile apps.



Justice AK Mathur



Prime Minister launched three incentive schemes

- The Indian railway has doubled the ticket cancellation charge on 8th November 2015, and it has proposed to change the refund rules to help genuine passengers getting confirmed tickets.

- On 8th November 2015, Nitish Kumar led Grand Alliance won the Bihar assembly polls by winning 178 seats out of total 243 seats.

- Dr Raghuram Rajan, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on 9 November 2015 was elected as the Vice-Chairman on the Board of Directors of BIS (Bank for International Settlements), Switzerland.

- Ahead of the Paris climate summit, India and Britain have agreed on a comprehensive package of collaboration on energy and climate change which includes commercial deals worth 3.2 billion pounds. This deal was cracked during the PM's UK visit on 12th to 14th November 2015.

- On 16th November 2015, senior diplomat and former spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry Syed Akbaruddin has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) Sydney, Australia, on 17th November 2015 released Global Terrorism Index 2015. In this out of the 162 countries, India was the sixth most affected by terrorism in 2014.

- The 7th Central Pay Commission headed by Retd. Justice AK Mathur, submitted its report on 19th November 2015 to the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. The commission recommended 23.55 percent hike in pay and allowances of central government employees.



Resurgent Rajasthan 2015.



JP Nadda

- Rajasthan Government on 20th November 2015 signed 295 MoUs attracting about 3.3 lakh crore rupees investment during the Resurgent Rajasthan Partnership Summit 2015.

- Leader of Mahagathbandhan Nitish Kumar was sworn in CM of Bihar on 20th November 2015. Tejaswi Yadav, son of Lalu Prasad Yadav was chosen as Deputy CM.

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot on 24th November 2015 announced 10 new & revised schemes for the disabled persons in New Delhi. Also a new website (<http://thenationaltrust.gov.in/content/>) for the National Trust was launched.

- Union Health Minister JP Nadda inaugurated a national organ donation registry called National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) that will track, facilitate and promote organ donations across the country on 27th November 2015.

International Affairs

- India on 2nd November 2015 signed Two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with Indonesia to strengthen it ties in energy and culture exchange areas.

- Harjit Singh Sajjan, an Indo-Canadian Sikh on 4th November 2015, was named as Canada's new Defence Minister.

- World Health Organization (WHO) on 7th November 2015 announced that Sierra Leone was free from Ebola virus.

- On 8th November 2015, Myanmar held general elections, after the military rule for almost around 53 years. In these elections, party of Aung San Suu Kyi NLD won with majority in both houses of parliament.

- India on 9th November 2015 was re-elected by the General Assembly to a six year term on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

- Two days G-20 summit was held in Antalya, Turkey on 15th - 16th November 2015.

- The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2015 was held in Malta on 27th – 29th November 2015.

- Jonathan Pollard (USA) was released from prison on 20th November 2015, after 30 years behind bars for the charges of spying for Israel, his case was a long-time irritant in relations between the two allies.

- Indian origin American politician Swati Dandekar was nominated as Executive Director to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 20th November 2015 by US President Barack Obama.



MoU with Indonesia



Aung San Suu Kyi



Jonathan Pollard

Sports



Shiva Thapa

- Indian boxer Shiva Thapa on 3rd November 2015 was ranked number two in the latest international rankings in the 56 kilogram category.
- Belgium on 5th November 2015 moved to the top of the FIFA world ranking list in football for the first time.
- Spain's Jorge Lorenzo from team Yamaha won the MotoGP world championship after finishing first in the final race of season in Valencia on 8th November 2015.
- On 12th November 2015, India beat Guam to register first win in 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.
- Nigeria on 8th November 2015 won the 2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup. The next World Cup will be held in India in 2017.
- Russia on 13 November 2015 was provisionally suspended from track and field events by International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) due to doping allegations against the country's athletes, coaches, trainers, doctors and officials.
- Young Indian shuttler Siril Verma on 15th November 2015 clinched a silver medal at BWF World Junior Championship 2015.
- The Czech Republic beats Russia in the final of Federation Cup 2015. Czech Republic girls won the title for second year in a row.
- India's junior men's hockey team on 22nd November 2015 lifted the 8th Men's Junior Asia hockey cup. India defeated arch rivals Pakistan 6-2.
- On 29th November 2015, Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu won the Macau Open Grand Prix Gold Women's Singles title for the third consecutive time.
- World number one Novak Djokovic on 22 November 2015 won ATP World Tour finals. He became the first player to win ATP world tour finals for the fourth consecutive time.
- Great Britain won the Davis Cup 2015 on 29th November 2015.



India beat Guam



Siril Verma



PV Sindhu

Awards



Voltera V-One

- A high-speed printer that can produce circuit boards in minutes has won the Dyson engineering award. The laptop sized Voltera V-One uses different inks to turn circuit board designs into working prototypes.
- Liberian teenager Abraham M Keita was on 10 November 2015 awarded with the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize 2015.
- A team of Indian scientist led by Sameer Panda from Odisha on 6th November 2015 won the NASA award for an innovative technology named Burst Prevention & Puncture Curative (BPPC) technology.

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijju, was designated as the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion on 17th November 2015 for the Asia Region by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). Rijju also became the first Indian to be conferred with this honour.

- Tennis champion-turned Hollywood filmmaker Ashok Amritraj on 19th November 2015 was awarded with an honorary Doctorate of Arts by the University of East London.

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on 19th November 2015 was chosen for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2015.



Ashok Amritraj

Business



Brijmohan Lall Munjal

- Hero Group founder Brijmohan Lall Munjal passes away on 1st November 2015 in New Delhi.

