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CURRENT AFFAIRS – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Australia's Most Powerful Super Computer Unveiled Australia's most powerful super computer, Raijin, was unveiled in Canberra. Raijin, named after the Japanese God of thunder and rain, has cost of \$45.2 million to build and will cost \$10.85 million a year to run. The super computer, unveiled at Australian National University (ANU), and it is the 27th most powerful computer in the world

Rajeev Rishi is new CMD of Central Bank On 1 August Rajeev Rishi appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Central Bank of India. Prior to the new appointment, Mr. Rishi served as the Executive Director of Indian Bank, since October 2010. Before joining Indian Bank, he was the General Manager of Oriental Bank of Commerce.

Karnataka Launched "Ksheera Bhagya" Scheme On 1 August Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah launched "Ksheera Bhagya" scheme at Hoskote. Government schools and anganwadi centres kids across the State will now receive 150 ml of milk three times a week under the Ksheera Bhagya scheme.

SAARC Goodwill Ambassador Runa Visited India

Runa Laila, the SAARC Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS visited India from 31 July 2013 to 2 August 2013. The objective of the visit was to extend support to the cause of HIV/AIDS especially on the issues of Stigma and Discrimination related to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV).

India's DRDO Launches Explosive Detection Kit In US

On 2 August the India-developed US-manufactured Explosive Detection Kit (EDK) was launched at the US Chamber of Commerce building in Washington.

Agni-V To Be Tested Twice This Year, Could Be Inducted By 2015

On 2 August 2013, the Director of Agni Missile Project, Defence Research and Development Organisation-Tessy Thomas announced that the Agni V missile would become operational by 2015, with two or three successful test firings.

Arundhati Bhattacharya Appointed Managing Director Of SBI On 2 August Arundhati Bhattacharya was appointed the managing director and chief financial officer of the State Bank of India (SBI).

Robert Mugabe Re-elected As President Of Zimbabwe On 3 August Zanu-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front), the political party of the incumbent President Robert Mugabe has won the Presidential election of Zimbabwe.

Hassan Rohani Sworn In As Iran's President On 4 August 2013, Hassan Rohani sworn in as Iran's President. Mr Rohani succeeded Mahmoud Ahmadi-Nejad, whose eight-year tenure has left Iran with an economy in crisis and an international nuclear stalemate. He is the Iran's seventh president.

India Won Bronze Medal at Junior Women Hockey World Cup On 4 August Indian Junior Women Hockey team won its first ever Bronze medal in ERGO Hockey Junior World Cup at Monchengladbach, Germany. India defeated England by 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out. Indian forward Rani was declared the Best Player of the ERGO Junior Women Hockey World Cup 2013.

Japan Sends World's First Talking Robot Into Space On 4 August Japan has successfully launched the world's first talking humanoid robot called "Kirobo" into space, to serve as companion to astronaut Kochi Wakata who will begin his mission in November.

Parimarjan Negi Won Politiken Cup On 4 August Indian Grandmaster Parimarjan won the Denmark's Politiken Cup at Copenhagen, Denmark by gaining 9 out of the total possible 10 points. He defeated the seventh seed, Italian Sabino Brunello in just 31 moves of Ruy Lopez.

Franklin Wins Record 6 Golds at World Swimming Championships On 5 August American swimmer Missy Franklin became the first woman to win six gold medals at world-championships. Franklin earned her record sixth gold medal of the world championships in Barcelona, Spain. Franklin, who won four golds and a bronze at the 2012 London Games, joins American men Michael Phelps and Mark Spitz as well as German woman Kristin Otto with six golds in either a world or Olympic competition.

11-year-old UK girl has higher IQ than Albert Einstein On 5 August an 11-year-old schoolgirl in the UK has achieved the highest possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ test, making her brainier than scientists Stephen Hawking and Albert Einstein. Cerys Cooksammy-Parnell, the grade six schoolgirl took up the Mensa IQ test with the aim of beating her father's score of 142.

