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CURRENT AFFAIRS(2006)

- Militants hurled a grenade at the Iskcon temple in Imphal at the night of janmastami.
- Blast in Shrilanka in the presence of Indian Cricket Team.
- Nandini Satpathi passed away.
- Indra Nooyi is appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Pepsi Co.
- A low - intensity bomb exploded near the railway track at Rajendra Nagar around 9.45 a.m. hour a before railway minister Lalu Prasad crossed the area on the way to Bhagalpur.
- Cocacola and Pepsi has been baned in Kerala.
- The plan to destroy many planes of England has opened out.
- Poet(Bangladesh) Shamsur Rahaman passed away.
- Rumer- 'miracle water' found in Mahim.
- Rumer- idols are drinking milk at temples of India.
- Shenainawaz Bharatratna Bismilla Khan passed away in his beloved Varanasi.
- Pak cricketer Wasim Raja passed away.
- A British diesel-powered car has broken its own land speed record,

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- reaching 564 km per hour.
- F-16 fighters jets scrambled to escort a Mumbai-bound plane back to Amsterdam ,triggering a nerve wracking wait on the tarmac that culminated in the arrest of 12 passengers who were apparently seen exchanging mobile phones onboard.
- Mouma-Poulomi wins gold in SAF Games.
- In Oval as a result of ball-tampering argument Pak Cricketers refused to play the match and the umpire Darrell Hair awarded the match to England.
- DHR Celebrates their 125th anniversary.
- Kolkata Celebrated it's 316 of birth day on 24th of August.
- LN Mittal has hosted the most expensive wedding affair(the marriage of his daughter Vanisha Mittal with Amit Bhatia in June 2004) of the century.
- Justin Gatlin received an 8year ban from athletics for his cooperation with doping authorities and because of an positive dope test.
- India's star hockey player Sandeep Singh is injured after the pistol of an RPF jawan accidently.
- Former body - builder Bikash Datta(Mr. Hercules) passed away.
- Indian table tennis players Achanta Sharath Kamal and Soumyadeep Roy wins medals in SAF Games.
- Pluto does not qualify as a planet under the historic new guidelines that downsize the solar system to 8 planets.
- US entrepreneur Anousheh Ansari becomes the first female space tourist.
- In Siliguri 2 policemen driving to an Indian Oil depot near the New Jalpaiguri station with explosives in their Maruti were caught but not before they had planted bombs in 2 petrol pumps.
- NRI Asit k. Biswas gets international Stokhome Water Prize.
- Archers Jayanta Talukdar and Dola Banerjee ensured a double triumph for India by winning the recurve individual gold medals at the SAF Games.
- Former India Test batsman Vijay Mehra passed away.
- Darrell Hair ,the Australian umpire who found Pakistan guilty cheating had demanded what will be widely interpreted as a \$500,000- bribe to step down from his post.
- Hrishikesh Mukherjee passed away.
- West Indian Cricketer Clive Walcott died.
- In India the ministry of women and children has petitioned the law ministry to raise the age of a minor from 14 to 18 -- in line with the definition under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Tiger Woods won the Bridgestone Invitational World Golf Championship Akron,US.
- In a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

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said that the preference for male babies in India and China has skewed national sex ratios to levels that could spawn increased anti-social behaviour and violence and destabilise society.

- Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe will play the son of Rudyard Kipling(John Kipling-died 1915 in First World War) in a television movie about the author.

-In the ICC's ODI rankings(August,2006) Australia is in 1st position. Adam Gilchrist is the No.1 Batsman. Shaun Pollock is the No.1 Bowler as well as the No.1 Allrounder.

India's Mahendra Singh Dhoni gets the 4th place between the Batsmen. Harbhajan Singh shares the 9th place in Bowlers between with Makhaya Ntini. Irfan Pathan becomes the 5th Allrounder in the world. India is in the 4th place it self.

- Ace middle-distance runner Pinki Pramanik of West Bengal is one of the 5 Indians in the Asian team for the Athletics World Cup.

- Dola Banerjee, Soumyadeep Roy,Surya Sekhar Ganguly gets the Arjuna award.

- Sania Mirza is not in the first 50 list now(August,2006).

- C.M. Ibrahim,the former minister clawed back from oblivion when a German made pistol popped out of his hand baggage at Chennai airport.

- Two sisters(Renuka Kiran Shinde,Sima Mohan Gaviti) who kidnaped children and killed them by smashing their heads against walls or electricity poles could become the first women to be hanged in Independent India.

- An Iranian airliner caught fire after a tyre burst on landing at an airport in the northeast of the country.

- 3 pilgrims from India and 11 from Pakistan massacred in Iraq.

- The career for the Andre Agassi came to a close when he lost to German qualifier Benjamin Becker at the US open.

- Alone gunman opened fire on a group of foreign tourists in the Jordanian capital Amman killing a British man and wounding six.

- Tiger Woods won PGA Championship in Norton.

- Tiger Woods becomes the player of the year(rankings- **1**.Tiger Woods(US) 22.59 avg.pts,**2**. Phil Mickelson (US)8.83,**3**. Jim Furyk(US)8.17,**4**.Vijai Singh(Fij)7.59,**5**.Retief Goosen(RSA)6.63,**6**.Adam Scott(Aus)6.27,**7**.Ernie Els (RSA)5.90,**8**.Sergio Garcia(Esp)5.85,**9**.Luke Donald(Eng)5.68,**10**.Geoff Ogilvy(Aus)).

- Kalidasa's statue unveiled at Shanghai Theatre Academy. He's the only Asian among 19 world literary figures so honoured.

- explosion on Mharashtra.

- According to WHO in the last 45 years suicide rates have increased by 60 percent worldwide. suicide is now among the 3 leading causes of death among those aged 15-44 years.

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- Leander Paes (his partner was Martin Damm) won The Grand Slam. It was his fourth men's doubles crown and seventh in all.

- Russia's Maria Sharapova won the women's single title.

- Roger Federer won the men's single title.

- Michael Schumacher becomes the the most successful Formula One driver of all time. He is the only driver to win 7 championships in Formula One history and he also won most of the sport's meaningful records. his titles came in 1994,1995,2000,2001,2002,2003,2004.

- 4 members of the Memon family - Yakub,Essa, Yusuf and Rubeena were found guilty by a special court signalling the beginning of the end of one of the world's longest trials. The 4 convicted were held guilty of criminal conspiracy in organising and carrying out the Bombay blasts of March 12,1993, in which 257 people were killed(THE CASUALTY- Blasts- 13,Dead- 257, Injured- 713.THE ACCUSED- Defendants-123,Dead during trial- 11, In prison- 29,On bail- 94, Absconding-31. THE TRIAL- Witnesses-686,Testimonies-13,000pages. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS LEADING UP THE VERDICT- Nov.4,1993- Police file primary chargesheet,Nov.19- CBI takes over case, April 1,1994- Tada court shifts from the Mumbai sessions and civil court to a separate building on the premises of Arthur Road Central Jail, April 10,1995- Tada court discharges 26 accused Charges framed against the remaining accused. The Supreme Court discharges two more, April 19- Trial commences, April - June- Court frames charges, June 30- two accused turn approvers, Oct.14- SC grants bail to Sanjay Dutt, arrested on April 19,1993, March 23,1996- Judge J.N. Patel moves out after promotion, March 29,- P.D. Kode takes over as Tada judge, Oct.2000- Examination of prosecution witnesses ends, March 9 - July 18,2001- Court records statements of the accused, Aug.9- Prosecution begins arguments, Oct.18- Prosecution completes arguments, Nov.9- Defence starts arguments, Aug.22,2002- Defence rests case, Feb.20,2003- Police produce Dawood gang member Ejaz Pathan in court, Sept. Trial ends, June 13, 2006- Court separates Abu Salem's trial, Sept. 12,2006- First verdict.).

- Former cricketer Manoj Prabhakar is facing dowry harassment charges now a days.

- A 25 year old gunman of Indian descent(named Kimveer Gill) has stunned Canada by walking into a college in Montreal and engaging in a shooting spree,killing one woman and injuring 19 people. The gunman(Kimveer Gill) was shot to death.

- Sachin makes his 40th ODI hundred. Sachin's tally of test and ODI hundreds reaches 75.

- A 22 year old tutor Manoj Prasad has killed a 4 year old boy Subham Singh in Behala.

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- A Russian Soyuz spacecraft blasted off carrying a woman set to notch up three space records- the first female tourist, first female Muslim and first Iranian in orbit. The name of the woman is Anousheh Ansari.
- Former Indian football captain Sudip Chatterjee died following a cardiac failure when a guava choked his respiratory tract (FACT-FILE- Asian Games-1982 and 1986 (captain). Asia Cup-1984 (captain), 1988 (captain) and 1992- Reached the final round in 1984. Nehru Gold Cup- 1982,1983,1985, (captain),1988 (captain), 1989. Merdeka Cup-1981,1986(captain)-Reached the semi-final in 1986. Pre-Olympic-1984. Pre - World Cup- 1985(captain). SAFF Games-1985(captain),1989- India won gold in 1985. Total international matches-60. 1982- Joined Mohan Bagan from BNR. 1982-83,1988-89,1991-92-- played for Mohan Bagan. 1984-85,1986-87,1990-- played for East Bengal).
- Thailand's army seized power from Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra without a shot being fired(Feb. 6,2005- Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's Thai Rak Thai Party wins a landslide,Sept.9- State-run TV takes off a show with references to corruption in high places, Jan.23,2006- Thaksin's relatives sell controlling stake in Shin Corp, the telecom empire he founded, to a Singapore firm. The tax-free\$1.9-billion sale angers Bangkok's middle classes, Feb.24- Thaksin calls snap elections on April 2, three years early and two days before an anti-government rally,Feb.27- Three main opposition parties announce election boycott, April 2- Election held, April 4- After a strong protest vote, Thaksin meets revered King Bhumibhol Adulyadej and announces he will step down soon, April 5- Thaksin hands day-to-day power to the deputy Prime Minister, May 8- Court terms the April election unconstitutional, May 23- Thaksin takes back reins of power, May 30- Government sets fresh election for Oct.15, July 20- Thai army chief re-assigns over 100 officers thought to be Thaksin's supporters, fuelling coup rumours).
- A CPM leader Anil Mahato and his AK 47 - toting body guard were dragged out of a bus and shot dead in Bengal's Maoist heartland(Blood trail- Dec. 31,2005- CPM zonal committee member Rabi Kar and his wife Anandamoyee are burnt to death at Bandwan in Purulia, March 4- Nine CPM activists are kidnapped and their leader Kartik Singh is killed at Lalgarh, West Midnapore, March 5- Partyman Gatilal Tudu is hacked to death at Barikul in Bankura, June 14- CPM local committee member Rabi Das is gunned down at Belpahari, West Midnapore, June 20- CPM workers Uttam Sardar and Swapan Sardar are shot dead at Chandpur village in Nadia, Sept. 18,2006- The CPM leader Anil Mahato and his bodyguard is killed in West Midnapore).
- Jacques Kallis became the first cricketer to score 8000 runs and take 200 wickets in both Tests ODIs(Career figures- KALLIS IN TESTS - 102 matches,8033 runs @ 55.78, 189* hst, 200 wkts @ 31.71, 6/67 best. KALLIS IN

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- ODIS - 233 matches,8025 runs @ 43.61, 139 hst, 207 wkts @ 31.90, 5/30 best).
- Mine blast on Lalgarh.
- In Kolkata the second highest rainfall in 24 hours in nearly 30 years.
- Rang De Basanti goes to Oscars.
- Nine parameters,125 countries and the global race for competitiveness,India is ranked 43(Brazil is ranked 66,Russian Federation is ranked 62, China is ranked 54).
- Martina Hingis had handed Sania Mirza a straight - set defeat at the Sunfeast Open semi-final in Calcutta.
- Pervez Musharraf has written a book- 'In the Line of Fire.'
- Michael Schumacher won the Chinese Grand Prix in Shanghai.(STANDINGS--Top Ten--**Drivers-1.** Michael Schumacher (Ferrari) 116, **2.** Fernando Alonso (Renault) 116, **3.** Giancarlo Fisichella (Renault) 63, **4.** Felipe Massa (Ferrari)62, **5.** Kimi Raikkonen (McLaren)57, **6.** Jenson Button (Honda) 45, **7.** Rubens Barrichello(Honda)28, **8.** Juan Pablo Montoya(26), **9.** Nick Heidfeld (BMW Sauber) 22, **10.** Pedro dela Rosa((McLaren))18.**Constructors-1.** Renault(179),**2.** Ferrari(178) , **3.** McLaren Mercedes (101), **4.** Honda (73), **5.**BMW Sauber(35), **6.** Toyota (30), **7.** Redbull - Ferrari(16), **8.** Williams - Cosworth(11), **9.** Toro Rosso Cosworth(11),**10.** MFI- Toyota (0).).
- Haldia Petro Chemicals Ltd (HPL) is planning a second unit that will more than double its capacity.
- Mahesh Bhupati won the ATP Championship(SINGLES TOP-10-- **ATP Tour--1.**(1)Roger Federer(Sui,7120),**2.**(2)Rafael Nadal (Esp,4625),**3.**(3) Ivan Ljubicic(Cro,3315),**4.**(4)David Nalbandian(Arg,2900),**5.**(5) Nikolay Davydenko (Rus , 2590),**6.**(6)Andy Roddick (US , 2585) ,**7.**(9)James Blake (US, 2240),**8.**(7)Tommy Robredo(Esp,2225),**9.**(8) Marcos Baghdatis (Cyp, 2111),**10.**(11)Mario Ancic (Cro,1865). **WTA Tour-- 1.**(1) Amelia Mauresmo (Fra,3746) , **2.**(2) Justine Henin - Hardenne (Bel , 3474) , **3.**(3) Maria Sharapova (Rus, 3037),**4.**(4) Svetlana Kuznetsova (Rus, 2384), **5.**(5) Kim Clijsters (Bel, 2165), **6.**(6)Elena Dementieva (Rus, 2027),**7.**(7) Nadia Petrova (Rus,1996),**8.**(8)Martina Hingis (Sui,1850),**9.**(9) Patty Schnyder (Sui,1793) , **10.**(11) Dinara Safina (Rus,1502)).
- An explosion occurred in a park next to Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf's army residence in Rawalpindi.
- India is in capture of Dengue and Chikungunya.
- Britain's The Sunday Times reported that the 7/7 London bombers had initially been ordered by al Qaida to assassinate the England and Australia cricket teams during the 2005 Ashes series.
- Kanshi Ram passed away. His family is suspecting that Mayavati has killed him.

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- Allegations of corruption in arms deals erupted on former defence minister George Fernandes with the CBI registering a case against him.
- Author Kiran Desai won the Booker Prize for her book The Inheritance Of Loss.
- Paul Hunter, who won three world - ranking tournaments and three Masters in his brief career has died after a courageous battle with cancer(FACT-FILE-- Born-14/10/1978,Home town- Leeds,Turned professional- 1995,Professional tournament - 6,World - ranking events- 3(Welsh Open,1998,2002, British Open,2002),Invitation event wins - 3(The Masters,2001,2002,2004), Highest break in professional competition-146(2004 Premier League), Highest world - ranking- No 4 (2004-05), Best performance in World Championship- Semi-finalist(2003), Total century breaks in professional competition-111).
- For the first time, Herschelle Gibbs has confessed his role in the match - fixing scandal before an authority with the powers to prosecute the accused.
- The state health department has issued a confidential circular asking all blood banks across the state to reexamine the blood which was earlier tested with faulty kits supplied by Calcutta - based businessman Govind Sarda.
- Eastern Command soldier supplied Maoists with landmines and cartridges smuggled from the defence ministry's ordnance factory on Calcutta's northern fringes,army and police said that.
- Mukesh Ambani will be spending around Rs 340 crore on a custom - built Bombardier Global Express XRS - an ultra long range executive jet that flies just under the speed of sound.
- Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk,who was the first author in the Muslim world to condemn the fatwa against Salman Rushdie,has won the Nobel prize for literature.
- Banker of the poor Muhammad Yunus became the first Babgladeshi and third - some claim fourth - Bengali to win the Nobel when he was jointly awarded the peace prize along with the Grameen Bank he founded.
- Writer Pratibha Basu passed away.
- Eleven people have been arrested for robbing a software professional in Salt Lake.
- Shoab Akhtar and Mohammed Asif tested positive for the banned nandrolone,usually used to enhance performance. They are banned for one year..
- High Court convicts Santosh Singh of rape and murder of Delhi University student Priyadarshini Mattoo and sentenced to be hanged.
- A D I G of Orisa Jaswinder Singh has been gunned down.
- Former Pak President Ishaq Khan died.
- Suresh Mehata becomes the new Naval Cheif.

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- Saddam Hussain has been sentenced to be hanged.
- Former Indian cricket captain Pali Umrigar died.

DEATH ON CRICKET FIELD -(1942 - 2006)

Andy Ducat - Andy Ducat died of a heart attack while batting in a club match at Lord's in July 1942.

Abdul Aziz - Abdul Aziz died during the final of the Quaid - e - Azam Trophy in 1958-59 between Karachi and Services.

