

Gk Power Capsule for February 2015

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Railway Budget 2015-16

Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu on 26 February 2015 presented the first full-fledged Rail Budget of the Modi government for 2015-16. He did not announce any new trains, saying on the ground that a review was on about the capacity to add more trains which will be announced after the review is over. Against the backdrop of talk of privatisation of railways, the Minister said Railways will continue to be a precious national asset and people of India will own railways always. Following are the highlights of the Railway Budget 2015-16: * No increase in railway passenger fares.

- * Rail tickets can now be booked 120 days in advance.
- * 'Operation 5 mins', wherein passengers travelling unreserved can purchase a ticket in 5 minutes.
- * Bio toilets and airplane-type vacuum toilets in trains.
- * Surveillance cameras in select coaches and ladies compartments for women's safety without compromising on privacy.
- * Speed on nine railway corridors to go up to 200 km per hour.
- * Wi-Fi in more stations, mobile phone charging facilities in all train compartments.
- * Facility of online booking of wheelchair for senior citizens.
- * Satellite railway terminals in major cities.
- * Centrally managed Rail Display Network is expected to be introduced in over 2K stations over the next 2 years.
- * All india 24/7 helpline - 138 from March 2015 ; Toll free No.182 for security.

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- * 917 road under-bridges and over-bridges to be constructed to replace 3,438 railway crossings; at a cost of Rs. 6,581 crore.
- * Four Railway Research Centres to start in four universities.
- * 24 to 26 coaches in certain identified trains, more general class coaches, ladders to be replaced.
- * 17000 more toilets to be replaced by bio-toilets.
- * The facility of e-ticketing will help railways to go paper less.
- * SMS alert services for passengers to inform them about arrival and departure of trains.
- * Modern facilities for disabled citizens, senior citizens, patients through IRCTC.
- * In 400 stations wi-fi facility will be provided.
- * Rs 8.5 lakh crore will be invested in Railways in next 5 years.
- * Cleanliness in Railways highest priority under Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat.
- * Surveillance cameras on select mainline and ladies compartments.
- * A1 category stations will be given the facility of Wi-Fi.
- * Freight rate for cement, coal, others hiked by up to 10%
- * More General class coaches to be added.
- * On-board entertainment on select Shatabdi trains.
- * A new department to keep stations, trains clean.
- * Collision Avoidance System to be installed on select routes.

Union Budget 2015-16

Finance Minister of India Mr. [Arun Jaitley](#) has presented **Union budget for the Financial Year 2015-16** that is aimed at high growth, saying the pace of cutting the fiscal deficit would slow as he seeks to boost investment and ensure that ordinary people benefit.

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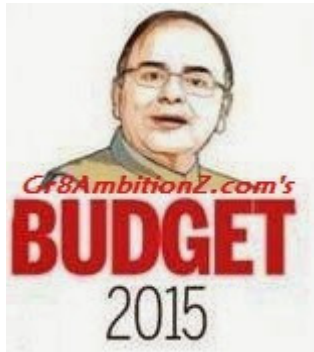
This is first Full Budget **Union Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley** By **NDA Governed Government** And Here we Are sharing Main Highlight of the **Union Budget 2015-16** with our Readers. Here we analyses the Full **Union Budget**.

The Top key highlights of Jaitley's budget for the fiscal year that begins on April 1,2015.

Important Numbers to Note

- **Non-Plan expenditure** : Rs 13,12,200 crore.
- **Plan expenditure** : Rs Rs 4,65,277 crore.
- **Total expenditure** : Rs 17,77,477 crore.
- **Gross Tax receipts** : Rs 14,49,490 crore.
- **Devolution to the States** : Rs 5,23,958 crore.
- **Share of Central Government** : Rs 9,19,842 crore.
- **Non Tax Revenues** : Rs 2,21,733 crore.
- **Fiscal deficit** : 3.9% of GDP and Revenue Deficit: 2.8% of GDP

