

ORACLE

CURRENT AFFAIRS AND ECONOMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

(20 to 26 January 2008)

CURRENT EVENTS

INDIA

- ❑ **Former Army chief Gen J J Singh has been appointed Governor of Arunachal Pradesh , making him the sixth top defense official to occupy the post**
 - The others are General S F Rodrigues (Punjab), Lt Gen S K Sinha (Jammu and Kashmir), Lt Gen Ajay Singh (Assam), Lt Gen M M Lakhera (Mizoram) and Lt Gen K M Seth (Chattisgarh), all retired from service
 - He succeeds K Sankaranarayanan, who as Nagaland Governor is holding additional charge of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❑ **The French government will confer “Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters” title on Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan for his contribution to Indian film industry**
 - In 2005, renowned director Adoor Gopalakrishnan was bestowed with a similar title while last year Amitabh Bachchan was conferred with “The Legion d’Honneur”, France’s highest civilian honour.
- ❑ **British Prime Minister Gordon Brown in his two-day visit to India, described the ties between India and U.K. as a “partnership of equals”, and promised to press for an early agreement to a new IAEA-led system to help non-nuclear states acquire new sources of energy in return for firm commitments to the highest non-proliferation standards**
 - The United Kingdom also announced its support for India’s membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
 - A joint statement, issued at the end of Mr. Brown’s two-day visit, noted the U.K.’s support for the Indo-U.S. civil nuclear agreement and an “appropriate” India-specific exemption in the guidelines of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.
 - The two sides also agreed to promote cooperation in the civil nuclear sector and work towards a bilateral agreement.

Trade between India and Britain had doubled in five years. It was rising by 20% annually with contracts worth \$10 billion waiting to be signed between British and Indian companies

- ❑ **French President Nicolas Sarkozy undertook his maiden visit to India**
 - India and France finalized an agreement for cooperation in the civil nuclear field and agreed to move defense ties beyond the buyer-seller relationship by increasing focus on joint research and development projects, technology transfer and greater military exchanges
 - India and France have successfully negotiated an agreement on civil nuclear cooperation but it was not signed during the visit of French President
 - France has agreed with India’s explanation that it would wait for a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and a special exemption by the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)

India and the IAEA have different views on several issues, including New Delhi’s right to build a strategic fuel reserve and corrective measures required if the fuel supply is stopped. India also wants IAEA to accept its plan for separation of civil and military reactors

Defence relationship between the two nations began in the 1950s, and the sales and maintenance support remained uninterrupted despite the 1965 war and the 1974 and 1998 nuclear tests.

In the civil nuclear field, France helped India in setting up the Fast Breeder Test Reactor at Kalpakkam near Chennai and the heavy water production facility in Vadodara in Gujarat. It also supplied enriched uranium for the Tarapur plant following the suspension of supplies by the U.S. after 1974.

- Five agreements, including one on cooperation in nuclear research, were signed including an accord between the French Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Atomic Energy for constructing and operating a Jules Hotowitz (JH) reactor in France.
- It was agreed to intensify exchange of nuclear scientists and establish structures for training and undertaking nuclear safety research and reinforce the dialogue between the nuclear safety authorities
- In defence, a pact was signed for mutual protection of classified information.
- Agreements were signed on transfer of sentenced prisoners and the India-French Development Cooperation through

the French Development Agency. An MoU was also signed for establishing an International Associated Laboratory in neurosciences.

- French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for “rightful place” for India in the emerging world order and strongly backed its entry into the G8 group of nations to tackle the challenges of 21st century more effectively.

At present, bilateral trade is pegged at just \$6 billion and French investments represent 1.48% of foreign direct investment (FDI) to India.

- ❑ **The Government announced Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards while Bharat Ratna was not announced for the seventh consecutive time**

Padma Vibhushan

Asha Bhosle (Art), Justice (Dr.) A. S. Anand (Public Affairs), P.N. Dhar (Public Affairs), Pranab Mukherjee (Public Affairs), E. Sreedharan (Science and Engineering), Rajendra Kumar Pachauri (Science and Engineering), Edmund Hillary (posthumous) (Sports), Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar (Sports), Viswanathan Anand (Sports), Lakshmi Narayan Mittal (Trade and Industry), N.R. Narayana Murthy (Trade and Industry), P.R.S. Oberoi (Trade and Industry) and Ratan Naval Tata (Trade and Industry).

