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Current Affairs, January 2014

29th January:

- Beating the Retreat event celebrated near the Rashtrapati Bhavan marking the end of the Republic Day celebrations.
- In a report by the Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC) of the US Chamber of Commerce, for the second consecutive year India has been ranked at the bottom of 25 countries in terms of protection and enforcement of intellectual property practices.

28th January:

- Founder of Super30 classes and Leading mathematician Anand Kumar was conferred this year's prestigious Ramanujan Mathematics Award.
- RBI hiked key policy interest rates by 0.25 percent.

27th January:

- India lifts ban on Airbus A380s planes to land at the country's four main airports.
- 56th Annual Grammy Award given at Los Angeles.

26th January:

- India celebrates 65th Republic Day.
- Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attend as the Chief Guest of Republic Day.
- Tata Motors Managing Director Karl Slym died after falling from a high floor of a five-star hotel in Bangkok.
- 21 kills as a tourist boat has sunk off India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal.
- Stanislas Wawrinka wins the Australian Open final after defeating Rafael Nadal by a 6—3, 6—2, 3—6, 6—3.
- Saina Nehwal wins the Syed Modi International India Grand Prix title 2014.

25th January:

- Indian Govt announce 2 Padma Vibhushan, 24 Padma Bhushan and 101 Padma Shri Awardees. 27 of the Awardees are women.
- Dr. Raghunath A. Mashelkar and BKS Iyengar awarded with Padma Vibhushan.
- Bangalore became the first city in India to offer free Wi-Fi spots for the public.
- China's Li Na defeat Dominika Cibulkova by 7-6 (7-3) 6-0 victory to win her first Australian Open title and become the oldest woman ever to win the Australian Open at the age of 31.

24th January:

- National Girl Child Day observed across India.
- Supreme Court issued notice to Centre and Delhi government over Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's recent agitation in Delhi.
- The DMK temporarily suspended its chief M Karunanidhi's son and former Union minister MK Alagiri from the party's primary membership.
- The pair of India's Sania Mirza and Romania's Horia Tecau reaches the Australian Open mixed doubles final after beating defending champions Matthew Ebden and Jarmila Gajdosova.

23rd January:

- Indian-origin professor Rakesh Khurana has been appointed Dean of the prestigious Harvard College.

22nd January:

- The Reserve Bank decided to withdraw all currency notes issued prior to 2005 after March 31.
- Legendary Telegu actor Akkineni Nageswara Rao died in Hyderabad at the age of 90.

21st January:

- Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal called off his dharna against Delhi Police.
- Government has appointed senior IPS Aruna Bahuguna as the new chief of the Hyderabad-based National Police Academy. She is the first woman to be appointed chief of National Police Academy.

20th January:

- India tested 4,000 km long range nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Agni-IV missile from a military base in Odisha.

19th January:

- Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the first Indian wicketkeeper and the fourth overall to effect 300 dismissals in One Day Internationals.
- Kenya's Evans Ruto and Dinknesh Mekash of Ethiopia win the 11th Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon on Men and Women category respectively.
- Virat Kohli becomes the fastest batsman in the world to reach 18 ODI tons in 119 innings.

18th January:

- 18 people died and nearly 50 were injured in a stampede in Mumbai as thousands of mourners gathered following the death of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, the spiritual leader of the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community.

17th January:

- Famous actress Suchitra Sen died in Kolkata at the age of 82.
- The seventh edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival started in Jaipur.
- Sunanda Pushkar Tharoor wife of Minister of state for Human Resource Development Shashi Tharoor, found dead in the Leela Palaces Hotel in Chanakyapuri, Delhi.
- A two-day voting was held in Egypt on 14 and 15 January 2014 for referendum on a new constitution.
- BCCI announced India's list of 30 probable for the World Twenty20 to be played in March and April of this year.

16th January:

- Oscar nominations were announced today.
- Jet Airways CEO Gary Kenneth Toomey quits from his post.

15th January:

- Indian Army celebrates 66th Army Day.
- India's current account deficit (CAD) this fiscal will be contained to around \$50 billion as announced by Finance Minister P.Chidambaram.
- Famous poet and founder of Dalit Panthers Party Namdeo Dhasaldied at the age of 64.

14th January:

- India celebrates Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Magh Bihu and Lohri.
- British Prime Minister David Cameron has directed his Cabinet Secretary to probe alleged involment of Margaret Thatcher's government in planning Operation Bluestar in 1984.
- Anju Bobby George became the first Indian track and field athlete to win a gold medal in a major world event after IAAF upgraded her second place finish at the 2005 Monaco World Athletics Final to the top spot, following a dope violation by Russian competitor Tatyana Kotova.

