**Year : 2013**

**Events :**

**1: Telangana Statehood Approved**

**On July 30, 2013, the Congress Working Committee approved the formation of Telangana as India’s 29th state. The decision came after years of protests, hunger strikes, and political debates. The bifurcation was officially finalized in 2014, but the 2013 approval was a landmark moment in Indian political history.**

**2 : ISRO Launches IRNSS-1A**

**On July 1, 2013, ISRO successfully launched IRNSS-1A — the first satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System. It marked India’s step toward building its own GPS-like navigation system, boosting national autonomy in strategic sectors.**

**3 : Launch of PlayStation 4 and Xbox One**

**In November 2013, Sony and Microsoft released their next-gen consoles — the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One — just a week apart. This marked the beginning of a new gaming era with advanced graphics, cloud integration, and global multiplayer ecosystems.**

**4: Narendra Modi Named BJP’s Prime Ministerial Candidate**

**The Bharatiya Janata Party officially declared Narendra Modi as its PM candidate for the 2014 general elections, signaling a major political shift.**

**5: India Wins ICC Champions Trophy**

**On June 23, 2013, India beat England in a rain-affected final at Edgbaston to win the ICC Champions Trophy. This victory under M.S. Dhoni’s captaincy made India the only team to win all major ICC trophies (T20 World Cup, World Cup, and Champions Trophy).**

**6: Sachin Tendulkar Retires from International Cricket**

**On November 16, 2013, cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar played his 200th and final Test match at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. The nation paused as fans celebrated the career of a man who defined Indian cricket for over two decades.**

**7: U.S. Government Shutdown**

**From October 1 to 17, 2013, the U.S. federal government experienced a partial shutdown due to a budget deadlock in Congress over Obamacare funding. Over 800,000 federal employees were furloughed and many services were disrupted — causing major political backlash.**

**8:** **India Launches Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan)**

**On November 5, 2013, ISRO launched the Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), also known as Mangalyaan. It was India’s first interplanetary mission, and it made India the first Asian country — and the first country ever — to reach Mars on its maiden attempt.**