Padma Bhushan

Art: Amarnath Sehgal (posthumous), Ustad Asad Ali Khan, P. Susheela, Ustad Rahim Fahimuddin Dagar and Sushil Kumar Saxena.

Civil Service: Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, K. Padmanabhaiah and V. Ramachandran.

Commentary and Broadcasting: Jasdev Singh.

Literature and Education: Brijinder Nath Goswami, Ji Xianlin, Kaushik Basu, Padma Desai, Ravindra Kelekar, Shayama Chona, Shri Lal Shukla, Srinivasa S.R. Varadhan and T.K. Oommen.

Medicine: Jagjit Singh Chopra and Nirmal Kumar Ganguly.

Public Affairs: Mian Bashir Ahmed, Lord Meghnad Desai and Y.M. Vorontsov (posthumous).

Science and Engineering: Asis Datta, Sukh Dev, Vasant Gowariker and Sunita Williams (science and engineering & astronautics)

Social Work: D.R. Mehta, Dominique Lapierre and Inderjit Kaur.

Trade and Industry: Baba Neelkanth Kalyani, K.V. Kamath, Shiv Nadar, Vikram Pandit and Suresh Kumar Neotia (Trade and Industry & Social Work)

Padma Shri

Art: Gangadhar Pradhan, Gennadi Mikhailovich Pechinkov, Pandit Gokulotsavji Maharaj, Hans Raj Hans, Helen Giri, Jatin Goswami, Jawahar Wattal, John Martin Nelson, Jonnalagadda Gurappa Chetty, Kekoo M. Gandhi, Madhuri Dixit, Mangala Prasad Mohanty, Manoj Night Shyamalan, Meenakshi Chitharanjan, Moozhikkulam Kochukuttan Chakyar, P.K. Narayanan Nambiar, Pratap Pawar, Sabitri Heisnam, Sentila T. Yanger, Sirkazhi G. Sivachidambaram, Tom Alter and Yella Venkateswara Rao.

Journalism: Barkha Dutt, Rajdeep Dilip Sardesai and Vinod Dua.

Literature and Education: Amitabh Mattoo, B. Sivanthi Adithan, Bholabhai Patel, Bina Agarwal, K.S. Nisar Ahmed, M. Leelavathy, Nirupam Bajpai, Srinivas Udgata, Sukhadeo Thorat, Surjya Kanta Hazarika, Vellayani Arjunan, and Mohammad Yousuf Taing.

Mango Plantation and Grafting: Haji Kaleem Ullah Khan.

Medicine: A. Jayanta Kumar Singh, Arjunan Rajasekaran, C.U. Velmurugendran, Deepak Sehgal, Dinesh K. Bhargava, Indu Bhushan Sinha, Keiki R. Mehta, Malvika Sabharwal, Mohan Chandra Pant, Rakesh Kumar Jain, Raman Kapur, Randhir Sud, Shyam Narayan Arya, Surendra Singh Yadav, Tatyarao Pundlikrao Lahane and Tony Fernandez.

Public Affairs: Colette Mathur.

Science and Engineering: Bhavarlal Hiralal Jain, Joseph H. Hulse, Kasturi Lal Chopra and Sant Singh Virmani

Social Work: Kailash Chandra Agrawal, Karuna Mary Braganza, Kshama Metre, Kutikuppala Surya Rao, M.M. Sabharwal, Sheela Barthakur, V.R. Gowrishankar, Vikramjit Singh Sahney and Yousaf Ali Musaliamevteetil Abdul Kader.

Sports: Baichung Bhutia and Bula Chowdhury Chakraborty.

Trade and Industry: Amit Mitra

INTERNATIONAL

- ❑ **The U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) announced the election of PepsiCo’s Indra K. Nooyi as its Chairman — the first woman to ever serve at the helm of this premier business advocacy organisation.**

- Council's outgoing Chairman was Warburg Pincus Co-President Charles 'Chip' Kaye
- ❑ **Malaysia has announced plans to reduce its surplus foreign workforce and regulate the fresh intake of labour from abroad.**
 - The total foreign workforce, over two million now, would be gradually reduced by 50% by the year 2015. Further reductions were also being planned in follow-up measures
- ❑ **Venezuela President Hugo Chavez threatened to take over farms or milk plants if owners refuse to sell their milk for domestic consumption and instead seek higher profits abroad or from cheese-makers in the face of country's milk shortages**
- ❑ **The Hindu Rights Action Force, which has been spearheading a campaign for the betterment of the lot of Malaysia's ethnic Indian minority, plans to bring out shirts sporting the "embroidered" image of Mahatma Gandhi.**
 - Hindraf submitted a letter handwritten by a five-year-old child Vaishnavi Waytha Moorthy, the daughter of Hindraf chairman P. Waytha Moorthy, now camping in London to Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for justice for the ethnic Indian minority, the Hindu Rights Action Force

