

CURRENT AFFAIRS DIGEST APRIL TO JUNE 2014

Awards

The Indian entrepreneur and executive chairman of Infosys who was honoured with 2014 Canada India Foundation Chanchalani Global Indian Award in April 2014 – **Narayana Murthy**

The Indian activist who was awarded the Goldman Environment Prize for his efforts in helping villagers stop a massive coal mining project in Chhattisgarh – **Ramesh Agarwal** (Note: The first Indian to be awarded the prize was Medha Patkar in 1992)

The Indian-American professor at Clemson University who was named as the one of White House's Solar Champions of Change – **Rajendra Singh**

The novel written by American writer Donna Tartt which was chosen for Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for the year 2014 – **The Goldfinch**

The Indian born poet who was awarded the 2014 Pulitzer Prize in the poetry category for his collection of poems "3 Sections." – **Vijay Seshadri**

The renowned lyricist, poet and filmmaker who was chosen for the 45th Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2013) for his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema – **Gulzar**

The Public Sector Undertaking which was awarded the Most Efficient Navratna Award at 5th Dalal Street Investment Journal Awards in New Delhi – **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd**

The Indian industrialist who was conferred the rank of Knight Commander (KBE) by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to UK/India relations, inward investment to the UK and philanthropy – **Ratan Tata**

The Indian industrialist and philanthropist who was awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire, one of Britain's highest civilian honours (becoming the only Indian to be given the awarded since India became a republic in 1950) – **Ratan Tata**

The noted social activist who was presented with 23rd **Yudhvir Memorial Award** by the Yudhvir foundation for her work for the revival of the Deccan handloom industry and the welfare of weavers – **Suraiya Hassan Bose**

The initiative by Indian Government's Department of Electronics and Information Technology to enable delivery of public services electronically through the mobile platform which was awarded 2014 United Nations Public Service award – **Mobile Seva**

The scheme of West Bengal government launched in 2013 to provide scholarship to girls from economically-backward backgrounds, which was given international recognition by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and UNICEF is named – **Kanyashree Prakalpa**

The renowned Hindi poet and author of works like *Abhi bilkul abhi* and *Yahan se dekho* who was chosen for the 2013 Jnanpith Award (he is the 10th Hindi writer to receive the honour) – **Kedarnath Singh**

The Indian-born Booker Prize winning author who was chosen for 2014 Pen Pinter prize established in memory of famous British playwright and Nobel laureate Harold Pinter – **Salman Rushdie**

The Indian origin girl who was hailed as 1 of the 10 Champions of Change honoured by the White House for their exemplary leadership in their communities – **Pratishtha Khanna**

The Indian-born plant scientist who was chosen for the USD 250,00 World Food Prize for his contribution in increasing global wheat production by more than 200 million tonnes in the years following the Green Revolution – **Dr Sanjaya Rajaram**

The eminent Malayalam scientist-turned-writer who was chosen for the prestigious Moortidevi Award for 2013 for his novel *Theekkadal Katanhu Thirumadhuram* – **C Radhakrishnan**

The Irish author who was awarded the Baileys Women's Prize for fiction for her first novel, *A Girl is a Half-formed Thing* – **Eimear McBride**

The Indian industrialist who became the first Indian recipient of the Harvard Medal awarded for his dedication, generosity and service to the Harvard University – **Anand Mahindra**

Persons – India

The 41st Chief Justice of India who succeeded Chief Justice P. Sathasivam – **Justice Rajendra Mal Lodha**

The Indian diplomat who was appointed India's first-ever envoy to ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) – **Suresh Reddy**

The first woman Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, who was administered the oath of office and allegiance by Lieutenant-Governor Najeeb Jung (the first woman to grace the post since the Delhi High Court was established in October 1966) – **Justice G Rohini**

The new Chief of Indian Navy chosen to fill in the vacancy created by the resignation of Admiral Devendra Joshi – **Admiral R.K. Dhowan**

Nobel prize winning Indian poet and author of India's National Anthem who was honoured by U.K., India and Bangladesh at the House of Commons in U.K. – **Rabindranath Tagore**

The contestant from Jaipur who was crowned Femina Miss India 2014 at a beauty pageant in Mumbai – **Koyal Rana**

The eminent Supreme Court lawyer who was appointed as the 14th Attorney General of India – **Mukul Rohatgi**