Wilf Slack - Wilf Slack, the Middlesex and England left - handed opener collapsed and died at the age of 34 while batting in Banjul, capital of The Gambia, in January 1989.

Raman Lamba - Raman Lamba died at the age of 38 after being hit on the head while fielding at forward short - leg during a club match in Dhaka in February 1998.

Wasim Raja - Wasim Raja died with his boots on -- playing in an over 50 competition in Surrey-- on 23 August,2006.

THE RECORDS OF MOHUN BAGAN V EAST BENGAL (2004 - 2006)

Sept.11,2004 - EB 0 Bagan 0

Oct. 8,2004 - Bagan 8 (1) EB 7(1) tie-breaker

Nov.10,2004 - EB 2 Bagan 1

Jan.22,2005 - EB 0 Bagan 0

April 24,2005 - EB 1 Bagan 0

Aug.18,2005 - Bagan 1 EB 0

Sept. 3,2005 - Bagan 1 EB 0

Nov.27,2005 - EB 4 Bagan 1

Jan.22,2006 - EB 0 Bagan 0

April 8,2006 - EB 3 Bagan 1

Aug.26,2006 - Bagan 1 EB 0

Sept.26,2006 - Bagan 1 EB 0

Mohan Bagan and East Bengal have played 140 matches in kolkata League, of which East Bengal have won 46. Mohan Bagan 39 while 55 ended in a draw.

SAF GAMES(10th) FINAL TALLY

| Team | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|-----------------------|------|--------|--------|
| India - | 118 | 69 | 47 |
| Pakistan - | 43 | 44 | 71 |
| Sri Lanka - | 37 | 63 | 78 |
| Nepal - | 9 | 14 | 31 |
| Afghanistan -6 | 7 | 7 | 18 |

Bangladesh - 3 15 32
 Maldivest - 0 0 0

NATIONS OF THE WORLD

(1)Afghanistan

Capital - Kabul. **Area** - 647,497sq.km. **Languages** - Pushtu, Persian. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim84%, Shia Muslim 15%,Others1%. **Currency** - Afghani. **Date of Independence** - 19/8/1919.

(2)Albania

Capital - Tirana. **Area** - 28,748sq.km. **Languages** - Albanian,Greek. **Religions** - Islam70%,Albanian Orthodox 20%,Roman Catholic 10%. **Currency** - Lek. **Date of Independence** - 28/11/1912.

(3) Algeria

Capital - Algiers. **Area** - 2,381,741sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic,Berber, French. **Religions** - Islam99%,Christan and Jewish 1%. **Currency** - Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 5/7/1962.

(4)Andorra

Capital - Andorre-la-Vieille. **Area** - 464 sq.km. **Languages** - Catalan,French,Castilan. **Religions** - Predominantly Roman Catholic. **Currency** - Franc and Andorran Peseta .

(5)Angola

Capital - Luanda. **Area** - 1,246,699 sq.km. **Languages** - Portugues,Bantu. **Religions** - Indigenou beliefs 47%,Roman Catholic38%,Protestant 15%. **Currency** - Readjusted Kwanza. **Date of Independence** - 11/11/1975

(6)Antigua and Barbuda

Capital - St. John's. **Area** - 442sq.km. **Languages** - English and Patois. **Religions** - Predominantly Protestant, some Roman Catholic. **Currency** - East Caribbean Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 1/11/1981.

(7) Argentina

Capital - Buenos Aires. **Area** - 2,766,654sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish, Italian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic92%, Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, Others4%. **Currency** - Peso. **Date of Independence** - 9/7/1816

(8)Armenia

Capital - Yerevan. **Area** - 29,800sq.km. **Languages** - Armenian. **Religions** - Armenian Apostolic 94%, Other Christian 4%, Yezidi 2%. **Currency** - The dram. **Date of Independence** - 21/9/1991.

(9) Australia

Capital - Canberra. **Area** - 7,682,300sq.km. **Languages** - English and aboriginal languages. **Religions** - Anglican 26.1%, Roman Catholic 26%, Other Christian 24.3%, Non Christian 11%, Others12.6%. **Currency** - Australian Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 1/1/1901.

(10) Austria

Capital - Vienna. **Area** - 83,858sq.km. **Languages** - German. **Religions** - Roman Catholic74%,Protestant 5%,Islam 4%, Others 17%. **Currency** - Schilling. **Date of Independence** - 1156.

(11) Azerbaijan

Capital - Baku. **Area** - 86,600sq.km. **Languages** - Azeri,Turkish,Russian. **Religions** - Islam 94.3%,Armenian Orthodox 2.3%,Russian Orthodox 2.5%, Others 1.8%. **Currency** - Manat. **Date of Independence** - 30/8/1991.

(12) The Bahamas

Capital - Nassau. **Area** - 13,939sq.km. **Languages** - English,Creole . **Religions** - Baptist 32%, Anglican 20%, Roman Catholic19%. **Currency** - Bahamian Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 10/7/1973.

(13)Bahrain

Capital - Manama. **Area** - 669sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic, English,Farsi,Urdu. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim 30%, Shia Muslim 70%. **Currency** - Bahraini Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 15/8/1971.

(14)Bangladesh

Capital - Dhaka. **Area** - 148,393sq.km. **Languages** - Bangla,Chakma,Magh. **Religions** -Islam 83%,Hindu16%, Others 1%. **Currency** - Taka. **Date of Independence** - 16/12/1971.

(15) Barbados

Capital - Bridgetown. **Area** - 430sq.km. **Languages** - English . **Religions** - Roman Catholic 4%, Protestant 67%, None 17%, Others12%. **Currency** - Barbados Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 30/11/1966.

(16)Belarus

Capital - Minsk. **Area** - 207,600sq.km. **Languages** - Belorussian, Russian. **Religions** - Eastern Orthodox 80%, Others 20%.**Currency** - Ruble. **Date of Independence** - 25/8 / 1991.

(17) Belgium

Capital - Brussels. **Area** - 30.521sq.km. **Languages** - Flemish, French, German - all official. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 75%, Protestant and Others25%. **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 4/10 / 1830.

(18)Belize

Capital - Belmopan. **Area** - 22,965sq.km. **Languages** - English, Spanish,Creole dialects . **Religions** - Roman Catholic 49.6%, Protestant 27%, None 9.4%, Others14%. **Currency** - Belize Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 21/9/ 1981.

(19)Benin

Capital - Porto Novo. **Area** - 112,622 sq.km. **Languages** - French and Tribal dialects like Fon,Yoruba. **Religions** - Indigenou beliefs 50%, Christan 30%, Muslim 20%. **Currency** - Franc. **Date of Independence** - 1/8 / 1960.

(20)Bhutan

Capital - Thimphu. **Area** - 46,500sq.km. **Languages** - Dzongkha , Lhotsam (Nepali), English. **Religions** - Buddhist 75%, Hindu and Nepalese25%.**Currency** - Nagultrum, fixed par with Indian Rupee which is also legal tender. **Date of Independence** - 8/8/ 1949.

(21)Bolivia

Capital - La Paz (administrative) and Sucre(judicial). **Area** - 1,098,581sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish,Quechua and Aymara. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 95%, Protestant

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5 %₀ . **Currency** - The Boliviano. **Date of Independence** - 6/ 8/ 1825.

(22)Bosnia - Herzegovina

Capital - Sarajevo. **Area** - 51,129sq.km. **Languages** - Serbocroatian. **Religions** - Muslim 40%₀, Orthodox 31%₀, Roman Catholic 15%₀, Others14%₀. **Currency** - Conv.Mark. **Date of Independence** - 1/3 / 1992.

(23)Botswana

Capital - Gaborone. **Area** - 581,730sq.km. **Languages** - English, Setswana and Sishona. **Religions** - tribal beliefs 85 %₀, Christian 15 %₀. **Currency** - Pula. **Date of Independence** - 30/9 / 1966.

(24)Brazil

Capital - Brasilia. **Area** - 8, 511,965 sq.km. **Languages** - Portuguese(official), Spanish, English, French. **Religions** - Roman Catholic (nominal) 80%₀. **Currency** - Real. **Date of Independence** - 7/9 / 1822.

(25)Brunei

Capital - Bander Seri Begawan. **Area** - 5,765sq.km. **Languages** - Malay, English, Chinese. **Religions** - Muslim 67%₀, Buddhist 13%₀, Christian 10 %₀, Indigenous beliefs and others 10%₀. **Currency** - Brunei Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 1/1 / 1984.

(26)Bulgaria

Capital - Sofia. **Area** - 110,912sq.km. **Languages** - Bulgarian, Turkish. **Religions** - Bulgarian Orthodox 82.6 %₀, Muslim 12.2%₀, Others 5.2 %₀. **Currency** - Lev. **Date of Independence** - 3/ 3/ 1878.

(27)Burkina Faso

Capital - Ouagadougou. **Area** - 274,200sq.km. **Languages** - French and Sudanic tribal languages. **Religions** - Tribal beliefs 40%₀, Muslim 50%₀, Christian 10 %₀. **Currency** - Franc CFA. **Date of Independence** - 5/ 8/ 1960.

(28)Burundi

Capital - Bujumbura. **Area** - 27,834sq.km. **Languages** - French and Kirundi. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 62%₀, Indigenous beliefs 23 %₀, Muslim 10%₀, Protestant 5 %₀. **Currency** - Burundi Franc. **Date of Independence** - 1/7 / 1962.

(29)Cambodia

Capital - Phnom-penh. **Area** - 181,035sq.km. **Languages** - Khmer, French. **Religions** - Theravada Buddhist 95%₀, Others 5 %₀. **Currency** - Riel. **Date of Independence** - 9/ 11/ 1953.

(30)Cameroon

Capital - Yaounde. **Area** - 475,442sq.km. **Languages** - French and English. **Religions** - Indigenous beliefs 40 %₀, Christian 40 %₀, Muslim 20%₀. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 1/ 1960.

(31)Canada

Capital - Ottawa. **Area** - 9,976,139sq.km. **Languages** - English, French. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 46%₀, Protestant 36 %₀, Others 18%₀. **Currency** - Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 7/ 1867.

(32)Cape Verde

Capital - Praja. **Area** - 4033sq.km. **Languages** - Portuguese, Crioulo. **Religions** - Roman Catholic, Protestant. **Currency** - Escudo. **Date of Independence** - 5/7 /

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(33)Cen. African Republic

Capital - Bangui. **Area** - 622,984sq.km. **Languages** - French and Sangho. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Indigenous beliefs. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 13/8 / 1960.

(34)Chad

Capital - N'djamena. **Area** - 1,284,000sq.km. **Languages** - French, Arabic and 100 tribal languages. **Religions** - Muslim 51%₀, Christian 35 %₀, Animist 7%₀, Others 7%₀. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 11/8 / 1960.

(35)Chile

Capital - Santiago. **Area** - 756,626sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 89 %₀, Protestant 11%₀. **Currency** - peso. **Date of Independence** - 18/9 / 1810.

(36)China

Capital - Beijing. **Area** - 9,561,000sq.km. **Languages** - Chinese(Mandarin), other local languages. **Religions** - Officially Atheist, Buddhism, Taoism, Muslim. **Currency** - Rnminbi(Yuan). **Date of Independence** - 1/1 / 1912.

(37)Colombia

Capital - Bogota. **Area** - 1,139,000sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 90 %₀. **Currency** - Peso. **Date of Independence** - 20/7 / 1810.

(38)The Comoros

Capital - Moroni. **Area** - 1862sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic and Comoran. **Religions** - Muslim 98 %₀, Roman Catholic 2%₀. **Currency** - Comorian Franc. **Date of Independence** - 6/7 / 1975.

(39)Congo,D.R. of(Formerly Zaire)

Capital - Kinshasa. **Area** - 2,344,885sq.km. **Languages** - French, Kiswahili, Lingala, other African languages. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Kimbanguist, Others. **Currency** - Congolese Franc. **Date of Independence** - 30/6 / 1960.

(40)Congo

Capital - Brazzaville. **Area** - 342,000sq.km. **Languages** - French, Lingala, Congo, Teke. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Animist. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 15/8 / 1960.

(41)Costa Rica

Capital - San Jose. **Area** - 51,110sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Christian, Others, None. **Currency** - Colon. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 9/ 1821.

(42)Cote D'Ivoire

Capital - Yamoussoukro. **Area** - 322,462sq.km. **Languages** - French, Tribal. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Others. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 7/ 8 / 1960.

(43)Croatia

Capital - Zagreb. **Area** - 56,538sq.km. **Languages** - Serbo Croatian. **Religions** - Orthodox, Muslim, Christian, Others, Unknown. **Currency** - Kuna. **Date of Independence** - 25/ 6/ 1991.

(44)Cuba

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Capital - Havana. **Area** - 110,922sq.km. **Languages** -Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic ETC. **Currency** - Peso. **Date of Independence** - 20/5 / 1902.

(45)Cyprus

Capital - Nicosia. **Area** - 9,251sq.km. **Languages** - Greek,Turkish,English. **Religions** - Greek Orthodox, Muslim,Maronite,Armenian Apostolic,Others. **Currency** - Cyprus Pound. **Date of Independence** - 16/8 / 1960.

(46)Turkish Cyprus

Capital - Nicosia. **Area** - 3355sq.km. **Languages** - Turkish. **Currency** - Turkish Lira.

(47)Czech Republic

Capital - Prague. **Area** - 78,864sq.km. **Languages** - Czech. **Religions** - Protestant4.6%₀,Roman Catholic39.2%₀,Orthodox3%₀,Atheist39.8%₀,Others13.4%₀. **Currency** - The Koruna. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 1/ 1993.

(48)Denmark

Capital - Copenhagen. **Area** - 43,074sq.km. **Languages** - Danish. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian. **Currency** - Danish Krone.

(49)Djibouti

Capital - Djibouti. **Area** - 21,783sq.km. **Languages** - French,Arabic,Affar, Issa. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian. **Currency** - Djibouti Franc. **Date of Independence** - 27/ 6/ 1977.

(50)Dominica

Capital - Roseau. **Area** - 750sq.km. **Languages** - English, French Patois. **Religions** - Roman Catholic77%₀,Protestant15%₀,None2%₀,Others6%₀. **Currency** - East Caribbean Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 3/ 11/ 1978.

(51)Dominican Republic

Capital - Santo Domingo. **Area** - 48,442sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic95%₀. **Currency** - Peso. **Date of Independence** - 27/2 / 1844.

(52)East Timor

Capital - Dili. **Area** - 14,874sq.km. **Languages** - Tetum,Portuguese(official), English, Bahasa Indonesian. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist,Animist. **Currency** - US Dollar and Indonesian Rupiah. **Date of Independence** - 20/ 5/ 2002.

(53)Ecuador

Capital - Quito. **Area** - 283,561sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish,Quechuan, tribal dialects. **Religions** - Roman Catholic95%₀. **Currency** - US Dollar and Sucre. **Date of Independence** - 24/ 5/ 1822.

(54)Egypt

Capital - Cairo. **Area** - 997,677sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic,English. **Religions** - Muslim94%₀,Coptic Christian,others6%₀. **Currency** - Egyptian Pound. **Date of Independence** - 28/2 / 1922.

(55)El Salvador

Capital - San Salvador. **Area** - 21,393sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic83%₀. **Currency** - Colon. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 9/ 1821.

(56)Equatorial Guinea

Capital - Malabo. **Area** - 28,051sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish, Fang, Bubi, pidgin

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English. **Religions** - Christian. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 12/ 10/ 1968.

(57)Eritrea

Capital - Asmara. **Area** - 117,600sq.km. **Languages** - Tigrinya Arabic, several other local languages. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian. **Currency** - Nakfa. **Date of Independence** - 24/5 / 1993.

(58)Estonia

Capital - Tallinn. **Area** - 45,100sq.km. **Languages** - Estonian. **Religions** - Russian Orthodox,Estonian Orthodox,Jewish,Seventh-Day Adventist,Roman Catholic,Methodist,Baptist,Pentecostal,World of Life. **Currency** - Kroon. **Date of Independence** - 20/ 8/ 1991.

(59)Ethiopia

Capital - Addis Ababa. **Area** - 1,221,900sq.km. **Languages** - Amharic,Oromiga, Tigrigna,60 other small languages. **Religions** - Muslim,Ethiopian Orthodox,Animist ,others. **Currency** - Birr. **Date of Independence** - 810.

(60)Fiji

Capital - Suva. **Area** - 18,376sq.km. **Languages** - English, Fijian, Hindi. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Hindu, others. **Currency** - Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 2/ 10/ 1970.

(61)Finland

Capital - Helsinki. **Area** - 338,000sq.km. **Languages** - Finnish, Swedish. **Religions** - Russian Orthodox,Evangelical Lutheran, None,Others. **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 6/ 12/ 1917.

(62)France

Capital - Paris. **Area** - 543,965sq.km. **Languages** -French, regional dialects. **Religions** - Muslim,Jewish,Christian,Unaffiliated. **Currency** -Euro. **Date of Independence** - 486.

