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## CLATGYAN'S GK COMPENDIUM FOR OCTOBER, 2014

### October 1<sup>st</sup>

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns to India after his 5-day U.S visit. While his primary reason for the visit was the annual United Nations General Assembly meeting (the headquarters of the UNGA is New York, USA). However, he also addressed the Indian diaspora and other Non-Resident Indians at the Madison Square Garden. He also met with US President, Barack Obama
- India's boxer MC Mary Kom wins gold in 51-kg category in the Asian Games.
- National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was celebrated on 1 October 2014 across the country to share the need and importance of the blood in the life of an individual.
- Google closed Orkut, the social networking site permanently.
- The International Day of Older Persons 2014 observed across the world with the theme: Leaving No One Behind: Promoting a Society for All.

### October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Biggest ever cleanliness drive called "Swacchh Bharath" launched by Narendra Modi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- Microsoft's "Windows 10" is launched.
- India's women's team wins gold in 4x4000 metre-relay in the Asian games.
- India beats Pak to win Gold in Men's Hockey in the Asian Games and henceforth qualifying for Olympics after 16 years.
- The International Day of Non-violence is being celebrated throughout the world on October 2, 2014 the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This Day is observed by all countries of the UN and it promotes the principles of non-violence through education and public awareness.
- After an aerial survey of flood hit areas in the NER (North Eastern Region), the Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced additional central assistance for Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.
- Vayoshreshtha Samman or The National Awards for Senior Citizens were presented by Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker of Lok Sabha in the presence of Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and Minister of State Sudarshan Bhagat.
- On 2 October 2014, India celebrated the birth anniversaries of two of its greatest leaders and freedom fighters, Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- Former Supreme Court Judge, G.S.Singhvi, has been appointed the Chairman of the Competition Appellate Tribunal.

- After much delay, Afghanistan and US have signed a BSA (Bilateral Security Agreement) that will chart the course for the two countries post withdrawal of majority of American troops.
- The Indo-US defence exercise titled Yudh Abhyas concluded near Ranikhet. The exercises, which commenced on September 17, were conducted in both Chaubhatta and Ranikhet.
- The 'Chalein Saath Saath: Forward Together We Go' vision statement that is for strengthening the strategic partnership between India and USA. This statement was released during PM Modi's visit to Washington DC to meet President Obama.

#### October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Stampede in Patna's Gandhi Maidan kills 32 people.
- India's men's and women's teams win Gold in kabaddi in the Asian Games.
- Asian Games comes to an end with India winning a total of 57 medals. 11-gold, 10-silver and 36-bronze.
- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highway has issued a notification amending the Motor Vehicles Act, allowing e-rickshaws to ply in New Delhi.
- ECI's (Election Commission of India) guidelines on financial transparency come into effect after long years of modifications and negotiations.
- Within days of the PM's announcement of lifetime visas for PIOs, the notification for the same has been issued by the Centre.
- European Union (EU) Competition Commission approved Facebook – WhatsApp deal worth 19 billion US dollar on 3 October 2014.

#### October 4<sup>th</sup>

- The 17<sup>th</sup> Asian games held in the South Korean city of Incheon comes to end with China leading in the medal tally with 151 gold medals. India's ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the medal tally. The next Asian Games to be held in Jakarta.
- CSK wins CL T20 against KKR.
- The Indian Women's Kabaddi team defeated Iran to win the gold at the Asian Games. This is the second successive Asian Games win for the team since women's kabaddi was introduced in 2010 in the Guangzhou Asian Games.
- The Labour Ministry is set to launch a National Career Service Portal which will serve as an intermediary between job-seekers and job-providers. This project was originally proposed under the UPA government with an outlay of 150 cr as part of a larger revamping of the Employment Exchanges.
- More than 2,47,000 gram panchayats across the country will receive Rs. 20 lakh each per annum for the Clean India campaign of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan that was launched by the PM on October 2.
- World Animal Day was observed on 4 October across the world.
- Rajasthan became first Indian state to start olive refinery. The refinery is located in Lunkaransar area of Bikaner.