The former Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRAI) who was appointed as the Principal Secretary to the new Prime Minister – **Nripendra Mishra**

The senior advocate who was appointed the Solicitor General following the resignation of Solicitor General Mohan Parsaran – **Ranjit Kumar**

The teenager from Andhra Pradesh who became the youngest female climber to conquer Mt. Everest – **Malavath Purna**

The new Chief Information Commissioner who took over from outgoing CIC Mrs Sushma Singh – **Rajiv Mathur**

The Vice Chief of Army Staff who was chosen by the Government to take over as the next Chief of Army Staff on 31 July 2014 – **Lt. Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag**

The former member of executive Board of SAP AG who was chosen to be the new CEO and MD of Infosys technologies from 01 Aug 2014 – **Vikas Sikka**

The BJP leader and the first woman to win Lok Sabha elections for the eighth time, who was chosen to be the Speaker of Lok Sabha – **Ms. Sumitra Mahajan**

The Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Lok Sabha MP from Beed constituency in Maharashtra, who died in a road accident on 03 June 2014 – **Gopinath Munde**

Persons – World

The Colombian novelist and short-story writer, winner of 1982 Nobel Prize for Literature and author of One Hundred Years of Solitude (1967), The Autumn of the Patriarch (1975) and Love in the Time of Cholera (1985) who died on 17 April 2014 – **Gabriel Garcia Marquez**

The noted environmentalist and author of The Snow Leopard and At Play in the Fields of the Lord, who died on 05 April 14 – **Peter Matthiessen**

The retired Field Marshall of Egypt who won the Presidential elections in the country defeating his opponent Hamdeen Sabahi – **Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi**

The author of best-seller I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings and director of film Down in the Delta who died at the age of 86 on 28.05.14 – **Maya Angelou**

The Ukrainian billionaire businessman, nicknamed Chocolate King who won the Presidential elections in Ukraine – **Petro Poroshenko**

The leader of South Africa's African National Congress who was sworn in as the country's President for the second term after the party won the May 7 elections – **Jacob Zuma**

The ousted President of Egypt who was found guilty of embezzlement and sentenced to three years in prison by an Egyptian court – **Hosni Mubarak**

The Prime Minister of Thailand against whom a constitutional court issued orders to step down finding her guilty in an abuse of power case – **Yingluck Shinawatra**

Ugandan Foreign Minister who was elected the President of the 69th session of UN General Assembly in New York (the session opens in September 2014) – **Sam Kutesa**

The member of Israel's Likud party who was elected to be Israel's new President succeeding Shimon Peres on July 27, 2014 – **Reuven Rivlin**

The well-known chemist who specialized in the creation of mind-altering drugs and popular drug Ecstasy who died in California on 02 June 2014 – **Alexander Shulgin**

The 76-year old King of Spain since 1975, who decided to abdicate the throne in favour of his son – **Felipe King Juan Carlos**

Jordan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, who was chosen to be the next UN Human Rights Commissioner succeeding Navi Pillay from September 2014 – **Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein**

Sports - Cricket

The team which won the ICC Women's World T-20 cricket tournament defeating England in the finals at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Bangladesh – **Australia**

The cricket team which has won the ICC T-20 World Cup tournament by defeating India in the finals at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Bangladesh – **Sri Lanka** (Captained by Lasith Malinga)

The Indian cricketer who was awarded the ICC World Twenty20 2014 Player of the Tournament – **Virat Kohli**

Indian cricketer who was chosen as one of the Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year 2014 alongwith CM Edwards, RJ Harris, CJL Rogers and JE Root – **Shikhar Dhawan**

The online cricket knowledge challenge with dynamic digital question platform and video rounds launched by ESPNcricinfo is named – **CricIQ**

The former BCCI President who was appointed the Chairman of International Cricket Council replacing Alan Isaac of New Zealand – **N Srinivasan**

The IPL team which has won the IPL 2014 tournament for the second time defeating Kings XII Punjab at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore – **Kolkata Knight Riders**

Sports - Badminton

The Malaysian badminton player who won the Men's Singles title at the Yonex Sunrise Indian Open 2014 badminton tournament defeating Chen Long of China in the finals at the Siri Fort Sports Complex in New Delhi – **Lee Chong Wei**

The country which won the Thomas Cup badminton tournament defeating Malaysia in the finals at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi – **Japan**

The country which has won the **Uber Cup** badminton tournament defeating Japan in the finals at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi – **China**