(63)Gabon

Capital - Libreville. **Area** - 267,667sq.km. **Languages** - French, Bantu dialects. **Religions** - Muslim,Animist, Christian,Indigenous beliefs. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 17/ 8/ 1960.

(64)The Gambia

Capital - Banjul. **Area** - 11,295sq.km. **Languages** - English, Mandinka. **Religions** - Muslim,Christian,Indigenous beliefs. **Currency** - Dalasi. **Date of Independence** - 18/ 2/ 1965.

(65)Georgia

Capital - Tbilisi. **Area** - 69,700sq.km. **Languages** - Georgian, Russian. **Religions** - Georgian Orthodox65%₀, Russian Orthodox10%₀,Muslim11%₀,Armenian Apostolic8%₀,Unkwon6%₀. **Currency** - The Lari. **Date of Independence** - 9/ 4/ 1991.

(66)Germany

Capital - Berlin. **Area** - 357,020sq.km. **Languages** - German. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, others. **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 3/ 10/ 1990.

(67)Ghana

Capital - Accra. **Area** - 238,537sq.km. **Languages** - English (official), 8 major national

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languages. **Religions** -Muslim16%, Christian63%, Indigenous beliefs21%. **Currency** - Cedi. **Date of Independence** - 6/3 / 1957.

(68)Greece

Capital - Athens. **Area** - 131,990sq.km. **Languages** -Greek . **Religions** -Greek Orthodox98%. **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 1829.

(69)Grenada

Capital - St. George's. **Area** - 344sq.km. **Languages** - English , French-African patois. **Religions** - Roman Catholic53%, Protestant33.2%, Anglican 13.8%. **Currency** - East Caribbean Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 7/ 2/ 1974.

(70)Guatemala

Capital - Guatemala City. **Area** - 14,655,189sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish and Indian dialects. **Religions** - Christian ,Indigenous Mayan beliefs. **Currency** - Quetzal. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 9/ 1821.

(71)Guinea

Capital - Conakry. **Area** - 245,857sq.km. **Languages** - French , 8 national languages. **Religions** -Muslim85%, Christian8%, Indigenous beliefs7%. **Currency** - Franc. **Date of Independence** - 2/10 / 1958.

(72)Guinea-Bissau

Capital - Bissau. **Area** - 36,125sq.km. **Languages** - Crioulo,Portuguese,Tribal languages. **Religions** - Muslim45%, Christian5%, Indigenous beliefs 50%. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 24/ 9/ 1973.

(73)Guyana

Capital - Georgetown. **Area** - 214,969sq.km. **Languages** - English , Hindi,Urdu,Creole. **Religions** - Muslim, Christian, Hindu, others . **Currency** - Guyana Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 26/ 5/ 1966.

(74)Haiti

Capital - Port-au-Prince. **Area** - 27,750sq.km. **Languages** - French(official),Creole. **Religions** - Roman Catholic80%, Protestant16%, None1%, others3%. **Currency** - Gourde. **Date of Independence** - 1/1 / 1804.

(75)Honduras

Capital - Tegucigalpa. **Area** - 112,088sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish and some Indian dialects. **Religions** - Roman Catholic97%, Protestant . **Currency** - Lempira. **Date of Independence** - 15/9/ 1821.

(76)Hungary

Capital - Budapest. **Area** - 93,033sq.km. **Languages** - Hungarian(Magyar). **Religions** -Roman Catholic67. 5%, Lutheran 5%, Calvinist20%, Atheist ,others7.5%. **Currency** - Forint. **Date of Independence** - 1001.

(77)Iceland

Capital - Reykjavik. **Area** - 102,846sq.km. **Languages** - Icelandic. **Religions** - Evangelical Lutheran 87.1%, other Protestant4.1%. **Currency** - Krona. **Date of Independence** - 17/6 / 1944.

(78)India

Capital - New Delhi. **Area** - 3,287,263sq.km. **Languages** - Hindi(official),English , officially 18 recognised languages. **Religions** - Hindu81.3%, Muslim12%, Christian 2.3%

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,Sikh 1.9%, Buddhist,Jain,ParsiETC2.5%. **Currency** -Rupee. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 8/ 1947.

(79)Indonesia

Capital - Jakarta. **Area** - 1,904,569sq.km. **Languages** - Bahasa Indonesian , Dutch , English , Javanese, other Austro-nesian languages. **Religions** - Buddhist,Muslim, Christian, Hindu, others . **Currency** - Rupiah. **Date of Independence** - 17/ 8/ 1945.

(80)Iran

Capital - Teheran. **Area** - 1,648,000sq.km. **Languages** -Persian(Farsi),Turk, Kurdish, Arabic. **Religions** -Muslim99%, Zoroastrian,Jewish,Christian,Baha1%. **Currency** - Rial. **Date of Independence** - 1/4 / 1979.

(81)Iraq

Capital - Baghdad. **Area** - 438,446sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic(official),Kurdish. **Religions** - Muslim97%, Christian ,others3%. **Currency** - Iraqi Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 3/10 / 1932.

(82)Ireland

Capital - Dublin. **Area** - 70,282sq.km. **Languages** - Irish,English. **Religions** - Roman Catholic91.6%, Church of Ireland1%, others5.9%. **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 6/12 / 1921.

(83)Israel

Capital - Jerusalem. **Area** - 20,772sq.km. **Languages** - Hebrew(official),Arabic. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim14.6%, Jewish80.1%, Christian2.1%, others3.2%. **Currency** - New Shekel. **Date of Independence** - 14/5 / 1948.

(84)Itali

Capital - Rome. **Area** - 301,278sq.km. **Languages** - Italian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 17/ 3/ 1861.

(85)Jamaica

Capital - Kingston. **Area** - 11,425sq.km. **Languages** - English, Jamaican. **Religions** - Roman Catholic4%, Protestant61.3%, others34.7%. **Currency** - Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 6/8 / 1962.

(86)Japan

Capital - Tokyo. **Area** - 377,765sq.km. **Languages** - Japanese. **Religions** - Shinto and Buddhism84%, Others16%. **Currency** - Yen. **Date of Independence** - 660B.C.

(87)Jordan

Capital - Amman. **Area** - 89,287sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic, English. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim92%, Christian6%, others2%. **Currency** - Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 25/ 5/ 1946.

(88)Kazakhstan

Capital - Astana. **Area** - 2,717,300sq.km. **Languages** - Kazakh , Russian ,German. **Religions** - Russian Orthodox44%, Muslim47%, Protestant2%, others7%. **Currency** - Tenge. **Date of Independence** - 16/12 / 1991.

(89)Kenya

Capital - Nairobi. **Area** - 582,646sq.km. **Languages** - Kiswahili , English , Kikuyu , several other languages. **Religions** - Protestant45%, Roman Catholic33%, Indigenous beliefs10%. **Currency** - Shilling. **Date of Independence** - 12/12 / 1963.

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(90)Kiribati

Capital - Tarawa. **Area** - 861sq.km. **Languages** - Gilbertese,English. **Religions** - Roman Catholic52%,Protestant40%. **Currency** - Australian Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 12/ 7/ 1979.

(91)Korea(North)

Capital - Pyongyang. **Area** - 120,538sq.km. **Languages** - Korean. **Religions** - Traditionally Buddhist,Christan,Confucianist,Syncretic Chondogyo . **Currency** - Won. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 8/ 1945.

(92)Korea(South)

Capital - Seoul. **Area** - 98,859sq.km. **Languages** - Korean. **Religions** - Buddhist47%,Christan49%,Confucianist3%,others1% . **Currency** - Won. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 8/ 1945.

(93)Kuwait

Capital - Kuwait City. **Area** - 17,818sq.km. **Languages** -Arabic, English. **Religions** - Islam. **Currency** - Kuwait Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 19/6 / 1961.

(94)Kirghyzstan

Capital - Bishkek. **Area** - 198,500sq.km. **Languages** - Kirghyz, Russian. **Religions** - Russian Orthodox20%,Muslim75%,others5% . **Currency** - Som. **Date of Independence** - 31/8 / 1991.

(95)Laos

Capital - Vientiane. **Area** - 236,800sq.km. **Languages** - Lao, Tribal , English, French. **Religions** - Buddhist60%,Animist and others40%. **Currency** - Kip. **Date of Independence** - 19/7 / 1949.

(96)Latvia

Capital - Riga. **Area** - 63,700sq.km. **Languages** - Latvian,Lithuanian,Russian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic,Russian Orthodox,Lutheran . **Currency** - Lat. **Date of Independence** - 21/ 8/ 1991.

(97)Lebanon

Capital - Beirut. **Area** - 10,400sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic, French, English. **Religions** - Muslim70%,Christan,Jewish30% . **Currency** - Pound. **Date of Independence** - 22/ 11/ 1943.

(98)Lesotho

Capital - Maseru. **Area** - 30,355sq.km. **Languages** - English,Sesotho. **Religions** - Christan80%, Indigenous beliefs20% . **Currency** - Loti. **Date of Independence** - 4/ 10/ 1966.

(99)Liberia

Capital - Monrovia. **Area** - 111,369sq.km. **Languages** - English,Tribal dialects. **Religions** - Muslim20%,Christan40%, Indigenous beliefs40% . **Currency** - Liberian Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 26/7 / 1847.

(100)Libya

Capital - Tripoli. **Area** - 1,759,540sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim97% . **Currency** - Libyan Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 24/12 / 1951.

(101)Lechtenstein

Capital - Vaduz. **Area** - 160sq.km. **Languages** - German. **Religions** - Roman Catho-

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lic76.2%,Protestant7%,Unknwon10.6%,others6.2% . **Currency** - Swiss Frank. **Date of Independence** - 23/ 1/ 1719.

(102)Lithuania

Capital - Vilnius(Vilna). **Area** - 65,200sq.km. **Languages** - Lithuanian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic(primarily), Russian Orthodox,Lutheran ,Evangelical Christan Baptist, Protestant,Muslim,Jewish . **Currency** - Litas. **Date of Independence** - 11/3 / 1990.

(103)Luxembourg

Capital - Luxembourg. **Area** - 2586sq.km. **Languages** - French, German, English, Luxembourgish . **Religions** - Roman Catholic87%,Protestant , Jews, Muslim13% . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 1839.

(104)Macedonia

Capital - Skopje. **Area** - 587,341sq.km. **Languages** - Macedonian. **Religions** - Macedonian Orthodox70%,Muslim29%,others1% . **Currency** - Denar. **Date of Independence** - 8/ 9/ 1991.

(105)Madagascar

Capital - Antananarivo. **Area** - 118,784sq.km. **Languages** - Malagasy,French. **Religions** -Muslim7%,Christan41%, Indigenous beliefs52% . **Currency** - Malagasy Franc. **Date of Independence** - 26/6 / 1960.

(106)Malawi

Capital - Lilongwe. **Area** - sq.km. **Languages** - English , Chichewa ,Lomwe , Yao. **Religions** - Protestant55%,Roman Catholic20%,Muslim20% , Indigenous beliefs 3%,others2% . **Currency** - Kwacha. **Date of Independence** - 6/7 / 1964.

(107)Malaysia

Capital - Kuala Lumpur. **Area** - 330,434sq.km. **Languages** - Malay,English, Chinese, Tamil . **Religions** - Buddhist,Muslim, Hindu,Daoist,Christan,Sikh . **Currency** - Ringgit. **Date of Independence** - 31/8 / 1957.

(108)Maldives

Capital - Male. **Area** - 298sq.km. **Languages** - Divehi (Sinhalese dialect). **Religions** - Sunny Muslim . **Currency** - Rufiya. **Date of Independence** - 26/ 7/ 1965.

(109)Mali

Capital - Bamako. **Area** - 1,240,192sq.km. **Languages** - French(official),Bambara, other African languages. **Religions** -Muslim90%,Christan1%,Indigenous beliefs9% . **Currency** -CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 22/9 / 1960.

(110)Malta

Capital - Valletta. **Area** - 316sq.km. **Languages** - Maltese,English. **Religions** - Roman Catholic98% . **Currency** - Lira. **Date of Independence** - 21/ 9/ 1964.

(111)Marshall Islands

Capital - Dalap-Uliga-Darrit. **Area** - 181sq.km. **Languages** - Marshallese,English, other indigenous languages and Japanese. **Religions** - Christan . **Currency** - Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 21/10 / 1986.

(112)Mauritania

Capital - Nouakchott. **Area** - 1,030,700sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic, French, Hassanya Arabic, Wolof, Pulaar,Soninke. **Religions** - Muslim100% . **Currency** - Ouguiya. **Date of Independence** - 28/11/1960.

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(113)Mauritius

Capital - Port Louis. **Area** - 2040sq.km. **Languages** - English,French,Creole , Hindustani. **Religions** - Muslim16.6 %₀,Christan28.3 %₀, Hindu52 %₀,others3.1%₀ . **Currency** - Rupee. **Date of Independence** - 12/3/1968.

(114)Mexico

Capital - Mexico City. **Area** - 1,972,547sq.km. **Languages** -Spanish, Amerindian languages. **Religions** - Roman Catholic89 %₀,Protestant6%₀,others5%₀ . **Currency** - New Peso. **Date of Independence** - 24/ 9/ 1821.

(115)Micronesia

Capital - Palikir. **Area** - 702sq.km. **Languages** - English ,local languages. **Religions** - Roman Catholic50 %₀,Protestant47%₀ . **Currency** - US Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 3/ 11/ 1986.

(116)Moldova

Capital - Chisinau. **Area** - 33,700sq.km. **Languages** -Romanian, Ukrainian. **Religions** - Eastern Orthodox98 %₀,Jewish15%₀,Baptist ,others0.5%₀ . **Currency** - The Leu. **Date of Independence** - 27/ 8/ 1991.

(117)Monaco

Capital - Monaco. **Area** - 1.95sq.km. **Languages** - French, Monegasque,Italian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic90 %₀ . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 1419.

(118)Mongolia

Capital - Ulan Bator. **Area** - 1,565,000sq.km. **Languages** - Mongolian. **Religions** - Tibetan Buddhist Lamaism96 %₀,Muslim,Shamanism,Christan4%₀ . **Currency** - Tugrik. **Date of Independence** - 11/ 7/ 19.

(119)Morocco

Capital - Rabat. **Area** - 458,730sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic,Berber. **Religions** - Muslim98.7 %₀,Christan1.1%₀,Jewish0.2%₀ . **Currency** - Dirham. **Date of Independence** - 2/ 6/ 1956.

(120)Mozambique

Capital - Maputo. **Area** - 783,030sq.km. **Languages** - Portuguese,Bantu. **Religions** - Muslim20 %₀,Christan30%₀,Indigenous beliefs50%₀. **Currency** - Metical. **Date of Independence** - 25/ 6/ 1975.

(121)Myanmar

Capital - Yangon. **Area** - 676,553sq.km. **Languages** - Burmese , Karen, Shan. **Religions** - Buddhist89 %₀,Muslim4 %₀,Christan4%₀ ,Animist 1%₀ ,others2%₀ . **Currency** - Kyat. **Date of Independence** - 4/ 1/ 1948.

(122)Namibia

Capital - Windhoek. **Area** - 826,700sq.km. **Languages** - English , Afrikaans, German, several indiguenous languages. **Religions** - Christan80-90%₀ ,Indigenous beliefs10-20%₀ . **Currency** - Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 21/ 3/ 1990.

(123)Nauru

Capital -Yaren district. **Area** - 21.1sq.km. **Languages** - English,Nauruan. **Religions** - Christan . **Currency** - Australian Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 31/ 1/ 1968.

(124)Nepal

Capital -Kathmandu. **Area** - 147,181sq.km. **Languages** - Nepali, Maithir, Bhojpur.

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Religions - Buddhist7.8 %₀,Muslim3.8 %₀ , Hindu86.2%₀. **Currency** - Nepalese Rupee. **Date of Independence** - 1768.

(125)The Netherlands

Capital - Amsterdam. **Area** - 41,160sq.km. **Languages** - Dutch. **Religions** - Roman Catholic31 %₀,Protestant21%₀ ,Muslim4.4 %₀,others3.6%₀ ,Unaffiliated40%₀ . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 1579.

(126)New Zealand

Capital - Wellington. **Area** - 269,057sq.km. **Languages** - English,Maori dialect. **Religions** - Roman Catholic15 %₀,other Protestant3%₀ , Anglican 24 %₀ , Presbyterian 18 %₀,Methodist 5 %₀,Baptist 2 %₀,None33 %₀ . **Currency** - New Zealand Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 26/9 / 1907.

(127)Nicaragua

Capital - Managua. **Area** - 130,000sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish,English. **Religions** - Roman Catholic85 %₀,Protestant . **Currency** - Gold Cordoba. **Date of Independence** - 15/ 9/ 1821.

(128)Niger

Capital - Niamey. **Area** - 1,267,000sq.km. **Languages** -French,Hausa,Djerma. **Religions** - Muslim80 %₀,Christan, Indigenous beliefs . **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 3/8 / 1960.

(129)Nigeria

Capital - Abuja. **Area** - 923,768sq.km. **Languages** - English,Hausa, Ibo, Yoruba. **Religions** -Muslim50 %₀,Christan40%₀ , Indigenous beliefs. **Currency** - Naira. **Date of Independence** - 1/10/1960.