- NASA's Earth Observatory claimed that world's fourth-largest lake, Aral Sea has dried and is at the verge of vanish.

October 5<sup>th</sup>

- Australia and Canada are the latest additions to the countries providing military support to the American led war on ISIS in Iraq and Syria. Australia has deployed its warplanes for air strikes in Iraq and will also send its special forces operatives on the ground.
- PM Modi reached out to the common masses through a special speech titled 'Man Ki Baat' that was primarily aired on AIR (All India Radio), even though some television channels also aired it.

October 6<sup>th</sup>

- US-British scientist John O'Keefe along with Norwegian scientists May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser won the Nobel Prize 2014 in medicine for discovering the brain's positioning system.
- China test fired a new variant in its Dongfeng-31 missile range on September 25 Dongfeng-31A. It is a 10,000 km long range missile that is capable of targeting Europe and the West Coast of USA.
- Canada's M3M (Maritime Monitoring and Messaging Micro-Satellite) is set to be launched by India's PSLV rocket. The agreement for the same was signed by India's Antrix Corp. and Canada's COM DEV Intl.
- Drug manufacturer Cipla has signed an agreement with its distributor in Iran to set up a manufacturing unit there.
- Scientists at Ohio State University, US developed the world's first rechargeable solar battery that uses air and sunlight to charge itself.
- World's first womb-transplant baby was born to a 36-year-old Swedish woman.

October 7<sup>th</sup>

- The Karnataka High Court has rejected the plea of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Ms. Jayalalithaa in a disproportionate assets case in which she was convicted by a special court recently.
- Nobel Prize 2014 in physics awarded to Japanese scientists Isamu Akasaki and Hiroshi Amano and American scientist Shuji Nakamura for their invention of low energy environment-friendly LED.
- The High-level government committee on infrastructure headed by Deepak Parekh submits the last part of its report in October. The Committee consisted of Uday Kotak, G.M.R Rao, Sanjay Reddy and top officials from LIC, SBI, ICICI and IDFC.
- Indian actor Shahrukh Khan was awarded the Global Diversity Award 2014 for his outstanding achievements in the field of cinema and his involvement in philanthropic endeavours in UK.

#### October 8<sup>th</sup>

- American scientists Eric Betzig and William Morner and German scientist Stefan Hell won the Nobel Prize 2014 in Chemistry for the development of super resolved microscopy.
- Kenyan President Kenyatta has confirmed his appearance at The Hague, Netherlands on October 8 to respond to multiple charges against him at the ICC (International Criminal Court).
- Typhoon Phanfone made landfall near the city of Hamamatsu in Japan. Many parts of Japan faced torrential rain.
- The paramilitary CISF which has the responsibility of securing the Delhi Metro Network has launched 'Operation Kali' to better protect women using the metro especially in the ladies compartments.

#### October 9<sup>th</sup>

- Patrick Madiano won Nobel Prize 2014 in Literature.
- In the World Bank's latest 'Migration and Development Brief', India has remained the top country to receive inward remittance with a total of \$71 bn just this year.
- The Bombay High Court while hearing a case on the issue of children engaging in election campaigns and poll related work, asked the Election Commission (EC) what action it was taking against political parties to curb the involvement of children.
- Madhya Pradesh has launched the 2014 edition of its Global Investors Summit. The event will be held from October 8 to October 10 in Indore. Indore is considered the business capital of Madhya Pradesh.
- A meeting of the Licensing Committee of the DIPP has cleared 33 pending defence deals, some of which have been languishing with the DIPP for years.

#### October 10<sup>th</sup>

- India's Child right activist Kailash Satyarthi (associated with "Bachpan Bachao Andolan") and Pakistan's Malala Youzafai (youngest to receive Nobel prize at the age of 17) win the Nobel Peace Prize 2014.
- Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg meets with India's Narendra Modi.
- The Central government is planning to reconstitute and revive the PM's Council on Climate Change. This Council oversaw the implementation of the eight missions under the NAPCC (National Action Plan on Climate Change).
- The Minister for Minority Affairs, Najma Heptullah, announced the establishment of a nation level skill development Academy, "Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills" (MANAS) with headquarters in Delhi.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) celebrated its 82nd foundation day as Air Force Day at the Hindon Air Force Station in Ghaziabad, UP. Till 2006, Air Force Day celebrations were held at the Palam airport.