Ace Indian shuttler who won the USD 750,000 Star Australian Super Series defeating Spain's Carolina Marin in finals in Sydney – **Saina Nehwal**

Sports - Tennis

The Spanish tennis player who won 2014 Madrid Open Mens Singles title defeating Japan's Kei Nishikori in the finals – **Rafael Nadal**

The Spanish tennis professional who won the French Open Men's title (for the 9th time, winning 14 Grand Slam titles in all) defeating Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the final – **Rafael Nadal**

The Russian tennis player who won the French Open Women's title defeating Simona Halep of Romania in the finals (This is her 5th Grand Slam and 2nd French Open title) – **Maria Sharapova**

Sports - Others

The Indian Grandmaster who won the silver medal at the Asian Continental Chess Championship held in April 2014 in Sharjah – **Adhiban**

The Indian snooker player who won the World Women's Senior Snooker Championship at Leeds, Britain defeating Alena Asmolava of Belarus in the finals – **Chitra Magimairaj**

The Indian shooter who won the Men's trap Gold medal at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Tucson (USA) – **Manavjit Singh Sandhu**

The former 100 metres world record holder from Jamaica who was banned for 18 months after he tested positive for a banned substance – **Asafa Powell**

Indian shooter who has become world No.1 in the 10 metres air pistol event, according to the recent rankings released by International Shooting Sport Federation – **Heena Sidhu**

The country which won the **Men's Hockey World Cup** defeating The Netherlands 6-1 in the finals at Kyocera Stadium (India finished at 9th position) – **Australia**

The country which won the **Women's Hockey World Cup** defeating Australia 2-0 in the finals at the Kyocera Stadium in The Hague (The Netherlands) – **The Netherlands**

Defence

The Central Armed Police Force in which government has approved induction of women as combat officers – **Sashastra Seema Bal**

Indian Navy's first aircraft carrier decommissioned in 1997 which was sold to a ship-breaking firm IB Commercial Property Ltd – **INS Vikrant (HMS Hercules)**

The indigenously developed rockets with more than 60 km range which were successfully test-fired from Proof and Experimental Establishment at Chandipur in Odisha – **Pinaka Mark-2**

The bi-annual anti-terrorist drill conducted jointly by the police of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh which started on Jun 25 is code named – **Operation Hamla**

The supersonic anti-ship cruise missile which was test-fired for the first time from a warship built in India, the yet-to-be-commissioned destroyer INS Kolkata, off the coast of Karwar in Karnataka – **Brahmos**

The fifth Indo-French bi-lateral air exercise being conducted at Jodhpur in Rajasthan from 02 to 13 June is named – **Garuda V**

Countries

The island nation located in the Pacific Ocean which has filed a lawsuit against nine nuclear-armed nations, including India, at the International Court of Justice for violating their legal obligation to disarm – **Marshall Islands**

The African nation which has become African continent's biggest economy surpassing South Africa (The country's GDP now includes previously uncouncted industries like telecoms, information technology, music, online sales, airlines, and film production) – **Nigeria**

The country neighbouring India which started its first official census after 30 years (the last census in the country was held in 1983) – **Myanmar**

The three European nations which have formed an economic union named Eurasian Economic Union or just Eurasian Union – **Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus**

The south-Asian country where the army announced military takeover of the government after having declared martial law a few days ago – **Thailand**

The country which decided to disband its Coast Guard because of its failure to respond more effectively to the sinking of the ferry **Sewol** in April – **South Korea**

The country where voters rejected a proposal to have minimum wage, which would have been the world's highest minimum wage at \$24.65 per hour – **Switzerland**

The countries on which travel restrictions were imposed by WHO over their failure to control polio – **Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon**

Space

The spy satellite launched by Israel to keep a watch on Iran and the surrounding region is named – **Ofek-10**

The navigation satellite (the second in the series of seven satellites planned to constitute the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System) launched by ISRO aboard PSLV-C24 from Sriharikota – **IRNSS-1B**

Sentinel-1a, first satellite of [Copernicus Earth observation](#) project that will supply valuable images in the event of natural disasters or even a plane crash was launched on 3 April from Kourou, French Guiana aboard a Soyuz rocket by – **European Space Agency**

The communications satellite launched in September 2003 which has gone out of service after ten-and-half years in orbit (it was originally built to have a life of 15 years) – **INSAT-3E**

