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January

India

- GSAT-14 was launched from Sriharikota using GSLV-D5 launch vehicle on January 5, 2014.
- Prithvi II missile was tested at Chandipur test range.
- Notable Maoist leader Gudsa Usendi and his wife surrendered to the Andhra police.
- Namdeo Dhasal, aged 64, Indian poet and activist, died on January 15, 2014.
- The 52nd Dai of the Dawoodi Bohras, Mohammed Burhanuddin, 98, died on January 17, 2014 due to cardiac attack at his home Saifee Mahal in Mumbai.
- Eight girls who were kidnapped from the endangered Jarawa tribe were rescued in Andamans.
- A stampede broke out in Mumbai in which 18 people were killed. The stampede broke out at the
 residence of the religious leader Dawoodi Bohras Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, who died on
 January 17, 2014.
- The Agni-IV missile was test-fired on January 20.
- A boat capsized near Port Blair in Andaman killing 21 people who were mostly tourists.
- Widespread protests were triggered after the death of Nido Taniam, a 20-year-old student from Arunachal Pradesh who died after being beaten up by locals at a marketplace in the Lajpat Nagar area of New Delhi on January 29, 2014.

International

- Devyani Khobragade, an Indian diplomat whose arrest sparked a diplomatic row between India and the United States, was charged for allegedly lying in order to obtain a work visa for her housekeeper.
 Devyani left for India after being indicated for this crime under diplomatic immunity.
- The United States returned three 11-12th century sculptures stolen by art thieves from temples in India. The sculptures were worth \$ 1.5 million.
- President Barack Obama was criticised for the manner in which he handled the War in Afghanistan in a book released by former US Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

February

India

• The first 8.9 km of the Mumbai Monorail was inaugurated connecting Jacob Circle in South Mumbai with Chembur in Eastern Mumbai.





- The 12th Delhi Auto Expo was held in India Expo Mart in Greater Noida from February 5-February 11, 2014.
- A ferry capsized in the Hirakud Dam reservoir drowning 31 persons.
- The book written by Wendy Doniger called The Hindus: An Alternative History was banned by India and Penguin books for "blasphemy".
- Tamil Nadu decided to free the three men and one woman who were found guilty of assassinating former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.

International

- Scientists at the Australian National University discovered the Universe's oldest known star named 'SMSS J031300.36-670839.3' which scientists estimate to be about 13.6 billion years old.
- The United States registered a complaint with the World Trade Organization (WTO), accusing Indian laws of discriminating against US solar panel manufacturers.
- An outbreak of measles from the Philippines spread to Australia, Taiwan, Canada, and the United Kingdom.
- The construction of Tân Vũ-Lạch Huyện Bridge in Haiphong was initiated by Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyễn Tấn Dũng. The bridge is said to become the longest sea bridge in Vietnam and South-East Asia.

March

India

- Indian novelist, politician, lawyer and journalist Khushwant Singh, died on March 20, 2014 due to natural causes. He was 99 years old.
- C-130J Super Hercules of the Indian Air Force crashed near Gwalior killing all five personnel on board.
 While searching for survivors in Chambal River, a volunteer was killed.
- On March 27, 2014, a total of 24 Indian fishermen were arrested by Sri Lankan Navy for crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line.

- South-East Asia's longest bridge over water in Penang, Malaysia Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah Bridge or the Penang Second Bridge opened on March 1.
- On March 8, Malaysian Airlines Flight 370, a Boeing 777 airliner en route to Beijing from Kuala





Lumpur, disappeared over the Gulf of Thailand with 239 people on board. It is presumed that the aircraft crashed into the Indian Ocean.

- India and the entire South-East Asia region was declared Polio-free by WHO on March 27, 2014.
- The 14th Dalai Lama delivered the Opening Prayer at the US Senate on Capitol Hill in Washington DC on March 6.

April

India

- On April 4, second navigation satellite IRNSS-1B of India was placed in orbit.
- In a bomb explosion near Aurangabad in Bihar, two CRPF personnel were killed.
- Supreme Court of India recognised transgender as a third gender in the country.
- Robin K Dhowan took over as the Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy. He became the 22nd navy chief of India on April 17. Earlier Admiral DK Joshi held this post.

International

- Around 276 girls and women were abducted and held hostage from a school in Nigeria.
- More than 290 people, majority of who were secondary school students of Danwon High School, were killed when a Korean ferry MV Sewol capsized and sank after the ferry took a sharp right turn and experienced an unmanageable cargo shift.
- An ocean of liquid water under the surface of Enceladus, a moon of Saturn was estimated by Scientists from NASA and the European Space Agency.

May

- One woman passenger was killed and at least 14 people were injured in an explosion of two low-intensity bombs. The incident took place on a Guwahati bound train which arrived at the Chennai Central railway station on May 1.
- National Democratic Front of Bodoland carried out a series of attacks from May 1- May 3 on migrant Muslims in Assam. Around 32 people were killed.
- Former Chairman and Managing Director of Tata Steel, Russi Mody, aged 96, died on May 16, 2014.
- CP Krishnan Nair, Founder-Chairman of the Leela Group of Hotels, aged 92, died on May 17, 2014





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following a brief illness.

- Production of Hindustan Ambassador car stopped by Hindustan Motors.
- Indian police arrested 29 people after National Democratic Front of Bodoland separatists killed 29
 Muslims and burned down homes.