(130)Norway

Capital - Oslo. **Area** - 323,895sq.km. **Languages** - Norwegian. **Religions** - Evangelical Lutheran,Roman Catholic,other Protestant . **Currency** - Krone. **Date of Independence** - 7/6 / 1905.

(131)Oman

Capital - Muscat. **Area** - 300,000sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic. **Religions** -Muslim, Hindu . **Currency** - Rial Omani. **Date of Independence** - 1650.

(132)Pakistan

Capital - Islamabad. **Area** - 796,095sq.km. **Languages** - Urdu(Official),Punjabi, Sindhi, Pushtu, Baluchi,English. **Religions** - Muslim97 %₀,Christan, Hindu,others3%₀ . **Currency** - Rupees. **Date of Independence** - 14/8 / 1947.

(133)Palau

Capital - Koror. **Area** - 1,632sq.km. **Languages** - Palauan,English and other languages. **Religions** -Christan,Modekngel religion . **Currency** - US Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 10/ 1994.

(134)Palestine

Currency - Israeli currency.

(135)Panama

Capital - Panama City. **Area** - 77,082sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish,English. **Religions** - Roman Catholic85 %₀ , Protestant15%₀ . **Currency** - Balboa. **Date of Independence** - 3/11 / 1903.

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(136)Papua New Guinea

Capital - Port Moresby. **Area** - 462,840sq.km. **Languages** - English,Melanesian, papuan languages. **Religions** - Roman Catholic22%,other Protestant10%, Anglican 5%,Seventh-Day Adventist1%,Presbyterian/Methodist/London Missionary Society8%,Lutheran16%,Evangelical Alliance4%.. **Currency** - Kina. **Date of Independence** - 16/ 9/ 1975.

(137)Paraguay

Capital - Asuncion. **Area** - 406,752sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish,Guarani. **Religions** -Roman Catholic90%,Mennonite,other Protestant . **Currency** - Guarani. **Date of Independence** - 14/5 / 1811.

(138)Peru

Capital - Lima. **Area** - 1,281,215sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish,Quechua. **Religions** - Roman Catholic90%. **Cur0rency** - New Sol. **Date of Independence** - 28/7 / 1821.

(139)The Philippines

Capital - Manila. **Area** - 299,404sq.km. **Languages** - Filipino,English,Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic83%,Protestant9%,Muslim5%,Buddhist ,others3%. **Currency** - Peso. **Date of Independence** - 12/6 / 1978.

(140)Poland

Capital - Warsaw. **Area** - 312,677sq.km. **Languages** - Polish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic95%,Eastern Orthodox,Protestant,others5%. **Currency** - Zloty. **Date of Independence** - 11/11 / 1918.

(141)Portugal

Capital - Lisbon. **Area** - 92,072sq.km. **Languages** - Portuguese. **Religions** - Roman Catholic94%,Protestant . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 1143.

(142)Qatar

Capital - Doha. **Area** - 11,437sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic ,English. **Religions** - Muslim95%. **Currency** - Riyal. **Date of Independence** - 3/9 / 1971.

(143)Romania

Capital - Bucharest. **Area** - 237,500sq.km. **Languages** - Romanian, Hungarian, German. **Religions** - Eastern Orthodox87%, Catholic5.6%,Protestant6.8%,others0.4%,Unaffiliated0.2%. **Currency** - Leu. **Date of Independence** - 9/5 / 1877.

(144)Russia

Capital - Moscow. **Area** - 17,075,000sq.km. **Languages** - Russian, Ukrainian, Belarussian, Uzbek, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Georgian and others. **Religions** - Russian Orthodox,Muslim,Others . **Currency** -Rouble. **Date of Independence** - 24/8 / 1991.

(145)Rwanda

Capital - Kigali. **Area** - 26,338sq.km. **Languages** - French,Kinyarwanda,Swahili. **Religions** - Roman Catholic56.5%,Adventist11.1%,Muslim4.6%,Protestant26%,Indigenous beliefs0.1%,None1.7%. **Currency** - Franc. **Date of Independence** - 1/7 / 1962.

(146)Samoa(formerly Western Samoa)

Capital - Apia. **Area** - 2835sq.km. **Languages** - Samoan,English. **Religions** - Christan99.7%. **Currency** - Tala. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 1/ 1962.

(147)San Marino

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Capital - San Marino. **Area** - 61sq.km. **Languages** - Italian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 3/9/ 301.

(148)Sahrawi Arab Demo.Rep.(S.A.D.R.)

Capital - El- Alaiun. **Area** - 266,769sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic. **Religions** - Islam.

(149)Sao Tome & Principe

Capital - Sao Tome. **Area** - 964sq.km. **Languages** - Portuguese,native dialects like - Fang. **Religions** - Christan80%. **Currency** - Dobra. **Date of Independence** - 12/7 / 1975.

(150)Saudi Arabia

Capital - Riyadh(Royal)and Jeddah. **Area** - 2,250,070sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic. **Religions** - Muslim100%. **Currency** - Riel(SAR). **Date of Independence** - 23/9 / 1932.

(151)Senegal

Capital - Dakar. **Area** - 196,162sq.km. **Languages** - French,Wolof, other native tongues. **Religions** - Muslim94%,Christan5%,Indigenous beliefs1%. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 4/4/1960.

(152)Serbia & Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia)

Capital - Belgrade. **Area** - 102,173sq.km. **Languages** - Serbo-Croatian(official), Albanian. **Religions** - Orthodox6.5%,Roman Catholic4%,Muslim19%, Protestant1%,others11%. **Currency** - New Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 27/4/1992.

(153)Seychelles

Capital - Victoria. **Area** - 308sq.km. **Languages** - Creole,English, French. **Religions** - Anglican 6.8%,Roman Catholic86.6%,other Christan2.5%,others4. 1%. **Currency** - Rupee. **Date of Independence** - 29/ 6/ 1976.

(154)Sierra Leone

Capital - Freetown. **Area** - 71,740sq.km. **Languages** - English , tribal. **Religions** - Muslim60%,Christan10%,Indigenous beliefs30%. **Currency** - Leone. **Date of Independence** - 27/4/1961.

(155)Singapore

Capital - Singapore city. **Area** - 616.3sq.km. **Languages** - Malay, Chinese, Tamil , English. **Religions** - Buddhist ,Muslim ,Christan , Hindu, Sikh,Taoist, Confucianist . **Currency** - Singapore Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 9/ 8/ 1965.

(156)Slovakia

Capital - Bratislava. **Area** - 49,036sq.km. **Languages** - Slovak , Magyar. **Religions** - Roman Catholic60.3%,Atheist9.7%,Protestant8.4%,Orthodox4.1%,others17.5%. **Currency** - Koruna(Crown). **Date of Independence** - 1/1/ 1993.

(157)Slovenia

Capital - Ljubljana. **Area** - 20,251sq.km. **Languages** - Slovenian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic70.8%,Lutheran1%,Muslim1%,Atheist4.3%,others22.9%. **Currency** - Tolar. **Date of Independence** - 25/6/ 1991.

(158)Solomon Islands

Capital - Honiara. **Area** - 29,758sq.km. **Languages** - English, Pidgin English, local languages. **Religions** -Anglican 45%,Roman Catholic18%,United 12%, Baptist9%,Seventh-Day Adventist7%,other Protestant5%,Indigenous beliefs4%. **Currency** -

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Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 7/7/ 1978.

(159) Somalia

Capital - Mogadishu. **Area** - 637,657sq.km. **Languages** - Somali , Arabic ,English, Italian. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim. **Currency** - Shilling. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 7/ 1960.

(160)South Africa

Capital - Pretoria. **Area** - 1,223,201sq.km. **Languages** - Afrikaans, English and 9 other languages. **Religions** - Muslim2 %₀,Christan68%₀, Hindu 1.5%₀,Indigenous beliefs,Animist28%₀. **Currency** - Rand. **Date of Independence** - 31/5/ 1910.

(161)Spain

Capital - Madrid . **Area** - 504,750sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish , Catalan ,Basque , Galician . **Religions** - Roman Catholic94 %₀,others6%₀. **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 1492.

(162)Sri Lanka

Capital - Colombo. **Area** - 65,610sq.km. **Languages** - Sinhala , Tamil , English. **Religions** - Buddhist70 %₀,Muslim7 %₀,Christan8%₀, Hindu 15%₀. **Currency** - Rupee. **Date of Independence** - 4/ 2/ 1948.

(163)St. Kitts-Nevis

Capital - Basseterre. **Area** - 269sq.km. **Languages** - English , Patois. **Religions** - Anglican ,other Protestant, Roman Catholic. **Currency** - East Caribbean Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 19/9/1983.

(164)St.Lucia

Capital - Castries. **Area** - 616sq.km. **Languages** - English , French Patois. **Religions** - Roman Catholic90 %₀,Anglican 3 %₀,other Protestant7%₀. **Currency** - East Caribbean Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 22/2 / 1979.

(165)St. Vincent & The Grenadines

Capital - Kingstown. **Area** - 388sq.km. **Languages** - English , French Patois. **Religions** - Anglican 47 %₀,Methodist28 %₀ ,Roman Catholic13%₀, Hindu,Seventh-Day Adventist,other Protestant. **Currency** - East Caribbean Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 27/ 10/ 1979.

(166)Sudan

Capital - Khartoum. **Area** - 2,505,813sq.km. **Languages** - English, Dinka, Nubian, etc. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim70 %₀,Indigenous beliefs 25 %₀ ,Christan5%₀. **Currency** - Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 1/1/ 1956.

(167)Suriname

Capital - Paramaribo. **Area** - 163,820sq.km. **Languages** - Dutch , English , Hindi , Sranantongo . **Religions** -Hindu 27.4%₀,Muslim19.6 %₀,Roman Catholic22.8%₀, Protestant25.2%₀,Indigenous beliefs 5 %₀. **Currency** - Gulden/Suriname Guilder. **Date of Independence** - 25/ 11/ 1975.

(168)Swaziland

Capital - Mbabane. **Area** - 17,363sq.km. **Languages** - English , Swazi . **Religions** - Zionist40 %₀,Roman Catholic 20%₀,Muslim10 %₀. **Currency** - Lilageni. **Date of Independence** - 6/9 / 1968.

(169)Sweden

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Capital - Stockholm. **Area** - 449,793sq.km. **Languages** - Swedish. **Religions** - Lutheran87 %₀,Roman Catholic, Orthodox,Baptist, Muslim,Jewish,Buddhist. **Currency** - Krona. **Date of Independence** - 6/6 / 1523.

(170)Switzerland

Capital - Berne. **Area** - 41,293sq.km. **Languages** - German , French , Italian, Romansch. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 46.1 %₀,Protestant40%₀,others5%₀ ,none8.9%₀. **Currency** - Franc. **Date of Independence** - 1/8/ 1291.

(171)Syria

Capital - Damasucs. **Area** - 185,180sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic ,Kurdish Armenian . **Religions** - Muslim,Christan,Jewish . **Currency** - Syrian Pound. **Date of Independence** - 17/4/1946.

(172)Taiwan

Capital - Taipei. **Area** - 35,981sq.km. **Languages** - Mandarin Chinese ,Taiwan , Hakka dialects . **Religions** - Buddhist,Confucian,Taoist93 %₀,Christan5%₀. **Currency** - New Taiwan Dollar.

(173)Tajikistan

Capital - Dushanbe. **Area** - 143,100sq.km. **Languages** - Tadzhiik , Russian. **Religions** - Sunny Muslim 85%₀ ,Shia Muslim 5%₀. **Currency** - Tajik Ruble. **Date of Independence** - 9/9/ 1991.

(174)Tanzania

Capital - Dodoma. **Area** - 945,087sq.km. **Languages** - Kiswahili , English. **Religions** - Mainland Christan30 %₀,Muslim35 %₀,Indigenous beliefs 35 %₀. **Currency** - Shilling. **Date of Independence** - 26/4/1964.

(175)Thailand

Capital - Bangkok. **Area** - 513,115sq.km. **Languages** - Thai , Lao , Chinese , English, Malay. **Religions** - Buddhist95 %₀,Muslim3.8 %₀,Christan0.5%₀, Hindu 0.1%₀,others0.6%₀. **Currency** - Baht. **Date of Independence** - 1238.

(176)Togo

Capital - Lome. **Area** - 56,785sq.km. **Languages** -French and Tribal languages. **Religions** - Indigenous beliefs 51 %₀,Christan29%₀,Muslim98 %₀. **Currency** - CFA Franc. **Date of Independence** - 27/4/1960.

(177)Tonga

Capital - Nuku'alofa. **Area** - 748sq.km. **Languages** - English,Tongan. **Religions** - Christan . **Currency** - Paanga. **Date of Independence** - 4/6 / 1970.

(178)Trinidad and Tobago

Capital - Port-of-Spain. **Area** - 5128sq.km. **Languages** -English. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 29.4 %₀, Hindu 23.8%₀,Anglican 10.9 %₀,Muslim5.8 %₀,Presbyterian 3.4 %₀, others26.7%₀. **Currency** - Tri & Tob Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 31/8 / 1962.

(179)Tunisia

Capital - Tunis. **Area** - 7,310sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic, French. **Religions** - Muslim98 %₀,Christan1%₀, Jewish,others1%₀. **Currency** - Dinar. **Date of Independence** - 20/3 / 1956.

(180)Turkey

Capital - Ankara. **Area** - 779,452sq.km. **Languages** - Turkish, Kurdish, Arabic. **Reli-**

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gions - Muslim 99.8%, others 0.2%. **Currency** - Turkish Lira. **Date of Independence** - 29/10 / 1923.

(181)Turkmenistan

Capital - Ashkhabad(Poltoratsk). **Area** - 488,100sq.km. **Languages** - Turkmen,Russian. **Religions** - Muslim 89%,Eastern Orthodox 9%, unknown 2%. **Currency** - Manat. **Date of Independence** - 27/10 / 1991.

(182) Tuvalu

Capital - Funafuti. **Area** - 26sq.km. **Languages** - Tuvaluan,English. **Religions** - Church of Tuvalu 97%,Seventh-Day Adventist 1.4%,Bahai 1%,others 0.6%. **Currency** - Australian Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 1/10 / 1978.

(183)Uganda

Capital - Kampala. **Area** - 241,139sq.km. **Languages** - English, Luganda, Entebbe. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 33%,Protestant 33%,Muslim 16%,Indigenous beliefs 18%. **Currency** - Uganda Shilling. **Date of Independence** - 9/ 10/ 1962.

(184) The Ukraine

Capital - Kiev. **Area** - 603,700sq.km. **Languages** - Ukrainian,Russian. **Religions** - Ukrainian Orthodox,Moscow Patriarchate,Kiev Patriarchate,Autocephalous Orthodox, Ukrainian Catholic,Protestant,Jewish. **Currency** - Hryvnia. **Date of Independence** - 24/8 / 1991.

(185)United Arab Emirates

Capital - Abu Dhabi. **Area** - 82,880sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic. **Religions** - Muslim 96%,Christan, Hindu,others 4%. **Currency** - Dirham. **Date of Independence** - 2/ 12 / 1971.

(186)United Kingdom

Capital - London. **Area** - 244,108sq.km. **Languages** - English, Welsh, Scottish, Gaelic. **Religions** - Anglican ,Roman Catholic,Muslim,PresbyterianMethodist, Sikh, Hindu, Jew, . **Currency** - Pound Sterling. **Date of Independence** - 1284.

(187)United States of America

Capital - Washington. **Area** - 9,372,614sq.km. **Languages** - English. **Religions** - Protestant 56%,Roman Catholic 28%,Jewish 2%,others 4%, none 10%. **Currency** - Dollar. **Date of Independence** - 4/ 7/ 1776.

(188)Uruguay

Capital - Montevideo. **Area** - 176,215sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 66%,Protestant 2%,Jewish 1%,others 31%. **Currency** - Peso. **Date of Independence** - 25/8 / 1825.

(189)Uzbekistan

Capital - Tashkent. **Area** - 447,400sq.km. **Languages** - Uzbek,Russian. **Religions** - Muslim 88%,Eastern Orthodox 9%, others 3%. **Currency** - Som. **Date of Independence** - 1/ 9/ 1991.

(190)Vanuatu

Capital - Vila. **Area** - 14,760sq.km. **Languages** - English, French, Bislama. **Religions** - Presbyterian 36.7%,Roman Catholic 15%,Indigenous beliefs ,7.6%,Seventh-Day Adventist 6.2%,Church of Christ 3.8%,others 15.7%. **Currency** - Vatu. **Date of Independence** - 30/ 7/ 1980.

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(191)Vatican City

Capital - Vatican City. **Area** - 0.4sq.km. **Languages** - Latin, Italian. **Religions** - Roman Catholic . **Currency** - Euro. **Date of Independence** - 11/2 / 1929.

(192)Venezuela

Capital - Caracas. **Area** - 912,050sq.km. **Languages** - Spanish. **Religions** - Roman Catholic 96%, Protestant 2%,others 1%. **Currency** - Bolivar. **Date of Independence** - 5/7 / 1811.

