

CLATGyan Compendium – 1st November 2014 to 30th November 2014

1st November

- Warren M Anderson, the former chairman of the Union Carbide Corporation that was responsible for the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy died in Florida. This tragedy that occurred on the night of 2nd December 1984 is considered to be the world's worst industrial disaster.
- Lokesh Chandra was appointed as the chairman of India Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for a period of three years. He replaces Karan Singh.
- Seven Indian sailors were released from captivity after four years by Somali pirates in Harardhere.
- All India Radio News Services launched free SMS service in four more languages- Gujarati, Tamil, Malayalam and Assamese- to provide news updates to people.
- Rajiv Mehrishi took charge as Secretary of Economic Affairs of Finance also known as the Union Finance Secretary. He succeeded Arvind Mayaram.
- 4th International Counter-Piracy Conference was held in Dubai. The theme of the conference was Securing State Recovery: Sustaining Momentum at Sea, Confronting Instability Land.
- Education Ministers and officials of eight South Asian countries- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India- have resolved to collaborate on increased use of information technology and improving the quality of education. At the second meeting of Education Ministers of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in New Delhi, representatives of issued a joint statement titled "The New Delhi Declaration on Education." Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani chaired the meeting.
- Dosti-XII, a four-day trilateral Coast Guard exercise among India, Maldives and Sri Lanka was conducted off the Maldives coast.
- Using ATMs (automated teller machines) to withdraw money or for other purposes such as balance enquiry beyond five times in a month will attract a levy of Rs.20 a transaction. According to the Reserve Bank of India's new guidelines, bank customers in six metros —Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Bangalore — are allowed to withdraw money and/or carry out non-financial transactions like mini-

statements at ATMs of banks, where they hold saving/current accounts, free of charge only five times a month.

- The Telangana government has decided to rectify the alignment of 'Rajiv Rahadari' – Hyderabad-Karimnagar-Mancherial road – by constructing by-pass roads in 10 villages, flyovers at three places and bus-bays and shelters at 68 places at an estimated cost of Rs. 750 crore.

2nd November

- The Spanish government has successfully passed a new copyright law which imposes fees for online content aggregators such as Google News, in an effort to protect its print media industry. The new intellectual property law, known popularly as the "Google Tax" or by its initials LPI, requires services which post links and excerpts of news articles to pay a fee to the organisation representing Spanish newspapers, the Association of Editors of Spanish Dailies (known by its Spanish-language abbreviation AEDE). Failure to pay up can lead to a fine of up to €600,000.
- Lithuania enacted a ban on selling energy drinks to anyone under 18, in what officials in the Baltic country claimed was a global first.
- SpaceShipTwo, a rocket plane that is to carry tourists on a short ride to space, crashed in the Mojave Desert during a test flight, killing one of the two pilots. Virgin Galactic, the space tourism company created by Richard Branson, acknowledged the accident on Twitter. The test flight was conducted by Scaled Composites, the designer and builder of SpaceShipTwo.
- Amnesty International has demanded that the Union government reopen investigations into the 1984 anti-Sikh riot cases. The organisation launched an online campaign for which it claims to have received 91,273 endorsements and is aiming at collecting 1.5 lakh endorsements.
- GSLV Mark-III, the bigger and better space vehicle that will enable larger national communication satellites to be launched from India, is set for its first partial test flight in the first half of December. Mark-III can have its first full developmental flight — carrying a full satellite of about 3,500 kg – only when the cryogenic stage is qualified; that could take two to three years. ISRO now depends on costly foreign launchers to put its 3-tonne communication satellites into space.

- Hello Kitty, Japan's global icon of cute, marked her 40th anniversary with a human-size version of the feline character regaling fans at an upscale Tokyo department store and a theme park.
- The Union Culture Ministry will set up a National Cultural Audio-Visual Archives in Jodhpur to identify and preserve the cultural heritage of India. A memorandum of agreement for a pilot project was signed between the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) under the Ministry of Culture and Rupayan Sansthan. The objective of this project is to create digital archives of international standards through IGNCA and its partnering and collaborating institutions.

3rd November

- Germany's historic wrought-iron gate bearing the Nazi's cynical slogan Arbeit macht frei (Work Sets You Free) was stolen from the former concentration camp at Dachau.
- UN chief Ban Ki-moon launched a global campaign in Kenya to end the deadly practice of female genital mutilation.
- Narinder Batra, Hockey India President became the member of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Executive Board.
- Central Zone defeated South Zone to win the Duleep Trophy title of cricket in the finals played at Feroz Shah Kotla Ground, Delhi.
- The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) gave its approval to pilot training facility Flight Simulation Technique Centre (FSTC) for training Airbus A320 and Boeing pilots.
- Indian Navy commemorated the 1000th anniversary of the Tamil King Rajendra Chola with a series of celebrations.
- India's defence establishment will be fully responsible for a DRDO-developed critical propulsion system that will go into the last two of the six Scorpene submarines being built under technology transfer at Mazagon Dock, Mumbai. The system, called air-independent propulsion (AIP), enhances the underwater endurance of conventional (diesel-electric) submarines. Without it, they are forced to surface to periscope depth to recharge their batteries — a position where they are most susceptible to detection — at more frequent intervals.