13th January:

- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh laid the foundation stone of country's largest 2800 mw nuclear power plant at Gorakhpur village in Fatehabad district, Haryana.
- Union minister Sachin Pilot appointed as the Congress chief in Rajasthan.
- India complete three years without any polio case, a feat that is expected to prompt the World Health Organisation (WHO) to declare the country polio-free in March.
- Cristiano Ronaldo wins 2013 Ballon d'Or award.
- Golden Globe Awards, 2014 announced.
- Australian Open starts from today.

12th January:

- Sheikh Hasina sworn in as Bangladesh's Prime Minister for a third spell.

11th January:

- Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon died in hospital near Tel Aviv Saturday at the age of 85.
- Bangladesh authorities allowed opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia to leave her home after house arrest of two weeks.
- Kapil Dev honoured with the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award and Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was given the Polly Umrigar Award by the BCCI at its seventh annual awards ceremony.

10th January:

- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh inaugurated the Terminal 2 at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai.
- Indian diplomat Devyani Khobragade arrives in New Delhi Airport from New York following Indo-US diplomatic row.
- Bhawanipur Football Club wins the 62nd Bordoloi Trophy, 2014 in Guwahati.

9th January:

- Former chief minister BS Yeddyurappa joins BJP.
- The Election Commission aborts proposed tie-up with Google over security concerns.

8th January:

- Nine passengers killed in a fire that broke out on the Bandra-Dehradun Express near Dahanu Road Railway station in Thane district.
- Social networking site Facebook buy Bangalore-based Little Eye Labs as its first take over in India.

7th January:

- US Senate confirmed Janet Yellen to be first woman to lead the Federal Reserve in its 100-year history.
- India test-fires nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile from Chandipur near Balasore.

6th January:

- Former Supreme Court judge Justice A K Ganguly has resigned from the post of the chairman of the West Bengal Human Rights Commission.
- Aditya Joshi from Madhya Pradesh has become the first male junior badminton player from India to be ranked top in the world.
- Telugu actor Uday Kiran has allegedly committed suicide at his home in Hyderabad.

5th January:

- Indian GSLV-D5 with indigenous cryogenic engine successfully places GSAT-14 communication satellite on orbit from Sriharikota.
- 11 workers were killed and many feared trapped when a half-built apartment block collapsed in Goa.
- Danielle Steel receive France's highest award, the Legion of Honor.
- Portugal football legend Eusebio has died from a heart attack at the age of 71.
- Australia wins the Ashes Series by 5-0 against England.
- Rafael Nadal wins the Qatar Open in Doha after defeating Gael Monfils, French.

4th January:

- Gujarati poet Chinu Modi has been conferred the Sahitya Akademi Award for the year 2013 for his poetry book "Khara Zaran".
- INS Vikramaditya arrives in India from Russia.
- India Cricket team beats Pakistan by 40 run to wins the Under-19 Asia Cup.

3rd January:

- Aam Aadmi Party's MS Dhir elected as Speaker of the Delhi Assembly.
- Petrol price hiked by 75 paise and diesel by 50 paise a liter.

2nd January:

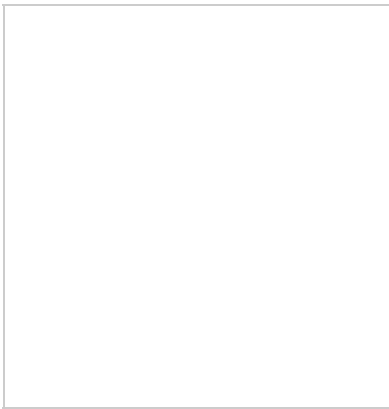
- Aam Aadmi Party wins the trust vote in the Delhi State Legislature.
- Former Karnataka chief minister B S Yeddyurappa formally rejoined the BJP.
- Maharashtra Cabinet partially accepts Adarsh scam report indicting three former CMs.
- 27 passengers were killed when a bus fell into a 400 feet deep ravine in the Malshej Ghats, Maharashtra.

1st January:

- The Rs 3,600 crore VVIP chopper deal between the Indian government and AgustaWestland has been cancelled in the wake of allegations of corruption.
- India and Pakistan exchanged lists of their nuclear facilities as part of a 1988 pact that bars them from attacking each other's nuclear installations.
- President Pranab Mukherjee giving assent to the anti-corruption Lokpal Bill for setting up of an ombudsman.
- Corey Anderson of New Zealand scores the fastest century in ODI history from 36 balls breaking the record of Shahid Afridi.
- Non-subsidized LPG cylinder to cost Rs. 220 more as announced by Oil companies.
- Delhi govt ordered an audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of private power companies.

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