International

- The World Health Organisation identified the spread of poliomyelitis in at least 10 countries and announced worldwide health emergency.
- Argentinosaurus named as the heaviest species of dinosaur ever while a sparrow-sized Qiliania named as the smallest.
- A Facebook page called "My Stealthy Freedom", garnered more than 130,000 likes within a week of being created. On this page women across Iran posted their photos without the hijab.
- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation sponsored a report which was published online by "The Lancet". This report revealed that 30% of the world's population was overweight or obese.

June

India

- Mumbai Metro started operations on line 1 from Versova to Ghatkopar.
- Operations of AirAsia India began.
- More than 500 children, aged 6 to 16, who had been trafficked from eastern states into Kerala, were rescued by police.
- In total 24 students from Hyderabad, on an excursion trip to Himachal Pradesh, were washed away in the Beas River. The incident took place after a hydropower plant allegedly discharged water into the river without any prior warning. The incident took place on June 8 in Thalaut on Manali-Kiratpur Highway, 40 km from district headquarters Mandi.
- Almost 19 people were killed when a pipeline belonging to GAIL caught fire in Nagaram village of East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh.
- Water cannons were fired by Indian police to disperse hundreds of protesters, angry over the gangrape and hanging of two teenage girls in Uttar Pradesh. The demonstration took place outside the office of Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav.





- On June 30, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C23 (PSLV-C23) from Sriharikota carrying five foreign satellites French Earth Observation Satellite SPOT-7 weighing 714 kg, 14 kg AISAT of Germany, NLS7.1 (CAN-X4) & NLS7.2 (CAN-X5) of Canada weighing 15 kg each and the 7 kg VELOX-1 of Singapore.
- A new programming language called Swift was introduced by Apple for iOS and OS X development.
- American hip hop band, the Beastie Boys won the law suit against the makers of Monster Energy
 drink for unauthorised use of the band's music in their advertisement. The band received \$1.7 million
 for copyright violation.
- Queen's Official Birthday was celebrated in the United Kingdom on June 14, with Trooping the Colour (also known as the Birthday Parade) along with the Birthday Honours.
- Barack Obama, The President of the United States, proposed to expand the Pacific Remote Islands

 Marine National Monument, making the world's largest marine sanctuary in the Central Pacific Ocean.

July

India

- Air India joined the Star Alliance.
- The first batch of about 80 Indians stranded in Lebanon arrived from Iraq on July 5.
- Odhisha's top Maoist leader Sabyasachi Panda, an accused in the Swami Lakshmanananda Saraswati murder case, was arrested in Berhampur town of Odisha on July 18.
- Due to heavy rainfall in Malin village in Pune district of Maharashtra state, a landslide destroyed 44 houses and buried nearly 200 persons. The incident took place early in the morning when most of the people were asleep.
- An 11-story building which was under construction collapsed in Chennai, crushing to death 61
 people, which mostly comprised of construction workers.
- Around 18 people, which included 16 school children, died after a train collided with a bus in the Medak district of Telangana.
- Around seven people were killed when an advanced Indian Air Force chopper-307 crashed in the in Sitapur area of Uttar Pradesh.

- Pelagornis Sandersi, the pre-historic bird, is identified as the largest flying bird yet discovered.
- Save the Children, the aid group warned of a cholera outbreak in South Sudan, which is known to





have killed 60 people so far.

- Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 scheduled from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was shot down on July 17 by pro-Russian separatists using a Buk surface-to-air missile. All 283 passengers and 15 crew on board were killed.
- The population of the Philippines reached 100 million.
- A heatwave in Japan caused at least 15 deaths and more than 8000 people hospitalised in one week.
- The World Health Organisation announced a US \$100 million emergency response plan to combat the 2014 West Africa Ebola outbreak which killed at least 729 people.

August

India

- Yoga teacher BKS lyengar, aged 95, died on August 20, 2014 due to heart failure and renal failure.
- On August 21, Kerala decided to shut down over 700 liquor bars attached to hotels which were rated in the five-star category. Also, the state decided to have Sundays as "dry days".
- Kannada writer UR Ananthamurthy, 81, died of cardiac arrest on August 22, 2014.
- The Supreme Court of India declared all 218 coal block allocations made from 1993 to 2011 as illegal
 and arbitrary.
- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), comprehensive financial inclusion programme, was formally launched on August 28. About 1.5 crore accounts were opened on day 1 by means of thousands of camps, exceeding the first day target of 1 crore accounts.

International

- On August 4, The United Kingdom commemorated the 100th anniversary of declaration of war against Germany in the First World War.
- After Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, Nigeria became the third African nation to declare a state of emergency due theWest Africa Ebola outbreak.

September

- Mandolin player and composer, U Srinivas also known as Mandolin Srinivas, aged 45, died on September 19, 2014, due to liver failure.
- Disastrous floods hit the Jammu-Kashmir region. The primary reason for these floods was torrential





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rainfall. The affected regions of the floods were Indian administrated Jammu and Kashmir, as well as Azad Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and Punjab in Pakistan. Nearly 284 people in India and 280 people in Pakistan died due to the floods as reported by September 24, 2014.

• ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) entered the orbit of the red planet, Mars on September 24. With this, India became the first nation in the world to have entered the Mars orbit in the first attempt. ISRO's MOM is the cheapest Mars mission till now.

International

- India and Australia signed a nuclear deal for supply of Uranium by Australia to India for energy generation.
- An agreement was signed between US's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on September 30, to collaborate on an earth-observing satellite called NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) and future Mars missions.
- More than 200 people died across India and Pakistan due to heavy monsoon rains and flash floods.
- Reports came in that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were expecting their second child.
- MAVEN space probe of NASA successfully arrived in orbit over Mars on September 22.
- The President of the United States, Barack Obama signed a memorandum for expanding the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument to 490,000 square miles, making it the biggest marine preserve in the world.