Key Highlights of Union Budget 2015



- No change in individual IT slabs
- Individual tax payer can now get benefit upto 4.4lac
- Corporate tax reduced to 25pc
- Wealth tax replaced with 2 pc surcharge on super rich with above 1 crore Rs annual income.
- Target of 8.5 lakh crores credit to be given to farmers in 2015-16
- Corporate Tax reduced from 30% to 25% for next four years for employment generation.
- 100pc exemption in CSR activities for Clean Ganga Fund and Swachh Bharat Kosh
- Increase in limit of deduction of health insurance premium
- Benam transaction prohibition Bill to be introduced in this session
- 1,54,000 points identified for Postal Banking
- Tax evasion may lead to imprisonment up-to ten years.
- Custom duty on raw materials and intermediaries to be reduced

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- Increase in limit of deduction in health insurance premium from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000; Rs. 30,000 for senior citizens
- Transport allowance exemption on Income Tax increased from Rs. 800 to 1600
- Rs 50000 deduction in taxable income for contribution to NPS
- Rs. 8.5 lakh crore for Farm Credit in 2015-16
- At least one member of each family to get a job.
- Government to utilize vast postal network for increasing access to institutional banking.
- To bring a bankruptcy code in the year 2015-16 that will meet global standards and provide for judicial capacity.
- Proposes to create a national agriculture market to increase income of farmers.
- Universal social security system through insurance for all.
- PM Surakhsha Bima Yojana to increase the access to insurance ; it will be linked with Jan Dhan Yojana.
- Yojana to offer coverage of 2 lakh rupees for just premium of 12 rupees
- Atal Pension Yojana to provide defined pension according to contribution ; 50 per cent contribution to be from Government
- Comprehensive law on black money stashed abroad.
- Imprisonment of 10 yrs under Black Money Law.
- GAAR deferred by 2 yrs
- Employees contribution to the EPF should be optional : FM
- For women's security, additional 1,000 crore to Nirbhaya fund.
- Govt. to introduce Gold Monetization Scheme, Sovereign Gold Bonds and Gold coins with Ashok Chakra
- FM announces : Will increase Visa On Arrival facility from 43 to 150 Countries.
- National Skill Mission to be launched for youth below 25 yrs of age
- AIIMS in JK,Punjab,TN,HP,Assam.
- ISM Dhanabad will be upgraded to full IIT.
- IIT in Karnataka, IIM in J&K and Andhra Pradesh.

Sector wise Highlights of Union Budget 2015

Taxation

1. Abolition of Wealth Tax.
2. Additional 2% surcharge for the super rich with income of over Rs. 1 crore.
3. Rate of corporate tax to be reduced to 25% over next four years.
4. Total exemption of up to Rs. 4,44,200 can be achieved.
5. 100% exemption for contribution to Swachch Bharat, apart from CSR.
6. Service tax increased to 14 per cent.

Agriculture

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1. Rs. 25,000 crore for Rural Infrastructure Development Bank.
2. Rs. 5,300 crore to support Micro Irrigation Programme.
3. Farmers credit - target of 8.5 lakh crore.

Infrastructure

1. Rs. 70,000 crores to Infrastructure sector.
2. Tax-free bonds for projects in rail road and irrigation
3. PPP model for infrastructure development to be revitalised and govt. to bear majority of the risk.
4. Rs. 150 crore allocated for Research & Development
5. NITI to be established and involvement of entrepreneurs, researchers to foster scientific innovations.
6. Govt. proposes to set up 5 ultra mega power projects, each of 4000MW.

Education

1. AIIMS in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Assam.
2. IIT in Karnataka; Indian Institute of Mines in Dhanbad to be upgraded to IIT.
3. PG institute of Horticulture in Armtisar.
4. Kerala to have University of Disability Studies
5. Centre of film production, animation and gaming to come up in Arunachal Pradesh.
6. IIM for Jammu and Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh.