4th November

- World Trade Centre of the United States re-opened its new tower for business. It has been reopened thirteen years after the original twin towers were destroyed in the 9/11 attacks.
- The Justice Mukul Mudgal Committee submitted its final report on IPL Spot fixing to the Supreme Court.
- Google India has announced launch of Indian Language Internet Alliance (ILIA) in partnership with various content providers to make available local language content on the internet.
- Bill Gates donated 500 million US dollars to fight malaria and other infectious diseases in the developing world at the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in the US.
- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh received Japan's top national award The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers 2014.
- The three week mock war drill between the Special Forces of Indian and Sri Lankan Army named Mithra Shakthi exercise was held near Colombo at a training school. This exercise is a part of the counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency in the island nation.
- Maruti Suzuki launched a new version of the automatic car called Alto K10 which at 3.80 lakh rupees is the cheapest automatic car in India.
- Hasmukh Adhia was appointed as the Union Financial Services Secretary (FSS). He replaces GS Sandhu.
- Standard & Poor, the global rating agency, has lowered the credit rating of state-owned Indian Overseas Bank to speculative grade.

5th November

- The Parliament of Israel passed a law to block the release of Palestinian prisoners convicted for murder in any future peace negotiations.
- The United States became the partner country for Vibrant Gujarat Global Investor Summit 2015. It has joined other countries like UK, Netherlands, Canada, Australia, Singapore, South Africa and Japan. This summit is a biennial summit organised by the Gujarat government in India to attract foreign investment for development of Gujarat.
- The 23rd Mela Ghadri Babeyan Da was held in Jalandhar, Punjab for three days to mark the 100th anniversary of the ship Komagata Maru's ill-fated arrival in Vancouver.

- The Hockey India chief Narinder Batra was awarded the prestigious President's Award by the International Hockey Federation at Morocco along with Italian Valentina Quaranta.
- Fallstreak Hole Cloud, a rare-cloud formation appeared in the sky over Gippsland in eastern Victoria, Australia. It looks like a rainbow-streaked alien spaceship.
- Experts discovered near Hampi, Karnataka at least 20 drawings of the Harappan era in Gondi dialect.
- Bhuvneshwar Kumar, India's fast bowler won the LG People's Choice Award 2014. The first recipient of this award was Sachin Tendulkar in 2010.
- Fabiola Gianotti, an Italian scientist was appointed as the first woman chief of CERN particle physics research centre. She will be replacing Rolf Heuer.
- Indian-American Nikki Haley won the second term as South Carolina Governor.
- Scientists working at the University of Texas confirmed that the World's first inhalable Ebola vaccine passed animal tests.
- Mumbai recorded the largest number of internet users in India in 2014. It recorded around 16.4 million internet users surpassing Delhi and Kolkata.
- HDFC Bank, the mortgage financier, became the first listed Indian company among the 30 SENSEX firms to have more than 75 % shareholding by the Foreign Institutional Investors.

6th November

- The Commemorative Postage stamp on Liver Transplantation in India was released by the Department of Posts and Union Ministry of Communication & IT in New Delhi. The first successful liver transplantation in India was undergone by Sanjay Kandaswamy in 1998.
- PM Narendra Modi adopted Jayapur village in Varanasi under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY).
- The Republican Party of US won the control of the Senate in the US mid-term elections 2014 defeating the Democrats.
- Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography Playing It My Way was launched in Mumbai.
- Indian-American Niraj Antani was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. He has become one of the youngest state lawmakers in the U.S. Saira Blair at 18 is America's youngest elected lawmaker in the West Virginia House.

- Shubam Banerjee is the youngest venture-capital backed entrepreneur of Silicon Valley in California and is the inventor of the Braille printer Braigo v2.0 which promises to be the cheapest and lightest Braille printer.
- For the first time, scientists have tracked the entire route of migratory bird Amur Falcon. This migratory bird is known to travel one of the longest distance (up to 22000 km a year). Nagaland was declared as the Falcon Capital of the World in November 2013 as ornithologists estimated that about one million Amur Falcons roost in the State during the small aerial predators' annual migration on way to South Africa.
- Sri Lankan cricket captain has been named as the captain of the ICC Test Team of the Year 2014.
- The Forbes list of the World's Most Powerful People was released and features PM Narendra Modi on 15th position and Mukesh Ambani on 36th rank. Topping the list is Vladimir Putin from Russia. Angela Merkel is the highest ranked woman on 5th rank.
- Sanjay Baweja was appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of e-retailer Flipkart.
- Lenovo has completed the acquisition of Motorola Mobility from Google.