October

- On October 2, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a cleanliness drive Swachh Bharat
 Abhiyan. This national level campaign covers 4041 statutory towns to clean the streets, roads and
 infrastructure of the country.
- The Kerala High Court upheld the state government's decision to close down about 700 bars to make the state alcohol-free by 2023. However, heritage and four-star hotels were allowed to serve liquor apart from five-star hotels which were already exempted.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off a rally named 'Run for Unity' from Vijay Chowk to celebrate
 139th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Reports came in that E-Cigarettes are soon to be banned in India.
- India slipped from 2013's 101 rank to 114 in the list of 142 countries in Gender Gap Report of World





Economic Forum.

• India's 3rd navigation satellite IRNSS 1C launched with the help of PSLV C26 rocket.

International

- The Nobel Peace Prize 2014 was awarded to India's Kailash Satyarthi and Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai.
- French economist Jean Tirole won the Nobel Prize 2014 for economics.
- Stefan Hell of Germany and US researchers Eric Betzig and William Moerner won the Nobel Prize in chemistry.
- Japanese-born US scientist Shuji Nakamura and Isamu Akasaki and Hiroshi Amano of Japan won the Nobel Prize in physics.
- US-British scientist John O'Keefe and Norwegian couple May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser won the Nobel Prize in medicine.
- Nobel Prize in literature was won by French writer Patrick Modiano.
- The first person diagnosed with Ebola in the United States, Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man, died in Dallas, Texas on October 8.
- New Zealand, Angola, Malaysia, Spain and Venezuela have been elected to sit on the United Nations Security Council for two years from 2015.
- Barack Obama, the President of the United States, named lawyer and former political operative Ron Klain as "Ebola Czar" to coordinate US response to the Ebola outbreak.
- An outbreak of cholera killed 51 people in Niger.
- Richard Flanagan's novel The Narrow Road to the Deep North, won the 2014 Man Booker Prize.

November

- It is found that when it comes to R&D Investment, India Lags behind USA, China, and South Korea.
- India's Mars Mission is placed in the list of Best Inventions of 2014.
- Medium-range nuclear-capable Agni-II Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) successfully testfired by India.
- Facebook restricted information access to around 5000 'hate content' information pieces in India from January to June 2014. Around 1,773 information pieces were restricted in Pakistan and 1,893 in Turkey.







- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi ranked 15th in Forbes' list of most powerful persons of the world. Satya Nadella of Microsoft ranked at 64, Lakshmi Mittal of ArcelorMittal was on 57, and Mukesh Ambani of Reliance Industries on 36.
- Find out which were the top news events which made headlines in India.

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned that the world faces "severe, pervasive and irreversible" damage from global emissions of CO2, released in the final part of its Fifth Assessment Report.
- The Rosetta spacecraft's Philae probe successfully lands on Comet 67P.
- Dr Matshidiso Moeti of Botswana is appointed by World Health Organisation as the new Africa Chief as the death toll from the Ebola virus passed 5,000.
- The investigation team for Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 extended its deadline by another nine months to August 2015 due to difficulties in accessing the crash site.
- Russia is planning to launch an 'alternative Wikipedia'.
- UNESCO declared Machu Picchu of Peru, the Rizal Monument in Manila, the Dampier Archipelago of Australia, and Camino de Santiago of Spain, as World Heritage Sites in Danger.
- It is reported by The World Health Organisation that an outbreak of bubonic plague in Madagascar killed 40 people.
- Know more about the top events that made news in the world here.





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January

India

 A three-day meeting from January 13 to January 15, 2014 was held between India and United States intelligence services in New Delhi.

February

India

- Interim Union budget 2014 was presented by Finance Minister, P Chidambaram on February 17, 2014.
- Street Vendors Act, 2014 was passed by Rajya Sabha on February 19, 2014 after Lok Sabha passed it on September 6, 2013.
- Rajya Sabha passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2014 on February 20, 2014.
- Law makers riot took place in the lower house of Parliament in protest of creating the state of Telangana. But the bill was passed for creating the new state.

International

- Despite warnings from China to cancel the meeting, The President of the United States, Barack
 Obama, met the Dalai Lama.
- Matteo Renzi elected the Prime Minister of Italy.

March

India

• In total 18 soldiers were killed in an ambush by Maoists in an Indian paramilitary force in Chhattisgarh.

- Russia was temporarily suspended from G8 by the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany, Japan, and Canada during an emergency meeting.
- The United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 68/262 which recognises Crime within Ukraine's international borders and rejected the validity of the 2014 Crimean referendum.
- It is ruled at The United Nations International Court of Justice that Japan's Antarctic whaling programme is not scientific but commercial and forbids grants for further permits.





• Same sex marriages took place in the United Kingdom after they were legally allowed to proceed in England and Wales.

April

India

- Indian general election Phase 1, was held in Assam and Tripura on April 7.
- On April 9, Indian general election Phase 2, was held in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram.
- Indian general election Phase 3, was held in Andaman and Nicobar, Delhi, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Haryana, and Chandigarh on April 10.
- Phase 4 of Indian general election was held in Sikkim, Tripura, Assam and Goa on April 12.
- On April 12, in two separate Maoist attacks one in Bijapur district and another in Bastar district in Chhattisgarh seven polling staff and five CRPF personnel were killed. In total, 14 people were killed.
- Indian general election Phase 5, was held in Jharkhand, Bihar, Karnataka, West Bengal, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh on April 17, the biggest day of voting during elections.
- On April 24, Indian general election Phase 6, was conducted in 11 states for 117 seats and 180 million voters. Rajasthan, Puducherry, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu being few of the states.
- Five police personnel, two polling staff and a cleaner were killed by Maoists in an ambush in Dumka district in Jharkhand.
- Punjab, Daman and Diu, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir and Telangana were covered under Phase 7 of the Indian general election which were held on April 30.

