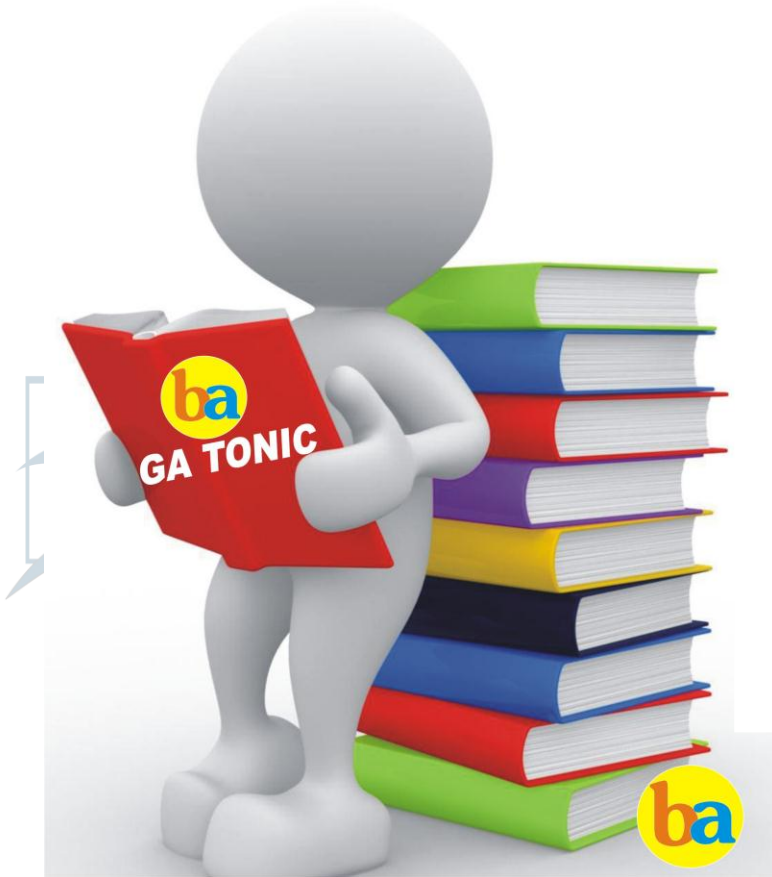


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**WEEKLY  
GENERAL  
AWARENESS  
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SEPT: 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK



Dear Readers,

This is the new series which have been started by us in which we will provide you weekly compilation of the current affairs. Every Sunday we will publish our new document named **WEEKLY GA TONIC.**

We really hope that you all will like this new initiative by our team. This document contains the important current affairs from 1<sup>st</sup> week of September, ie 1<sup>st</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## NATIONAL NEWS

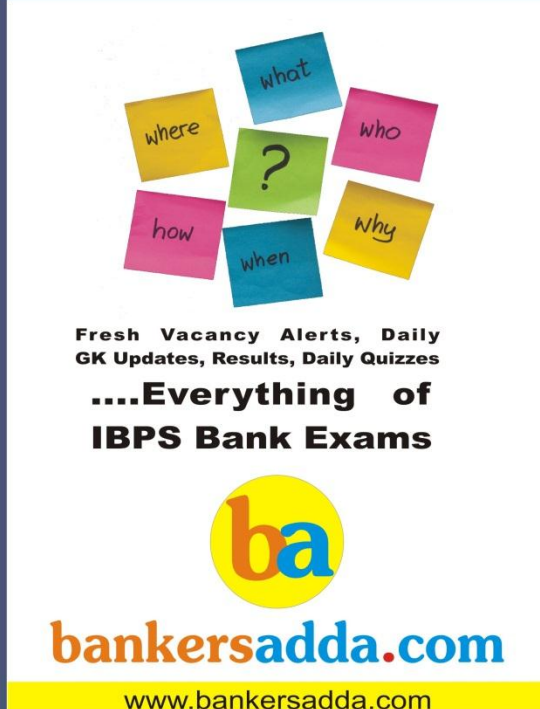
1. The Supreme Court (SC) of India has stayed Rajasthan High Court's order declaring Santhara, a Jain ritual of voluntary and systematic fasting to death illegal.
2. Union Ministry of Urban Development has come out with a **Smart National Common Mobility Card (NMC)** model to enable seamless metro travel, shopping.
3. The West-Central Railway (WCR) zone headquartered in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh has become the first Railway Zone in Indian Railways to eliminate all unmanned level crossings.
4. Haryana Government has won the Skoch Order-of-Merit national award for implementing 6 e-Governance and IT initiatives in the state.
5. Punjab Government has established a special MGNREGA cell to coordinate effective implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the state.
6. Union Government has cancelled licence of Greenpeace India, a non-profit Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) to receive foreign donations.
7. Delhi High Court in its landmark judgment has allowed women to get permanent commission in Indian Navy and allowed them to board on warships.
8. Union Government has given its nod to implement One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme for ex-servicemen.
9. Union Government is going to develop Bodhgaya in Gaya district of Bihar as Spiritual Capital of the country in order to serve the civilisational bond between India and the Buddhist world.
10. Andhra Pradesh govt. recently launched **e-Pragati**, a comprehensive architecture to leverage the latest advances in e-governance tools. With this launch, Andhra Pradesh became first state in India to execute and conceive state-wide enterprise e-governance architecture.
11. Haryana government has completely banned the gutka, pan masala and other similar products containing tobacco in the state for one year from September 3, 2015.
12. The Maharashtra Government has decided to provide training to over 50,000 employees as part of its Key Result Area (KRA) programme to enhance their performance and bring them on par in competence with the corporate sector.
13. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Arun Jaitley on 8 September 2015 launched the e-version of the 100 volumes of the **Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi (CWMG) in New Delhi.**
14. **Swachhata Sangraam Abhiyaan** in Indore to make it open defecation-free