(193)Vietnam

Capital - Hanoi. **Area** - 329,566sq.km. **Languages** - Vietnamese, French, English, Chinese. **Religions** - Buddhist,Hoa,Hao,Christan , Indigenous beliefs , Muslim . **Currency** - Dong. **Date of Independence** - 2/9 / 1945.

(194)Yemen

Capital - Aden. **Area** - 531,000sq.km. **Languages** - Arabic. **Religions** - Muslim ,Jew,Christan and Hindu . **Currency** - Rial. **Date of Independence** - 22/5 / 1990.

(195)Zambia

Capital - Lusaka. **Area** - 752,620sq.km. **Languages** - Bantu and English. **Religions** - Christia 50-75%, Muslim and Hindu 24-49% Indigenous beliefs 1%. **Currency** - Kwacha. **Date of Independence** - 24/10 / 1964.

(196)Zimbabwe

Capital - Harare. **Area** - 390,272sq.km. **Languages** - English, Shona, Ndebla. **Religions** - Syncretic 50%,Christan 25%, Indigenous beliefs 24%, Muslim and others 1%. **Currency** - Dollar(ZWD). **Date of Independence** - 18/4 / 1980.

QUIZE

(Q)(1)What is the colour of the 'black box' of an aeroplane?

(Ans)- Bright orange.

(Q)(2) Who coined the term 'globalisation'?

(Ans)- Theodor Levitt.

(Q)(3)So far, 4 presidents of the US have been assassinated while in office. If Abraham Lincoln, Jhon F. Kennedy and James A. Garfield are three, who is the 4th?

(Ans)- William McKinley.

(Q)(4)Which famous chemist was accused of plotting to cheat the French government and executed on May 8, 1794?

(Ans)- Antoine Lavoisire.

(Q)(5)The name of which food-item comes from an Italian word meaning 'pie'?

(Ans)- Pizza.

(Q)(6)Who was the 1st person to successfully climb Mount Everest solo without using supplemental oxygen?

(Ans)- Reinhold Messner.

(Q)(7) In which city in India is Rashtrapati Nilayam located?

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(Ans)- Hyderabad.

(Q)(8)Who taught Lord Krishna the Vedas?

(Ans)- Sandipani.

(Q)(9) In which session of the Indian National Congress was Vande Mataram sung for the first time?

(Ans)- 1896 Calcutta Session.

(Q)(10) To which class of animals do snails belong?

(Ans)- Molluscs.

(Q)(11)Which novelist and founder member of IPTA wrote the scripts films like Bobby and Jagte Raho?

(Ans)- Khwaja Ahmed Abbas.

(Q)(12) What is thanatology a study of?

(Ans)- Death.

(Q)(13)Which city in Madhya Pradesh is located in the vicinity of the famous marble rocks that rise like cliffs from the river Narmada?

(Ans)- Jabalpur.

(Q)(14)Who swore in Jawaharlal Nehru as India's first Prime Minister?

(Ans)- Lord Mountbattn.

(Q)(15)Which loose flowing outer garment worn by the ancient Romans derives its name from the Latin for "to cover"?

(Ans)- Toga.

(Q)(16)Aphrodite Terra and Ishtar Terra are the 2 major landmasses on which planet?

(Ans)- Venus.

(Q)(17)What is the name of the giant cannon,the largest in India,housed in Jaigarh fort,and first installed in 1720?

(Ans)- Jaivana.

(Q)(18)What sporting title did Tsar Nicholas create at the end of a chess tournament held in St Petersburg in 1914?

(Ans)- Grandmaster.

(Q)(19)Who was declared Man of the year for 1938 by time magazine?

(Ans)- Adolf Hitler.

(Q)(20)Which is the most abundant metallic element in the human body ?

(Ans)- Calcium.

(Q)(21)From which Upanishad have the words 'Satyameva Jayate'been taken?

(Ans)- Mandak UpaniShad.

(Q)(22)The slogan of which movement dealt with the proveision of the five F's- food,fuel,fodder,fertiliser and fibre?

(Ans)- Cipro Movement.

(Q)(23)Who was the founder of Bharat Anushilan Samity?

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(Ans)- Satish Candra Bose.

(Q)(24)What is divided into chapters called Mitrabheda, Mitralabha, Kakolukiya, Labdhapranasa and Apariksitakaraka?

(Ans)- Panchatantra.

(Q)(25)Which country's flag features stalks of sugarcane,a palm tree, bananas and a white dove?

(Ans)- Fiji.

(Q)(26)Which painter's autobiography is Pandharpur Ka Ek Ladka?

(Ans)- M.F.Husain.

(Q)(27)Which Union Territory derives its name from a mandir located in the village of Mani Majra?

(Ans)- Chandigarh.

(Q)(28)Which scientist shared the 1962 Nobel Prize for Medicine with Watson and Crick for his work on the structure of DNA?

(Ans)- Maurice Wilkins.

(Q)(29) What is the colour of the majority of balls in the game of snooker?

(Ans)- Red.

(Q)(30)What is the name of the drug that Satyajit Ray's Prof. Shonku invented as a sure cure for any ailment?

(Ans)- Miracure All.

(Q)(31) When the metric system was created ,what was defined as the mass of 1 cubic decimetre of pure water at the temperature of its maximum density?

(Ans)- The kilogram.

(Q)(32)On whose life is Bhavabhuti's 8th century play Mahaviracharita principally based?

(Ans)- Rama.

(Q)(33) With which team did Brazilian driver Felipe Massa who won his first F1 title at the 2006 Turkish Grand Prix begin his Formula 1 career?

(Ans)- Sauber.

(Q)(34)Who wrote the script for Bimal Roy's Do Bigha Zameen,based on a story by Salil Choudhury?

(Ans)- Hrishikesh Mukherjee.

(Q)(35)Which rishi's parents were sage Parashara and the fisherwoman Matsyagandha?

(Ans)- Vyasa.

(Q)(36) Which Prime Minister's first names are Anthony Charles Lynton?

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(Ans)- Tony Blair.

(Q)(37)What children’s publication did filmmakers B.Nagi Reddi and his friend Chakrapani found in 1947?

(Ans)- Chandamama.

(Q)(38) Yours Forever is the English version of which Rajshri Film?

(Ans)- Hum Apke Hain Kaun.

(Q)(39)Which Political leader has authored The Garden of Life - An introduction to the Healing Plants of India?

(Ans)- Naveen Patnaik.

(Q)(40) The name of which flower means ‘golden flower’ in Latin?

(Ans)- Chrysanthemum.

(Q)(41)Which Mughal emperor is said to have offered his life to God in exchange for his son and died within one year of his son’s recovery?

(Ans)- Babur.

(Q)(42) Which game is named for the country estate of the dukes of Beaufort in Gloucestershire?

(Ans)- Badminton.

(Q)(43) Jolly Grant airport is closest to which state capital of India?

(Ans)- Dehra Dun.

(Q)(44)Which scientist used a phonograph to record the human voice by singing Mary had a little Lamb?

(Ans)- Thomas Alva Edison.

(Q)(45) Which First Lady of the United States was the first to be elected to public office and the first woman elected independently statewide in New York State?

(Ans)- Hilary Rodham Clinton.

(Q)(46) What is is agnotology the study of?

(Ans)- Ignorance.

(Q)(47) What is the common name for the large rays(fish), that make up the family Dasyatidae, having broad , flattened pectoral fins that gi ve them an almost diamond shape?

(Ans)- Stingray.

(Q)(48) Who was the first chief minister of Jharkhand?

(Ans)- Babulal Marandi.

(Q)(49) Of which actress did Stephen Hawking once say “I suppose you could say she was a model of the universe!”?

(Ans)- Marilyn Monroe.

(Q)(50) Which folk singer from Bengal provided the music for the Shyam film Arohan?

(Ans)- Purna Das Baul.

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(Q)(51) What is the collective noun for a group of ants?

(Ans)- Colony.

(Q)(52) Which sportsman lends his name to the spinal disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis ?

(Ans)- Lou Gehrig.

(Q)(53) What does ‘pundarik’ mean in ‘Pundarikaksha’, a name for Lord Vishnu?

(Ans)- Lotus.

(Q)(54) Which variety of soil is referred to as Bhabbar , Khadar and Bhangar in different regions of India?

(Ans)- Alluvial

(Q)(55) Who was the first cricketer to receive the Arjuna Award?

(Ans)- Salim Durrani.

(Q)(56) What is the Ramanujan number, which is the smallest number that can be represented as the sum of two cubes in two differnt way?

(Ans)- 1729.

(Q)(57) Who said “A penalty is a cowardly way to score”?

(Ans)- Pele.

(Q)(58) ‘Hawkeye State’ is the nickname of which state of the United State of America?

(Ans)- Iowa.

(Q)(59) In 1972, who became the first person to win a second Nobel Prize for Physics?

(Ans)- John Bardeen.

(Q)(60) Razm-Namah is a Persian translation of which Indian work?

(Ans)- Mahabharata.

(Q)(61) Which nut are dishes described as ‘amandine’served with ?

(Ans)- Almonds.

(Q)(62) What was the name of husband of Noor Jahan?

(Ans)- Sher Afghan.

(Q)(63) In Norse mythology which son of Sif was married to the thunder god Thor?

(Ans)- Ull.

(Q)(64) Which English footballer’s latest autobiography is My Story So Far?

(Ans)- Wayne Rooney.

(Q)(65) Who was the first Prime minister in Thailand’s history to lead an elected government through a full four - year term in office?

(Ans)- Thaksin Shinawatra.

(Q)(66) Which novel, made into a film deals with US- based NRI characters called Ashoke and Ashima Ganguli?

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(Ans)- The Namesake.

(Q)(67) Which American athlete broke Bob Beamon's long jump record of 890 metres?

(Ans)- Mike Powell.

(Q)(68) In which Pakistani province is the world heritage site of Taxila situated?

(Ans)- Punjab.

(Q)(69) If the five-toed dragon symbolised the Emperor of China, which creature represented the Empress?

(Ans)- Phoenix.

(Q)(70) Which fruit belonging to the genus Musa of the family Musaceae has its name often used to describe the state of becoming crazy or angry?

(Ans)- Banana.

(Q)(71) According to the Ramayana, in which river did Lord Rama take jal-samadhi and attain Vaikuntha?

(Ans)- Sarayu.

(Q)(72) What phrase or abbreviation ends Proposition 5 in the first Book of Euclid's treatise on geometry, Elements?

(Ans)- Q.E.D. (Quod erat demonstrandum - thus is it proved)

(Q)(73) Who was the first non-party legislator to become a chief minister in the country after the first general elections in 1952?

(Ans)- Prafulla Chandra Ghosh (W.B.).

(Q)(74) What publication was founded in 1843 "to take part in a severe contest between intelligence, which presses forward, and an unworthy, timid ignorance obstructing our progress"?

(Ans)- The Economist.

(Q)(75) Which of Herge's work was published in an unfinished form in 1986?

(Ans)- Tintin and the Alpha-Art.

(Q)(76) The Blue Peacock, the Kaiser-E-Hind, the Dipper and the Bhutan Glory are different species of which winged creature?

(Ans)- Butterflies.

(Q)(77) The ground of which football club played host to the 2006 World Cup final?

(Ans)- Hertha Berlin.

(Q)(78) Which media planner made his Hindi film debut with Jism?

(Ans)- John Abraham.

(Q)(79) What is the loss of sense of smell called?

(Ans)- Anosmia.

(Q)(80) According to the Guinness Book of World Records, which is the most

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popular song in the English language?

(Ans)- Happy Birthday to You.

(Q)(81) In Indian history, who established the city of Jahanpanah?

(Ans)- Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq.

(Q)(82) Which famous mythical hero died when he wore a tunic smeared with the blood of the centaur Nessus?

(Ans)- Hercules.

(Q)(83) In which country is the Etosha National Park and the Mangetti Game Reserve?

(Ans)- Namibia.

(Q)(84) The incoming Hindi translation of whose political memoirs is titled Agnipath?

(Ans)- Pervez Musharraf.

(Q)(85) Which venomous North American snakes are so named because of the sound made by their tails that shake vigorously to warn off intruders?

(Ans)- Rattlesnake.

(Q)(86) Which legendary Tamil actress made her debut in dancer Uday Shankar's Hindi film Kalpana in 1948?

(Ans)- Padmini.

(Q)(87) Which country's recent election result have made way for Fredrik Reinfeldt to become its new PM?

(Ans)- Sweden.

(Q)(88) Which 347-room palace designed by H.V. Lancaster stands on the Chittar hill in Jodhpur and was commissioned in 1929 as a famine relief exercise?

(Ans)- Umaid Bhawan.

(Q)(89) Which painter known for depicting the nightlife of late 19th-century Paris painted a work titled 'La Goulue Entering the Moulin Rouge'?

(Ans)- Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.

(Q)(90) According to Hindu mythology, which sage was blessed by Lord Shiva to remain at sixteen years of age for ever?

(Ans)- Markandeya.

(Q)(91) Which 18th-century French naturalist wrote Histoire Naturelle, a 36-volume work, which was the first naturalistic account of the history of the Earth?

(Ans)- Georges Buffon.

(Q)(92) Which word in the English language is derived from the Hindustani for 'belonging to Bengal'?

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(Ans)- Bungalow.

(Q)(93) Which Nobel Peace Prize winning organisation had as its president Carlo Urbani, the doctor who first identified the SARS, and eventually died of it in 2003 ?

(Ans)- Medecins Sans Frontiers(Doctors without Border).

(Q)(94) In which state of India is the Rudrasagar Lake located?

(Ans)- Tripura.

(Q)(95) Which Pakistani batsman hit a six on the last ball of an ODI to tie the match?

(Ans)- Asif Mujtaba(against Australia).

(Q)(96) Who is the author of plays titled Karnabharam, Urubhangam and Svapnavasavadattam?

(Ans)- Bhasa.

(Q)(97) Which Nobel Laureate was first admitted to Oriental Seminary School?

(Ans)- Rabindranath Tagore.

(Q)(98) By what name is Marie Grasholtz who first exhibited her work in 1835 at Baker Street ?

(Ans)- Madame Tussauds.

(Q)(99) Made in 1932 , which film starring Nissar had 71 songs?

(Ans)- Indra Sabha.

(Q)(100) In Norse mythology, who is the goddess of love, beauty and youth?

(Ans)- Freya.

(Q)(101) Who wrote the autobiographical collection of poems, A Child's Garden of Verses?

(Ans)- R.L.Stevenson.

(Q)(102) The currency of which American nation was named after Vasco Nunez de Balboa?

(Ans)- Panama.

(Q)(103) Which city is served by the newly opened Suvarnabhumi Airport ?

(Ans)- Bangkok.

(Q)(104) Who along with Muzaffar Ahmad founded the Communist Party of India and served as its chairman?

(Ans)- Shripad Amrit Dange.

(Q)(105) What new title did Jane Austen give to her re-worked novel earlier named First Impressions?

(Ans)- Pride and Prejudice.

(Q)(106) Who has scored the maximum runs in the ICC Champions Trophy matches since its inception in 1998?

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(Ans)- Sourav Ganguly.

(Q)(107) Unmadana and Sammohana are the names of the arrows of which Hindu God?

(Ans)- Kamadeva.

(Q)(108) What is the common name of the animal having the scientific name Daboia russellii, belonging to family Viperidae?

(Ans)- Russell's Viper.

(Q)(109) Subansiri, Dhansiri and Manas are the principal tributaries of which river?

(Ans)- Brahmaputra.

(Q)(110) From 1943 to 1945, who was the director of Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico, where the first atomic bombs were developed?

(Ans)- Robert Oppenheimer.

(Q)(111) Which fruit of the genus Citrus derives its name from the Persian word Narang?

(Ans)- Orange.

(Q)(112) Who directed landmark TV serials like Byomkesh Bakshi, Kakkaji Kahin, Bhim Bhawani and Rajani?

(Ans)- Basu Chatterjee.

(Q)(113) The commonly used word 'cab' originated from which French word?

(Ans)- Cabriolet.

(Q)(114) Who is sometimes referred to as the 'father of modern chemistry'?

(Ans)- Robert Boyle.

(Q)(115) The prime minister and president of which country are the world's only twins to hold the two highest posts in any country?

(Ans)- Poland.

(Q)(116) Whose experiences in Spain were described in Homage to Catalonia?

(Ans)- George Orwell.

(Q)(117) Which country celebrates its national holiday on January 26, which is the anniversary of Captain Arthur Philip unfurling the British flag there?

(Ans)- Australia.

(Q)(118) Which fictional character was born on January 6, 1854?

(Ans)- Sherlock Holmes.

(Q)(119) Which Lodi sultan shifted his capital to Agra?

(Ans)- Sikander Lodi.

(Q)(120) The youngest person to be granted a patent in the US is a

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four-year-old girl from Houston, Texas. What has she developed an aid for?

(Ans)- Grasping Knobs.

(Q)(121) Which male golfer has won the most number of Grand Slam titles?

(Ans)- Jack Nicklaus.

(Q)(122) Which bird can fly backward?

(Ans)- Hummingbird.