7th November

- A Torpedo Recovery Vessel, TRV-72 of Indian Navy sank off the Visakhapatnam coast during a naval exercise killing one sailor. It was of an Astravahini Class and was built at the Goa Shipyard.
- Anita Kapur has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the apex authority of the Income-Tax Department. This body is responsible for framing policy and administrative issues related to direct taxes and the Income-Tax Department.
- Jet Airways Cargo banned shipment of shark fins and committed to protect the marine ecosystem. It was implemented after Human Society International, India appealed to do so amidst the rising concern related to shark fin globally.
- National Cancer Awareness Day was observed on 7th November across the nation.
- China developed a highly accurate homemade laser defence weapon system capable of shooting down small-scale drones flying at low altitude.
- Hyderabad Traffic Integrated Management System (H-TRIMS) is to be used in the city as it is a kind of intelligent signalling system that comprises of intelligent timers and vehicle detectors and will work on solar power.

- US Navy SEAL commando Robert O' Neill shot Osama bin Laden at his Pakistan hideout in Abbottabad. He revealed his identity in the Fox News series dubbed as The Man Who Killed Osama bin Laden.
- Cristiano Ronaldo, the Real Madrid forward received the European Golden Boot award for 2013-14. This is his third Golden Shoe.
- Burger King has partnered with eBay to launch its burgers online in India. Burger King is launching its first store in New Delhi. Earlier in September, Coca-Cola launched its new diet drink Coke Zero online in partnership with Amazon India.
- Scientists have developed an antibiotic free drug named Staphefekt as an alternative to antibiotics. This new drug will fight against antibiotics-resistant superbugs like MRSA.
- Indian-origin British politician Nigel Keith Anthony Standish Vaz known as Keith Vaz was named as the Labour MP of the year 2014.

8th November

- Suzlon Energy, the largest wind turbine manufacturer installed the world's tallest hybrid wind generator turbine in Kutch, Gujarat. The Kutch region of Gujarat has an installed wind energy capacity of about 1100 MW making it Asia's biggest wind energy park at one location.
- India and Bhutan signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop Nalanda University in Bihar as an international centre of excellence. It will be located at Rajgir in Bihar and will have the power to confer degrees, diplomas and certificates.

9th November

- Union Minister of State for Environment Prakash Javadekar announced that the Clam Governing Council of Ashtamudi Lake in Kollam, Kerala was the first fishery certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in India. The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is an international non-profit organisation set up to help transform the seafood market into a sustainable endeavour. Ashtamudi Lake, a Ramsar wetland of international importance, is the second largest estuarine system in Kerala and the clam fishery began in 1981. It supports the livelihood of around 3,000 fisher folk involved in collection, cleaning, processing and trading clams.
- Robin Williams' death has been ruled a suicide as his autopsy results revealed the actor died due to asphyxia and hanging at his home in California. Toxicology reports reveal

antidepressants, caffeine and levodopa, a drug used to treat Parkinson's disease, in his system.

- Chinese President Xi Jinping announced \$40-billion fund to build mega Silk Road projects criss-crossing Asia, ahead of the key APEC to bolster infrastructure in the region. China's Silk Road and Maritime Silk Road initiatives are widely regarded as strategic moves by Beijing to checkmate U.S. Pivot to Asia and U.S. plans to develop a silk road through Afghanistan.
- Salgaocar FC emerged Durand Cup champions for the third time having previously won the title in 1999 and 2003. They defeated Pune FC.

10th November

- Virat Kohli became the fastest cricketer to reach 6000 one-day international run mark. He overtook Vivian Richard's record against India's third ODI against Sri Lanka.
- OP Kohli, Governor of Gujarat signed the Gujarat Local Authorities Laws (Amendment) Bill 2009 and according to this bill, voters will have to compulsory vote in local body elections. The bill also provides 50% reservation for women in all local body's elections.
- The first 3-D printed electric car Strati was unveiled by US based Local Motors. The Strati is a two-seater electric car. The range of the car can be 100 to 120 miles with top speeds of 64 km/h.
- Laxmikant Yashwant Parsekar was sworn-in as the 18th Chief Minister of Goa succeeding Manohar Parrikar.
- The people of Catalonia held non-binding vote on independence.
- Dr. Fawzia Peer, an Indian-originated radiographer was elected as the president of the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists.
- The 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall was celebrated in Germany. The wall was a symbol of division between the Eastern and Western Germany and its fall marked a powerful symbol of the end of the Cold War.
- Agni-II, a nuclear capable strategic ballistic missile was fired from the Wheeler Island, Odisha and the test was successful. It is a medium-range missile with a range of over 2000 kms and can carry a payload of 1000 kg.

- Hanumappa Sudarshan of Karuna Trust was named the 10th India Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2014. Karuna Trust is transforming dysfunctional government primary healthcare centres into professional hubs of last-mile healthcare service delivery.
- GS Sandhu has been appointed as Chairman of National Chemical Weapon Convention.
- The Darjeeling Zoo or the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park was selected for the prestigious International Award, The Earth Heroes Award 2014. It is the largest high altitude zoo of India.