Karnataka Becomes First State To Establish Calamities Relief Fund

On 5 August Karnataka Government has become the first state in the country to establish State Natural Calamities Relief fund of Rs. 125 crore. The Relief Fund will provide for a natural calamities relief fund which would provide for building capital assets and relief in respect of man-made disasters that are not covered under the state disaster response fund guidelines of the Government of India.

Samantha Stosur Won Carlsbad Open Tennis Title On 5 August Sam Stosur (Australia) won Carlsbad Open tennis title, after defeated Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) in the final at Carlsbad (California). The title was Stosur's third in her career and the first since she won her only major, the 2011 U.S. Open.

Raghuram Rajan Appointed as the New Governor of RBI On 6 August Chief economic adviser Raghuram Govind Rajan has been appointed as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Astronomers Discovered Lowest-mass Exoplanet Around a Sun-like Star On 6 August Astronomers have announced that they had discovered the lowest mass exoplanet ever to be found orbiting a sun-like Star. The planet has the cryptic name GJ 504b. The image of the exoplanet was captured by making use of the infrared data from the Subaru Telescope in Hawaii.

India Successfully Test Fired Pinaka Rockets

On 7 August 2013, India successfully test-fired two rounds of indigenously developed Pinaka rockets from a multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) from a base at Chandipur-on-sea near Balasore, off the Odisha coast.

New International Terminal Became Operational at Chennai

On 7 August the New International Terminal at Chennai airport would begin operations. The cost for the construction of the new terminal was about Rs. 2,000 crore.

'INS Arihant' Nuclear Reactor Activated

On 9 August India has activated the reactor on board the 'INS Arihant' nuclear submarine, the first to be designed and built in India.

Saudi King Pledges \$100 Million To UN Counter-Terrorism Centre On 9 August King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz announced that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia donated \$100 million to the UN Counter-Terrorism

Centre (UNCCT).In 2011, Saudi Arabia signed an agreement with the United Nations to create the UNCCT and donated \$10 million to its establishment.

Cabinet Approved Proposal For Establishing 'New Media Wing' On 9 August the Union Cabinet approved the proposal for establishing a 'New Media Wing' in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for publicizing government's initiatives through multiple social media platforms.The proposal for establishment of New Media Wing has been drawn on the basis of the experience of the initiative undertaken by the Ministry recently, on a pilot basis to position itself on the social media platforms such as Youtube, facebook and Twitter.

Number Of ' PhDs ' Increasing In India On 9 August According to figures compiled by the University Grants Commission (UGC) ,An increasing number of Indians are being awarded research degrees though the nation still lags behind countries like the US and China.The number of research degrees awarded increased by over 50 percent from 10,781 in 2008-09 to 16,093 in 2011-12. As per data compiled by Unesco Institute of Statistics, India's contribution to world's research publications has increased from 26,000 in 2002 to 44,000 in 2007.This, however, is far behind nations like the US and China.As per a paper published by the Yale University, the number of students to get PhDs in the US was 41,464 in 2007, while China had 48,112 PhDs in the same year.

India Launched First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier ' INS Vikrant '

On 12 August 2013, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant was launched by the Defence Minister A K Antony's wife Elizabeth at Kochi shipyard .

India Successfully Test Fired Nuclear Capable ' Prithvi-II ' Missile On 12 August India has successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable ' Prithvi-II ' missile from a mobile launcher in salvo mode from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at (Odisha) Chandipur.

Neil Armstrong, the First Man on the Moon has Passed away

Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, has died at the age of 82. on 25 Aug 2012. Armstrong underwent a heart bypass surgery earlier on August Month. As a commander of the Apollo-II mission, Armstrong became the first human to set on the moon on July 20,1969.Though Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Aldrin together spent nearly three hours walking on the moon.

New Jammu University Chancellor is Vohra Jammu & Kashmir governor N.N.Vohra has been appointed the first chancellor of the Central University of Jammu. Pranab Mukharjee on his visit to that University appointed Mr. Vohra the chancellor of the University for a period of five years.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards [8/22/2013]

The National Sports Awards-2013 will be conferred upon the following sportspersons/ coaches/organizations. The Government approved their names, as recommended by the Selection Committees.A. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:

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

B. Arjuna Awards:

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