October 11<sup>th</sup>

- Cyclone Hudhud hits coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- The World Bank (WB) has launched the GIF to specifically cater to the infrastructure needs of the emerging economies and developing countries.
- India has set up a 'Japan Plus' management team to follow through on the \$35 bn that Japan has promised to invest in India over a span of five years via PPP and overseas development assistance.
- The Centre has deferred the rollout of the National Food Security Act for the second time in a year.
- The case of the explosion that took place in Khagragarh area of Burdwan in West Bengal has been handed over to the NIA.

October 12<sup>th</sup>

- India's Super league Football commences today with a total of 8 teams.
- The Bombay high Court has ruled in favour of Indian unit of Vodafone Group Plc in an INR 3,200 crore transfer pricing dispute. The Court stated that there is no taxable income coming from issuance of shares.
- India's forex reserves continued their downward journey for the fifth consecutive week, India's foreign exchange reserves plunged by \$2.754 billion to \$311.427 billion.
- World Health Organisation every year observes October 10 as the World Mental Health Day. The Day aims to make people sensitive to issues related to mental health and also become more aware of the mental health issues around the world.

October 13<sup>th</sup>

- SEBI barred property developer DLF Pvt. Ltd. From accessing capital market shares for 3 years.
- French economist Jean Triole won the Nobel Prize 2014 in Economics for his analysis of market power and regulation.

October 14<sup>th</sup>

- A 1000-crore rupees rescue operation is announced by PM Modi for cyclone Hudhud hit areas.
- At the International Gaza Donor Conference in Cairo, India pledged to donate US \$ 4mn in aid to rebuild Gaza Strip.
- The world number 3 ranked Roger Federer, from Switzerland, defeated Gilles Simon from France to win the Shanghai Masters Title.
- Englishman Lewis Hamilton, driving for Mercedes, won the inaugural Russian Formula One Grand Prix held at Sochi. Hamilton had started on pole position.



- Mukesh Ambani's twin scions Isha and Akash have formally joined as Board of Reliance Jio Infocomm and Reliance Retail Ventures, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RIL, as directors.
- Captain Abbas Ali who was a part of Indian National Army passed away due to a cardiac arrest. He had been a notable figure and was a part of British Indian Army in 1939 before the break of WWII.
- On the birth anniversary of Jayaprakash Narayan, PM Modi launched the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana keeping his commitment, he made to the nation in his Independence Day speech. The scheme is properly and religiously implemented will revolutionize the village economies and culture.
- UN General Assembly on December 19, 2011 adopted a Resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child. Ever since, the day has been dedicated to the welfare of the girl child internationally.

October 15<sup>th</sup>

- Maharashtra and Haryana state assembly election sees the highest ever voter-turnout of 64% and 73% respectively.
- The UK House of Commons passed a motion, voting overwhelmingly in favour of recognizing Palestine as a State.
- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has sent a show cause notice to Novartis, imposing a fine of Rs. 300cr for overcharging consumers. The drug in question, which Novartis has been accused of overcharging, is Voveran.
- The Labour Ministry has drafted the Small Factories (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Bill, 2014 and asked for comments from stakeholders.