11th November

- A missile co-developed by India and Israel, Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) was successfully test-fired from a range in Israel. It is called the Barak 8 missile in Israel.
- The Union Government has raised 10000 crore rupees from the market through cash management bills (CMBs). A CMB is a rarely used instrument that was resorted to only when the exchequer faced a short-term liquidity mismatch.
- The Durand Cup was won by Salgaocar FC which defeated Pune FC. The tournament was played at the Raia Sports Complex, Goa.
- Sixth World Ayurveda Congress was held in New Delhi and the theme was Health Challenges and Ayurveda. Aim of this congress is to develop a vision and strategy for public action to realise the potential of Ayurveda and improve health care in India.
- China lifted the ban on social networking websites like Facebook, Twitter, etc. at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Beijing.
- President Pranab Mukherjee conferred the 49th Jnanpith Award on Hindi poet Kedarnath Singh in New Delhi. He is the 10th Hindi writer to receive this award.
- Operation Neptune Seal was a night-time raid on Laden's Abbottabad home made by SEAL Team Six also known as DEVGRU.
- The Union Government has imposed fresh restrictions on foreign tours by bureaucrats. It has restricted their official overseas visits to four in a year.

12th November

- Kerala became the first state in the country to have bank accounts for all families under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY).

- Yahoo Inc. acquired digital video advertising service BrightRoll for about 640 million US dollars. This will allow Yahoo to grow its video advertising platform by selling video ads in real time to marketers.
- UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon appointed a five-member panel to investigate Israeli attacks on UN shelters during the Gaza war and the discovery of Hamas weapons at UN sites. It will be led by Patrick Cammaert. Former IPS officer K C Reddy was also appointed as member of this probe panel.
- National Educational Day was observed on 11th November to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
- Indian American Aditi Hardikar was appointed as liaison with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community as well as the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.
- Act East Policy has been in news since PM Narendra Modi's visit to Myanmar to attend the India-ASEAN Summit and the 18 nation East Asia Summit.
- The largest online retailer of India Flipkart appointed Rishi Vasudev and P Balakrishnan as Vice President.
- Public Service Broadcasting Day was observed on 12th November. It is observed in remembrance of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to All India Radio studio in Delhi for the first and last time.
- Badminton World Federation provisionally suspended Malaysian badminton player and World No. 1 Lee Chong Wei due to an apparent anti-doping regulation violation.

13th November

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry hosted the India Economic Summit in New Delhi. The theme was Redefining Public-Private Cooperation for a New Beginning.
- India and UK announced Newton-Bhabha Fund to scale up their bilateral research and innovation relationship to a greater level.
- 22nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit was held in Beijing, China. It was held under the theme of Shaping the Future through Asia-Pacific Partnership. The next APEC Summit will be held in Philippines in 2015.

- The Supreme Court of Sri Lanka gave its nod to President Mahinda Rajapaksa to stand for third term as President. There was no legal barrier in preventing him to stand for a third six-year term.
- Rohit Sharma scored the highest ODI score ever of 264 runs. He broke the record of Virendra Sehwag who had made 219 runs. This was achieved during an ODI match between India and Sri Lanka.
- Facebook launched personalised video creation tool, Say Thanks, through which users can put their personalised video cards combining present themes and their own posts and photos.
- The 7th Summit on Global Agenda was held in UAE and was organised by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with the Government of UAE and Government of Dubai. The theme was Shaping the Transformations of the World and in partnership with the Government of UAE.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) announced appointment of its ambassadors for ICC Cricket World Cup (CWC) 2015. The ambassadors for ICC CWC 2015 includes Virat Kohli, Mitchell Johnson, Brendon McCullum, Kumar Sangakkara and Shane Watson.
- Kapil Dev launched a social gamified collaboration platform called SioPho. It is a new business venture of Kapil Dev who founded it along with Aman Sahani, the CEO of SioPho.com platform.

14th November

- Radio Kashmir Jammu won prestigious Gandhian Philosophy and Public Service Broadcasting award 2014 for its programme Jeevan Rekha.
- Prithvi-II surface-to-surface missile was test-fired at Chandipur, Odisha. It was indigenously developed, is nuclear-capable and has a strike range of 350 kms. It is capable of carrying 500 kg to 1000 kg of warheads.
- Child Rights and You (CRY) launched Project Unlearn with an aim to end child labour and encourage children to go to school.
- The Supreme Court disclosed the names of persons involved in the Indian Premier League (IPL) spot-fixing probe done by Mudgal Committee. It named N Srinivasan, Gurunath Meiyappan, Raj Kundra, Sundar Raman, Samuel Badree, Owais Shah and Stuart Binny.

- Mitch McConnell was elected as the Majority Leader of the 100-member US Senate after he was unanimously re-elected by the Republicans.
- Facebook launched personalised video creation tool Say Thanks with which users of the site can put their personalised video cards combining present themes with their own posts and photos.