Defence

1. Rs. 2,46,726 crore for Defence.
2. Focus on Make in India for quick manufacturing of Defence equipment.

Welfare Schemes

1. 50,000 toilets constructed under Swachh Bharath Abhiyan.
2. Two other programmes to be introduced- GST & JAM Trinity. GST will be implemented by April 2016.
3. MUDRA bank will refinance micro finance orgs. to encourage first generation SC/ST entrepreneurs.
4. Housing for all by 2020.
5. Upgradation 80,000 secondary schools.
6. DBT will be further be expanded from 1 crore to 10.3 crore.
7. For the Atal Pension Yojna, govt. will contribute 50% of the premium limited to Rs. 1000 a year.
8. New scheme for physical aids and assisted living devices for people aged over 80 .
9. Govt to use Rs. 9000 crore unclaimed funds in PPF/EPF for Senior Citizens Fund.
10. Rs. 5,000 crore additional allocation for MGNREGA.
11. Govt. to create universal social security system for all Indians.

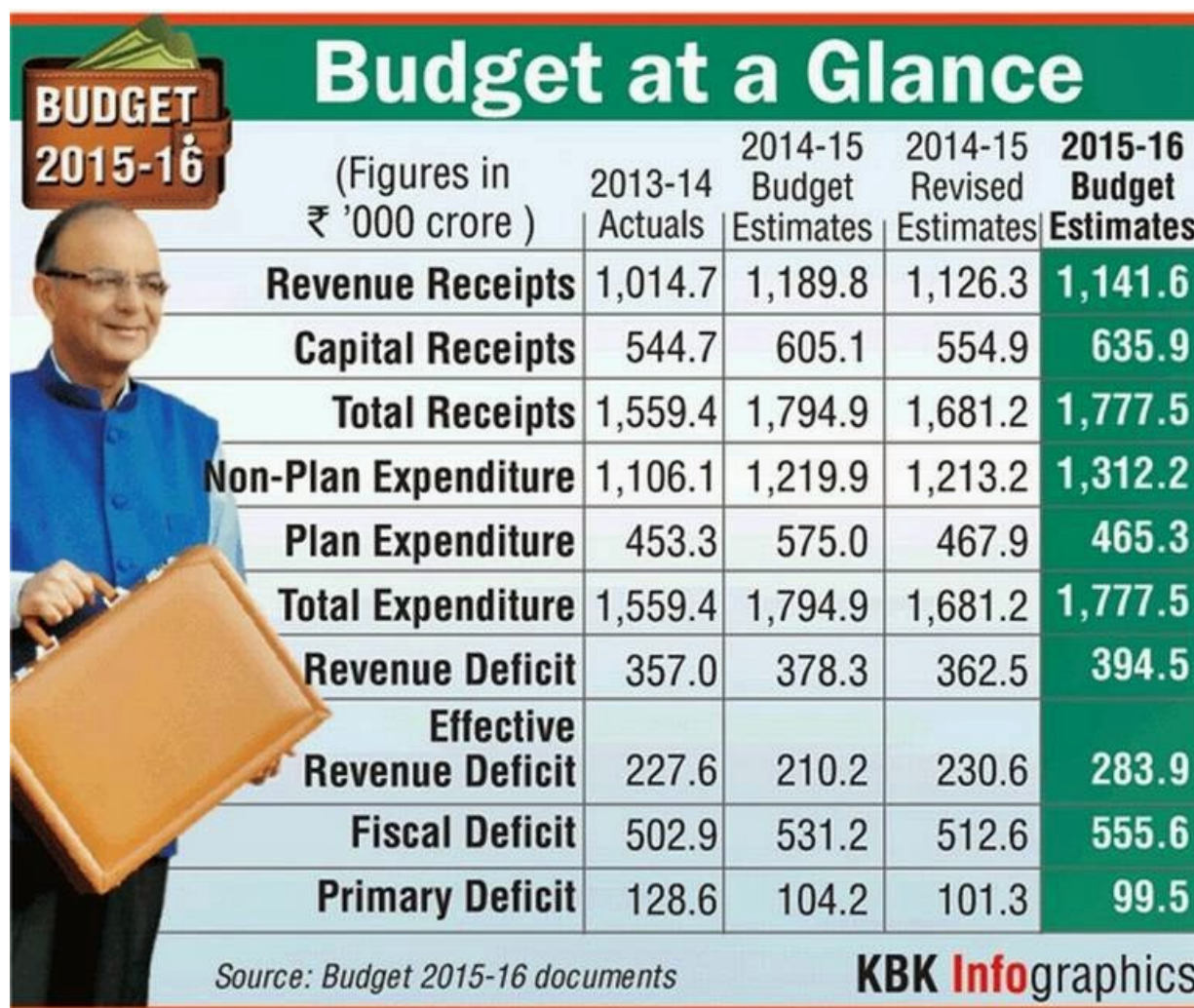
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Renewable Energy

