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# October, 2013

#### 31st October:

- Jharkhand high court rejects Lalu Prasad Yadav's bail petition on fodder scam.
- Gujrat CM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Statue of Unity, a proposed 182 meters (597 ft) monument of Vallabhbhai Patel which will be the tallest statue of the world when completed.

#### 30th October:

- Infosys has agreed to pay a penalty of \$34 million to the United States government for making errors in 1-9 paperwork and other visa related matters.
- 45 passengers were burnt to death and five others injured when an air-conditioned private bus, proceeding to Hyderabad from Bangalore caught fire in Andhra Pradesh's Mehabubnagar district.
- Sensex closes at all-time high above 21,000.
- Srishti Rana of India crowned as Miss Asia Pacific World 2013 in Busan, South Korea.

### 29th October:

- RBI hikes repo rate by 25 Basis Points to 7.75 % from 7.50%.
- India has developed a new tactical surface-to-surface missile 'Pragati' with a range between 60-170 km.
- Mukesh Ambani becomes India's richest for 6th year in a row in Forbes' list with a net worth of \$ 21 billion.
- Union Government appoints Air Marshal Arup Raha as the next Chief of the Air Staff who will replace Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne.
- · Pioneer of Nayi Kahani movement and renowned Hindi writer Rajendra Yadav dies at 84 in New Delhi.

#### 28th October:

• The Supreme Court directed the Sahara Group to hand over title deeds of property worth Rs. 20,000 crore to market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) within three weeks.

#### 27th October:

- 5 killed and over 70 injured in seven crude bomb serial explosions ahead of Narendra Modi's rally in Patna.
- · Floods triggered by incessant rains for nearly a week left at least 45 persons dead in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- Sachin Tendulkar playing is last Ranji match as Mumbai take on Haryana at Lahli, Haryana.
- Amitabh Bachchan received the 3rd Hridayanath Mangeshkar Award for his contribution to the film industry.
- · Germany's Sebastian Vettel became Formula One's youngest four-times world champion on Sunday after winning the Indian Grand Prix for Red Bull.

#### 26th October:

• BCCI terminated Sahara-owned franchise Pune Warriors from the IPL after defaulted on its payments and refused to furnish the bank guarantee for the next season.

# 25th October:

- The Prime Minister's Office has handed over all documents on the allocation of two coal blocks to a firm owned by Kumar Mangalam Birla to the CBI.
- South African cricketer Faf du Plessis accused for ball-tampering on the third day of the second Test against Pakistan in Dubai.

#### 24th October:

- The legendary singer Manna Dey died of cardiac arrest at the age of 94 in Bangalore hospital where was treated for respiratory illness.
- India ending an eight year ban on military supplies to Nepal with the supplies of vehicles and arms.
- The extradition treaty between Bangladesh and India came into effect with the handing over of the instruments of ratification of the much-awaited pact.
- Astronomers have found the most distant galaxy yet, designated by scientists as z8\_GND\_5296, took about 13.1 billion years to reach the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope and the Keck Observatory in Hawaii, both of which detected the galaxy in infrared light.

#### 23rd October:

- The Election Commission changed the Mizoram assembly election schedule by advancing the polling to November 25 instead of earlier slated on December 4.
- Former Delhi health minister Harsh Vardhan will be the BJP's Chief Minister candidate for Delhi election.
- India and China signed Border Defence Cooperation Agreement (BDCA) to soothing tension on their contested border.

#### 22nd October:

- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrived in Beijing today on a three-day visit.
- India started pumping electricity for the first time from Kudankulam nuclear power plant, Tamil Nadu with an initial output of 160 MW.
- CBI filed fresh status report in the Supreme Court on coal block allocation scam.
- Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav and JD (U) MP Jagdish Sharma disqualified from the Lok Sabha as both are convicted in the Bihar fodder scam.

#### 21st October:

• Congress MP Rashid Masood has been disqualified from the Rajya Sabha after the Congress MP was convicted in a corruption case.

#### 20th October:

- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrived in Moscow to strengthen bilateral strategic partnership.
- Lata Mangeshkar presented with the first national Yash Chopra Memorial Award in Mumbai.
- Indian squash player Dipika Pallikal defeated former World number one Rachael Grinham of Australia to clinch the Macau Open title.

# 19th October:

- India's tallest air traffic control (ATC) tower with 84-metre structure inaugurated in Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai.
- An Italian court ruled that former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi should be barred from holding public office for two years following a
  conviction for tax fraud.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has banned Kolkata Knight Riders pacer Pradeep Sangwan for 18 months after he was found violating the board's anti-doping regulations in IPL 2013.

## 18th October:

- The Archaeological Survey of India team began digging at Daundia Khera village of Unnao district, UP for the prophesied 1,000 tones of gold as claimed by a local priest Swami Shobhan Sarkar.
- Micromax has roped in Hollywood star Hugh Jackman as its brand ambassador.

### 17th October:

- The U.S. Congress approved a deal to end a partial government shutdown.US federal workers back to work after 16-day shutdown.The workers have been furloughed since the partial government shutdown began October 1.
- The Supreme Court ordered a CBI probe into the tapes of former corporate lobbyist Niira Radia.
- Terence Walsh appointed as Chief Coach of the Indian National Hockey Team.

