

1. **Book Titled Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Germany Presented to the President of India.** Book titled Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Germany by Professor Anita B. Pfaff was given to Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 February 2013.
2. **Supreme Court of India asked SEBI to Freeze accounts of two companies of Sahara.** Supreme Court of India in its decision asked SEBI to freeze the accounts of the two companies of Sahara group.
3. **YES Bank the fourth largest private sector Bank of India was Awarded Financial Institutions Syndicated Deal of the Year 2012.**
4. **Net Direct Tax Collection Grew 12 Percent in April-January in FY 2012-2013** Gross Direct Tax collection from the period of April to January in fiscal year 2012-2013 increased by 7.02 percent.
5. Mukund Govind Rajan Appointed As Group Spokesperson and Brand Custodian of Tata Group on 6 February 2013.
5. **King of Bhutan visited India as Republic Day function Chief Guest** King and Queen of Bhutan visited India from 23 to 30 January 2013. The King of Bhutan was the Chief Guest for the Republic Day Celebration.
6. **ICICI Partnered With Aircel to Launch Mobile Banking Service, Mobile Money.**
8. Allan Border Medal 2013: Michael Clarke Won the Medal Fourth Time on 4 February 2013.
9. ICC Rankings for Test Cricket released in Dubai, South Africa achieved the top Spot.
10. **World Cancer Day observed across the world** World cancer day was observed on 4 February 2013 in order to raise awareness about this illness. The theme for World Cancer Day, 2013 was Cancer - Did you know?
11. **Mo Yan and Jackie Chan Selected As Members of Chinese Parliament** Mo Yan and Jackie Chan were given a political role in China by being selected as members of the CPPCC, one of the houses of Chinese parliament.
12. **President of India Pranab Mukherjee Gave Assent to the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013** The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee on 3 Feb 2013 agreed to the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 for sharpening the laws against sexual assault.
13. **Bharti Airtel Launched Emergency Alert Service for Women Subscribers** Bharti Airtel launched an emergency alert service for the subscribers in Odisha, Bengal and Kolkata on 1 February 2013.



14. **Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda Launched DBT Scheme in Two Districts** Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda on 1 February 2013 launched the Direct Benefits Transfer scheme in Stonecat and Ambala districts.
15. **MS Dhoni Named As the Vice-President of India Cements** Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the captain of the Indian cricket team was appointed as the vice-president of India Cements on 1 February 2013.
16. **Pandit Ravi Shankar Honoured With Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award** Pandit Ravi Shankar, the sitar legend was honoured with the posthumous Lifetime Achievement Grammy award. Anoushka Shankar accepted the award on 9 Feb 2013.
17. **Finance Minister P Chidambaram launched Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme in Mumbai** Finance Minister P Chidambaram on 9 February 2013 launched the much-awaited Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme in Mumbai.
18. **Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Monthly Bi-lingual Shubh Yatra Magazine** Ministry of Civil Aviation on 8 February 2013 released Shubh Yatra, an exclusive monthly bi-lingual (Hindi & English) inflight magazine of Air India.
19. **CCEA approved increase of MSP of Copra for 2013 season by 150 Rupees per Quintal** CCEA revised the MSP of Milling and Ball Copra for 2013 and increased it by 150 rupees per quintal from the previous year's MSP.
20. **The Union Government of India approved setting up of NPCA** CCEA approved the proposal of merging NLCP and NWCP to develop a new scheme named NPCA (National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems).
21. **India Returned With 46 Medals in 2013 Pyeongchang Special Olympics World Winter Games**
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22. **Economic Growth of India Estimated to Fall To 5 Percent in 2012-2013 FY** The economic growth of India is estimated to fall to 5 percent in 2012-2013 financial year, which is a lowest figure in 10 years.
23. World –south korea launches satellite.
24. Water flow on mars suggests ancient life on planet.
25. CHINA construct three more dams on brahmaputraa.
26. ANNA HAZARE launches “janatantra morcha”.
27. High taxes spell doom for ginning industry.
28. Rare migratory bird back after 113 years.