- The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) passed a resolution to temporarily strip Russia of its voting rights, its rights to be represented in the Bureau of the Assembly, the PACE Presidential Committee, and the PACE Standing Committee, and its right to participate in election-observation missions due to the 2014 Crimean crisis.
- The new economic sanctions of United States President, Barack Obama against Russia went into effect, targeting companies and individuals close to Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- Pervez Musharraf, former President of Pakistan survived an assassination attempt in Islamabad.





May

India

- Indian general election covered Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh,
 Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal in phase 8.
- Indian general election concluded on May 12 with last phase phase 9 conducted in West Bengal,
 Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.
- Result of elections 2014 were declared on May 16. UPA secured 61 seats compared to 218 in last elections. NDA's seat count increased by 198, totaling to 335 in this elections, compared to 137 in last elections.
- Narendra Modi took oath as the 15th Prime Minister of India on May 26 along with his council of ministers. The swearing-in ceremony was the first ever one which was attended by the heads of all SAARC countries.

June

India

- According to Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, Indian state of Andhra Pradesh was split in two new states Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on June 2. Hyderabad will be the joint capital for them for 10 years. Thus, India now has 29 states and 7 seven union territories.
- Gopinath Munde, the newly appointed Minister of Rural Development, aged 64, died in a car accident.

- Aiming to capture the capital city of Iraq Baghdad, a Sunni militant group called the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (also known as the ISIS or ISIL) began an offensive through Northern Iraq. The group also aims to overthrow the government led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.
- King Juan Carlos I of Spain renounced his throne in favour of his son, who ascended the Spanish throne as King Felipe VI.
- Salvador Sánchez Cerén, Former Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front guerilla leader, was sworn in as the President of El Salvador.
- Former President of Turkey Kenan Evren, 96, punished with life sentence for his role in the 1980 Turkish coup d'état.





July

India

- Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the Union Budget 2014-2015 in the Parliament on July
 10 with motto "Sab ka Saath Sab ka Vikas" aiming for a poverty free India.
- In a border dispute with India over the Bay of Bengal, the United Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration ruled in favour of Bangladesh.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Health Minister took a stand for the protection of rights for homosexuals in India.

International

- Around 30,000 soldiers were deployed by Saudi Arabia at the border it shares with Iraq after Iraqi
 government forces withdrew from the area.
- For the third term, Bashar Assad was sworn in to serve as President of Syria.
- For the first time in RIMPAC's (Rim of the Pacific Exercise) history a nation (China) sent a surveillance vessel while participating in the naval exercises.
- Governor of Jakarta Joko Widodo has been elected as the new President of Indonesia.
- Fuad Masum sworn in as the 7th President of Iraq.
- Reuven Rivlin elected as the 10th President of Israel.

August

International

- The first US-Africa Leaders Summit began on August 4 in Washington, DC.
- For a second term, Juan Manuel Santos sworn in as President of Colombia.
- Decided at China's Parliament, Hong Kong cannot freely choose its next leader in 2017.

September

India

Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa and her three associates — N Sasikalaa, J Elavarasi and VN Sudhakaran sentenced to four years imprisonment in the Rs 66.65 crore disproportionate assets case. The court imposed a fine of Rs 100 crore on Jayalalithaa and Rs 10 crore on each of the other convicts.





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International

- Ian Paisley, Former First Minister of Northern Ireland and Democratic Unionist Party leader dead at the age of 88.
- Ewa Kopacz became second female prime minister of Poland.
- Eric Holder resigned as Attorney General of the United States but effective only when a successor is confirmed by the Senate.
- Ashraf Ghani is the new president of Afghanistan.

October

India

- Bharatiya Janata Party's Karnal MLA Manohar Lal Khattar, non-Jat is the new CM of Haryana.
- BJP won 122 seats in Final Maharashtra Assembly election. While Shiv Sena won 63 seats, Congress won 42 seats, NCP won 41 seats, MNS won 1 seat and Others 18 seats. BJP needs allies to form government.
- Bilawal Bhutto, Chief of Pakistan People's Party, raised Kashmir issue once again to get political mileage in Pakistan.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched labour reform to achieve his dream of making India a successful manufacturing hub.

- Julia Pierson resigned as the Director of the United States Secret Service after a series of security breaches at the White House.
- Sweden's new centre-left government created a surprise by announcing that the country will recognise the state of Palestine. It became the first European country to do so while being a member of the European Union.
- John Key sworn-in for his third term as Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- Estonia became the first former member of the Soviet Republic to legalise gay partnerships and grant equal rights to same-sex couples.
- Charles Michel is the new Prime Minister of Belgium leading a Coalition of four centre-right parties.
- President of Bolivia, Evo Morales, re-elected for a five year term, for the third time.
- Moderate conservative John Tory elected as Mayor of Toronto, Ontario.





November

India

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced at SAARC Summit that India would be giving business
 visas ranging from 3 years to 5 years to all SAARC countries.
- BJP defeated Congress in the Rajasthan civic body polls of the Lok Sabha elections. BJP won 25 out of the total 46 seats.
- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) launched a five point programme for youth in Delhi to attract voters ahead of Delhi assembly polls.
- The name of Bangalore and 11 other cities across Karnataka were changed on the occasion of "Karnataka Rajyotsava", state formation day.
- Find out which were the top political news events which made headlines in India.