# 16th October:

- World Bank cuts India growth forecast to 4.7 per cent from 6.1 percent for the current fiscal year.
- · Indian Railways appointed acting chairman of Railway Board Arunendra Kumar as the head of the board.
- INS Sunayna inducted into Indian Navy's service which is the largest offshore patrol vessel (OPV).
- New Zealand author Eleanor Catton wins Man Booker prize for her book "The Luminaries". She becomes the youngest novelist to win the man booker prize at the age of 28 years. Also the book has set a new record for the longest winning novel with 852 pages.
- Australian batsman set a new world record with their top five compiling individual half centuries while scoring 359 runs against India in Jaipur.
- · Virat Kohli scores the fastest century by an Indian batsman in ODI with 52 balls against Australia.
- EPL club Liverpool launched a residential football academy in Pune.

# 15th October:

- Kumar Mangalam Birla, head of the Aditya Birla Group has been charged with conspiracy and cheating to land two coal blocks in Odisha in 2005 by CBI in new FIR.
- · An Afghan provincial governor Arsala Jamal killed in a bomb blast at a mosque after Eid prayers in Logar, close to the capital Kabul.
- 93 died in a 7.2-magnitude earthquake in central Philippine island of Bohol.

### 14th October:

- $\bullet \ \ \mbox{Vijayadashami and Dussehra celebrated across India}.$
- Eugene Fama, Lars Peter Hansen and Robert Shiller of America wins the Nobel prize for economics for developing new methods to study trends in

asset markets.

#### 13th October:

- Over 70 people died and over 100 injured in a stampede at Ratangarh temple in Madhya Pradesh's Datia district.
- Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel won the Japanese Grand Prix.

#### 12th October:

- Cyclone Phailin has made landfall in Odisha. Over five lakh people have been evacuated in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is likely to grant cricketing great Sachin Tendulkar his wish to play his 200th and farewell Test in his home town Mumbai.

#### 11th October:

- Hague-based Organisation OPCW awarded the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan selected for the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the year 2012.
- India's industrial production growth slowed to 0.6 percent in August from an upwardly revised 2.75 percent pace in July.

#### 10th October:

- High alert has been declared as the cyclonic storm "Phailin" is expected to hit coastal Odisha and Andhra Pradesh on Saturday night.
- Sachin Tendulkar announces retirement from Test cricket after playing 200th game which is most likely to be held in Mumbai from November 14.
- Canada's Canada's Alice, 82 Munro won the Nobel Literature Prize.
- Malala Yousafzai, 16-year-old education activist from Pakistan wins European Union's Sakharov human rights award.

#### 9th October:

- The Nobel prize in chemistry awarded jointly to three US scientist named Martin Karplus (Harvard University), Michael Levitt (Stanford School of Medicine) and Arieh Warshel (University of Southern California).
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc and Bharti Enterprises breaking up their Indian joint venture. Now Wal-Mart will independently own and operate separate businesses in the country.
- Former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf granted bail and free to leave Pakistan after a decision by a court in Islamabad.

#### 8th October:

- The Union Cabinet of India approved the National Identification Authority of India Bill that will give statutory status to the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- Peter Higgs (United Kingdom) and Francois Englert (Belgium) jointly awarded Nobel Prize for Physics.
- Supreme Court lifted the restraints it put on N Srinivasan from assuming charge as the elected chief of the Indian cricket board (BCCI).

#### 7th October:

- Government hike railway fares by two per cent for all classes because of a rise in the prices of diesel and power.
- India test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile with a strike range of 350 km from Balasore, Odisha.
- Arundhati Bhattacharya appointed as SBI's first woman chairperson.
- Randy Schekman(USA), James Rothman(USA) and Thomas Sudhof (Germany) wins Nobel Prize for Medicine for cell transport.
- The Supreme Court has proposed a three-member panel headed by former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court Mukul Mudgal to probe into IPL spot-fixing scandal.

### 6th October:

- Sania Mirza and Cara Black wins the Women's Doubles in China Open tennis championship trophy.
- Mumbai Indians wins the Champions League Twenty20 for the second time after beating Rajasthan Royals by 33 runs in the final at the Ferozeshah Kotla. It is the last Twenty20 match for both Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid.

#### 5th October:

- The Union government launched the Inter Company LPG portability scheme in 24 cities across the country through which consumer can switch their LPG distributors through a portability system and also buy 5kg cylinders of liquefied petroleum gas at select petrol stations.
- The Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and India inaugurated a joint power transmission plant through which Bangladesh will receive up to 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

# 4th October:

- Indian Election Commission announced election dates for five states Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Mizoram and Delhi. The Polls in the five states will be start from 11th Dec to 4th of December and the counting will be on 8th December.
- Afghanistan qualified for its maiden ICC World Cup after defeating Kenya by seven wickets to finish second in the World Cricket League Championship in Sharjah.

# 3rd October:

- The CBI court in Ranchi sent former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad to five years in jail with a fine of Rs.25 lakh in the case of illegal withdrawal of public money from Chaibasa treasury.
- The union cabinet formally decided to bifurcate Andhra Pradesh to carve out Telangana as India's 29th state. Hyderabad will be shared for 10 years as

the capital of the old and new state.

• Union Tourism Minister K Chiranjeevi resigned from his post in protest against the Union Cabinet's approval of the formation of separate Telangana.

#### 2nd October:

- The Union Cabinet decided to drop the controversial ordinance and bill aimed at protecting convicted politician.
- · Gandhi Jayanti observed in India.
- U.S. master writer and master of spy thriller novels Tom Clancy dies at 66.

# 1st October:

- Levy of 3% service-tax on all non-unit-linked products of LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India) added as per IRDA guideline.
- S. Varadarajan took over as the new Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- SEBI (Securities Exchange Board of India) approved Jet-Etihad deal.
- National Voluntary Blood Donation Day observed.

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