October 16<sup>th</sup>

- India successfully launches Third navigation satellite IRNSS-1C on board ISRO's PSLV-C26 rocket
- Arvind Subrahmanian is India's new Chief Economic Adviser.
- The second India-Canada Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi on October 14. The dialogue was co-chaired by Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird.
- Pakistan has launched a project to build houses in Munnar in Sri Lanka.
- The World Standards Day was celebrated in most countries across the globe on 14 October. World Standards Day is celebrated annually on 14th of October to mark the development of voluntary engineering and scientific standards.
- The Man Booker Prize 2014 for fiction was awarded to Australian author Richard Flanagan, for his novel The Narrow Road to the Deep North.
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October 17<sup>th</sup>

- India's test of the indigenously developed nuclear capable sub-sonic cruise missile "Nirbhay" from Chandipur was successful.
- Supreme Court granted a two month bail to Ms. Jayalalithaa on medical grounds and also suspended the Karnataka High Court's sentence against her in a illegal assets case.
- Virat Kohli becomes the 20 ODI hundreds in 64 innings. He broke the record of Sachin Tendulkar who took 197 innings to achieve this landmark.
- The Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister has announced its decision to introduce the practice of 'Tithi Bhojan' as a part of the Mid Day Meal scheme.
- The first meeting of the talks on the bilateral border under the framework of the Border Affairs Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (BAWMCC) was held on October 16.

#### October 18<sup>th</sup>

- The Government has deregulated diesel price, which means diesel prices will now vary according to market flow.
- The West Indies cricket team has pulled out of India series after 4th ODI in Dharamsala due to pay dispute conflicts with the West Indies Cricket Board.
- The India-LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) investment conclave was held under the auspices of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) and Ministry of Commerce and Industry on October 16 and 17.
- The Government has decided to import potatoes from countries like Europe and Pakistan by next month. This is the first time that the government has decided to import potatoes.
- The Central Government has replaced Finance Secretary Arvind Mayaram with Rajasthan Chief Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi. Mayaram is being shifted to the Tourism Ministry.

#### October 19<sup>th</sup>

- In the state assembly elections of both Maharashtra and Haryana, BJP leads with 123 seats and 47 seats respectively.
- Nigeria's military has issued a statement saying that the Nigerian government and Boko Haram had reached a ceasefire that will lead to the release of around 200 girls that Boko Haram had kidnapped.
- The Election Commission (EC) submitted before the SC that providing NRIs with the option of e-voting will not be possible due to threats such as viruses, spyware, and malware.
- The Central government has launched a National Air Quality Index to provide an easy, understandable measure of air quality. For the next 45 days, the draft National Air Quality Index will be made available to stakeholders and register their comments.

- The SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity) was finalized at the 5th SAARC Energy Ministers Meeting and will be signed by all the parties at the upcoming SAARC Summit that is to be held in November 2014 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

October 20<sup>th</sup>

- Union cabinet approved ordinance regarding acquisition of de-allocated coal mines.
- The WHO declared Nigeria as Ebola free after a 42-day observance period.