1. Rs. 75 crore for electric cars production.
2. Renewable energy target for 2022: 100K MW in solar; 60K MW in wind; 10K MW in biomass and 5K MW in small hydro

Tourism

1. Development schemes for churches and convents in old Goa; Hampi, Elephanta caves, Forests of Rajasthan, Leh palace, Varanasi , Jallianwala Bagh, Qutb Shahi tombs at Hyderabad to be under the new tourism scheme.
2. Visa on Arrival for 150 countries.



BUDGET 2015-16	(Figures in ₹ '000 crore)	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15	2015-16
		Actuals	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates
Revenue Receipts		1,014.7	1,189.8	1,126.3	1,141.6
Capital Receipts		544.7	605.1	554.9	635.9
Total Receipts		1,559.4	1,794.9	1,681.2	1,777.5
Non-Plan Expenditure		1,106.1	1,219.9	1,213.2	1,312.2
Plan Expenditure		453.3	575.0	467.9	465.3
Total Expenditure		1,559.4	1,794.9	1,681.2	1,777.5
Revenue Deficit		357.0	378.3	362.5	394.5
Effective Revenue Deficit		227.6	210.2	230.6	283.9
Fiscal Deficit		502.9	531.2	512.6	555.6
Primary Deficit		128.6	104.2	101.3	99.5

Source: Budget 2015-16 documents

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Appointments :-

- Indian-origin lawyer Kannan Ramesh was on 27 February 2015 appointed as Judicial Commissioner to Singapore's Supreme Court bench with effect from 22 May 2015. He will serve the office for two years.

- Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mufti Mohammed Sayeed on 1 March 2015 was sworn in as the 12th Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. His oath of office and secrecy was administered by Governor NN Vohra at Zorawar Singh Auditorium in Jammu University.

- Bharat Puri was on 27 February 2015 appointed as Managing Director of Pidilite Industries Limited.

- Kshatrapati Shivaji was on 27 February 2015 appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Shivaji was appointed on deputation basis for a period of three years.

- Justice Amitava Roy Sworn in as Supreme Court Judge.

- DK Pandey was on 24 February 2015 appointed as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Jharkhand. He is a 1984 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer.

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- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Ram Niwas Goel was on 23 February 2015 unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly. While AAP legislator Bandana Kumari was elected as the Deputy Speaker of the House.
- Takahiro Hachigo was on 23 February 2015 appointed as the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Japanese automaker Honda Motor Co. Limited with effect from June 2015.
- Janatal Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar on 22 February 2015 was sworn in as the 34th Chief Minister of Bihar.
- Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic was on 15 February 2015 sworn in as the President of Croatia. She is Croatia's first female President and overall fourth President since Croatia gained independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.
- Maheshwar Sahu was on 20 February 2015 appointed as an Independent Director on the board of Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries Limited (RIL). He is a retired IAS officer.

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- Balasubramaniam Venkataramani was on 13 February 2015 appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) Limited. He succeeded Manoj Vaish.