The government of Muslim-majority Malaysia has consistently denied allegations that the ethnic Indians, most of whom are Hindus, are being treated as second-class citizens. Malays, almost all of whom are Muslims, form the majority group, followed by ethnic Chinese and the people of Indian origin.

- ❑ **Russia launched the "active phase" of naval-aerial war games in the Northeast Atlantic in the biggest display of its military power since the breakup of the Soviet Union**
 - It is the first time that the Russian Navy has deployed a large presence outside of Russia's immediate coastal regions since the end of the Cold War
- ❑ **In Sri Lanka, the All Parties Representative Conference (APRC) made some key recommendations including - full and faithful implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, holding of provincial council elections in the east and establishment of an interim provincial council in the north**
 - The APRC was established by Mr. Rajapaksa in mid-2006 to forge a consensus among all parties on a political solution acceptable to all for resolution of the three-decade-old ethnic conflict. However, the Committee suffered a setback when the main opposition, United National Party (UNP) withdrew from it in protest against the President's decision to induct rebel members of the party into the government. The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) has also walked out and now wants dissolution of the APRC.
 - The 13th Amendment, focus of the interim report of the APRC, followed the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord in 1987. Among other steps it envisages province as the unit of power and devolution of powers between the centre and the provinces as a solution to the ethnic crisis. However, for a variety of reasons successive governments have not been able to implement various provisions of the Amendment
- ❑ **The Pakistan Army conducted a training launch of a medium-range ballistic missile called Shaheen-1, also known as Hatf 4.**
 - The missile, has a range of 700 km, can carry nuclear warheads
- ❑ **Ukraine has reached an agreement with the World Trade Organization (WTO) to join the global trade body**
 - The WTO has 151 members
 - WTO members do not have to be full sovereign nation-members. Instead, they must be a customs territory with full autonomy in the conduct of their external commercial relations.
 - A number of non-members have been observers at the WTO and are currently negotiating their membership. With the exception of the Holy See, observers must start accession negotiations within five years of becoming observers.
 - Some international intergovernmental organizations are also granted observer status to WTO bodies. 14 states and 2 territories so far have no official interaction with the WTO.
- ❑ **Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi has resigned after losing a motion of confidence vote by 161–156 in the Senate, minister, but remains in office pending formal action by the President of the Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano.**
 - In early January 2008, Justice Minister Clemente Mastella resigned after his wife Sandra Lonardo was put under house arrest for corruption charges.
 - He initially announced external support for the government, only to withdraw it a few days later citing lack of solidarity from the majority parties, and declaring his party would vote against the government bills since then.
 - This caused Prodi to ask for a confidence vote in both Chambers: he won a clear majority in the Chamber of Deputies on 23 January, 2008, but was defeated subsequently
- ❑ **Thousands of Palestinians crossed through holes in the border between the Gaza Strip and Egypt to stock up on supplies cut off by an Israeli blockade**

- ❑ **A peace deal ended the Kivu conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**
 - The **Kivu conflict** was an armed conflict between the military of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and rebel forces under the command of Laurent Nkunda.
- ❑ **An interim flag of Iraq is adopted, removing three stars associated with the Baath Party; a permanent design is expected within the next year.**
- ❑ **Tomislav Nikolić wins the first round of presidential elections in Serbia**
 - It will be the first election for President since its independence from its state union with Montenegro.
 - Persons residing in Montenegro with Serbian citizenship will also be allowed to vote in seven Montenegrin towns
 - Two parties representing the Albanians from Presevo Valley, the Democratic Union of the Valley and the Party of Democratic Action called for Albanians from outside Kosovo to participate in the election.

About Serbia

is a landlocked country in Central and Southeastern Europe, covering the southern part of the Pannonian Plain and the central part of the Balkan Peninsula. Its capital is **Belgrade**. It borders **Hungary** on the north; **Romania** and **Bulgaria** on the east; **Albania** and **Macedonia** on the south; and **Montenegro, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina** on the west.