15th November

- Chairman of Rajya Sabha Hamid Ansari decided to shift the question hour in Rajya Sabha from 11 A.M. to 12 noon from the upcoming Winter Session. The Zero Hour is a period during which Members of Parliament (MPs) get a chance to raise matters of public importance that need immediate attention of the government.
- China launched remote sensing satellite Yaogan-23 which was carried by a Long March-2c rocket, from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre. This satellite will be used mainly for scientific experiments, natural resource surveys, crop yield estimates and disaster relief.
- Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) decided to use Sanskrit as a third language in schools of Kendriya Vidyalaya (KVs) in place of German language. German was taught as third language from classes 6 to 8 in KV schools after a MoU was signed between KVS and Goethe Institute – Max Mueller Bhawan in 2011. However, the MoU was not referred to HRD Ministry at any stage.
- The Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) approved the HDFC Bank proposal to raise foreign investment ceiling of the bank to 74 percent.
- Chairman of Tata Sons Ratan Tata was inducted on the board of INTERPOL Foundation to contribute to two new global initiatives (protecting cultural property and modernising channels of international judicial cooperation) aimed at combating organised crime and terrorist activities by the foundation.
- The Union Government launched the National Bal Swachhta Mission in New Delhi. This mission is a part of the nationwide sanitation initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission that was launched by the Prime Minister. The six themes of this mission are – clean anganwadis, clean surroundings like playgrounds, clean self (personal hygiene), clean food, clean drinking water and clean toilets.

The HRD Ministry also launched Udaan programme for girls which is designed to provide a comprehensive platform to girl students to pursue higher education in

engineering and assist them to prepare for the IIT-JEE while studying in Classes XI and XII.

- Prasar Bharti announced to re-launch DD National with new tagline Doordarshan National – Desh Ka Apna Channel. The channel will continue to focus on traditional family values.
- European Space Agency's (ESA) Rosetta mission landed its Philae probe on the surface of Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko and this site has been named as Agilkia. This is the first time in space history that a probe landed on a comet. The mission of Philae is to transmit data about composition of the comet after landing on its surface.
- Union Ministry of Minorities Affairs launched the Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS) to impart training to youth in health and security sectors.
- Bollywood actor Farhan Akhtar was appointed as UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for South Asia and has become the first male ever to be chosen as a Goodwill Ambassador in the organisation's history. He will serve as an advocate for UN Women's newly launched HeForShe initiative in advocating for gender equality and women's empowerment.
- The UK, France and Nepal supported candidature of India, Germany, Brazil and Japan (G4 nations) for permanent member of a reformed UN Security Council (UNSC). They emphasized African representation and expansion of the non-permanent seats.
- World Pneumonia Day was observed across the world on 12th November 2014 with the theme: Universal access to pneumonia prevention and care.
- India successfully test-fired surface-to-surface nuclear-capable Dhanush ballistic missile from a naval ship off the Odisha coast. This missile is a naval variant of India's indigenously developed Prithvi missile and it is capable of carrying conventional as well as nuclear payload of 500 to 1000 kilograms.
- Union Finance Ministry announced that the states of Goa and Kerala, along with Union Territories of Chandigarh, Puducherry and Lakshadweep became the first ones in the country to achieve 100% Financial Inclusion under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY).

16th November

- A nesting site of the extremely rare white-bellied heron has been discovered in a remote part of the Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh.

- Actor Daniel Day-Lewis has been honoured with a knighthood by the Duke of Cambridge at a ceremony held in Buckingham Palace. He is the only person to win the Academy Award for best actor three times.
- The Singapore International Foundation awarded seed fund to four winning teams of social entrepreneurs who could find innovative ways to do business. Among them was 'Jugnu', the Indian team that worked on a mobile application to enhance language skills for school students in non-urban areas.

17th November

- The G20 Summit 2014 of emerging economies concluded in Brisbane, Australia and at the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders released the final communique known as the Brisbane Action Plan.
- China will play host to the Group of Twenty (G20) Summit of the emerging economies in 2016.
- CS Verma, Chairman of Steel Authority of India (SAIL) was conferred with the IIM – JRD Tata Award for Excellence in Corporate leadership in Metallurgical industries for the year 2014.
- India and Republic of Korea signed a MoU to facilitate technical cooperation in Railway sector between the two countries.
- Klaus Werner Iohannis won the 2014 Presidential elections in Romania by defeating Prime Minister Victor Ponta.
- Modi Express, a four boggy train was flagged off in Australia to honour Narendra Modi and celebrate his first official visit as Prime Minister to Australia. The service was organised by the Overseas Friends of BJP. The special train carried over 220 passengers to attend the Prime Minister's first public lecture in Sydney.
- World number one Novak Djokovic from Serbia was crowned champion of ATP World Tour finals at O2 Arena in London, UK after Roger Federer withdrew from the clash due to a back injury.
- Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth clinched women's and men's singles title of the 700000 US dollar China Open Super Series Premier of Badminton in Fuzhou, China.