29. Amazon rainforest hit hard by mega drought.
30. Hardy earth microbes may resist conditions on mars.
31. SUNIEL demands BAHARAT RATNA for film stars.
32. 'satyamev jayate ' to be shown in schools.
33. Tzipi Livni entered into a Coalition Deal with Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.
34. India and Sri Lanka Signed Agreements On Combating Terrorism and Avoiding Double-Taxation.
35. FIFA confirmed use of Goal-Line Technology at the 2014 World Cup.
36. Rafael Nadal defeated David Nalbandian to Win Brazil Open 2013.
37. Samsung Electronics Launched Wifi-Only Galaxy Camera with Android 4.1 OS.
38. Kai Po Che, Chetan Bhagat's Novel-Based Movie Premiered.
39. Viswanathan Anand won Grenke Chess Classic Trophy.
40. Ela Bhatt Conferred 2011 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development Award.
41. NTPL Signed Agreement with a Group of Banks for 1000-MW Power Project.
42. Romanian Film Child's Pose bagged the Golden Bear Prize.
43. **England won the Twenty20 Cricket Series against New Zealand.** England defeated host New Zealand in the third and last Twenty20 Cricket match played at Wellington on 15 Feb 2013 to win the series 2-1.
44. **First India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in New Delhi.** The first India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 29 January 2013.
45. Angelo Mathews appointed Captain of the Sri Lankan Test and One-Day Cricket Team
46. Reckitt Benckiser signed a Global Partnership Deal with Save the Children.
47. SEBI ordered freezing of accounts and attachment of properties of two companies of Sahara.
48. Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Acquired Stake of Navistar International Corporation.
49. New President and Vice-President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Appointed.



50. **Twitter launched Pay-By-Tweet services in partnership with American Express.** Pay-By-Tweet service was launched by Twitter in partnership with American Express on 11 February 2013.
51. **World Radio Day was observed to raise Awareness about the Importance of Radio.** World Radio Day was observed on 12 February 2013 to raise awareness about the importance of radio.
52. **Kalyan Kumar Chakravarty Appointed As the Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi** The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee appointed Kalyan Kumar Chakravarty as the chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi on 12 February 2013.
53. **India and Bangladesh signed MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) on Health** The Health Ministers of India and Bangladesh signed a MoU on Health in New Delhi on 12 February 2013.
54. **Indian Tennis Players Association formed to address the concerns of Tennis Players** Indian Tennis Players Association was designed on 11 Feb 2013 and the association would be responsible to concerns and professional interests of its members.
55. **India maintained their Number One Spot in the ICC ODI Championship Table** India maintained their number one spot in the ICC ODI Championship table in the latest rankings issued in Dubai on 11 February 2013.
56. **Comfort Letter issued by Finance Ministry for sanction of 25000 crore Subsidy** Government of India decided to pay the additional cash subsidy of 25000 crore rupees to the state owned fuel retailers in second week of Feb 2013.
57. **Pakistan Successfully Test Fired Short Range Surface-To-Surface Missile Hatf IX (NASR)** Pakistan on 11 February 2013 successfully test fired short range surface-to-surface missile Hatf IX (NASR).
58. **Ranchi Rhinos Beat Delhi Waveriders to Win Inaugural Hockey India League** Ranchi Rhinos beat Delhi Waveriders 2-1 to win the inaugural Hockey India League (HIL) in the match at AstroTurf Hockey Stadium on 10 February 2013.
59. **Pandit Ravi Shankar Honoured With Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award .**
60. **Zhuang Zedong, Three-Time World Table Tennis Champion Died At 72** Zhuang Zedong, the table tennis legend died in Beijing on 10 February 2013 following lengthy fight with cancer. He was aged 72 years.
61. Railway Revenue Earnings increased by 20.38 Per Cent During April 2012-January 2013.
62. Finance Minister P Chidambaram launched Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme in Mumbai .
63. Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Monthly Bi-lingual Shubh Yatra Magazine .
64. I&B Ministry launched MyIndia Initiative-A Digital Volunteer Programme to reach Citizens .
65. Sachin Tendulkar equaled Sunil Gavaskar's record of 81 Centuries in First Class Cricket .
66. Anindya Kumar Mitra resigned as the Advocate-General of West Bengal.



BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

1. **Absolute Advantage:**Country 'A' has an absolute advantage over country 'B' if the output per unit of input of A is higher than that of B.
2. **Accelerator Principle:**Accelerator Principle of a company is the growth in output of the company that would induce a continuation in net investment.
3. **Ad Valorem Tax:**It is a tax based on the value of the property.
4. **Aggregate Demand:**It is the total of all the demand in a country. It can also be expressed as Total Exports of a country – Total imports of the country.
5. **Aggregate Supply:**Total value of good and services produced in an economy + {Imports-Exports}.
6. **Bretton-Woods:**It is a monetary system that existed from the year 1946-1973. In this monetary system the value of dollar was calculated using gold reserves and every other country held it's currency at an exchange rate with US dollars.
7. **Capital Gains Tax:**Tax paid for the profit made through the sale of an asset.
8. **Centrally planned economy:**An economic system where the production & pricing of goods and services are determined by the government.
9. **Classical Economics :**The theory emphasizes the fact that free market can regulate themselves. This theory was framed by Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Thomas Malthus and John Stuart Mill
10. **Closed economy:**The economy is closed and doesn't have any contact with the rest of the world
11. **Consumer Price Index :**It is the measure of the average price of consumer goods and services purchased by households. It is measured with 1982 as it's base year.
12. **Countervailing Duties :**These are the duties that are imposed by a country on Foreign producers in order to neutralize the negative effects of other duties.
13. **Currency Appreciation :**Increase in the value of a currency over the other. It takes place when the market exchange rates change.
14. **Current Account Deficit :**Current account deficit= Export-Import.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF FEBRUARY 2013

1. **Feb 2** World Wetlands Day
2. **Feb 4** National Day of Sri Lanka
3. **Feb 5** Kashmir Day (Organised by Pakistan)
4. **Feb 13** Sarojini Naidu's Birth Anniversary
5. **Feb 14** St. Valentine's Day
6. **Feb 24** Central Excise Day
7. **Feb 28** National Science Day



1. Union Railway Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal presented the Union Railway Budget for 2013- 14 in Lok Sabha on 26 February 2013. Some of the New Plans and Schemes proposed in Railway Budget 2013-14.
2. Celkon Mobiles launched a tablet PC called Celkon CT910 with 3G SIM as well as a smartphone called A225 in the last week of February 2013.
3. **National Science Day was observed on 28 February 2013.** The theme of 2013 was *Genetically Modified Crops and Food Security*.
4. Somdev Devvarman of India was defeated out of the ATP Dubai Tennis Championship 2013. In the Men's Singles, Somdev Devvarman lost to Juan Martin Del Potro.
5. Sugata Mitra was awarded the million-dollar TED Prize on 26 February 2013 for pursuing his idea for building the schools in the Internet.
6. Capital of India, Delhi was ranked at number 32 or the worst position in the crucial environmental parameters of Environmental Performance Index (EPI).
7. Anupam Kher, the veteran Bollywood actor was awarded with the City Proclamation Award in Los Angeles in the last week of February 2013.
8. Railway Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal on 27 February 2013 proposed the introduction of 67 new express trains and 26 new passenger trains. He also asserted the introduction of 22 new lines in 2013-14.
9. Hot air balloon crashed near Luxor, Egypt on 26 February 2013 because of mid-air gas explosion, which killed 19 tourists.
10. Vishwaroop, the CEO, NTPC SAIL Power Company (NSPCL) was conferred with the Exemplary Leader Award in Mumbai on 25 February 2013.
11. The Surrey Space Centre (SSC) of the University of Surrey on 26 February 2013 announced that STRaND-1 was launched successfully into space from India.
12. Delhi became the first state in India to ban the manual scavenging. Delhi on 26 February 2013 banned deployment of cleaning staff for manual sewer cleaning.
13. Mozilla, the software community which is known for producing the Firefox web browser, launched Web-based Smartphone operating system on 24 February 2013.
14. Jelena Jankovic, the former world no. 1 won the WTA Copa Claro Colsanitas Cup 2013 in Bogota, Colombia on 24 February 2013.