- The 25th ASEAN Summit was held in the city of Naypyidaw, the capital of Myanmar on Nov 12, 2014.
- SAARC Summit took place on November 26 and November 27, 2014 in Nepal.
- Know more about the top events that made news in the sphere of politics across the world here.





January

India

- Businesswoman Sunanda Pushkar, 50, died on January 17, 2014.
- Facebook buys the Indian startup Little Eye Labs.

International

- Euro is officially adopted by as its currency and becomes the 18th member of the Eurozone.
- India and Sri Lanka exchanged 52 imprisoned fishermen.

February

India

- Bank employees of around 47 banks carried out a nation-wide strike for two days from February 10-February 11, 2014 demanding banking sector reforms and better pay.
- Sahara India Chairman Subrata Roy was arrested in Lucknow after the Supreme Court of India issued a non-bailable warrant against him on February 28, 2014.

International

- Satya Nadella internally promoted as next CEO of the software company Microsoft and John W.
 Thompson appointed as its chairman.
- McDonald's opens their first restaurant within Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City.
- In a US\$44 billion buyout, Comcast is set to acquire Time Warner Cable.
- Facebook acquired WhatsApp for US \$19 billion in cash and stock.
- At the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Nokia unveils Nokia X, an Android-based smartphone.

March

- Google and Samsung asked a Chinese agency China to impose limited conditions on a proposed merger of Microsoft and Nokia.
- According to Forbes magazine's annual ranking of global billionaires, Microsoft founder Bill Gates regains the top spot as the world's richest person.
- Toyota had pay \$1.2 billion to settle charges against them that they lied about deadly accelerator





defects to United States safety investigators and the public.

April

India

- Reserve Bank of India granted preliminary licenses for setting up new banks to Bandhan Financial
 Services and Infrastructure Development Finance Company.
- After the United States and China, India has become the world's third-largest economy in purchasing power parity moving ahead of Japan, according to World Bank report. The last survey in 2005 had placed India in 10th place.

International

- Two of the largest cement manufacturers in the world, Lafarge and Holcim merged with a market value of \$55 billion.
- Microsoft officially stopped support to Windows XP after 12 years of support.

May

International

- The chief executive officer of Ford, Alan Mulally, to retire in July, and their chief operating officer Mark Fields to take his place.
- Coca-Cola and PepsiCo to remove brominated vegetable oil (BVO) from their drinks.
- Marathon Oil agreed to buy Hess Corporation's retail gas stations for \$2.87 billion.
- Beats Electronics will be bought by Apple Inc. for \$3 billion.

June

- Dai-ichi Life, a Japanese life insurance company purchased financial service holding company,
 Protective Life for \$5.7 billion.
- American new media company Internet Brands was taken-over by American multinational private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts for \$1.1 billion.
- · Vodafone revealed that the governments of six countries have a permanent link to monitor





communications throughout Vodafone's networks.

- Oracle Corporation bought MICROS Systems for \$5.3 billion.
- Competitors of Tesla Motors are allowed to use its patents without paying royalties.

July

International

- South African retailer Woolworths took-over Australian retailer David Jones Limited for \$2 billion.
- For the first time after the Fukushima disaster, Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority granted allowance to restart two nuclear plants.
- Microsoft announced deeper-than-expected job cuts as part of its cloud-oriented restructuring, almost reducing the newly-purchased Nokia phone business by 50%.
- British broadcaster BSkyB bought 21st Century Fox's stake in Sky Italia and Sky Deutschland for \$7
 billion.
- McDonald's restaurants stopped selling Chicken McNuggets and some other chicken products in China, Hong Kong and Japan from Shanghai Husi Foods that allegedly sold out-of-date items to fast food restaurants.

August

India

On August 3, the chairman and managing director of Syndicate Bank Sudhir Kumar Jain along with
his brother-in-law and four others were arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in a
bribery case related to enhancing the credit limit of private companies bypassing rules. The case
became one of most high profile cases involving a serving state-run bank chief in over two decades.

- Accounting irregularities found in books of Alibaba Pictures Group Ltd., a unit of the giant Chinese
 e-commerce firm.
- Preceding the financial crisis of 2007-08, Goldman Sachs will buy back \$3.15 billion in low quality mortgage bonds that it dumped on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- Burger King, the fast food giant, to acquire Canadian coffee giant Tim Hortons for \$11.4 billion. Its headquarters will be set up in Canada.





September

International

- Pharmacy chain CVS Pharmacy to change its name to CVS Health and also expected to stop marketing tobacco products.
- Microsoft to buy Swedish company the makers of Minecraft, Mojang, for \$2.5 billion.

October

India

- Japan's SoftBank Corp became the biggest investor of Snapdeal, the eCommerce portal.
- Japanese auto Nissan to call back its compact car Micra and mid-sized Sedan Sunny in India because of faulty airbags manufactured by its supplier Takata.
- Gujarat became the Biggest Gainer of 'Make in India' Campaign started by Narendra Modi.
- On the occasion of Diwali Balipratipada, trading segments in India remained closed on October 24,
 2014.
- Net Profit of GoAir saw a sharp fall of 95% decrease from Rs 104 crore for the financial year 2013 to Rs 5.44 crore in financial year 2014.
- IndiGo to buy 430 jets amounting \$40 billion.
- SEBI has restricted access of DLF along with six top executives of the company to the capital market for three long years.
- Aurobindo Pharma's market capitalisation increased by 21% raising it from the 147th position to 5th position in one year in Indian Pharma Company.

- Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. agreed to sell its most prestigious hotel Manhattan's Waldorf Astoria to Chinese insurance company Anbang Insurance Group for \$1.95 billion.
- A large French bank, Groupe BPCE launched a service that will allow its customers to use the social networking site Twitter to send money.





November

India

- Union Government holds stakes ranging from 56% to 84% at 24 state-run banks.
- Xiaomi to invest in Indian start-ups in Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru to boost its innovation.
- Bharati Airtel to sell Nigeria's 4,800 towers for reducing their debt.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) reported 31% rise in its net profit in the September quarter.

- 'WireLurker' and 'Rootpipe', two new classes of malware attacked Apple products.
- Free trade deal worth \$18 billion concluded between Australia and the People's Republic of China.
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January

India

- Aircel Chennai Open was scheduled from December 30, 2013 January 5, 2014. In men's singles final, Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland beat France Frenchman Édouard Roger-Vasselin by 7-5, 6-2 and became the champion. While, Sweden's Johan Brunström and Frederik Nielsen of Denmark beat Croatian pair Marin Draganja and Mate Pavić, 6-2, 4-6, 10-7, in men's doubles final.
- Dutch hockey team beat New Zealand Black Stick Men 7-2 in the finals of 2012-14 Men's FIH Hockey
 World League Final held at Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi from January 10- January 18, 2014.
- 2014 Lusophony Games was held in Goa from January 18- January 29, 2014. India secured the first place with 37 Gold, 27 Silver and 28 Broze followed by Portugal with 18 Gold, 20 Silver and 12 Broze and Macau on third spot with 15 Gold, 9 Silver and 14 Bronze.
- 2014 India Open Grand Prix Gold was held at Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow from January 21- January 26, 2014.

International

- African Footballer of the Year is won by Ivory Coast star Yaya Touré, who plays for the club team
 Manchester City.
- Cristiano Ronaldo is named the winner of FIFA Ballon d'Or 2013 which is the award for the year's top male player. While names for FIFA Women's World Player of the Year is Nadine Angerer of Germany.

February

- Hockey India League took place from January 23- February 23, 2014. Kalinga Lancers made their debut in the event. Delhi Waveriders beat Jaypee Punjab Warriors and became the champions. Delhi won the game in the penalties by 3-1. Defending champions Ranchi Rhinos stood 3rd after beating Uttar Pradesh Wizards by 3-2 in penalties.
- India beat Chinese Taipei by 5-0 in 2014 Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group I first round match
 where India was playing against Chinese Taipei. The event took place at Indore from January 31February 2, 2014.
- Karnataka won the 2013-14 Ranji Trophy final match by beating Maharashtra by 7 wickets.
- Royal Wahingdoh FC and Kalighat Milan Sangha FC made it to the final round from Group A and





Bhawanipore FC and Hindustan FC made it to the final round from Group B in the first round of I-League 2nd Division.

International

- The Winter Olympics 2014 was held in Sochi, Russia, from February 7-23, 2014. The opening rounds in certain events were held on the eve of the opening ceremony, that is, on February 6, 2014.
- Russia secured the first spot at the medal table of Winter Olympics 2014, followed by Norway and Canada.

March

India

Royal Wahingdoh FC won the round in I-League 2nd Division Final Round and advanced to 2014-15
 I-League 1st Division.

International

• The captain of the South Africa cricket team, Graeme Smith, announced his retirement from international cricket at the end of the March series against Australia.

April

India

- India Super Series 2014 was held at Siri Fort Indoor Stadium, New Delhi from April 1-April 6, 2014.
- Indian Premier League 2014 was held at India from April 16- June 1, 2014.
- Chitra Magimairaj won the World Women's Senior Snooker Championship on April 22, 2014 at Leeds, Britain.

- Leighton Aspell, an Irish jockey returned to horse racing after announcing his retirement in 2007. He won the 2014 Grand National at Aintree racecourse with the odds of 25/1.
- In Chinese Grand Prix, Lewis Hamilton took a dominant victory to win three consecutive races for the first time in his career in Formula 1. The second place was grabbed by his Mercedes-Benz team mate Nico Rosberg and Ferrari's Fernando Alonso stood third.





May

India

• Thomas Cup and Uber Cup of Badminton were played in New Delhi from May 18-May 25, 2014 where Japan won the Thomas Cup and China won the Uber Cup.

International

- England won the 2014 UEFA European Under-17 Championship, beating Netherlands on penalties after a 1-1 draw.
- Real Madrid defeated Atlético Madrid in football by a score of 4-1 in extra time in the 2014 UEFA
 Champions League Final. The game was played at Lisbon's Estádio da Luz.
- Japan defeated Australia by 1-0 in the final of AFC Women's Asian Cup 2014.
- Russia defeated Finland by 5-2 in the final of Men's World Ice Hockey Championships 2014.
- The Fiji national under-19 football team qualified for the 2015 FIFA U-20 World Cup to be held in New Zealand after winning the OFC U-19 Championship.

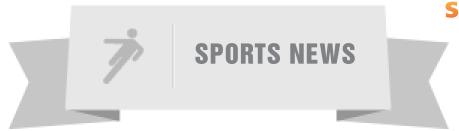
June

India

• Indian Premier League 2014 final match was held at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore where Kolkata Knight Riders beat Kings XI Punjab by three wickets to win their second title.

- The 2014 FIFA World Cup began in Brazil on June 12.
- Memorial Tournament 2014 in golf was won by Hideki Matsuyama.
- Hashim Amla became the first non-white captain of the South African national cricket team.
- Derby Stakes was won by Australia. Trainer Aidan O'Brien became the first trainer to win the Derby for three successive years.
- Amy Van Dyken, US Olympic gold medal winner in swimming severed her spine in a car accident.