Serbia became an independent state again in 2006, after Montenegro left the union which was formed after the dissolution of Yugoslavia in 1990s.

Currency - **Serbian Dinar**; President - **Boris Tadić**, Prime Minister – **Vojislav Kostunica**

The **Danube river** (2850 km) flows through the northern third of the country; it is 588 km long and forms the border with Croatia and part of Romania, alongside the Wallachian Plain in the east.

Mid•or peak is the highest point in Eastern Serbia at 2156 m

- ❑ **David Thompson of the Democratic Labour Party becomes Prime Minister of Barbados following parliamentary elections.**
 - A concurrent referendum to determine whether or not to become a republic was initially planned but that vote was postponed
 - The Democratic Labour Party, which had been in opposition since 1994, won a surprise victory with 20 seats to 10 seats for the Barbados Labour Party, led by Prime Minister Owen Arthur.

About Barbados

Its closest island neighbors are **St. Vincent** and **St. Lucia** to the west. To the south it borders **Trinidad and Tobago**—with which Barbados now shares a fixed official maritime boundary—and the South American mainland, 270 miles south of the island.

Monarch **Elizabeth II** - Governor-General **Clifford Husbands** - Prime Minister **David Thompson**

Independence From the **United Kingdom** - 1966

Currency **Barbadian dollar**

ECONOMY

- ❑ **Mukesh Ambani-promoted Reliance Retail Ltd will set up 45 ‘Reliance TimeOut’ stores — books, music and stationery outlets — across India in the next three years.**
 - Reliance Retail (RRL) President and Chief Executive (Life Style) - Bijou Kurien
- ❑ **The government has decided to grant more powers, including right to impose hefty fines, to the commodity market regulator Forward Markets Commission(FMC) to check manipulation and bring about greater trade discipline.**
 - After the amendments to Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952, the Commission will get power to decide on its own listing and de-listing of commodity bourses and give approval to exchanges to start options trading and other regulatory issues
- ❑ **Dubai has reported a whopping 81.3% increase in exports of non-oil products to India in 2007.**
 - Dubai’s total non-oil exports in 2007 grew by 43% with exports of Rs 1,802 billion compared to 1,260 billion in 2006, a growth of 43%, official figures said.
 - Exports to India soared to 59.93 billion in 2007 compared to 33 billion in 2006, an increase of 81 per cent
- ❑ **In a top-order reshuffle at eBay Inc, Meg Whitman has resigned as its CEO, while the world’s largest internet auction firm has brought in India-origin former finance head Rajiv Dutta to the board.**
- ❑ **The high-profile Indian Premier League (IPL) received an overwhelming response with some of India’s top industrialists like Mukesh Ambani and Vijay Mallya and film stars Shah Rukh Khan and Preity Zinta winning bids to own teams in the Twenty20 venture.**

- Reliance Industries Chief Mukesh Ambani pipped Vijay Mallya to win the bid for the Mumbai team for USD 111.9 million.
- Vijay Mallya won the bid for the Bangalore team for USD 111.6 million.
- Actor Shah Rukh Khan, joining hands with Juhi Chawla and Jay Mehta, won the bid for the Kolkata team for USD 75.09 million.
- Fellow actor Preity Zinta and her boy friend Ness Wadia won the bid for the Mohali team for USD 76 million.
- Among others, GMR Holdings won the bid for the Delhi team (USD 84 million), India Cements bagged the Chennai team (USD 91 million), Deccan Chronicle bid successfully for the Hyderabad (USD 107.01 million) outfit and Emerging Media won the bid for the Jaipur team for USD 67 million.

❑ **India is expected to pay \$17 billion more this fiscal towards its oil import bill compared with 2006-07. The sum is about the same as the government's plan expenditure for the entire transport sector.**

- The estimated oil import bill for 2007-08 would be around \$73.83 billion (Rs 2,98,432 crore), against an actual import bill of \$57.28 billion (Rs 2,59,418 crore) in 2006-07.

The annual oil import bill at \$74 billion is over 6% of the country's GDP. The oil economy is therefore a critical component of the annual Budget, which the finance ministry takes into account when deciding receipts and expenditure for the year.