18th November

- Finnish mobile company Nokia launched Android-based N1 tablet at the Slush conference in Helsinki. The device has been developed in partnership with Foxconn, which will also manufacture it. The tablet will cost 249 US dollars.
- Union Government nominated Dr. Hasmukh Adhia as a Director on the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) replacing Gurdial Singh Sandhu.
- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released Global Terrorism Index 2014 which provides a fact-based understanding of terrorism and its impact in 162 countries.
- 9th G-20 Summit of major economies was held in Brisbane, Australia which focussed on promoting economic growth and set the target of boosting global growth by 2% in five years. The next summit will be hosted in Antalya, Turkey in November 2015.
- 2nd edition of Global Slavery Index was released by the Walk Free Foundation which aims to end modern slavery in a generation and ranks 167 countries in terms of the percentage of a national population and the total number of people living in modern slavery- country by country, region by region. The index was topped by India followed by China, Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Russia.
- Akash surface-to-air missile was test fired by the Indian Air Force (IAF) from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur near Balasore, Odisha. It is India's first indigenously designed and developed missile and was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as part of the Integrated Missile Development Programme.
- The International Buddhist Conference 2014 was held in Lumbini, Nepal with an objective of preserving Buddhist culture and heritage.
- The 4th India-China Joint Training Exercise Hand-in-Hand 2014 began at the Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra on 17th November and will end on 25th November.
- A book titled "Truth Always Prevails" written by Sadruddin Hashwani was released in Pakistan. It is a self-narrated account of personal and entrepreneurial experiences by one of the most successful businessmen of Pakistan.
- The Union Government relaunched Kisan Vikas Patra scheme (KVP) in New Delhi to encourage the habit of small savings among the citizens.
- India and Australia signed five pacts on social security, transfer of sentenced prisoners, combating narcotics trade, tourism and Arts and Culture.

- Pandit Jasraj, renowned veteran classical vocalist was conferred with the Sumitra Charat Ram Award 2014 for Lifetime Achievement.
- Veteran diplomat Michel Kafando was chosen as interim president of Burkina Faso and will head the country till the November 2015 elections.

19th November

- 12th ASEAN-India Summit was held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on the side-lines of the 25th ASEAN Summit. During the summit, ASEAN countries and India reiterated their commitment to reach the trade target of 100 billion US Dollar by 2015. The next ASEAN-India Summit will be held in Cambodia in 2015.
- International Business Machine Corp (IBM) launched a new e-mail application known as IBM Verse and hopes that it will replace Window's popular Outlook.
- 9th East Asia Summit was held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar and was chaired by the President of Myanmar, U Thein Sein. The first summit was held in 2005 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Terry Walsh resigned as Chief Coach of Indian hockey team after his contractual talks with Hockey India (HI) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) broke down.
- The Bombay High Court quashed the Income Tax department's 18000-crore rupees tax order against oil major Shell India. The ruling was passed by a bench of Justice M S Sanklecha and Justice S C Gupte on a petition filed by Shell India Markets.
- The Oxford Dictionary named Vape as Word of the Year 2014. It defines vape as a verb and meaning is to inhale and exhale the vapour produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device.
- 83rd Interpol General Assembly was held at Grimaldi Forum in Monaco from 3rd November to 7th November. The theme was Turn Back Crime: 100 Years of International Police Cooperation.
- Indian-American Neha Gupta was awarded with the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize 2014 for her work to help orphans in India and other vulnerable children. She became the first ever American to be awarded with the prize.

20th November

- Supreme Court directed CBI Director Ranjit Sinha to withdraw himself from 2G case and asked him not to interfere in the ongoing 2G probe.

- Infosys co-founders S. Gopalakrishnan and S.D. Shibulal launched Axilor Ventures, a business incubator which will help entrepreneurs and early-stage firms to succeed in diverse verticals.
- Uber launched the low cost service UberGO in India and the service will be available in ten cities-Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, New Delhi, Pune and Mumbai.
- Assam State Zoo in Guwahati decided to have the critically endangered pig Pygmy Hog (*Porcula salvania*) which is the rarest and the smallest wild pig in the world. With this, the zoo will become the first and the only zoo of the world to have this species of pigs.
- Neel Mukherjee's book "Lives of Others" was shortlisted for Costa Book Awards under the Novel Award category. The book is based upon the Naxalite movement of the 1960s and unfolds a family history. In 2014, the same novel was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize but narrowly lost to Richard Flanagan's *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*.
- Sutirtha Bhattacharya will be the new Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India Limited (CIL).
- Foreign Policy Magazine of America released a list of 100 Global Thinkers and Narendra Modi has been ranked first followed by Angela Merkel of Germany and Amit Shah of India.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation was chosen for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2014 for its contribution in strengthening international cooperation in peaceful use of outer space. The prize carries a cash award of 2.5 million rupees and a citation.