The 37-second 175-megabit video transmitted from International Space Station to Earth using a new laser communications instrument called **Optical Payload for Lasercomm Science (OPALS)** had the message – **Hello, World!**

Corporate

The Indian subsidiary of British multinational confectionery company Mondelez International which has changed its name to Mondelez India Foods Ltd – **Cadbury India**

The pharmaceutical company which has announced acquisition of 100 per cent of Ranbaxy Laboratories in a 4 billion dollar all-share transaction (thus creating the fifth-largest specialty generics company in the world and the [largest pharmaceutical](#) company in India) – **Sun Pharmaceuticals**

The finance companies which have been granted 'in-principle' nod from the Reserve Bank of India to set up banks – **IDFC Ltd and Bandhan Financial Services Private Ltd**

The domestic e-retailer which acquired rival and leading fashion e-tailer [Myntra.com](#) in the biggest acquisition in the Indian e-commerce business – **Flipkart**

The Indian insurance company which has changed its name to Exide Life Insurance Company – **ING Vysya Life Insurance Company**

The public sector companies which were granted the status of Navratna Undertaking by the Government of India – **Engineers India Limited and National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited**

The company involved in zinc-lead-silver business, which entered into agreement with Government of Rajasthan to build 30,000 toilets for poor families in rural areas under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyaan programme – **Hindustan Zinc**

The California based satellite imaging firm which is set to be acquired by internet giant Google for \$500 million – **Skybox Imaging**

The Indian technological company which has become the third largest employer of people in the technology sector in the world after IBM and Hewlett Packard – **TCS**

Technology

The serious vulnerability in OpenSSL encryption used by thousands of web servers, including those run by email and web chat providers which allows anyone on the internet to read the memory of the systems is named – **Heartbleed**

The World's first Electric plane, powered by 120 lithium-ion polymer batteries and manufactured by the Toulouse-based Airbus which successfully completed its first flight in Bordeaux, France is named – **E-fan**

The measure of the smallest force detected by researchers with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) and the University of California (UC) Berkeley, using a combination of lasers and a unique optical trapping system is – **42 yoctonewtons** (there are appx 3×10^{23} yoctonewtons in one ounce of force.)

The solar powered plane which completed its first test flight by flying for two hours and 17 minutes in Switzerland – **Solar Impulse 2**

Auctions

The 18-century Mysore ruler whose gold ring with the name 'Ram' inscribed on it, was auctioned by London auction house Christie's for £ 140,500 recently – **Tipu Sultan**

The painting of water lilies by a French artist Claude Monet, which was sold for a huge sum of 31.7 million pounds (the second highest price ever paid for the artist at an auction) in an auction by Sotheby's in London – **Nymphs**

The iconic bungalow Meherangir, in Mumbai which was sold for Rs 372 crore by the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) belonged to – **Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha**

Miscellaneous

India's lone gorilla which died at Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysore zoo) at the age of 43 was named – **Polo**

The Autonomous Underwater Vehicle being used in search operations relating to the missing airliner MH370 is named – **Bluefin-21**

The north-eastern State whose capital was put on India's railway map with the first passenger train of about 400 commuters arriving at Naharlagun near Itanagar – **Arunachal Pradesh**

The elephant in the custody of Jyotiba temple, Kolhapur, which was ordered to be released and transferred to Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRRC) in Bangalore by the Bombay High Court is named – **Sundar**

Iconic structures across the world, including Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai and several building in Chennai were lit up in blue colour on 02 April 2014 which was observed as – **World Autism Day**

The Bangalore based research institute whose scientists along with scientists from Institute of Bioinformatics and John Hopkins University mapped more than 17,000 proteins in 30 organs of the human body – **NIMHANS**

The express train between Hisar and Gorakhpur which rammed into a stationery goods train near Churaid railway station killing over 40 people – **Gorakhdham Express**

The Committee to Review Governance of Boards of Banks in India which suggested that the Bank Nationalisation Acts of 1970 and 1980, together with the SBI Act and the SBI (Subsidiary Banks) Act, be repealed and also that government should cut its holding in public sector banks to less than 50 per cent was headed by – **PJ Nayak, former Chairman and CEO, Axis Bank**

The Act to protect persons who expose alleged wrongdoing in government bodies, projects and offices, which has received President's assent in May 2014 (The act was passed by Lok Sabha in December 2011 and by Rajya Sabha in February 2014) – **Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2011**