- Arvind Kejriwal on 14 February 2015 was sworn-in as Chief Minister of Delhi.
- Eminent scientist Tapan Misra was on 20 February 2015 appointed as the Chief of ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC) at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Senior IPS officer Krishna Chaudhary on 11 February 2015 took charge as the Director General (DG) of the border guarding force Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- M Ravindran was on 9 February 2015 appointed as the Chairman of Indraprastha Gas Ltd, the firm that sells CNG in New Delhi.
- Naveen Chopra on 9 February 2015 was appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Vodafone India. He succeeded Sunil Sood who on 22 January 2015 was elevated to post of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in the company.
- Ashok K Agarwal was on 1 February 2015 appointed as General Manager of Southern Railway, Chennai with immediate effect. His appointment was approved by Union Ministry of Railways.

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- Arvind Kumar Jain was on 31 January 2015 appointed as the Director General (DG) of Police of Uttar Pradesh (UP). He will serve the post for just two months as he is due to demit the office on 31 March 2015.

- Union Government on 4 February 2015 appointed LC Goyal as Union Home Secretary. At the time of his appointment was serving as Union Rural Development Secretary.

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- Bhagwandas served Pakistan's Supreme Court as acting Chief Justice in 2005, 2006 and 2007. He was the first Hindu and second non-Muslim to head the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Awards :-

- Wipro won the award in the categories of Managed IT Services, Managed Security Services, Enterprise Infrastructure Automation Services, Systems Integrator, Network Maintenance Services, Service Assurance Program, and Application Managed Services.
- 87th Academy Award, popularly called Oscar Awards, was conferred on 22 February 2015. The award ceremony was held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles.
 - Best Picture: Birdman
 - Best Director: Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu for Birdman
 - Best Actor: Eddie Redmayne for The Theory of Everything
 - Best Actress: Julianne Moore for Still Alice
 - Best Supporting Actor: JK Simmons for Whiplash
 - Best Supporting Actress: Patricia Arquette for Boyhood

- An Indian-American Purnendu Dasgupta on 20 February 2015 was awarded with the 2015 J. Calvin Giddings Award for Excellence in Education. The award is given by the American Chemical Society (ACS) Division of Analytical Chemistry.

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- Indian-origin scientist Gurpreet Singh was on 27 January 2015 presented with the prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER award. The award includes the prize money of 500000 US dollars.

- Women scientists Dr. Tessy Thomas and Geeta Varadan on 15 February 2015 were jointly named for Dr. Y Nayudamma Memorial Award 2014. They have been chosen for the award for their outstanding performance in the field of science and technology.

- Distinguished journalist Vinod Mehta was on 9 February 2015 awarded with the Yash Bharti Samman 2015 by Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government.

- 60th Filmfare Awards were announced on 31 January 2015 at the Yash Raj Studios in Mumbai. Shahid Kapoor and Kangana Ranaut won the Best Actor Award for Male and Female category, respectively.

Other awards declared on the occasion includes
 - **Best Actor (male):** Shahid Kapoor for film Haider directed by Vishal Bhardwaj
 - **Best Actor (female):** Kangana Ranaut for film Queen directed by Vikas Bahl
 - **Best Film:** Queen directed by Vikas Bahl
 - **Best Director:** Vikas Bahl for film Queen

- Dr. Zakir A. Naik, the founder and President of the Islamic Research Foundation of India on 3 February 2015 won the King Faisal International Prize (KFIP) for the year 2015. Naik, an international preacher on Islam was awarded for Service to Islam.

- Hindi novelist Mithileshwar was on 31 January 2015 awarded with Shrilal Shukla Sahitya IFFCO Award 2014. He is the fourth recipient of this literary award.

- Eminent Marathi writer Bhalchandra Nemade on 6 February 2015 was chosen for the Jnanpith Award 2014 by the Jnanpith Selection Board. He will be the 50th recipient of Jnanpith award, the highest literary honour of India and he will receive the award in April 2015.

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- Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan's name was included in the LIMCA book of records in the first week of February 2015. Her name was included for being the only woman of the country to represent the same Lok Sabha constituency on the same party ticket for eight times in a row.