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July

International

- The 2014 FIFA World Cup ended on July 13. Germany won the World Cup.
- Former New Zealand cricket player, Lou Vincent banned for life for match fixing.
- American golfer Mo Martin won the Women's British Open 2014 held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.
- On July 23, the opening ceremony of the 2014 Commonwealth Games was held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- A new world record of 3:30:98 in swimming was set by the Australian women's team in the 4x100m freestyle relay of Bronte Campbell, Cate Campbell, Emma McKeon and Melanie Schlanger in 2014 Commonwealth Games.

August

International

- NASCAR driver Tony Stewart ran over 20 year old driver Kevin Ward Jr during a sprint car race in northern New York on August 9. Ward was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.
- The 2014 Summer Youth Olympics was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing beginning from August 16.
- Katie Ledecky, the American swimmer broke her own world record for the 400 metres freestyle in Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 2014.
- UEFA Best Player in Europe Award was won by Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid, ahead of Manuel Neuer and Arjen Robben of Bayern Munich.
- A new world record was set by Anita Włodarczyk of Poland in the women's hammer throw of 79.58
 metres at the ISTAF Berlin meet.

September

International

• Asian Games 2014, known as the XVII Asiad, began on September 19. The multi-sport event was held at Incheon, South Korea. The event had 439 events in 36 sports and disciplines featured in the Games.





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October

India

Sania Mirza and Cara Black, the Indo-Zimbabwean pair saved three match points in semifinals
against Kveta Peschke and Katarina Srebotnik the Czech-Slovenian pair to enter the Women's Tennis
Association (WTA) year-ends finals.

International

- The closing ceremony of Asian Games 2014 was held on October 4, 2014.
- This year 14 World records and 27 Asian records were broken during the Asian Games.
- The final medal tally at Asian games 2014 was led by China, followed by South Korea and Japan.
- India stood at eighth spot with 57 medals in the Asian Games 2014 out of which 11 were gold, 10 were silver and 36 were bronze medals.
- New Zealand won the 2014 Rugby Championship in rugby union, despite ending their 22-match unbeaten streak after losing to South Africa. Argentina defeated Australia on the final day of the tournament, for their first win in the competition since joining it in 2012.

November

India

- Rohit Sharma set a new record of 264 runs in an ODI innings, leading India to a 153 run victory over Sri Lanka in the fourth ODI of Sri Lanka's current tour.
- Norwegian chess player Magnus Carlsen defeated Viswanathan Anand of India in 11th game of the world chess title match in Sochi, Russia.
- Tennis player Sania Mirza appointed as Goodwill Ambassador for the region of South Asia by the United Nations.
- The international men's category of the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon was won by Ethiopian runner Guye Adola while women's event was won by Kenyan Florence Kiplagat.
- Sachin Tendulkar supported Ace Indian Boxer Sarita Devi, who refused to accept her Bronze Medal at the podium of Asian Games 2014 due to the controversial verdict.
- Find out which were the top Sports news events which made headlines in India.

International

• Thai violinist Vanessa-Mae banned from skiing races for four years for fixing races at the 2014 Winter







Olympics.

- In the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Britain's Lewis Hamilton won the 2014 Formula One world title after finishing first.
- Switzerland won the Davis Cup in tennis for the first time after defeating France in the final.
- Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes died on November 27, 2014 two days after he was hit on his head by a bouncer while playing in a Sheffield Shield match for South Australia against New South Wales.
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January

India

- Film actress Suchitra Sen, 82, died of a heart attack on January 17, 2014.
- Akkineni Nageswara Rao, actor and producer in Telugu films, aged 90, died on January 22, 2014.

International

- The 71st Golden Globe Awards were broadcast live on January 12, 2014 from the Beverly Hilton Hotel
 in Beverly Hills, California. The awards aim at honoring the best in film and American television for the
 year 2013.
- Diane Keaton accepted the award for Woody Allen who was announced as the Cecil B DeMille Award honoree for his lifetime achievements on September 13, 2013.
- American Hustle, Breaking Bad, Behind the Candelabra, Brooklyn Nine-Nine, and Dallas Buyers Club
 were among the films and television shows that received multiple awards at The 71st Golden Globe
 Awards.
- The 56th Annual Grammy Awards took place on January 26, 2014, at Staples Center in Los Angeles.
- Daft Punk, French electronic music, won five awards which includes 'Record of the Year' and 'Album of the Year'. The Record of the Year award was given to Daft Punk, Pharrell Williams & Nile Rodgers for "Get Lucky" and the Album of the Year was given to Daft Punk for "Random Access Memories".
- Macklemore & Ryan Lewis won four trophies, including one for Best New Artist.
- Lorde's Royals received awards for Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance.
- Two days prior to the awards ceremony, that is, January 24, Carole King was honoured as MusiCares Person of the Year.
- The 20th Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role was won by Matthew McConaughey for his role in Dallas Buyers Club and the 20th Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role was awarded to Cate Blanchett for her role in Blue Jasmine.

February

India

• Director and cinematographer Balu Mahendra, 75, died due to a heart attack on February 13, 2014





International

- The 67th British Academy Film Awards were held at the Royal Opera House in London on February 16.
 Best film award was won by The 12 Years a Slave.
- The award for Best Actor at 67th British Academy Film Awards was awarded to Chiwetel Ejiofor for "The 12 Years a Slave" while Australian actress Cate Blanchett won best actress for her role in "Blue Jasmine".
- Katy Perry's video "Dark Horse" created a major storm after an online petition against the video was initiated over the use of an image containing the word "Allah" in the video. The video was later edited.