- Indian government approved a rescue package worth 4.3 trillion rupees for various states loss-making power utilities on 5th November 2015.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 5th November 2015 hiked the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Rabi Crops of 2015-16 seasons to be marketed in 2016-17.

- On 6th November 2015, Royal Enfield announced that it will install its third manufacturing plant in India. The plant will be set up by 2018 in Vallam Vadagal of Chennai.

- On 9th November 2015, General Electric won a \$2.6bn contract from Indian government to build a fleet of new trains for the country. The US-based industrial company said it would supply India 1,000 new diesel trains over the next 11 years.

- On 9th November 2015, French engineering company Alstom has won a contract worth around 200 Billion Rupees (\$3 Billion) to supply Indian railways, 800 electric locomotives and set up a local manufacturing plant.

- Online auto classifieds firm CarTrade.com on 13th November 2015 acquired car-selling portal CarWale.com from Automotive Exchange Pvt. Limited in a full-cash deal.



Jeffrey R. Immelt



Sunil Kanoria

- CEO of Yes Bank, Sunil Kanoria was appointed as the President of The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) on 25th November 2015.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 18th November 2015 approved the disinvestment of 10 percent paid up equity capital of Coal India Limited (CIL).

- Union Government on 18th November 2015 launched the Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF) under the National Manufacturing Policy, 2011. The fund will facilitate acquisition of clean, green and energy efficient technologies.

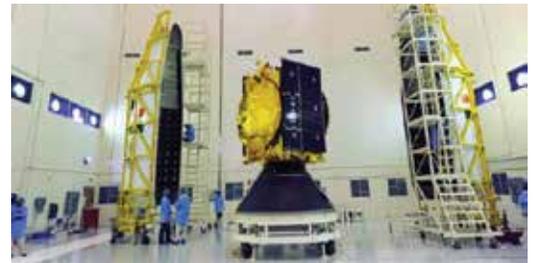


Harshavardhan Neotia

- Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman of Ambuja Neotia group, was elected as the President of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on 20th November 2015 for the year 2016.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on 22nd November 2015 signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on bilateral cooperation and technical assistance.

Science & Technology

● India's indigenously made communications satellite GSAT-15 was launched successfully on 11th November 2015 by the European Ariane 5 VA-227 launch vehicle from Kourou, French Guiana.



GSAT-15

● Chemical engineers from MIT have developed an efficient shockwave based process to treat salty, brackish or contaminated water to make it usable. The new approach is described in the journal "Environmental Science and Technology Letters".

● Russia successfully launched the first satellite for its newest early warning system on 17th November 2015. The satellite was named as Kosmos 2510 (Tundra 11L).



Kosmos 2510 (Tundra 11L)

● A hand-held device that infuses a gentle stream of regular cold water with ultrasound to turn it into a highly effective cleaning tool has been developed by British scientists. The device named as Starstream.

● A recent study by scientists at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru suggested that '3D scaffolds' of graphene composites can be used for bone tissue regeneration as they mimic the environment of the bone.



3D scaffolds

● In a study of blood-based biopsy that required to analyzing a sample equivalent to one drop of blood can make cancer detection a lot simpler and accurate up to 96%, disclosed by researchers from Umea University in Sweden.

Important Days

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| ● World Science Day for Peace and Development | 10 th November |
| ● Children's Day | 14 th November |
| ● National Integration Day | 19 th November |
| ● International Day on Violence Against Women | 25 th November |
| ● National Law Day | 26 th November |
| ● Constitution Day | 26 th November |

Historical Dates

- 2nd November 1976** – Lok Sabha passed the 42nd Constitution Amendment Bill making India a Socialist Secular Republic and laying down the fundamental duties of citizens.
- 3rd November 1838** – The Times of India, the world's largest circulated English language daily broadsheet newspaper was founded as The Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce.
- 7th November 1888** – Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman, Indian physicist, was born in Tiruchirapalli.
- 8th November 1895** – X-rays (electromagnetic rays) were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen at the University of Wurzburg in Germany.
- 13th November 1990** – The first known World Wide Web page was written.
- 17th November 1928** – Lala Lajpat Rai died in Lahore after being seriously wounded in the barbarous lathi charge of 30th October.
- 18th November 1972** – Tiger was adopted as India's national animal.
- 21st November 1877** – The invention of the Phonograph, a machine that can record sound, was announced by Thomas Edison.
- 22nd November 1963** – In Dallas, Texas, US President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.
- 26th November 1949** – The constitution of India was framed by a Constituent Assembly set up under the Cabinet Mission Plan, 1946.
- 26th November 1997** – Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, scientific advisor to Defence Minister, chosen for Bharat Ratna.
- 26th November 2008** – One of the worst terror strikes on Mumbai. In the attack 164 peoples were killed.
- 30th November 1991** – 1st World Championship of Women's Soccer, US defeated Norway and became the first world champion.

List of National Independence Days in November month

	Antigua and Barbuda	– 1 November 1981		Morocco	– 18 November 1955
	Federated States of Micronesia	– 3 November 1986		Lebanon	– 22 November 1943
	Panama	– 3 November 1903		Suriname	– 25 November 1975
	Dominica	– 3 November 1978		Albania	– 28 November 1912
	Cambodia	– 9 November 1953		Mauritania	– 28 November 1960
	Angola	– 11 November 1975		Barbados	– 30 November 1966
	Poland	– 11 November 1918		South Yemen	– 30 November 1967
	Latvia	– 18 November 1918			

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