21st November

- Scientists at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B) have developed a hollow-fiber membrane that cuts the cost and time required in dialysis procedure by almost 50%.
- Giriraj Singh assumed charge as the Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME).

- Deutsche Bank won the Custodian of the Year 2014 award. The bank was awarded the 'Channel Islands Custodian of the Year 2014' title at an awards ceremony held in London.
- Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced to de-recognise Delhi Stock Exchange (DSE) on the allegations of serious irregularities in its functioning.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the signing of three SAARC agreements which included SAARC Regional Railways Agreement (RRA), SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity) and SAARC Motor Vehicles Agreement.
- Tamil superstar Rajinikanth was honoured with the centenary award for Indian Film Personality of the year 2014 at the 45th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- Gujarat Government announced a Home-Stay scheme for tourists visiting the state and residents of Gujarat who are interested can apply for Home-Stay facility and they will need to get police clearance.
- Uninor announced the appointment of Vivek Sood as its new CEO replacing Morten Karlsen Sorby.
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) raised India growth forecast to 6.6% for the financial year 2015-2016. Earlier it had forecasted a growth rate of 5.7%.
- Chintan, a NGO was conferred the Deutsche Bank Urban Age Award, 2014 for cleaning the Delhi railway station. Chintan is a NGO that works with waste pickers.
- Union Government approved the launch of Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DUGJY) to provide access of electricity to rural households across the country and will merge the ongoing Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) with DUGJY.

22nd November

- World Fisheries day was observed across the world on 21st November 2014.
- India won the 2014 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship in Islamabad defeating Nepal.
- The United Nations General Assembly rights committee adopted the first ever resolution calling on governments to stop child marriages. The resolution was presented by Canada and Zambia and was sponsored by 118 countries.

- Former Indian cricket captain Dilip Vengsarkar received the prestigious BCCI-instituted Colonel C K Nayudu Lifetime achievement award for his contribution to Indian cricket. He received a citation, trophy and cheque for Rs 25 lakh. Bhuvneshwar Kumar won the Polly Umrigar award and a cheque of Rs 5 lakh. Parvez Rasool received the Lala Amarnath Award for Best All-Rounder in this season's Ranji Trophy.
- The US President Barack Obama will be the Chief Guest at the 66th India Republic Day celebrations 2015. He will be the first US President to attend the Republic Day Parade of India.

23rd November

- Hyderabad will soon get another important landmark with the Government of India deciding to set up a first-of-its kind National Biodiversity Museum (NBM). The museum is expected to be built in a six-acre site near the 15-acre Bio-diversity Park at Raidurg on the hilly landscape of the Mehdiapatnam-Gachibowli stretch at an estimated cost of Rs. 200 crore.
- Ramy Ashour clinched his third World Open squash title when he triumphed over Egyptian Mohamed El Shorbagy.

24th November

- Magnus Carlsen of Norway won the FIDE World Chess Championship 2014 played at Sochi, Russia defeating Viswanathan Anand.
- Switzerland led by Roger Federer defeated France to win their first-ever Davis Cup of Tennis.
- Adidas appointed Tushar Gokuldas as Brand Director, Emerging Markets.
- Pope Francis conferred sainthood on two Indians-Father Kuriakose Elias Chavara and Sister Euphrasia. The process of considering a person for sainthood is a long process in which the person must have been dead for three years and must be credited with bringing about two miracles. The first Indian to be declared a saint was Sister Alphonsa in 2008.
- Indian women boxers Sarjubala Devi and Saweety won Silver medals at the 8th World Women's Boxing Championships in Jeju, South Korea.
- Deepak Gupta was appointed as the Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) by President Pranab Mukherjee in accordance with the Article 316 (1) of the Constitution. He replaced Rajni Razdan.

- Lewis Hamilton of Britain won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix of Formula One racing at Yas Marina circuit in United Arab Emirates.

25th November

- Iran and P5 + 1 countries agreed to extend the deadline on Iran Nuclear deal by 7 months to 30th June 2015.
- Indian cyclist Deborah on 23rd November 2014 won four gold medals at the Track Asia Cup Cycling Championship 2014 held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi.
- Three global organisations – World Toilet Organisation (WTO), WASTE and the Financial Inclusion Improves Sanitation and Health (FINISH) – signed a MoU to end open defecation in India. The agreement is for three years. These organisations share the common goal of making sanitation accessible and affordable to all citizens.
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women observed across the world on 25th November 2014. The day was observed to raise awareness about violence against women and discuss solutions that would work for women community. The campaign was called Orange Your Neighbourhood to raise awareness against Gender-Based Violence.
- Lahore- based author Bilal Tanweer won the 2014 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for his novel The Scatter Here Is Too Great.
- West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi was appointed as Governor of Bihar by the President Pranab Mukherjee and will discharge both the duties simultaneously.
- Shah Rukh Khan is the brand ambassador of DHFL which is the second largest housing finance company of India.
- Former Supreme Court judge Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad was chosen as the next chairperson of the Press Council of India (PCI) and will succeed Justice Markenday Katju.
- Legendary Kathak danseuse Sitara Devi died in Mumbai and was known as a pioneering force in bringing the genre to Bollywood.