India meets 79% of its crude requirement by way of imports. With international crude prices crossing the \$100-a-barrel mark in December 2007, the Indian basket of crude averaged close to \$88 a barrel in the same month, and even touched \$94.62 a barrel on January 3, against \$65 at the start of the fiscal last April.

The figures could signal trouble for an oil dependent economy like India and would sharply increase the country's trade deficit. However, petroleum products are also the single-largest export item from India. So, it will be the net oil import bill that will make all the difference. Also, the increase in customs collections on oil imports would help the government partially offset the larger bill

❑ **An annual ranking of countries on oil stability, by US-based energy and consultancy firm PIRA, for 2007, has assigned India a score of 3, of a possible maximum of 17.**

- The ranking has placed India way behind China. India's score has, however, improved from 1 in 2006, on account of its investment upgrade by global rating agencies. China's position remains the same at 6 in 2007, over 2006

❑ **Discussions on the proposed India-Asean free trade agreement (FTA) would be concluded by this March and the pact would be implemented from January 2009**

India also hopes to complete similar trade agreements with the European Union, South Korea and Japan, that are being negotiated, by 2009-end.

During his visit to Singapore in November last year, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had set an ambitious bilateral trade target of \$50 billion by 2010. Trade between India and Asean was worth about \$20 billion in 2006. On the India-Asean FTA, Pillai said, a consensus was emerging on some of the outstanding issues

❑ **Konnagar in West Bengal has now bagged the honor of being the world's second largest micro finance institute after ASA in Bangladesh.**

- "Bandhan" has been listed second by prestigious business magazine *Forbes*, after the Gramin Bank of Nobel Laureate Md Yunus of Bangladesh

❑ **The Federal Reserve, confronted with a global stock sell-off fanned by increased fears of a recession, cut the key interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point the biggest one-day move by the central bank in recent memory**

- The Fed said it was cutting the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, to 3.5%, down by three-fourths of a percentage point from 4.25%. The Fed action was the most dramatic signal it can send that it is concerned about a potential recession in the U.S.

❑ **Infosys Technologies has imposed a fine on its CEO and Managing Director S. Gopalakrishnan**

❑ **State Bank of India has been ranked as the top loan arranger in the Asia-Pacific region in 2007 by Britain-based Project Finance International (PFI).**

- The bank arranged loans worth \$4.87 billion covering 16 deals
- State Bank of India maintained its number one position in the league table for the third straight year
- ICICI bank, ranked fourth, is the next Indian bank in the top five

❑ **The Central Board of Trustees of the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) recommended retaining the 8.5% rate of interest on the Employees Provident Fund for the year 2007-08. This involves a deficit of Rs. 264 crore for the organization.**

- ❑ **State Bank India decided to acquire a majority stake in Global Trade Finance Ltd (GTFL) — a company promoted by Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) in 2001 — at an aggregate amount of Rs. 520.55 crore**

Indian Travel Industry

- Travel and tourism sector in India is likely to grow to 26.1 billion dollars by 2010 nearly a quarter of which, 6.02 billion dollars, are likely to come from online booking of hotels, air and rail tickets
- Online travel reservations last year contributed 11% to India's total travel revenues of 15.95 billion dollars at 1.75 billion dollars.
- The contribution of online bookings to total travel sector in India is likely to go up to 23% at 6.02 billion dollars by 2010. Presently, 43% of all airline tickets are booked online
- Only 5.6% of total rail tickets are reserved, of which 9% are booked online. Rail reservations have a potential to grow to 3.5 billion dollars by 2010 with 365 million reservations
- The domestic air traffic is likely to more than double and touch 86.1 million passengers by 2010 up from 32.2 million passengers in 2007
- Growing internet penetration and increasing air connectivity through low-cost carriers would push domestic air traffic by 2010 to 84.1 million passengers.
- 32.2 million passengers traveled by air on domestic routes during 2006.

Sanjay Lalbhai, Managing Director, Arvind Mills

Shashi Ruia, Chairman, Essar Shipping.