- and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen on 9 February 2015 won the newly established Charleston-EFG John Maynard Keynes Prize 2015.



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With this, Professor Sen will receive 7500 British pounds to commission a work of art and will give the annual Charleston-EFG Keynes Lecture at the Charleston Festival in the United Kingdom. This year's lecture is scheduled for 23 May 2015 and it will be on The Economic Consequences of Austerity.

- The Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Thaawar Chand Gehlot on 11 February 2015 distributed the Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards. The awards were given away to 84 Students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes category.

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- The Brigade of The Guards and the Sikh Regiment on 11 February 2015 were collectively awarded the Best Marching Contingents Trophy for Republic Day Parade 2015. The award was presented by Chairman Chief of Staff Committee, Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha during an award ceremony held at Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

Sports :-

- Former New Zealand cricket captain Martin David Crowe on 28 February 2015 was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- Ranchi Rays on 23 February 2015 crowned champions of Hero Hockey India League 2015 (HHIL) by defeating Jaypee Punjab Warriors.
- Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri on 22 February 2015 won the Indian Open title at the Delhi Golf Club. To clinch the title, Lahiri defeated SSP Chowrasia on the first playoff hole.
- Anil Kumble and Betty Wilson became the 77th and 78th inductees into the ICC Hall of Fame. They were inducted in the Hall of Fame at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Australia.
- Australian Open 2015 came to an end on 1 February 2015 at Melbourne, Australia. Novak Djokovic of Serbia and Serena Williams of the US won the men's and women's single title, respectively.

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- Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt on 14 February 2015 announced that he will retire from athletics after the 2017 World Championships in London.

Days :-

- National Science Day :- 28 Feb
- International Rare Disease :- 28 Feb
- World Radio Day :- 13 Feb
- International Mother Language Day 2015 was celebrated across the world on 21 February 2015. The theme for the year 2015 is **Inclusive Education through and with Language - Language Matters.**
- **10 February: National Deworming Day**
Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda declared 10 February as the National Deworming Day.
- World Cancer Day :- 04 Feb
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Death Or Obituary :-

- Veteran cinematographer Aloysius Vincent passed away.
- Former Haryana Chief Minister Hukum Singh Died.
- Noted Socialologist Meera Kosambi died
- Renowned US actor Leonard Nimoy passed away on 27 February 2015 in Los Angeles following chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was 83.
- Popular Tamil director R.C. Sakthi passed away on 23 February 2015 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu following a brief illness. He was 76. Sakthi is survived by two daughters and a son.
- Eminent Odia filmmaker Nirad Mahapatra passed away on 19 February 2015 in Mumbai following a brief illness. He was 67.
- Legendary Urdu poet Dr. Kalim Ahmed Ajiz died on 15 February 2015 in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. He was 90.

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- Noted film producer and Dada Saheb Phalke award winner Daggubati Ramanaidu died on 18 February 2015 in a hospital of Hyderabad. He was 78.

- Bollywood actor Ashraful Haque passed away on 17 February 2015 at a private hospital in Andheri East, Mumbai after suffering from Myelodysplastic Syndrome. He was 46. Haque is survived by his wife and a son.

- Raosaheb Ramrao Patil, former Home Minister of Maharashtra and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader, died on 16 February 2015 at Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai after suffering from oral cancer. He was 57. Patil is survived by his mother, wife and two children.

- French actor Louis Jourdan passed away on 14 February 2015 in Los Angeles, United States following a brief illness. He was 93.

- Govind Pansare, leader of Communist Party of India (CPI), died on 20 February 2015 at Breach Candy hospital in Mumbai. He was 82.

- JK group Chairman Gaur Hari Singhania died on 4 February 2015 following a heart attack in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He was 80.

- Renowned Photo journalist Krishna Murari Kishan passed away on 1 February 2015 after suffering multi-organ failure at a private hospital in New Delhi. He was 65.