(Q)(123) What are ping pong balls made of?

(Ans)- Celluloid.

(Q)(124) Which mountain peak is called Chomolungma in Tibet?

(Ans)- Mt Everest.

MEN'S HOCKEY WORLD CUP AT A GLANCE(1971- 2006)

1971- Pakistan bt Spain 1-0.

1973- The Netherlands bt India 6-4.

1975- India bt Pakistan 2-1.

1978- Pakistan bt Holand 3-2.

1982- Pakistan bt West Germany 3-1.

1986- Australia bt England 2-1.

1990- The Netherlands bt Pakistan 3-1.

1994- Pakistan bt The Netherlands 5-4.

1998- The Netherlands bt Spain 3-2.

2002- Germany bt Australia 2-1.

2006- Germany bt Australia 4-3.

FACTS ABOUT INDIA

Standard time- 82° 3'E.

Most populous District- Medinipur.

Least populous District- Yanam.

Most Literate District- Aiwil.

Largest State- Rajasthan.

Smallest State- Goa.

Most populous State- UP.

Least populous State- Sikkim.

Southern most point- Indira point.

Max. N-S distance - 3,214 km.

Max. E-W distance - 2,933 km.

Golden Quadrilateral connecting 4 metros- distance - 5846 km.

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Major Ports on coastline- 12-(181 others).

SOFT TARGETS

24\9\02 - Gunmen storm Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar killing over 20 people.

24\12\04 - A grenade blast near a Srinagar mosque kills 2 persons.

5\7\2005- Terrorists attack the makeshift Ram temple.

7\3\06 - A blast at the Sankat mochan temple in Varanasi just before Holi.

12\8\06- A grenade blast near a Guwahati temple kills a lady.

16\8\06 - Blast in the Iskcon temple in Imphal at the night of janmastam1.

8\9\06 - Blast in the kabar sthan of Mahelgano at the day of sabe barat

THE FIVE WORST AIR DISASTERS

3\3\1974 - Turkish DC 10 crashes northeast of Paris. 351 killed.

27\3\1977 - 2 Boeing 747s operated by Pan American and KLM collide at the airport on Tenerife in Spain; Canary Islands, 582 killed.

23\6\1985 - Air - India Boeing 747 329 killed.

12\8\1985 - Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 crashes into a mountain on a domestic flight. 520 killed.

12\11\1996 - Mid - air crash of 2 airlines (Saudi and Kazakh) in Bhiwani district, Haryana, 351 killed.

WORLD'S TOP TEN POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATIONS

| Country | No. of international visitors |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| France | 75m |
| Spain | 51.8m |
| USA | 41.2m |
| Italy | 39.6m |
| China | 33m |
| UK | 24.7m |
| Austria | 19.1m |
| Mexico | 18.7m |
| Germany | 18.4m |
| Canada | 17.5m |

'A SMALL SLAM' ACHIEVERS

Players who have won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments in the same year, are said to have achieved 'a small slam'. The following is the list.

Jack Crawford (Aus, 1933)- Australian, French, US Open.

Fred Perry (Eng, 1934)- Australian, Wimbledon, US Open.

Tony Trabert (US, 1955)- French, Wimbledon, US Open.

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Lew Hoad (Aus,1956)-Australian Open ,French Open,Wimbledon.
Ashley Cooper (Aus,1958)- Australian,Wimbledon,US Open.
Roy Emerson (Aus,1964)- Australian,Wimbledon,US Open.
Jimmy Connors (US,1974)- Australian,Wimbledon,US Open.
Mats Wilander (Swe,1988)-Australian,French,US Open.
Roger Federer (Sui,2004)- Australian,Wimbledon,US Open.
Roger Federer(Sui,2006)- Australian,Wimbledon,US Open.

US OPEN(2006)

Men's Singles - Roger Federer (1,Sui)bt Andy Roddick(9,US)6-2, 4-6, 7-5,6-1.
Women's Singles - Maria Sharapova (3,Rus)bt Justine Henin Hardenne(2,Bel)6-4,6-4.
Men's Doubles - Leander Paes (6,Ind)& Martin Damm(6,Cze) bt Jonas Bjorkman(2,Swe)& Max Mirnyi(2,Bir) 6-7 (7-5),6-4,6-3.
Women's Doubles - Nathalie Dechy (Fra) & Vera Zvonareva (Rus) bt Dinara Safina (8,Rus) & Katarina Srebotnik (8,Slo)7-6,7-5.
Mixed Doubles - Martina Navratilova and Bob Bryan(5,US) bt Kveta Peschke and Martin Damm(Cze)6-2,6-3.
Boys Singles - Dusan Lojda (10,Cze) bt Peter Polansky(Can)7-6(7-4),6-3.
Girls Singles - Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (1,Rus) bt Tamira Paszek(11,Aut)3-6,6-4,7-5.
Boys Doubles - Jamie Hunt & Nathaniel Schnugg(US) bt Jarmere Jenkins & Austin Krajicek (US) 6-3,6-3.
Girls Doubles - Mihaela Buzarnescu & Raluca Olaru (2,Rom) bt Sharon Fichman (1,Can) & Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (1,Rus)7-5,6-2.

WHERE THEY REST

Mahtma Gandhi - Rajghat.
Jawaharlal Nehru - Santhivan.
B.R. Ambedkar - Chaithrabhoomi.
Indira Gandhi - Sakthisthal.
Charan Singh - Kisan Ghat.
Zail Singh - Ekthashal.
Rajiv Gandhi - Veerbhoomi.
Morarji Desai - Abhayghat.
Gulzarilal Nanda - Narayanghat.
Jagjivan Ram - Samathastal.
Lal Bahadur Shastri - Vijayghat.

SIZZLING SACHIN(1994- 2006)

186* - vs NZ,Nov.8, 1999.

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152 - vs Nam,Feb.23, 2003.
146 - vs Ken,Oct.24, 2001.
146 - vs Zim,Dec.8, 2000.
143 - vs Aus, April.22, 1998.
141* - vs WI,Sept.14, 2006.
141 - vs Pak, March.16, 2004.
141 - vs Aus, Oct.28, 1998.
140* - vs Ken, May.23, 1999.
139 - vs Aus, March.31, 2001.
137 - vs SL, March.2, 1996.
134 - vs Aus, April.24, 1998.
128 - vs SL, July 7, 1998.
127* - vs Zim, Sept.26, 1998.
127* - vs Ken, Feb.18, 1996.
124* - vs Zim, Nov.13, 1998.
123 - vs Pak, April.12, 2005.
122* - vs WI, July 4, 2001.
122 - vs SA, March.17, 2000.
120 - vs SL, Aug.29, 1999.
118* - vs ZIM, Nov.8, 1998.
118 - vs Pak, April.15, 1996.
117 - vs NZ, May.14, 1997.
115 - vs NZ, Oct.28, 1994.
114 - vs SA, Dec.14, 1996.
113 - vs SL, July 11, 2002.
112* - vs SL, April.9, 1995.
110 - vs SL, Aug.28, 1996.
110 - vs Aus, Sept.9, 1994.
105* - vs Eng, Sept.4, 2002.
105 - vs WI, Nov.11, 1994.
104 - vs Zim, Feb.9, 1997.
102 - vs NZ, Nov.15, 2003.
101 - vs SA, Oct.5, 2001.
101 - vs SL, Oct.20, 2000.
100* - vs Ken, May.31, 1998.
100 - vs Aus, Oct.26, 2003.
100- vs Aus, April.7, 1998.
100- vs Pak, April.5, 1996.
100- vs Pak ,Feb.6, 2006.

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INDIA'S TRIPLE TREATS(1995-2006)

376/2 - vs NZ (1999-00).
373/6 - vs SL (1999)
356/9 - vs Pak(2004-05)
353/5 - vs NZ(2003-04)
351/3 - vs Ken(2001-02)
350/6 - vs SL(2005-06)
349/7 - vs Pak(2003-04)
348/5 - vs Ban(2004-05)
333/6 -vs Zim(2001-02)
329/2- vs Ken (1999)
328 - vs Pak(2005-06)
326/8 - vs Eng(2002)
325/5- vs WI(2002-03)
319/6 -vs Zim(2001-02)
317- vs Pak(2003-04)
316/7- vs Pak(1997-98)
315- vs Aus(2000-01)
315/6-vs Pak(2004-05)
311/2- vs Nam(2002-03)
310- vs SA (1999-00)
309/5- vs Aus(1997-98)
309/5- vs WI (2006-07)
307/6-vs SL (1998)
307/8- vs Aus(1998-99)
307/4- vs SA(2003)
306- vs NZ(1999-00)
306/5-vs Zim(2000-01)
305/5-vs Pak(1995-96)
304- vs SL (2002)
303/4- vs Aus(2003-04)
303/4- vs SL (2005-06)
302/7- vs SA (1999-00)
301/213-vs Zim(1997-98)
301/6-vs Zim(2000-01)
300/7-vs SL (1997)

DEPUTY PMs(1947-2004)

Sardar Patel - 1947-50.

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Morarji Desai - 1967-69.
Charan Singh and Jagjivan Ram(jointly) - 1979.
Yashwantrao Chavan - 1979-80.
Devi Lal - 1989-90.
Devi Lal - 1990-91.
L.K. Advani - 2002-04.

PLANET NAMES

The term 'planets' is derived from the Greek word 'planetes' - meaning wanderers.

The planets were named after the Roman Gods.

Mercury - God of commerce,eloquence,skill.

Venus - Goddess of spring,bloom,beauty.

Mars - God of war.

Jupiter - Ruler of Gods and all men.

Saturn - God of agriculture.

Uranus - God of Heavens.

Neptune - God of the sea.

HIGHEST SIXTH-WICKET PARTNERSHIPS IN ODIs(1991-2006)

166,M.Hussey/B. Haddin - Aus vs WI , Sept.18,2006.
161,M. Odumbe/A. Vadher- Ken vs SL ,May 30,1999.
158,Yuvraj Singh/M. Dhoni- Ind vs Zim, Sept.4,2005.
154, R. Richardson/J. Dujon- WI vs Pak, Oct.21,1991.
150,M. Vaughan/G. Jones- Eng vs Zim, Dec. 5,2004.
145*,M.Hussey/ S. Watson-Aus vs WI ,Oct.9,2005.

ODI CENTURY SCOR ON DEBUT AS CAPTAIN-(1975-2006)

171*, Glenn Turner- NZ vs EAF. June 7, 1975.
110,Sachin Tendulkar- Ind vs SL,Aug. 28,1996.
109*,Mike Hussey-Aus vs WI , Sept.18,2006.
106*,Richie Richardson-WI vs Pak, Oct.17,1991.
102, Sanath Jayasuriya- SL vs Zim,Jan. 26,1998.
101, Irvine Romaine- Ber vs Can Aug. 21,2006.

DEFENDING LOW TOTALS OF INDIA

125 in 42.4 ovs- bt Pak(1984-85)
162 in 47.4 ovs- bt NZ(1980-81)
162 in 39.3 ovs- bt WI(2006-07)

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170/7 in 40 ovs- bt Pak(1978-79)

179 in 49.5 ovs- bt SL(1998-99)

HIGHEST ODI TEAM TOTALS

443/9- by SL vs NL(July 4 ,2006)

438/9- by SA vs Aus(March12 ,2006)

434/4- by Aus vs SA(March 12 ,2006)

418/5- by SA vs Zim(Sept.20 ,2006)

398/5- by SL vs Ken(March 6 ,1996)

FASTEST ODI CENTURIES

37 balls - S. Afridi(102).

44 balls - M. Boucher(147*).

45 balls - B.Lara(117).

45 balls - S. Afridi(102).

48 balls - S. Jayasuriya(134).

COUNTRY SYMBOLS

| Country | Symbol |
|--------------|----------------------|
| India | Royal Bengal tiger |
| Canada | Maple leaf |
| USA | Bald eagle |
| Colombia | Orchid |
| Spain | Red carnation |
| Russia | Brown bear |
| Japan | Cherry blossom |
| Denmark | Beech tree |
| South Africa | Blue crane |
| Greece | Olive branch |
| China | Dragon |
| Argentina | Ceibo(flower) |
| Bulgaria | Lion |
| England | Rose |
| Wales | Leek,dragon |
| Scotland | Thistle |
| Turkey | Tulip |
| Australia | Golden wattle flower |
| Ireland | Shamrock |

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSES(2002-2010)

| Date | Visible from parts of |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 4/12/2002 | S. Africa,Australia |

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23/11/2003

8/4/2005

29/3/2006

1/8/2008

22/7/2009

11/7/2010

Antarctica

S&C Pacific,C. America

C.Atlantic,W&N Africa, Asia

Greenland,N&C Asia

S Asia,C Pacific

S Pacific

GREETING PEOPLE

Namaste/Namaskar- In Hindi.

Ahlan wasahlan- In Arabic.

Hallo- In English.

Vanakkam- In Tamil.

Namaskaram- In Malayalam.

Bonjour- In French.

Zdravstvuyite- In Russia.

Guten Tag - In German.

Buongiorno- In Italian.

Assalm-u- alaikum- In Urdu.

Nin hao - In Mandarin.

Sat Sri Akal- In Punjabi.

Nomoskar- In Bengali.

TOP 20 URBAN CENTRES

| URBAN CENTRES | POPULATION |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 1.Tokyo,Japan | 26,683,000 |
| 2.Sao Paulo,Brazil | 18,916,000 |
| 3.Mexico City,Mexico | 18,580,000 |
| 4.Mumbai,India | 17,384,000 |
| 5.New York City,USA | 16,979,000 |
| 6.Dhaka,Bangladesh | 14,414,000 |
| 7.Delhi,India | 14,067,000 |
| 8.Kolkata,India | 13,784,000 |
| 9.Los Angeles,US | 13,541,000 |
| 10.Shanghai,China | 13,023,000 |
| 11.Buenos Aires,Argentina | 12,271,000 |
| 12.Jakarta,Indonesia | 12,234,000 |
| 13.Karachi,Pakistan | 11,058,000 |
| 14.Osaka,Japan | 11,013,000 |
| 15.Rio de Janeiro,Brazil | 10,958,000 |
| 16.Beijing,China | 10,486,000 |
| 17.Manila,Philippines | 10,380,000 |

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|----------------------------|------------|
| 18.Logos,Nigeria | 10,034,000 |
| 19.Seol, Republic of Korea | 9,888,000 |
| 20.Cairo,Egypt | 9,833,000 |

FOREIGN BORN RULERS

| Name | Country | Post | Born in |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Carlos Menem | Argentina | President | Syria |
| Alberto Fujimori | Peru | President | Japan |
| Abdala Bucaram | Ecuador | President | Lebanon |
| Janet Jagan | Guyana | President | America |
| Adlof Hitler | Germany | Chancellor | Austria |
| Kenneth Kaunda | Zambia | President | Malawi |
| Hendrick Verwoerd | South Africa | Prime Minister | Holland |
| Adrene Poi Clarkson | Argentina | Gov-General | Hong Kong |

WORLD POPULATION-2005

| CONTINENTS | POPULATION |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Asia | 3,879,000,000 |
| Africa | 877,500,000 |
| Europe | 727,000,000 |
| North America | 501,500,000 |
| South America | 379,500,000 |
| Australia/Oceania | 32,000,000 |
| Antarctica | 0 |
| Total | 6,396,500,000 |

UN SECRETARIES GENERAL

| Year | Name | Nation |
|------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1946 | Trygve Lie | Norway |
| 1953 | Dag Hammarskjold | Sweden |
| 1961 | U Thant | Burma |
| 1972 | Kurt Waldheim | Austria |
| 1982 | Javier Peres De Cuellar | Peru |
| 1992 | Dr. Boutros Boutros Ghali | Egypt |
| 1997 | Kofi Annan | Ghana |

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

- (1)The Colossus of Rhodes.
- (2)ThePharos(lighthouse)at Alexandria.
- (3)The Hanging Gardens (and Walls)of Babylon.
- (4)The temple of Artemis (or Diana)at Ephesus.

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- (5)The Pyramids of Khufu.
- (6)The tomb of Mausolus at Hali carnassus.
- (7)The Statue of Zeus at Olympia.

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE MIDDLE AGE

- (1)The Colosseum of Rome.
- (2)The Catacombs of Alexandria.
- (3)The Great Wall of China.
- (4)Stonehenge
- (5)The Porcelain Tower(or Pagoda) of Nanking,China.
- (6)Leaning Tower of Pisa,Italy.
- (7)Hagia Sophia(or Sancta Sophia) of Constantinople.

SEVEN NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD

- (1)The Grand Canyon,Colorado River,Airzona.
- (2)Rio de Janeiro harbour.
- (3)Iquassu Falls,Argentina.
- (4)Yosemite Vally and the Giant Sequoias of California.
- (5)Mount Everest,on the border of Tibet and Nepal.
- (6)The Nile River,Egypt.
- (7)The Northern Lights,especially from northern Canada and Alaska.