15. Arun Tadanki, the managing director for Yahoo India and South East Asia quit Yahoo on 25 February 2013. He became the Managing Director of Yahoo in May 2009.
16. Six foreign micro and mini spacecrafts and SARAL were launched successfully by PSLVC20 rocket on 25 February 2013 from Sriharikota.
17. CBI registered a case on 22 February 2013 against Bharti Airtel Ltd and Tata Communications Ltd for violating norms of Department of Telecom (DoT).
18. 61st Cavalry defeated IPG 9-5 ½ in the M3M Maharaja Jiwaji Rao Scindia Gold Cup 2013 to lift the trophy on 24 February 2013.
19. Nicos Anastasiades, the centre-right DISY (the Democratic Rally) party leader won the presidential elections of Cyprus on 24 Feb 2013 with 57.5 percent votes.
20. UK scientists discovered a set of hydrothermal vents, the deepest anywhere in the world while exploring the ocean floor in the Caribbean islands.
21. NASA scientists spotted the youngest black hole yet in the Milky Way galaxy called W49B, which is just 1000-years-old.
22. Assam became the first state in India to produce over 500 million kilogram tea for two years in a row.
23. India's Sania Mirza and her American partner Bethanie-Mattek Sands won the Dubai Tennis Championship on 23 February 2013.
24. Guidelines for Licensing of New Banks in the Private Sector was released by Reserve Bank of India on 22 February 2013.
25. Budget 2013-14 was presented in the Vidhan Sabha on 19 February 2013 by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yadav.
26. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) tied up a term loan facility of 250 million US dollars with various banks.
27. Ratan Tata, the former head of Tata Group was awarded the life time achievement award 2012 by Ernst & Young on 21 February 2013.
28. Two bombs planted on cycles in Dilsukhnagar of Hyderabad exploded on 21 February 2013 claiming lives of 14 people.



29. The Kerala Govt. on 20 February 2013 approved Kerala Abkari Act Amendment Ordinance 2013, thus raising age limit for buying or selling liquor from 18 to 21.
30. Abhishek Kapoor's Kai Po Che based on the novel of Chetan Bhagat- 3 Mistakes of My Life was premiered on 18 February 2013.
31. Viswanathan Anand on 17 January 2013 won the Chess Classic trophy after defeating Arkadij Naiditsch from Germany.
32. The President of India Pranab Mukherjee on 18 Feb 2013 conferred 2011 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development Award to Ela Ramesh Bhatt.
33. Australia defeated West Indies by 114 runs to win ICC Women's World Cup Trophy in the finals on 17 Feb. 2013.
34. Telecom operator Uninor closed its operations in Mumbai on 17 February 2013 following a Supreme Court order.
35. The African state of Gabon on 16 February 2013 decided to suspend the sale of large-calibre arms and ammunitions to stem elephant poaching in the country.
36. India and Bangladesh held Joint Consultative Commission meeting in Dhaka on 16 February 2013 to resolve border dispute.
37. The Romanian film Child's Pose bagged the coveted Golden Bear prize for best film at the 63rd Berlin film festival.
38. **RBI directs Co-op banks to not grant loans for gold purchase.**The RBI has directed State and Central co-operative banks not to give loans for purchase of gold in any form to curb the considerable increase in its import in recent years.
39. **Corporation Bank launches new variants of savings bank accounts** .Corporation Bank has rolled out two new types of savings accounts namely SB Super and SB Signature.
40. **Thirty Software companies detach from NASSCOM to form "iSpirt"** 30 Indian software product companies have decided to form a new association called the Indian Software Product Industry Round Table, or "iSpirt" .
41. **Aircel offers 'Mobile Money'** .The Telecom operator Aircel has launched a new service called 'Mobile Money' in collaboration with ICICI Bank and Visa to enable its customers transfer money, pay bills and withdraw cash by using only their mobile phones—without having to make a trip to the bank or an ATM.



42. **RBI cuts policy rates by 0.25 percent.** After a long gap of nine months, the Reserve Bank (RBI) has reduced the short-term lending rate by 0.25 per cent to 7.75 per cent and Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by similar margin to 4 per cent thus released Rs 18,000 crores primary liquidity into the system.
43. **Central Bank unveils limited period deposit scheme.** Central Bank of India has launched a new limited period deposit scheme – Cent 101, to mobilise up to Rs 3,000 crore, for a shortterm requirement of the bank.
44. **Vijaya Bank's new credit cards target high net-worth individuals.** Vijaya Bank has launched two credit cards 'V-Platinum' and 'V-Privilege' targeted at high net worth individuals (HNIs) and term deposit holders.

OSCARS 2013

85th Oscar awards presentation ceremony was inaugurated in Los Angeles on 25 February 2013. In this ceremony Life of Pi cinema got a 4 Oscar awards.