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- Former Delhi state footballer Peter Gomes died on 30 January 2015 due to heart-attack in a hospital at New Delhi. He was 60. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

- Political Scientist Rajni Kothari died on 19 January 2015. He was 86. He was suffering from urinary tract ailment.

- Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Vice-President Kalindi Charan Behera passed away on 18 February 2015 at Bhubaneswar following a brief illness. He was 71. Behera is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

- Adya Sharma, a cultural icon and pioneer of mobile theatre in Assam, passed away on 23 February 2015 in Nalbari town, Assam following a brief illness.
- Manorama Dobriyal Sharma died at a private hospital in Gurgaon, Haryana on 17 February 2015 due to multiple organ failure. She was 60. She was the Member of Parliament (MP) in Rajya Sabha from Uttarakhand and Congress Party leader.

- Japanese industrial designer Kenji Ekuan died on 8 February 2015 following the heart failure in Tokyo, Japan. He was 85.

- Veteran Telugu novelist Kesava Reddy passed away .

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- Senior journalist Diptosh Majumdar died on 8 February 2015 after suffering from acute myelocytic leukemia (AML) at a private hospital in Delhi. He was 55.

National :-

- Union Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers on 25 February 2015 declared the year 2015 as the Year of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API). It was declared by the Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Ananth Kumar.
- Indian Navy on 27 February 2015 concluded its Theatre Level Readiness and Operational Exercise (TROPEX)-2015. The event encompassed all dimensions of maritime warfare.
- The Union Cabinet on 25 February 2015 approved the implementation of the scheme for setting up of 15000 Mega Watt (MW) Grid-connected Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) Power projects under the National Solar Mission (NSM).
- Former Jatiya Party lawmaker Abdul Jabbar was sentenced to life imprisonment on 24 February 2015 by the International Crimes Tribunal-1 in Bangladesh. He was also fined 10 lakh taka in absentia. Jabbar has been absconding since the trial started.

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- Google on 24 February 2015 acquired Facebook mobile marketing startup Toro. Toro Company is best known for its Facebook ad campaigns. The financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.
- 10th Aero India show concluded on 22 February 2015 at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The five-day long show had started on 18 February 2015 and was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- Samsung Electronics Co on 19 February 2015 acquired US-based mobile wallet startup LoopPay. The acquisition is aimed at launching a smartphone payments service to compete with Apple Pay of Apple Inc.

- Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar Jitan Ram Manjhi resigned on 20 February 2015 and recommended the dissolution of the Bihar Assembly. He resigned before the trust vote.

- Online shopping portal Snapdeal.com on 18 February 2015 acquired premium and luxury fashion site Exclusively.com for an undisclosed amount.

- Pune-based I-League football club Bharat FC in the third week of February 2015 appointed English football coach Barry Knowles as head of its youth development programme.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on 18 February 2015 set up an online help desk to trace subscribers of such inoperative accounts and seek final settlement. There are about 8.15 crore inoperative provident fund accounts with a balance of 27000 crore rupees.

- ICICI Bank on 10 February 2015 launched India's first digital Bank on mobile phone, Pockets. This digital e-wallet can be downloaded from Google Playstore.

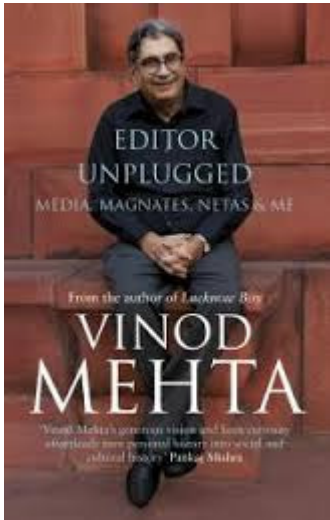
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- The First World Ocean Science Congress (WOSC) was held in Kochi, Kerala from 5 February 2015 to 8 February 2015.
- Telecom operator Reliance Jio Infocomm President Sumit Dutta Chowdhury on 7 February 2015 resigned to start his own venture.
- Homegrown handset maker, Micromax took over Korean electronics giant Samsung and became India's biggest smartphone vendor and third largest in the world. This was revealed by a report released by research firm Canalys on 4 February 2015.
- Microsoft on 11 February 2015 acquired Sunrise for 100 million US dollars. Sunrise is the maker of one of the top calendar apps for iOS and Android.
- Star India Pvt. Ltd on 11 February 2015 acquired the Telugu television channel network Maa Television Network Ltd (MTNL) including its brand, assets and four channels for an undisclosed amount.