## AGREEMENTS

15. India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) have agreed to enhance cooperation in different areas including trade, commerce, energy, defence, space, investments, security and combating Crime. Both sides **will increase the bilateral trade by 60 per cent over the next 5 years.**
16. India and Australia have agreed to deepen their bilateral defence partnership based on their shared strategic interests by setting up of a joint working group on defence research and material cooperation. First-ever bilateral Maritime exercise **AUSINDEX** between both countries is scheduled to be held in September 2015.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

17. Canada's economy has fallen into a recession for first time after global financial crisis of 2009.
18. United States has changed the name of tallest mountain in North America **Mount McKinley** to its original native name **Denali.**
19. China and its strategic partner Pakistan have launched a joint air exercise called Shaheen (Eagle)-4 in China.



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## SPORTS NEWS

20. **Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** has decided to recognize **Yoga** as a sports discipline and place it in the Priority category.
21. **South African city of Durban** has been selected as the host for the 22nd edition of Commonwealth Games to be **held in 2022**. For the first time in the history of Commonwealth Games, African nation has been chosen as host of the Games.
22. Indian boxer **Vikas Krishan** has won the silver medal in the Asian Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand.
23. Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton** of Britain won 2015 Italian Grand Prix of Formula One. This was his seventh victory of the season.



24. Veteran all-rounder cricketer **Shane Watson** from Australia has announced his retirement from International Test cricket.
25. Indian **weightlifter Deepak Lather** won a gold medal in fifth Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) held in Apia, Samoa.
26. Ace Indian Golfer **Anirban Lahiri** has become the first Indian to qualify for the prestigious President's Cup of Golf.
27. Los Angeles has officially been chosen as the United States candidate for the **2024 Olympics**, city officials announced Tuesday.
28. Indian boxer **Vikas Krishan** has won the silver medal in the Asian Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand.
29. Young Indian shooter **Apurvi Chandela** impressed again as she clinched the silver medal in **women's 10m air rifle event** of the ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup Finals on Saturday.
30. **Marvan Atapattu** resigned as Head Coach of Sri Lanka Cricket team

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

31. Punjab Government has won first award in the category of highest capacity addition in grid connected **solar rooftop power** in the country during the **financial year 2014-15**.
32. India has won the **UNESCO prize 'Award of Excellence' 2015** for the conservation efforts of the **Sree Vadakkunnathan Temple** in Kerala.
33. Indian-American Pulitzer Prize winner **Jhumpa Lahiri** has been selected for the prestigious 2014 **National Humanities Medal of White House**.
34. Black Mamba Anti-Poaching Unit of South Africa selected for 2015 UNEP Champions of the Earth award

## IMPORTANT DAYS

35. **The International Literacy Day** was celebrated on **8 September 2015** across the world. **The theme of International Literacy Day 2015 is Literacy and Sustainable Societies.**

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

36. **J Manjula**, has been appointed the new Director General (DG - Electronics & Communications Systems or ECS) today in DRDO.
37. Agriculture expert **Ramesh Chand** has been appointed as new member of the Niti Aayog. Chand is the third member to join the government's think tank which has replaced the erstwhile planning commission.
38. **R Sampanthan** became first tamilian to lead opposition in Sri Lankan parliament in 32 years
39. **Vinod Dasari** appointed as President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (**SIAM**).
40. **Bazmi Husain** appointed as Chief Technology Officer of ABB India Ltd
41. **L C Goyal** appointed as CMD of India Trade Promotion Organisation
42. **Ratan P Watal** took charge as Union Finance Secretary

## OBITUARIES

43. Former Chief Minister of Goa **Dr Wilfred de Souza** passed away in Panaji.
44. Eminent Bollywood Music composer **Aadesh Shrivastava** passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

## BANKING/ECONOMY NEWS

45. Union Government has released 2,000 crore rupees to Employees' Pension Scheme (**EPS**), **1995** as its contribution for the year 2015-16.
46. India has decided to join **UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance** with a view to reduce cash transactions in its economy and achieve financial inclusion.
47. Union Government has notified the **merger of commodities market regulator Forward Markets Commission (FMC) with Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** with an effect from **28 September 2015**.
48. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **decided to issue coins of 5 rupees** denomination to commemorate golden jubilee year of **Indo-Pak War 1965**. These coins will be issued under in **The Coinage Act, 2011**.
49. ICICI Lombard General Insurance has tied up with **Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB)** for sale of its products through 431 branches of the bank.
50. Doha Bank tied up with Reliance ADA Group to generate business opportunities
51. Commemorative coins of Rs 125, Rs 10 released in honour of former President **S Radhakrishna**.