India's own payment gateway developed by National Payments Corporation of India and equivalent of Visa and Mastercard which was dedicated to the nation by the President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee is named (Note: It is the seventh payment gateway in the world) – **RuPay**

The bull taming sport of Tamil Nadu played as a part of Pongal celebrations on Mattu Pongal day, which was banned by the Supreme Court – **Jallikattu**

The dam in Kerala in relation to which the Supreme Court quashed the law enacted by the Kerala government to restrict the water level to 136 ft. and allowed it to be raised to 142 ft – **Mullaperiyar Dam**

The popular Indian comic series which has made a digital debut by launching ACK Comics, a digital store app for across platforms — Windows 8, iOS and Android — giving users access to over 300 of its titles. – **Amar Chitra Katha**

The Indian educational institution which has been listed in the 100 under 50 (a ranking of institutions under 50 years of age) university rankings for the first time with an entry at No. 87 released by the Times Higher Education magazine. – **IIT Guwahati**

The periodical started by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in 1870 which has launched its online edition – **Tehzibul Akhlaq**

The regular venue of International Film Festival of India for the past few years, which was formally declared to be the permanent venue of the festival by Government of India – **Goa**

The renowned poet whose poems alongwith the 1330 couplets of Tirukkural were translated into Mandarin by Taiwanese poet Yu Hsi – **Subramanya Bharathi**

The city which became India's first kerosene-free city with the successful implementation of A Kerosene-Free City Scheme, 2012 – **Delhi**

The JV-model Hydro Electric Project between Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) and Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in Bhutan foundation stone for which was laid by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi – **Kholongchu Hydro-electric Project**

The steel plant in Durg district of Chhattisgarh where a gas leak has resulted in the death of six people, including two Deputy General Managers – **Bhilai Steel Plant**

The fifth reactor of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS-5) set an Asian record with an uninterrupted run, generating power at its full capacity of 220 MWe almost every day for – **678 days**

The city from which low cost airline Air Asia launched its first domestic flight to Goa's Dabolim airport – **Bangalore**

The nuclear power plant in Tamil Nadu, the first reactor at which achieved its full capacity of 1000 MW of power generation in June 2014 – **Kudankulam**

The current position of India in textiles export as per data released by UN Comtrade in Global Textiles – **Second** (China is at the top)

The village in Nagaland which was declared India's first tobacco-free village – **Gariphema**

Environment & Heritage

The annual whaling programme of Japan which was ordered to be halted by the United Nations' International Court of Justice rejecting the country's claims that it targets the sea creatures for scientific purposes was named – **Jarpa II**

One of the largest living elephants of Tsavo East National Park of Kenya which was killed by poachers using poisoned arrows (earlier in May 2014, an elephant named Mountain Bull also fell to poachers) – **Satao**

The slogan for World Environment Day 2014 observed on June 05 with the theme Small Islands and Climate Change – **Raise Your Voice, Not the Sea Level**

Okavango Delta which became the 1000th site to be included in the World Heritage Sites list by UNESCO is located in – **Botswana**

The national park located in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh which was included in the World Heritage Sites list by the UNESCO – **Great Himalayan National Park**

The 11 century step-well in Patan district of Gujarat which was included in the World Heritage Sites list by the UNESCO – **Rani-ki-vav**

61st National Film Awards for 2013

The following are awards in some important categories of National Film Awards.

1. **Best Feature Film – Ship of Theseus** (English-Hindi) Producer - Recyclewala Films Pvt Ltd. Director - Anand Gandhi
2. **Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director – Fandry** (Marathi) Producer: Navalkha Arts and Holy Basil Combine Director - Nagraj Manjule
3. **Best Popular Film providing wholesome entertainment – Bhaag Milkha Bhaag** (Hindi) Producer: Viacom 18 Motion Pictures, ROMP Pictures Director - Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra

4. **Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration – Thalaimuraigal** (Tamil) Producer: Company Productions Director - Balu Mahendra
5. **Best Film on Social Issues – Tuhyā Dharma Koncha** (Marathi) Producer: Indian Magic Eye Motion Pictures Pvt Ltd. Director - Satish Manwar
6. **Best Children's Film** – Kaphal Producer - Children's Film Society of India Director - Batul Mukhtiar
7. **Best Direction** – Shahid (Hindi) Hansal Mehta
8. **Best Actor** – Raj Kumar for Shahid (Hindi) & Suraj Venjaramoodu for Perariyathar (Malayalam)
9. **Best Actress** – Geetanjali Thapa for Liar's Dice (Hindi)
10. **Best Supporting Actor** – Saurabh Shukla for Jolly LLB (Hindi)
11. **Best Supporting Actress** – Amruta Subhash for Astu (Marathi) & Aida El-Kashef for Ship of Theseus (English-Hindi)
12. **Best Child Artist** – Somnath Avghade for Fandry (Marathi) & Sadhana for Thanga Meengal (Tamil)
13. **Best Male Playback Singer** – Rupankar for Jaatishwar (Bengali)
14. **Best Female Playback Singer** – Bela Shende for Tuhyā Dharma Koncha (Marathi)

15th International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) for 2014

The following are IIFA awards in some important categories.

Best Picture - Bhaag Milkha Bhaag

Best Direction - Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra for Bhaag Milkha Bhaag

Performance in a Leading Role (Male) - Farhan Akhtar for Bhaag Milkha Bhaag

Performance in a Leading Role (Female) - Deepika Padukone for Chennai Express

Music Direction - Mithoon, Ankit Tiwari, Jeet Ganguly for Aashiqui 2

Entertainer of the year - Deepika Padukone

Outstanding Contribution To International Cinema - John Travolta

Lifetime Achievement - Shatrughan Sinha

NDTV Indian of the Year for 2014

Indian of the year - **Chief Election Commissioner**

Lifetime Achievement Award - **Amjad Ali Khan and Satish Gujral**

Business leader of the year - **Rajeev Bajaj**

Sportsperson of the year - **P.V. Sindhu**

LIC Unsung Hero of the Year - **Laxmi**

Entertainer of the year - **Deepika Padukone**

New Chief Ministers

Bihar - **Jitan Ram Manjhi**

Sikkim - **Pawan Chamling** (has become the CM of Sikkim for the record fifth time)

Odisha - **Naveen Patnaik** (has become the CM of Odisha for the fourth consecutive time)

Arunachal Pradesh - **Nabam Tuki** (has become the CM for the second consecutive time)

Gujarat - **Mrs. Anandiben Patel** (is the first woman Chief Minister of Gujarat)

Nagaland - **T R Zeliang** (took over as the chief minister of Nagaland after Neiphiu Rio resigned from the post following his win in the Lok Sabha elections.)

Launch of PSLV-C23

Launch Date - 30 June 2014

Launch Station - Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

Satellites put into space

1. SPOT satellite from France
2. AISAT from Germany
3. NLS7.1 and NLS7.2, both from Canada
4. VELOX-1 from Singapore.

This was the 27th launch of PSLV of which 26 have been successful in a row. PSLV has so far put 67 satellites into orbit, of which 40 were from 19 countries.

New State of Telangana - Points to remember

Formation Day - 02 June 2014

First Chief Minister - K. Chandrashekhar Rao

Area rank in India - 12th largest

Population rank in India - 12th largest

State Legislature - 119 MLAs and 40 MLCs

Parliament - 17 MPs of Lok Sabha and 7 MPs of Rajya Sabha

Number of districts - 10 (Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Hyderabad, Nalgonda, Mahbubnagar, Ranga Reddy, Khammam, Warangal and Karimnagar)

State Festivals - Bonalu (Ashada Jatara) and Bathukamma

Note: The first Governor of Telangana, Mr. ESL Narsimhan was also sworn in by Andhra Pradesh High Court Chief Justice Kalyan Jyoti Sengupta.

New districts in Maharashtra and West Bengal

1. Maharashtra's 36th district **Palghar** carved out of Thane district
2. West Bengal's 20th district **Alipurduar** carved out of Jalpaiguri district

Revised MSP rates for Kharif crop 2014-15

Commodity	MSP 2013-14	MSP 2014-15
Paddy	Rs. 1310/-	Rs. 1360/-
Paddy Grade A	Rs. 1345/-	Rs. 1400/-
Cotton, Medium Staple	Rs. 3700/-	Rs. 3750/-
Cotton, Long Staple	Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 4050/-
Tur dal	Rs. 4300/-	Rs. 4350/-
Urad dal	Rs. 4300/-	Rs. 4350/-
Moong dal	Rs. 4500/-	Rs. 4600/-