SEVEN WONDERS OF TODAY

- (1)The Great Pyramid of Egypt and the adjacent Great Sphinx Gizeh.
- (2)Hagia Sophia,6th century,in present-day Istanbul.
- (3)Leaning Tower of Pisa,Italy.
- (4)The Taj Mahal of Agra,India.
- (5)The Washington Monument,Washington.
- (6)The Eiffel Tower,Paris.
- (7)The Empire State Building,New York city.

RIVERS THROUGH WORLD CITIES

| CITY | RIVER |
|----------|----------------|
| Antwerp | Scheldt |
| Baghdad | Tigris |
| Bangkok | Chao phraya |
| Berlin | Spree |
| Bonn | Rhine and Seig |
| Budapest | Danube |
| Cairo | Nile |
| Dublin | Liffey |
| Dresden | Elbe |
| Glasgow | Clyde |

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

| | |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Lisbon | Tagus |
| London | Thames |
| Madrid | Manzanares |
| Montreal | St.Lawrence and Ottawa |
| Moscow | Moskva |
| New York | Hudson |
| Paris | Seine |
| Philadelphia | Delaware |
| Prague | Vltava |
| Rotterdam | Rhine, Maas, Scheldt |
| Shanghai | Hwangpu |
| Sydney | Darling |
| Warsaw | Vistula |
| Washington | Potomac |

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

- India** - Jana Gana Mana Adhinayaka joya he, Bharata bhagya bidhata.
Bangladesh - Amar Sonar Bangla, Ami Tomay Bhalobasi (My golden Bengal, I love you).
Canada - O Canada, Our Home and Native Land.
China - March of the Volunteers.
Cyprus - Ode to Freedom.
Dominica - Isle of Beauty.
Estonia - My Fatherland.
Germany - Unity and Right and Freedom.
Greece - Hymn to Freedom.
Hungary - God Bless Hungarians.
Iceland - O God of Our Country.
Japan - Kimi ga yo wa (May your Peaceful Reign Last Long).
Myanmar (Burma) - We shall Love Burma Evermore.
Pakistan - Quami Tarana.
Panama - Victory is Ours at Last.
Russia - Slavsya (Be Great).
Saudi Arabia - Long Live Our Beloved King.
Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka Matha, Apa Sri Lanka (Mother Sri Lanka, thy Sri Lanka).
Tanzania - God Bless Africa.
UK - God Save the Queen.
USA - The Star-Spangled Banner.
Zimbabwe - Blessed be the Country of Zimbabwe.

ODI HATTRICKS

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

- Jalal - ud - Din (Pak)** - vs Aus (20/9/1982).
Bruce Reid (Aus) - vs NZ (29/1/1986).
Chetan Sharma (Ind) - vs NZ (31/10/1987).
Wasim Akram (Pak) - vs WI (20/9/1982).
Wasim Akram (Pak) - vs Aus (4/5/1990).
Kapil Dev (Ind) - vs SI (4/1/1991).
Aaqib Javed (Pak) - vs Ind (25/10/1991).
Danny Morrison (NZ) - vs Ind (25/3/1994).
Waqar Younis (Pak) - vs NZ (19/12/1994).
Saqlain Mushtaq (Pak) - vs Zim (3/11/1996).
Eddo Brandes (Zim) - vs Eng (3/1/1997).
Anthony Stuart (Aus) - vs Pak (16/1/1997).
Saqlain Mushtaq (Pak) - vs Zim (11/6/1999).
Chaminda Vaas (SL) - vs Zim (8/12/2001).
Mohammed Sami (Pak) - vs WI (15/2/2002).
Chaminda Vaas (SL) - vs Ban (14/2/2003).
Brett Lee (Aus) - vs Ken (15/3/2003).
James Anderson (Eng) - vs Pak (20/6/2003).
Steve Harmison (Eng) - vs Ind (1/9/2004).
Chari Langeveldt (SA) - vs WI (11/5/2005).
Shahadat Hossain (Ban) - vs Zim (2/8/2006).
Jarome Taylor (WI) - vs Aus (18/10/2006).

PIOs IN POWER ABROD

| Name | Country | Year | Post |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| Mahendra Chaudhary | Fiji | 1999 | Prime Minister |
| C.V. Devan Nair | Singapore | 1981 | President |
| S.R. Nathan | Singapore | 1999 | President |
| Mahathir Mohammed | Malaysia | 1981 | Prime Minister |
| Cheddi Jagan | Guyana | 1953 | Prime Minister |
| | | 1992 | President |
| Bharat Jagdeo | Guyana | 1999 | President |
| Sir Shivsagar Ramgoolam | Mauritius | 1988 | Prime Minister |
| Naveen Chandra Ramgoolam | Mauritius | 1995 | Prime Minister |
| Annerood Jugnauth | Mauritius | 1882 | Prime Minister |
| Veerasamy Ringadoo | Mauritius | 1992 | President |
| Cassam Uteem | Mauritius | 1992 | President |
| Noor Hassanani | Trinidad & Tobago | 1989 | President |
| Basudev Pande | Trinidad & Tobago | 1995 | Prime Minister |
| Jules Wijdenbosch | Suriname | 1996 | President |

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

Krishnaprasad Bhattarai Nepal 1990 Prime Minister
Manmohan Adhikari Nepal 1994 Prime Minister

INDIAN NOBEL LAUREATES

- (1)Rabindranath Tagore,Literature,1913.
- (2)C.V.Raman,Physics,1930.
- (3)Hargobind Khorana,Medicine,1968.
- (4)Mother Teresa,Peace,1979.
- (5)Subramanian Chandrasekhar*,Physics,1983.
- (6)Amartya Sen,Economics,1998.
- (7)V.S.Naipaul*,Literature,2001.

*Of Indian descent.

THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATING ORGANIZATIONS

- 1.C I A(USA).
2. F B I(USA).
3. K G B(RUSSIA).
- 4.I S I(PAKISTAN)(J I X, J I B, J C I B, J I N, J I M, J S I B,J I T).
- 5.I B - INDIA.
6. R A W-INDIA.
7. M I-INDIA.
- 8.C B I-INDIA.

THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

- 1.A N O(1974).
2. A S G(1991).
3. A A M B(2000).
4. A A I(2001).
5. A I G(1992).
6. A A A 7.A S(1987) .
8. B F L 9.C P P/N P A(1969).
10. C I R A
11. G A I(1973).
- 12.HAMAS(1987).
13. H U M(1985).
14. H I J B U L L A H(1982).
15. I M U
16. J E M(2000).
17. J I
18. A G 19.K C(1994).
- 20.K G, K W P
21. L E T(1989).
22. L E J(1996).
- 23.L T T E(1976).
24. L I F G
25. M E K
26. N L A(1965).
27. P I J
28. P L F
29. P F L P(1967).
- 30.P F L P G C(1968).
- 31.A Q(1988).
32. R I R A(1998).
33. R A F C(1964).
34. R N(1995).
35. R O 17 NOVEMBER(1975).
- 36.R P L A
37. S G C C(1992).
38. S L
- 39.T Q J F B A R(2003).
40. U S D F C(1997).

THE ACTIVE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS OF INDIA

TRIPURA- 1.A T T F 2. N L F T 3. B N C T
NAGALAND- 1. N S C N I M 2. N S C N K
MIZORAM- 1. B N L F 2. H P K D
MEGHALAY- 1. A N V C 2. H N L C 3. P L F M

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

ASAM- 1.N D F B 2. U L F A 3. A D F 4. D H D 5. H P C D 6. K L O 7. M U L T A
8. U P D S

MANIPORE- 1. K C P 2. K Y K L 3. M P L F 4. P L A 5. P R I P A K 6. U N L F 7. H P
C D 8. K L A 9. K N A 10. K N F 11. K R A 12. N S C N I M 13. P U L F 14. U K L
F 15. Z L A

MAJOR NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS

- 30/9/1999-** Tokaimura,north east of Tokyo,Japan.
26/4/1986- Chernobyl nuclear power plant near Kiev,USSR(now in Ukraine).
25/8/1981- Tsuruga,Japan.
11/2/1981- TVA's Sequoyah 1 plant in Tennessee, U.S.A.
28/3/1979- Middletown,Pennsylvania.
22/3/1975- In Decatur,Alahama.U.S.A.
21/1/1969- Lucens Vad,Switzerland.
5/10/1966- Near Detroit, Michigan,U.S.A.
3/1/1961- INear Idaho Falls,Idaho,U.S.A.
7/10/1957- North of Liverpool,England.

MYTHOLOGICAL CHARACTERS

INDIAN-

Abhimanyu- The heroic son of Arjuna(the 4th oh the Pandavas).
Bharata- Son of Dasaratha.
Drona- The teacher in archery of the Pandavas and Kauravas.
Svaha- A daughter of Brihaspati.
Visravas- Father of Ravana.

ROMAN-

Jupiter- Chief god & God of heaven.
Juno- Chief goddess.

Greek-

Morpheus- God of dreams.
Hestia- Goddess of flowers.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

French harp- Harmonica.
Hawaiian guitar- Ukulele introduced by the Portuguese.
Cello- Bass Violin. It is held between the player's knees.
Upright piano- Piano in which strings are vertical.
Violin- Four stringed instrument played with a bow.

ASIAN GAMES(1951-2002)

| Year | Top |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1951(N.Delhi) | Japan/India/Iran |

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| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1954(Manila) | Japan/Philippines/South Korea |
| 1958(Tokyo) | Japan/Philippines/South Korea |
| 1962(Jakarta) | Japan/Indonesia/India |
| 1966(Bangkok) | Japan/South Korea/Thailand |
| 1970(Bangkok) | Japan/South Korea/Philippines |
| 1974(Tehran) | Japan/Iran/China |
| 1978(Bangkok) | Japan/China/South Korea |
| 1982(N.Delhi) | China/Japan/South Korea |
| 1986(Seoul) | China/South Korea /Japan |
| 1990(Beijing) | China/South Korea /Japan |
| 1994(Hiroshima) | China/South Korea /Japan |
| 1998(Bangkok) | China/South Korea /Japan |
| 2002(Busan) | China/South Korea /Japan |

OLYMPICS(776BC-2004)

| Year | Heald in |
|--------|-------------|
| 776BC | Greece |
| AD 394 | Athens |
| 1896 | Athens |
| 1900 | Paris |
| 1904 | St.Louis |
| 1908 | London |
| 1912 | Stockholm |
| 1920 | Antwerp |
| 1924 | Paris |
| 1928 | Amsterdam |
| 1932 | Los Angeles |
| 1936 | Berlin |
| 1948 | London |
| 1952 | Helsinki |
| 1956 | Melbourne |
| 1960 | Rome |
| 1964 | Tokyo |
| 1968 | Mexico City |
| 1972 | Munich |
| 1976 | Montreal |
| 1980 | Moscow |
| 1984 | Los Angeles |
| 1988 | Seoul |
| 1992 | Bercelona |

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

| | |
|------|---------|
| 1996 | Atlanta |
| 2000 | Sydney |
| 2004 | Athens |

7 BOOKER PRIZES WINERS

| Name | Takes Prize for |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| P.H. Newby(1969) | Something To Answer For |
| V.S. Naipaul(1971) | in A Free State |
| John Berger(1972) | G |
| Salman Rushdie(1981) | Midnight's Children |
| Anita Brookner(1984) | Hotel Du Lac |
| Arundhati Roy(1997) | The God Of Small Things |
| Kiran Desai (2006) | The Inheritance Of Loss |

INDIAN BEAUTY QUEENS

MISS UNIVERSE

Sushmita Sen(1994)

Lara Dutta(2000)

MISS WORLD

Reita Faria(1966)

Aishwarya Rai(1994)

Diana Hayden(1997)

Yukta Mookhey(1999)

Priyanka Chopra(2000)

PAST PROFESSIONS OF CELEBRITIES

Aesop - Slave

George Orwell - Policeman

Gregor Mendel - Monk

Jean Genet - Professional Criminal and Male Prostitute

John Mills - Toilet Paper Salesman

GYANPITH WINER BENGALIES

Tara Shankar Banerjee(1966)

Bishnu Dey(1971)

Ashapura Devi(1976)

Subhas mukhopadhyay(1991)

Mahasweta Devi(1996)

BEST SPORTS MOVIES

1.Ranging Bull(1980)

2.Bull Durham(1988)

3.The Hustler(1961)

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

- 4.Searching for Babby Fischer(1993)
- 5.Frequency(2000)
- 6.Hoop Dreams(1994)
- 7.Horse Feathers(1932)
- 8.The Karate Kid(1984)
- 9.Rocky(1976)
- 10.Phorpa(The Cup)(1999)

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES* IN INDIA

All Religions - 1,028,610,328
Hindus - 827,578,868
Muslims - 138,188,240
Christians - 24,080,016
Sikhs - 19,215,730
Buddhists - 7,955,207
Jains - 4,225,053
Others - 6,639,626
Religion not stated - 727,588

*2001 Census

WOMEN CHIEF MINISTERS IN INDIA

Sucheta Kripalani - UP
Nandini Satpaty - Orissa
Sashikala Kadokar - Goa
Syeda Anwara Taimur - Assam
Janaki Ramachandran - TN
Jayalalithaa - TN
Mayawati - UP
Rajinder Kaur Bhattal - Punjab
Rabri Devi - Bihar
Sushma Swaraj - Delhi
Sheila Dixit - Delhi
Uma Bharti - M.P.
Vasundhara Raje Scindia - Rajasthan

WOMEN GOVERNRS IN INDIA

Sarojini Naidu - United Province/UP
Padmaja Naidu - West Bengal
Vijayalakshmi Pandit - Maharashtra
Sharada Mukherjee- Andhra Pradesh,Gujarat
Jyothi Venkatachalam - Kerala

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

Kumudben Joshi - Andhra Pradesh
Ram Dulari Sinha - Kerala
Serla Grewal - Madhya Pradesh
Chandrawati - Pondicherry(UT)
Rajendrakumari Bajpayi - Pondicherry(UT)
Sheila Kaul - Himachal Pradesh
Justice M. Fatima Beevi - Tamilnadu
Rama Devi - Himachal Pradesh,Karnataka
Rajani Rai - Pondicherry(UT)

OCEANS OF THE WORLD

Pacific - 166,241,000sq km
Atlantic - 86,557,000sq km
Indian - 73,427,000sq km
Arctic- 9,485,000sq km

OCEAN'S GREATEST DEPTHS

Mariana Trench, Pacific Ocean - 1092m
Puerto Rico Trench, Atlantic Ocean- 8605m
Java Trench, Indian Ocean- 7125m
Arctic Basin, Arctic Ocean- 5122m

DRIEST INHABITED PLACESS

RAINFALL:CM/YEAR

Aswan,Egypt -0.05
Luxor,Egypt - 0.076
Arica Desert,Chile- 0.10
Ica,Peru -0.254
Antofagasta,Chile- 0.508

WETTEST INHABITED PLACESS

RAINFALL:CM/YEAR

Buenaventira,Colombia- 678
Monrovia,Liberia- 513
Pago Pago,American Samoa- 503
Moulein,Myanmar- 487
Lae,Papua New Guinea- 465
Baquo,Philippinese- 457
Sylhet,Bangladesh- 452

DEEPRST LAKES

Baikal,Russian Fed - 1620m
Tanganyika,Africa - 1463m

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Caspian Sea,Asia-Europe - 1025m

Malawi or Nyasa,Africa - 706m

Issyk-Kul,Kyrgyzstan - 702m

DEEPRST CAVES

Resseau du Foillis(France) - 1455m

Resseau de la Pierre St.(France) - 1321m

Snezhnaya,Caucassus(Russia) - 1280m

Sistema Huatla(Mexico) - 1220m

MAJOR SEAS

South China - 2,974,600sq km

Caribbean - 2,515,900sq km

Mediterranean - 2,510,000sq km

Bering- 2,261,100sq km

Gulf of Mexico - 1,507,600sq km

Sea of Okhotsk - 1,392,100sq km

Sea of Japan or East Sea - 1,012,900sq km

Hudson Bay- 730,100sq km

East China - 664,600sq km

Andaman - 564,900sq km

Black - 507,900sq km

Red- 453,000sq km

HOTTEST,COLDEST,DRIEST,WETTEST

Hottest Place - Dallol , Denakil Depression ,Ethiopia ,Annual average temp. 34.4°C.

Coldest Place - Plateau Station,Antartica,Annual average temp.-56.7°C.

Driest Place - Africa, Atacama Desert, Chile. Annual average rainfall 0.08cm.

Wettest Place - Mawsynram,Meghalaya Annual average rainfall 1168cm.