March

India

• Following a heart attack, Nanda, 75, actress in Hindi and Marathi films died on March 25, 2014.

International

- The 86th Academy Awards ceremony was held on March 2. The ceremony was presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). It took place at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles.
- Gravity won seven awards including Best Director for Alfonso Cuarón at the Academy Awards.
- 12 Years a Slave won three awards including Best Picture at the Academy Awards.
- The telecast of Oscar award ceremony became the most watched Oscar ceremony since the 72nd Academy Awards conducted in 2000 which led to more than 44 million viewing the award ceremony in the United States.
- The best actor award in Oscar 2014 was given to Matthew McConaughey for Dallas Buyers Club and the best actress trophy was given to Cate Blanchett for Blue Jasmine.
- Frozen became the 18th film and second animated film to cross the \$1 billion mark in worldwide box office grosses. Also, it won two Oscars, including the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.
- How I Met Your Mother aired its final episode on March 31.

April

India

• The Dadasaheb Phalke Award was announced on April 12, 2014, for the previous year. The award— Swarna





Kamal, INR1 million (US\$16,000) and a Shawl, was awarded to Gulzar, a poet, lyricist and film director.

- National award for the "Best Hindi Film" was given to Jolly LLB. While the award for "Best Feature Film" was won by Ship of Theseus. The award for Best Actor was won by Rajkummar Rao for Shahid (Hindi), Suraj Venjaramoodu for Perariyathavar (Malayalam). While Geetanjali Thapa (Liar's Dice, Hindi) won the award for Best Actress.
- Best Director Award was won by Hansal Mehta for Shahid.

International

 An estimated \$96.2 million were grossed by Captain America: The Winter Soldier, domestically during its opening weekend.

May

India

- The 61st National Film Awards ceremony was held on May 3. The festival honoured the best films of 2013 in the Indian cinema.
- Two Indian-American teenagers Sriram Hathwar of Painted Post, New York, and Ansun Sujoe of Fort Worth, Texas, shared the title of 87th Scripps National Spelling Bee after having the same score in the final round.

International

- The 67th annual Cannes Film Festival was conducted from May 14-25, 2014. The opening and closing ceremonies were hosted by French actor Lambert Wilson.
- Turkish film 'Winter Sleep' directed by Nuri Bilge Ceylan, was awarded with The Palme d'Or.
- The festival opened with 'Grace of Monaco', directed by Olivier Dahan and starring Nicole Kidman. It closed with the restored 4K (resolution) version of Sergio Leone's 1964 western 'A Fistful of Dollars'.
- Eurovision Song Contest was won by "Rise Like a Phoenix" by Austrian singer Conchita Wurst.

June

- The master stylist John Banville won Prince of Asturias Award for Literature 2014. The award was announced in Oviedo, Spain.
- Beating the American Donna Tartt's 771-page opus The Goldfinch, Eimear McBride won the Baileys





Women's Prize for Fiction with – A Girl Is a Half-formed Thing.

 Actors Angelina Jolie and Daniel Day-Lewis, and the late charity campaigner Stephen Sutton were honoured in the 2014 Birthday Honours.

July

India

• Theatre artiste, choreographer and film actress Zohra Sehgal, aged 102, died due to cardiac arrest.

International

• Monty Python performed their last ever comedy show at The O_2 in London.

August

India

• Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) CEO Rakesh Kumar was arrested by CBI in an alleged bribery case for demanding Rs 70,000 bribe to urgently clear a film from Chhattisgarh.

International

- The \$80 billion bid to take over Time Warner was withdrawn by Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox.
- Oscar-winning American comedic actor Robin Williams aged 63 died of asphyxiation.
- British actor, producer, director, and entrepreneur Richard Attenborough aged 90 died on August 24.
- The 66th Primetime Emmy Awards for American tv shows were held at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, California on Aug 25. For Outstanding Drama Series, Breaking Bad won the Emmy Award.
- For Outstanding Comedy Series, Modern Family won the Primetime Emmy Award along with Frasier.

September

India

• Doordarshan TV news anchor fired after she referred to Chinese President Xi Jinping as 'Eleven' Jinping. Apparently, she confused Xi's name with the Roman numerals XI.

October





International

• The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra was awarded with \$1 million Birgit Nilsson Prize in a ceremony in Stockholm.

November

India

- Hindi and Marathi films actor, Sadashiv Amrapurkar, aged 64, died due to lung infection on November 3, 2014.
- Ravi Chopra, producer and director in Hindi films, aged 68, died on November 12, 2014 due to lung ailment.
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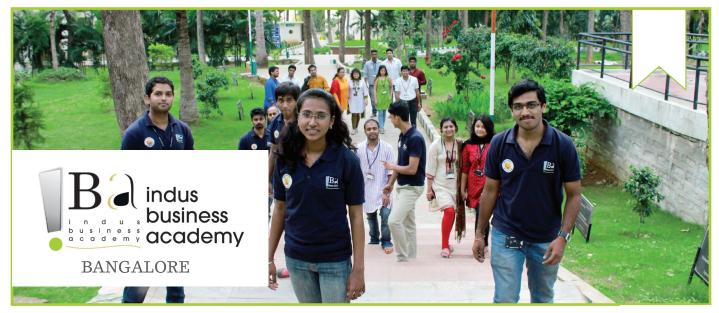
- Mike Nichols (The Graduate), the German-born American director and producer died at the age of 83.
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