Air India Chairman and Managing Director V. Thulasidas

Sona Group Chairman, Surinder Kapur

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ❑ **India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C10, successfully put the Israeli satellite Tecsar into orbit**
 - The launch was executed under a commercial contract between the Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), to which belongs Tecsar, and the Antrix Corporation, marketing agency of the Department of Space
 - India wants to compete alongside the United States, Russia, China, the Ukraine and the European Space Agency in offering commercial satellite launch services.
 - The launch market IS expected to grow to 145 billion dollars over the next 10 years, from \$116 billion in 1997-2006, as space-faring nations launch more satellites and deep-space probes.
 - Tecsar's mission was the eleventh consecutive successful launch carried out by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, which is also slated to launch India's first spacecraft to the moon, Chandrayaan-1

SPORTS

- ❑ **Adam Gilchrist announced retirement from Test and One Day Cricket**
 - Holder of the record for most sixes in a Test career, with 100 sixes
 - Holder of second fastest Test Hundred (100 in 57 deliveries) vs. England, 16 December 2006.
 - Holder of most Test dismissals by a wicketkeeper (415)
 - He holds the unique record of scoring at least 50 runs in successive World Cup finals (in 1999, 2003 and 2007)

Australian Open Results

Men's singles

Novak Djokovic def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(2)

- It was Djokovic's first title of the year, and 8th of his career.

Women's singles

Maria Sharapova def. Ana Ivanovic, 7-5, 6-3

- It was Sharapova's first title of the year, and 17th of her career.

Men's doubles

Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram def. Arnaud Clément / Michael Llodra, 7-5, 7-6(4)

Women's doubles

Alyona Bondarenko/Kateryna Bondarenko def. Victoria Azarenka / Shahar Pe'er, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4

Mixed doubles

Sun Tiantian/Nenad Zimonjic def. Sania Mirza / Mahesh Bhupathi, 7-6(4), 6-4

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

- Match the following
 - Barkha Dutt
 - Sunita Williams
 - Madhuri Dixit
 - E. Sreedharan
 - Padma Vibhushan
 - Padma Shri
 - Padma Bhushan
 - Padma Shri

	A	B	C	D
(a)	3	4	1	2
(b)	2	3	4	1
(c)	2	1	3	4
(d)	3	1	4	2
- Who among the following is the Governor of Nagaland?
 - J.J. Singh
 - S F Rodrigues
 - S K Sinha
 - K Sankaranarayanan
- Which of the following is *not true* about WTO?
 - Only full sovereign nations can be members of the WTO
 - 32 non-members are observers at WTO
 - WTO has 152 members
 - The lastt country to join WTO is Latvia
 - 1 and 2
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 1, 3, and 4
 - 3 and 4
- The Kivu conflict is associated with which African country?
 - Kenya
 - Democratic Republic of Congo
 - Uganda
 - Sudan
- How many stars have been removed from the interim flag design of Iraq?
 - Three
 - Five
 - Twelve
 - Fourteen
- Which of the following is *true* about the recent elections in Serbia?
 - Persons residing in Montenegro with Serbian citizenship will also be allowed to vote in eight Montenegrin towns
 - One party representing the Albanians from Preševo Valley, the Democratic Union of the Valley called for Albanians from outside Kosovo to participate in the election
 - Tomislav Nikoliæ lost the first round
 - It is the second election for President since its independence from its state union with Montenegro.
 - 1 and 2
 - None of the above
 - All of the above
 - 1, 2 and 3
- What was India's score in the *Annual ranking of countries on oil stability* by PIRA?
 - 3
 - 5
 - 7
 - 9
- Which of the following is true about Adam Gilchrist?
 - Holds the record for most sixes in a Test career, with 100 sixes
 - Holds the record for the second fastest Test Hundred (100 in 57 deliveries) vs England, 16 December 2006.
 - Holds the record for the most Test dismissals by a wicketkeeper (415)
 - Holds the unique record of scoring at least 50 runs in two successive World Cup finals.
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 2 and 3

(c) None of the above

(d) All of the above

9. Which of the following nations does Barbados share a fixed official maritime boundary?

(a) Trinidad & Tabago

(b) Jamaica

(c) St. Lucia

(d) St. Vincent

7. Match the following

A. Sanjay Lalbhai 1 Essar Shipping

B. V. Thulasidas 2 Sona Group

C. Surinder Kapur 3 Air India

D. Shashi Ruia 4 Arvind Mills

	A	B	C	D
--	---	---	---	---

(a)	3	1	2	4
-----	---	---	---	---

(b)	3	4	1	3
-----	---	---	---	---

(c)	4	3	2	1
-----	---	---	---	---

(d)	4	2	3	1
-----	---	---	---	---

Answer Key: 1(b) 2(d) 3(c) 4(b) 5(a) 6(b) 7(a) 8(d) 9(a) 10(c)