WELL KNOWN HORSES

| Name | To whom it belonged |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Chetak | Maharana Pratap |
| Bucephalus | Alexander the Great |
| Incitatus | Caligula, Roman emperor |
| Marengo | Napoleon,French emperor |
| Marsala | Garibaldi,Italian Patriot |

WELL KNOWN DOGS

| Name | To whom it belonged |
|---------|---------------------|
| Peritas | Alexander the Great |
| Blondie | Hitler |

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

Chequers

Diamond

Nipper

Richard Nixon

Isaac Newton

Fox terrier for His Master's Voice

MAJOR LAKES

Caspian Sea - 371,000sq km

Superior - 82,100sq km

Victoria - 69,500sq km

Huron - 59,600sq km

Michigan - 57,800sq km

Tanganyika - 32,900sq km

Baikal - 31,500sq km

Great Bear - 31,300sq km

Aral Sea - 30,700sq km

Malawi - 28,900sq km

Great Slave - 28,568sq km

Erie - 25,667sq km

Winnipeg - 24,387sq km

Ontario - 19,529sq km

Balkhash - 18,300sq km

NICKNAMES

Father of Comedy - Aristophanes

Father of Sunday Newspapers - John Bell

Father of Greek Tragedy - Aeschylus

Father of Angling - Izaak Walton

Father of Railways - George Stephenson

NAMES:OLD AND NEW

New Names

Beijing

Congo

Ghana

Hanoi

Thailand

Old Names

Peking

Zaire

Gold Cost

Kecho

Siam

TOP FIVE INDIAN WORLD-BEATERS IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Prakash Padukone - All - England badminton championships winner (1980) (Pullela Gopichand repeated the feat in 2001).

Jeev Milkha Singh - First Asian golfer to win in Europe(2006).

Arjun Atwal - First Indian golfer to win an European tour event(2002).

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

Milkha Singh - He missed the 400 metres bronze by a whisker at the Rome Olympics(1960).

Wilson Jones,Michael Ferreira,Geet Sethi,Pankaj Advani - Winners of 17 world billiards and snooker titles (from 1958).

FEW WOMEN RULERS

Suhbaataryn Yanjmaa(Mongolia,1953-54) - Acting President.

Indira Gandhi(India,1966-77,1980-84) - Prime Minister.

Benazir Bhutto(Pakistan,1988-90,1993-96) - Prime Minister.

Sheik Hasina(Bangladesh,1996) - Prime Minister.

Yuliya Tymoshenko(Ukraine,2005) - Prime Minister.

Maria do Carme Silveira(Sao Torne and Principe,2005) - Prime Minister.

Cynthia A Pratt(Bahamas,2005) - Acting Prime Minister.

Fausta Simona Morgani(San Marino,2005) - Co Captain Regent.

Michaëlle Jean(Canada,2005) - Governor General

Angela Merkel(Germany,2005) - Chancellor.

WORLD'S TALLEST TOWERS

Canadian National Tower - 553m

Ostankino Tower - 537m

Oriental Pearl Tower - 468m

Milad Tower - 435m

Menara Kuala Lumpur - 421m

Central Radio & TV Tower - 405m

Tianjin TV Tower - 415m

Kiev TV Tower - 385m

Tashkent Tower - 375m

Liberation Tower - 372m

Alma-Ata Tower - 371m

Riga TV Tower - 368m

Fernsehturm Tower - 368m

Stratosphere Tower - 350m

Macau Tower - 338m

WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDINGS

Taipei 101 - 509m

Petronas Tower 1 - 452m

Petronas Tower 2 - 452m

Sears Tower - 442m

Jin Mao Building - 421m

Two international Finance Center - 415m

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

CITIC Plaza - 391m

Shun Hing Square - 384m

Empire State Building - 381m

Central Plaza - 374m

Bank of China - 369m

Emirates Tower One - 355m

Tuntex Sky Tower - 348m

Aon Center - 346m

The Center - 346m

THE BEST CAREERS OF 2006

- Curriculum and instructional co-ordinators.

- High- school special - education teachers.

- Hospital and clinic managers.

- Management consultants and analysts.

- Medical researchers.

- Physical therapists.

- Sales,marketing and advertising managers.

- Social workers,counsellors and related managers.

BHARAT RATNA WINERS

C. Rajagopalachari(1954).

S. Radha krishnan(1954).

C.V.Raman(1954).

Jawaharlal Nehru(1955).

Bhagwan Das(1955).

M. Visweswariayya(1955).

Govind Ballabh Pant(1957).

D.K. Karve(1958).

B.C.Roy(1961).

P.D.Tandon(1961).

Rajendra Prasad(1962).

Zakir Hussain(1963).

P.V. Kane(1963).

Lal Bahadur Shastri(posthumous,1966).

Indira Gandhi(1971).

V.V.Giri(1975).

K.Kamraj(posthumous,1976).

Mother Teresa(1980).

Vinoba Bhave(1983).

'Frontier Gandhi' Khan Abdul Ghafar Khan(1987).

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

M.G.Ramachandran(posthumous,1988).
Dr.B.R.Ambedkar(1990).
Dr.Nelson Mandela(1990).
Rajiv Gandhi(posthumous,1991).
Sardar Vallabhai Patel(posthumous,1991).
Morarjee Desai(1991).
J.R.D. Tata,Satyajit Roy(posthumous,1992).
Gulzarilal Nanda(1997).
A P J Abdul Kalam , M.S. Subbalakshmi , C. Subramaniam , Jaiprakash Narayan(posthumous,1998).
Amartya Sen , Ravi Shankar , Gopinath Bordoloi(posthumous,1999).
Ustad Bismilla Khan ,Lata Mankeshkar(2001).

AMERICAN ENGLISH

| British English | American English |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Bag | Sack |
| Biscuit | Cookie |
| By-law | Ordinance |
| Car-boot | Trunk |
| Jam | Jelly |

OSCAR WINING PICTURES

1928 - Wings,Paramount.**1929** - The Broadway Melody , MGM.**1930** - All Quiet on the Western Front ,Universal.**1931** - Cimarron.**1932** - Grand Hotel , MGM.**1933** - Cavalcade , Fox.**1934** - It Happened One Night , Columbia.**1935** - Mutiny on the Bounty ,MGM.**1936** - The Great Ziegfeld , MGM.**1937** - The Life of Emile Zola , Warner.**1938** - You Can't Take It with You , Columbia.**1939** - Gone with the Wind , Selznick ,MGM.**1940** - Rebecca, Sleznick - United Artists.**1941** - How Green Was My Valley ,20th Century-Fox.**1942** - Mrs. Miniver ,MGM.**1943** - Casablanca, Warner Bros.**1944** - Going My Way, Paramount.**1945** - The Lost Weekend,Paramount.**1946** - The Best Years of Our Lives,Goldwyn RKO Radio.**1947** - Gentleman's Agreement,20th Century-Fox.**1948** - Hamlet,Rank-Two Cities-UI.**1949** - All the King's Men,Rossen-Columbia.**1950** - All About Eve,20th Century-Fox.**1951** - An American in Paris ,MGM.**1952** - The Greatest Show on Earth, Demille Paramount.**1953** - From Here to Eternity,Columbia.**1954** - On the Waterfront , Horizon-American Crop , Columbia.**1955** - Marty, Hecht and Lancaster ,United Artists.**1956** - Around the World in 80 Days,Michael Todd Co. , Inc - United Artists.**1957** - The Bridge on the River Kwai , Horizon Films,Columbia.**1958** - Gigi , Arthur Freed Productions , Inc. , MGM.**1959** - Ben - Hur , MGM.**1960** - The Apartment,Mirisch Co.,Inc - United Artists.**1961** - West Side Story , Mirisch ,Pictures,Inc.,and B and P

CURRENT G.K.(2007)

Enterprises,Inc.,United Artists.**1962** - Lawrence of Arabia,Horizon Pictures.,**1963** - Tom Jones,A Woodfall Production,United Artists - Lopert Pictures.**1964** - My Fair Lady, Warner Bros.**1965** - The Sound of Music,Argyle, Enterprises Production , 20th Century-Fox.**1966** - A Man for All Seasons, Highland Films, Ltd., Production ,Columbia.**1967** - In the Heat of the Night, Mirisch Crop.Production ,United Artists.**1968** - Oliver , Columbia Pictures.**1969** - Midnight Cowboy, Jerome Hellman John Schlesinger Production ,United Artists.**1970** - Patton , Frank McCarty-Franklin J. Schaffner Production ,20th Century-Fox.**1971** - The French Connection , D'Antoni , 20th Century-Fox .**1972** - The Godfather , Albert S. Production , Paramount.**1973** - The Sting, Universal-Bill/Phillips -George Roy Hill Production, Universal.**1974** - The Godfather , Part II,Coppola Co.Production, Paramount.**1975** - One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,Fantasy Films Production, United Artists.**1976** - Rocky, Robert Chartoff-Irwin Winkler Production, United Artists.**1977** - Annie Hall,ack Rollins-Charles H. Joffe Production ,United Artists.**1978** - The Deer Hunter,Michael Climino Film Production, Universal.**1979** - Kramer vs Kramer,Stanley Iaffe Production , Columbia Pictures.**1980** - Ordinary People,Wildwood Enterprises Production , Paramount.**1981** - Chariots of Fire,Enigma Productions,ladd Company/Warner Bros.**1982** - Gandhi , Indo - British Films Production / Columbia.**1983** - Terms of Endearment ,Paramount.**1984** - Amadeus,Orion.**1985** - Out of Africa,Universal.**1986** - Platoon,Orion.**1987** - The Last Emperor,Pictures.**1988** - Rain Man ,United Artists .**1989** - Driving Miss Daisy, Warner Bros.**1990**- Dances With Wolves,Orion.**1991** - The Silence of the Lambs,Orion.**1992** - Unforgiven , Warner Bros.**1993** - Schindler's List, Universal.**1994** - Forrest Gump,Paramount.**1995** - Braveheart,Paramount.**1996** - The English Patient,Miramax.**1997** - Titanic, 20th Century-Fox.**1998** - Shkespeare in Love,Miramax.**1999** - American Beauty, Dream Works SKG.**2000** - Gladiator, Dream Works and Universal.**2001** - A Beautiful Mind , Brian Grazer and Ron Howard , producer.**2002** - Chicago,Martin Richards ,producer.**2003** - The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.

8 GOVERNORS OF RBI

Sir Osborne Smith - 1/4/1935 - 30/6/1937.
Sir C.D. Deshmukh - 11/8/1943 - 30/6/1949.
K.G. Ambegaonkar - 14/1/1957 - 28/2/1957.
P.C. Bhattacharya - 1/3/1962 - 30/6/1967.
M.Narasimham - 2/5/1977 - 30/11/1977.
A.Ghosh - 15/1/1985 - 4/2/1985.
Dr. C. Rangarajan - 22/12/1992 - 21/11/1997.
Dr. Bimal Jalan - 22/11/1997 - 6/9/2003.

FAMOUS WATERFALLS

Angel(Venezuela,807m), Mongefossen(Norway,774m), Kukenaam (Venezuela,610m), Utigard (Norway,600m), Ribbon (USA,491m), King George VI (Guyana,487m), Roraima (Guyana,457m), Upper Yosemite (USA,435m), Kalambo (Tanzania- Zambia,426m), Gavarnie (France,421m), Tugela (S.Africa,410m), Takakkaw (Canada,365m).

LARGEST ISLANDS

Australia (7682300sq km), Greenland (2175600sq km), New Guinea (792500sq km), Borneo(725545sq km), Malagasy Rep.(587000), Baffin Island (476065sq km), Sumatra (427300sq km), Honshu (227400sq km), Great Britain (218041sq km), Victoria Island(217300sq km),Eliesmere Island (196236sq km),Celebes (189035sq km).

PRINCIPAL PEAKS

Mt. Everest (8848m), Everest South Summit (8750m),K2(Mt. Godwin) (8611m), Kanchenjunga (8598m), Dhaulagiri (8167m), Nanga Parbat (8126m), Annapurna (8091m),Nanda Devi (7817m), Mt. Kamet (7756m), Saltoro Kangri (7742m).

LONGEST RIVERS

Nile (6650km), Amazon (6437km), Mississippi-Missouri (6020km), Yangtze Kiang (5494km),Ob-Irtysh (5410km), Zaire (4700km), Lena (4400km),Hwang Ho (4344km), Mackenzie (4241km), Mekong (4180km),Niger (4180km), St.Lawrence (4023km), Parana (4000km), Yenisey (3804km),Murray - Darling (3780km), Volga(3690km), Zambezi(3540km), Maderia (3218km), Purus (3200km), Youkon - Teslin (3185km), Rio Grande(3040km), Indus (2900km), Brahmaputra (2900km), Danube (2850km), Amur (28240km), Salween (2815km), Shatt al - Arab (2740km), Si (2650km), Orinoco (2575km), Nelson (2570km).

LARGEST DESERTS

SUBTROPICAL

Sahara - 9,064,650sq km.
Arabian- 2,589,900sq km.
Great Victoria- 647,475sq km.
Kalahari- 582,727sq km.
Chihuahuan- 453,232sq km.
Thar- 453,232sq
Great Sandy- 388,485sq km.
Gibson- 310,788sq km.
Sonoran- 310,788sq km.
Simpson- 145,034sq km.
Mohave- 139,854sq km.

COOL COASTAL

Atacame - 139,854sq km.
Namib - 33,668sq km.
COLD WINTER
Gobi - 1,294,950sq km.
Patagonian - 673,374sq km.
Great Basin - 492,081sq km.
Kara-Kum - 349,636sq km.
Colorado - 336,687sq km.
Kyzyl-Kum - 297,838sq km.
Taklamakan - 271,939sq km.
Iranian - 258,990sq km.

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

Mt. Vesuvius - 79AD.
Kelet - 1586.
Mt. Unzen - 1792.
Tambora - 1815.
Krakatoa - 1883.
Mt. Pelee - 1902.
Mt. St Helens - 1980
El Chichon - 1982.
Nevado del Ruiz - 1985.
Lake Nyos - 1986.
Mt. Mt Pinatubo - 1991.

SOLAR STATISTICS

Distance from the Earth - 149.8million km.
Absolute Visual Magnitude - 4.75.
Diameter - 1,384,000km.
Core Temperature - 15 000 000k.
Photosphere Temperature - 5770k.
Rotation as seen from the Earth -
 (at the Equator) 25.38days.
 (near the poles) 33days.
Chemical Composition -
 Hydrogen 71%
 Helium 26.5%
 Other Elements 2.5%
Age - About 4.5bilion years.
Expected lifetime of a normal star - About 10 bilion years.

EARTH DATA

Surface area - 510 100 500 sq km.
Land surface - 148 950 800sq km.
Ocean surface- 361 149 700sq km.
Total water area - 382 672 000sq km.
Type of water - 97%₀=salt & 3 %₀= fresh.
Equatorial circumference - 40 066 km.
Polar circumference - 39 992 km.
Equatorial diameter - 12 753 km.
Polar diameter - 12 710 km.
Equatorial radius - 6376 km.
Polar radius - 6355 km.
Mass (estimated weight) - 59400000000000000000 metric tons.
Mean distance from the Sun - 149 407 000 km.
Earth's Orbit Speed (around Sun) - 107 320 kmph.
Period of Revolution(round the Sun) - 365 days 5 hrs. 48 min. 45.51sec.
Time of Rotation(on its own axis) - 23 hrs. 56 min. 4.09sec.
Inclination of the axis - 66°30'.
Speed of Rockets - 8km/sec approx.
Escape Velocity - 11km/sec.

SWARNA KAMAL WINNER BENGALI FILMS

1955 - Pather Panchali.
1956 - Kabuliwala.
1958 - Sagar Sangame.
1959 - Apur Sansar.
1961 - Bhagini Nivedita.
1962 - Dada Thakur.
1964 - Charulata.
1967 - Hatey Bazarey.
1968 - Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne.
1971 - Seemabaddha.
1974 - Chorus.
1980 - Akaler Sandhane.
1981 - Dakhal.
1982 - Chokh.
1991 - Agantuk.
1993 - Charachar.
1994 - Unishe April.
1996 - Lal Darja.

2002 - Mondo Meyer Upakhyan.

4 PRESIDENTS OF USA

George Washington - 1789-1797.
George H.W. Bush - 1989-1993.
William J. Clinton - 1993-2001.
George W. Bush - 2001-.

4 BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Robert Walpole - 1721-1742.
Margaret Thatcher - 1979-1990.
John Major - 1990- 1997.
Tony Blair - 1997.

20 INVENTIONS

Acetylene gas(1862) - Berthelot(French).
Adding Machine(1642) - Pascal(French).
Yoga(200-100BC) - Patanjali(India).
Sidhayoga(C,750) - Vrdukurta(India).
Western Scientific Therapy(460-370BC) - Hippocrates(Greece).
Ayurveda(2000-1000BC) - Atreya(India).
Ashtanga Hridaya(C. 550AD) - Vagbhata(India).
Sex hormones(1910) - Eugen Steinach(Austria).
Terramycin(1950) - Finlay & Others(USA).
Use of artificial heart(for surgery)(1963) - Michael de Baakey(Britian).
Vaccine , polio - oral (1960) - Albert Sabin(USA).
Small Pox eradicated(1980) - W.H.O. Declaration(UN).
Vaccine ,meningitis (1987) - Gordon,et al. Connaught Lab.(USA).
Aspirin(1889) - Dreser(Germany).
Anesthesia, spinal (1898) - Bier (Germany).
Anatomia(1316) - Mondino(Italy).
Blood Bank(1940) - Drew(USA).
Pacemaker(1952) - Zoll(USA).
Seat belt(1959) - Volvo(Sweden).
Post-it-note(1980) - 3M(Asia Minor).