1. Best Picture: Argo
2. Best Actor: Daniel Day-Lewis (Lincoln)
3. Best Actress: Jennifer Lawrence (Silver Linings Playbook)
4. Best Supporting Actor: Christoph Waltz (Django Unchained)
5. Best Supporting Actress: Anne Hathaway (Les Misérables)
6. Best Directing: Ang Lee (Life of Pi)
7. Best Adapted Screenplay: Chris Terrio (Argo)
8. Best Original Screenplay: Quentin Tarantino (Django Unchained)
9. Best Documentary Feature: Searching for Sugar Man
10. Best Original Song: "Skyfall" from Skyfall, music and lyrics by Adele Adkins and Paul Epworth
11. Best Original Score: Life of Pi
12. Best Animated Feature: Brave
13. Best Cinematography: Life of Pi
14. Best Costume Design: Anna Karenina
15. Best Documentary Short Subject: Inocente
16. Best Film Editing: Argo
17. Best Foreign Language Film: Amour (Austria)
18. Best Makeup and Hairstyling: Les Misérables
19. Best Production Design: Lincoln
20. Best Short Film (Live Action): Curfew
21. Best Sound Editing: Skyfall (TIE), Zero Dark Thirty (TIE)
22. Best Sound Mixing: Les Misérables
23. Best Visual Effects: Life of Pi



UNION BUDGET 2013

Finance Minister P Chidambaram presented one of the most highly anticipated budgets of recent years. Here are the highlights of this year's budget:

1. Leather products get cheaper.
2. Excise duty on cigarettes raised by 18 per cent.
3. Duty free limit for Gold raised to Rs. 50,000 in case of a male passenger and Rs. 1 lakh for female passengers.
4. Tax Administration Reforms Commission to be set up to review tax laws.
5. In 2007-08 Tax GDP ratio touched a peak; in short term we must regain that peak.
6. The current slabs were introduced last year. Hence there is no case of revising them .
7. But will give some tax relief of Rs. 2000 for every person who has an annual income of up to Rs. 5 lakh.
8. All Regional Rural Banks and cooperative banks to be e-linked by this year-end.
9. National Housing Bank (NHB) to set up urban housing bank fund and Rs. 2,000 crore will be allocated in this regard.
10. Standing Council of Experts in Ministry of Finance to examine transaction cost of doing business in India.
11. Rs. 14,000 crore capital infusion into public sector banks in 2013-14.
12. PSU banks to have ATMs at all their branches by March 31, 2014.
13. Rs. 6,000 crore to be allocated for rural housing fund in 2013-14.
14. Rs. 6,275 crore to ministry of science and technology, Rs. 5,880 crore to Department of Atomic Energy.
15. Coal imports during Apr-Dec 2012 crossed 100 million tonnes and expected to go up to 185 million tonnes in 2016-17.
16. Finance Minister asks state governments to prepare financial restructuring plan for power distribution companies at the earliest.
17. Simpler SEBI rules: Securities and Exchange Board of India to simplify procedures for foreign portfolio investors.
18. Two new ports to be set up in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh to add 100 million tonnes handling capacity.
19. Gas handling terminal at Dabhol in Maharashtra to be fully operational during 2013-14.
20. Tax-free infrastructure bonds of Rs.50,000 crore to be issued.
21. Textile ministry allocated Rs.50 crore for establishing apparel parks.
22. Handloom sector allocated Rs.96 crore to benefit 150,000 weavers.
23. Infrastructure debt funds to be encouraged.
24. Regulator to be appointed for road projects; 3,000 km of road projects to be awarded in first six months of 2013-14.
25. Incentive allowance of 15 percent over and above permitted depreciation to those investing over Rs.100 crore in infrastructure projects.

26. Rajiv Gandhi Equity Scheme to be liberalised.
27. Foodgrain production during 2013-14 estimated at 250 million tonnes.
28. Re-financing capacity of SIDBI increased to Rs. 10,000 crore from Rs. 5,000 crore for Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises.
29. Rs. 27,049 crore allocation to the Agriculture Ministry in 2013-14.
30. Rs. 7 lakh crore target fixed for agriculture credit for 2013-14 compared to Rs. 5.75 lakh crore in the current year.
31. Eastern Indian states to get Rs. 1,000 crore allocation for improving agricultural production.
32. Govt committed to food security bill. 10,000 crores set apart for expenditure likely under the act.
33. Rs. 37,330 crore allocated for Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
34. Rs. 3511 crore allocated to Minority Affairs Ministry which is 60 per cent of the revised estimates.