- 52. RBI proposed marginal cost of funds methodology to calculate Base Rate
- 53. RBI declared **SBI and ICICI Bank** as Domestic Systemically Important Banks(D-SIB)

**BUSINESS NEWS**

- 54. State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has bought a 15 per cent stake in Russia's second-largest oil field Vankor from Rosneft for about 1.35 billion US dollars.
- 55. Snapdeal has acquired Silicon Valley-based startup **Reduce Data**, a programmatic display advertising platform, the New Delhi-based online marketplace announced on Wednesday
- 56. NSE today announced that it has formalized a memorandum of understanding with the Stock Exchange of Mauritius (SEM) to facilitate co-operation between the two exchanges



**COMMITTEES/OPERATIONS IN NEWS**

- 57. Union Government has accepted Justice **AP Shah Committee** report on the **Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT)** on foreign institutional investors (FIIs).

**DEFENCE & SCIENCE RELATED NEWS**

- 58. India's (ISRO) will launch Indonesia's second multi-spectral remote sensing satellite **LAPAN A2/Orari**.
- 59. ISRO had successfully launched GSAT-6 from an indigenous cryogenic engine GSLV-D6 rocket from Sriharikota on 27 August 2015.

- 60. NASA and US Agency for International Development (USAID) have started the **SERVIR-Mekong** project, to strengthen the environmental monitoring in Southeast Asia region.
- 61. The sixth joint military training exercise, '**EKUVRIN 2015**', between the **Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF)** will begin at Pangode military station, Thiruvananthapuram, in Kerala from August 31 to September 13. A total of 45 marines from the MNDF and 45 soldiers of the Indian Army will take part in this exercise.
- 62. **NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)** mission was in news recently as its first Joint Steering Group (JSG) meeting was held on 21 July 2015. NISAR is a dedicated **US and Indian InSAR** mission, in partnership with ISRO, optimized for studying hazards and global environmental change.

**SUMMITS/MEETINGS**

- 63. Disaster Mitigation conference of member counties of South Asian Association on Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has begun in New Delhi on 3 September 2015. India has taken the lead to begin SAADMEx, a simulation exercises on disaster management in the region.
- 64. Group of Twenty (G-20), a forum of world's 20 largest economies, including India launched **Women-20 (W20)**, an engagement grouping of women leaders in order to push for gender inclusive global economic growth. It was launched in the on-going G-20 Summit of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Ankara under the Turkish Presidency. It would host its first summit in October 2015 in Istanbul after all member countries appoint their respective nominees. **Gulden Turkktan** from Turkey has been appointed as the first President W20 forum.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS**

- 65. **To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 Story** by **Jairam Ramesh**
- 66. **Women in Power: Their Voices, Their Stories** by **Naina Lal Kidwai**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 67. Islamic State (IS) militant group has destroyed part of historical **Temple of Bel** in the ancient site of **Palmyra in Syria**. The ancient city of Palmyra is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It was a major tourist attraction of Syria before it descended into civil war. Earlier in August 2015, IS militant group had destroyed the ancient **Temple of Baalshamin** in same region of Palmyra.
- 68. State owed telecom service provider **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** has decided to upgrade

Broadband speed to **minimum 2 Mbps from 512 Kbps** in the country

69. **Chandra Bahadur Dangi**, verified by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's shortest man - at 21.5 inches (54.6cm) - died of an undisclosed illness in American Samoa. The 75-year-old Dangi lived in a remote village around 400km (248 miles) from Kathmandu, and travelled the world after he was officially declared the world's smallest man in 2013.
70. PHD CCI launched Intellectual Property Rights Facilitation Centre for MSMEs in **Lucknow**
71. **Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Temple** renovated under India-Nepal Economic programme inaugurated in Nepal.



72. The term **InSPA (International Agency for Solar Policy & Application)** was in news in the first week of September 2015 as the Union Government is planning to launch the **global alliance on solar energy** at a conclave in New Delhi. The conclave will be held in the third week of November 2015 ahead of the **COP-21** of The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in **Paris**.

### **Important Days of SEPTEMBER (1st Week)**

- 1) **5<sup>th</sup> September**-International Day of Charity
- 2) **8<sup>th</sup> September**-International Literacy Day [UNESCO]