October 21<sup>th</sup>

- Manohar Lal Khattar is the new Chief Minister of Haryana.
- South African athlete Oscar Pistorious sentenced to 5 years prison for killing his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.
- Police Commemoration Day was observed on 21 October.
- Cricket Association of Bengal releases special Gold Coin on 150th anniversary of Eden Gardens, the cricket stadium in WB.
- After a gap of half a century, Mitsubishi Aircraft has rolled out Japan's first commercial jet, the Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ).
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval to grant financial assistance to the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project. The Cabinet has granted its approval for the Rs. 10,773 cr project to build Phase I of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail project.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the relaunch of the Direct Benefits Transfer scheme with some modifications.
- Hurricane Gonzalo made landfall on October 17 in Bermuda, with rain and winds of speed 175 km/h. Two storms Gonzalo was the second storm to hit Bermuda this month. Earlier in the previous week, Tropical Storm Fay had damaged homes and knocked down trees and power lines.
- The Government has reconstituted the National Committee to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.
- The Central Government has finalized a new pricing mechanism for natural gas. The new gas pricing formula is believed to be much lesser than the formula suggested by the Rangarajan Committee.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- AIBA barred Sarita Devi and her two coaches from all its boxing events as she refused to accept her bronze medal at the Asian Games.
- The Central Government has passed an order to merge NSEL (National Spot Exchange Ltd.) with FTIL (Financial Technologies India Ltd) Public interest The order has been passed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- China has given India assurances that it is taking preparatory steps to open up a new route to Kailash Manasarovar for pilgrims by 2015.
- The Indian National hockey team coach, Terry Walsh, withdrew his earlier tendered resignation.
- Second seeded US Open champion Marin Cilic of Croatia won the Kremlin Cup ATP title in Moscow.
- India faced Great Britain at the Taman Daya Hockey stadium in Johor Bahru in Malaysia for the finals of the Sultan of Johor under-21 Hockey Cup.
- China, Afghanistan and Pakistan held a trilateral dialogue to chalk out a roadmap for regional cooperation and strengthen ties with each other.
- Veteran legislator Ganpatrao Deshmukh won the legislative assembly elections for the 11th time. This makes him the longest serving MLA in India.
- Harshit Saumitra, a five year and eleven month old Indian has successfully climbed Kalapathar peak and sets world record.
- After a prolonged delay, 3000 houses in rural areas have been completely built under Sikkim's REDRH scheme. REDRH scheme refers to the Reconstruction of Earthquake Damaged Rural Houses project.
- The Central Government has issued an advisory asking that steps be taken so that 33% of the workforce in police forces are constituted by women.
- Late BJP leader Gopinath Munde's second daughter, Pritam Munde, won the Beed seat in Maharashtra by a record margin of nearly seven lakh votes.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Indian PM visits Siachen, the highest battle ground in the world
- Indian PM declares a 745-crore relief project for the flood hit areas of Kashmir.
- Fashion designer, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist and fashion icon Oscar de la Renta passed away at age 82 at his home in Kent, Connecticut.

October 24<sup>th</sup>

- The AIIB (Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank) was inaugurated in China in the presence of delegates from 21 countries.
- In response to the recent crash of a Sukhoi-30 plane in Pune, the Government has ordered the grounding of India's entire fleet of Sukhoi-30 airplanes pending technical checks on each of them.
- The Central Government has granted approval to four out of the 14 identified strategic rail lines along China Borders.
- India and Mexico have signed pacts to cooperate in the field of space technology.
- The UNHRC ( United Nations Human Rights Committee) asked China to ensure universal suffrage in Hong Kong, specifying that universal voting rights included the right to stand for election as well as the right to vote.
- The 69th UN Day was celebrated all around the world in UN's member states.

- The Syrian Army along with militias loyal to Assad has recaptured the central town of Morek. Morek was seized by the rebels and their Al-Qaeda allies nine months earlier.

October 25<sup>th</sup>

- The election commission of India announced a 5-phased state assembly election for the states of Jammu and Kashmir and Jharkhand beginning from Nov 25<sup>th</sup>
- The Defence Acquisition Council of India reaches a deal of 80,000 crore rupees out of which 53,000-crore rupees will be spent on building 6 submarines.
- The Union Ministry of Culture has named N.Gopalaswami as the Chairman of the governing board of the Kalakshetra Foundation.
- The Union Shipping Ministry has given permission to the Andaman & Lakshadweep Harbour Works Department for a parallel sea route from Port Blair to Baratang in the Andamans.

October 26<sup>th</sup>

- Manohar Lal Khattar takes oath as the 10<sup>th</sup> chief minister of Haryana.
- Prominent freedom fighter Jagdish Sharan Pande passed away in Almora, Uttarakhand at age 95.
- The West Bengal Government has announced that it will be introducing a Bill in the upcoming budget session of the WB State Assembly to ensure timely delivery of public services.
- 21 Asian countries, including India, have signed an agreement to become the founding members of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

October 27<sup>th</sup>

- The Supreme Court rejected Rajiv Gandhi's assassin Nalini Srihari's plea for early release after having served more than 14 years in prison.
- Dilma Rouseff has been re-elected as the President of Brazil.