BOOKS :-

- The book titled Flora of Guntur City Andhra Pradesh authored by PR Mohana Rao throws an exhaustive treatise on the wealth of flora in Guntur City. The book is the only available and authentic work that throws light in the numerous species of plant and trees in Guntur.

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- **Editor Unplugged: Media, Magnates, Netas and Me: Vinod Mehta**
- **Fragile Frontiers: The Secret History of Mumbai Terror Attacks: Saroj Kumar Rath**

- Hitachi Limited on 23 February 2015 announced to acquire Finmeccanica Rail Businesses for 2 billion US dollar.

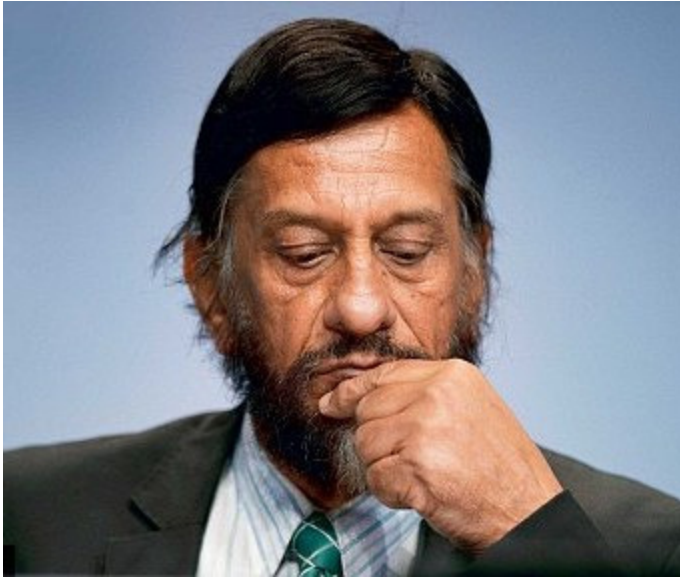
VISIT :-

- President of Singapore Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam was on a State visit of India between 8 and 11 February 2015. He visited India at the invitation of the President Pranab Mukherjee.
- Maldivian Foreign Minister Dunya Maumoon on 15 February 2015 met External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi.

Resigned :-

- The Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of Odisha Tarun Kanti Mishra on 12 February 2015 resigned from his position.

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- Dr Rajendra Kumar Pachauri on 24 February 2015 stepped down as Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Pachauri in a letter to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said that he was unable to provide strong leadership to the organisation.

Delhi Legislative Assembly Elections 2015

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on 10 February 2015 declared the results of Delhi Legislative Assembly Elections 2015.

- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) headed by Arvind Kejriwal secured absolute majority in the assembly by winning 67 seats in the house of 70 seats.

2015 Delhi Legislative Assembly elections results

- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP): Won 67 seats with vote share of 54.3 percent. With this, AAP became the first party in Delhi to win with 67 seats in the history of Delhi assembly elections.
 - Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP): Won 3 seats with vote share of 32.3 percent.
 - Indian National Congress (INC), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), Indian National Lok Dal and Independents did not win any seat with vote share of 9.7 percent, 1.3 percent, 0.5 percent, 0.6 percent, 0.5 percent respectively.
 - There were 35924 people (0.4 percent voters) who went for NOTA button.
- The Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Thaawar Chand Gehlot on 11 February 2015 distributed the Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards. The awards were

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given away to 84 Students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes category.

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