October 28<sup>th</sup>

- Vietnam Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung comes to India for a two-day visit.
- Supreme Court asked the Union Government to submit the names of people within government who hold accounts in foreign banks, within 24 hours.
- Anirban Lahiri won the Venetian Macau Open, making it his second title of 2014 and fifth career win on the Asian Tour.
- USA's Serena Williams defeated Romania's Simona Halep to clinch the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore Singles title. Williams' won the US \$2.05 mn prize money, along with the Billie Jean King Trophy.
- Zimbabwean national Cara Black and Indian Sania Mirza won the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore Doubles title.
- UK has formally withdrawn from Afghanistan, ending the 13 year war that it was a part of.

- SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft has concluded its mission to the ISS (International Space Station) and returned to Earth. The spacecraft was launched in September in SpaceX's Falcon 9 launch vehicle.
- A deep depression that has formed over the Arabian Sea is expected to turn into a tropical cyclone Nilofar. Nilofar has the potential to strengthen to the equivalent of a Category 1 hurricane.
- Jairam Ramesh, former Environment Minister, has been asked to chair the Future Earth Engagement Committee. Future Earth Engagement Committee.
- The Centre is planning to create a SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) to implement the Ken-Betwa River Linking Project.
- Japanese telecom giant SoftBank has pledged to invest US \$10 bn in India's IT and communications sector in the coming years.
- A World Bank report titled 'India Development Update' has said that India's GDP is likely to expand at 5.6% in the current fiscal year, 2014-15.

October 29<sup>th</sup>

- As per the orders of the Supreme Court, the Union Government submitted names of 627 individuals who held accounts in HSBC bank in Switzerland.
- The Jamia Millia Islamia celebrated its 94th Foundation Day on October 29.
- The SC asked the NGT (National Green Tribunal) to step in and take up the task of closing down industries polluting Ganga and take action against industries violating the pollution protocol.
- A four-day long butterfly survey was conducted at the Periyar Tiger Reserve, Idduki, Kerala.
- India stands in the sixth place in the latest edition ICC's Test rankings.
- TB Mission 2020, a Government of India initiative to eliminate TB or Tuberculosis in India by 2020 was announced by the Health Minister at WHO's Global TB Symposium in Barcelona.
- Surya Prakash, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Prasar Bharti for a period of three years.
- A team from the Indian Army beat 140 other participants to win the gold medal in the Cambrian Patrol that was held in UK between October 17 to 26. The Indian team consisted of 8 Garhwal Rifles.
- MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) workers in around 477 blocks across all States will get their wages regularly after introduction of VSAT connectivity by the end of 2014.
- India and Vietnam signed seven agreements after PM Modi met his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung for exploration of two oil and gas blocks.
- The Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change announced that the Government will soon put up a Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The Minister made this announcement after inaugurating a national workshop on 'Scaling up Good Practices for Climate Change Adaptation' in New Delhi.

October 30<sup>th</sup>

- Upholding the state government's decision, the Kerala High Court ordered for closure of all bars in two and three star hotels throughout the state.
- India's Pankaj Advani clinched the World Billiards Championship title to bag a record 12th world title and also completed the 'Grand Double' post his 3<sup>rd</sup> win in both Long and Short formats of the game in the same year.
- Cricketers Sachin Tendulkar and Steve Waugh have been inducted into the Bradman Hall of Fame.
- India was ranked 142nd among 189 nations in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report. 'Doing Business 2015: Going beyond Efficiency' is a World Bank Group flagship publication.
- India won its re-election to the EcoSoc (Ecological Society). This win comes just a week after India's re-election to the UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Commission).
- The CEO of Prasar Bharati, Jawhar Sircar, was elected unopposed as the Vice-President of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU).

October 31<sup>st</sup>

- Devendra Fadnavis of BJP takes oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- Warren M Anderson, former Union Carbide Chief linked with the 1984 Bhopal Gas tragedy died in U.S at the age of 92
- Five Indian fishermen from Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu were sentenced to death penalty by the High court of Sri Lanka on account of smuggling narcotics across the Srilankan borders.
- Union Government is set to launch a new programme, the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan to uplift rural India. This programme will be launched in collaboration with the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) and the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) across the country.
- PM Narendra Modi declared 31<sup>st</sup> October as 'Rashtriya Ekta Divas' commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel.