26th November

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) directed Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) to ensure compliance with all necessary norms of Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) Regulations before issuing Offshore Derivative Instruments (ODIs) especially participatory notes (P-notes) with immediate effect.

- Guye Adola of Ethiopia won Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM) in men's category finishing the race in 59.06 minutes.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank became the first bank in India to fully own an insurance business after Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gave permission to set up a wholly owned non-life insurance company called Kotak General Insurance.
- Michael Phelps was crowned the Male Athlete of the Year at the 2014 USA Swimming Golden Goggle Awards for the fifth time.
- Australian cricketer Philip Hughes died after being into induced coma after a bouncer ball of Sean Abbott hit the back of his head during a Sheffield Game at Sydney Cricket Ground in Australia.
- United Nations (UN) Women announced the appointment of Indian tennis superstar and youth icon, Sania Mirza as its Goodwill Ambassador for South Asia. The organisation is dedicated to gender equality and women's empowerment. She became the first South Asian woman to be appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador.
- The Indian dairy sector majors decided to celebrate November 26th as National Milk Day to mark the 93rd birth anniversary of Father of White Revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien.
- Aaranyak, an Assam based NGO working for the conservation of nature and a Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) won the United Nations Lighthouse Activities Award for the year 2014.
- Haryana Government reversed the retirement age of government employees from 60 to 58 years and also reversed the impairment age of Class IV, visually impaired and handicapped employees from 62 to 60 years.

27th November

- The Rajya Sabha has passed the Apprentices (Amendment) Bill, 2014 to amend the Apprentices Act, 1961.
- Scientists at Katholieke University in Belgium have found a new method to convert sawdust into building blocks for petrol. The new method to derive these hydrocarbon chains from cellulose was developed by researcher Beau Op de Beeck.
- Namsai became the 18th district of Arunachal Pradesh after the District re-organisation Bill was passed in March 2013 for its creation.

- State Bank of India (SBI) Mutual Fund (MF) announced that it will launch Shariah Equity Fund which will aim at attracting investments from Muslim populations of India. This has been approved by the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, an authority that oversees the observance of Muslim civil laws in India.
- The Union Government launched Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) Scheme or E-visa to make travel of foreigners to India on Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVOA) facility easier. The scheme is available for 43 countries to boost tourism to India.
- Bharati Airtel launched 4G services in Seychelles and it will be the first commercial LTE (Long Term Evolution) network of Airtel in Africa.
- Pakistani actress Veena Malik was sentenced to 26 years in jail on 26th November 2014 by an Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) of Pakistan.
- The Supreme Court of India observed that Indian Premier League (IPL) team Chennai Super Kings (CSK) should be disqualified without any further enquiry after the Mudgal report Committee probe on IPL spot-fixing was heard.
- Union Government passed the Central University Amendment Bill 2014 in the Lok Sabha which provides for establishing Mahatma Gandhi Central University in Motihari (Bihar).
- The National Green Tribunal held that all vehicles which are more than 15 years old would not be permitted to ply on Delhi roads. The directive would apply to all vehicles without any exception.
- Pranab Mukherjee penned a book titled “The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years.” It is the first of a three-part volume; the second will be on the years 1981-88 and the third from 1988 to 2012.
- World Gold Council (WGC) and Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) collaborated to set up India Gold Policy Centre to conduct research on all aspects of the domestic gold industry.
- A biography titled “My Name is Abu Saleem” written by S Hussain Zaidi was released.
- The first 3-D printed object was developed in space by world’s first zero-gravity 3D printer created by NASA AND Made in Space Inc. on the International Space Station (ISS). The printer was delivered to the space station via a Space X Dragon capsule.
- Boxer Manoj Kumar received the prestigious Arjuna Award after being earlier denied the award by the Kapil Dev-led selection committee as it believed that he was involved in a doping case.

- The Lok Sabha passed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders Amendment Bill, 2014 which seeks to include more castes under Scheduled Castes category in four states (Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Tripura) and exclude Majhi (Nepali) community from it in Sikkim.

28th November

- India and Mozambique signed a MoU for cooperation in Oil and Gas sector for a period of five years.
- 18th South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit was held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 26th November to 27th November. The theme of the summit was Deeper Integration for Peace and Prosperity. It focussed on enhancing connectivity between member states for easier transit-transport across the region. The next summit will take place in Istanbul in 2016. An Energy Pact was signed by the member-countries on cooperation in the power sector to ensure electricity trading through grid connectivity.
- The Telangana Assembly passed unanimously Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System (TS-IPass) bill 2014 for timely clearances to industrial units proposed to be set up in the new State.
- The RBI released guidelines for Licensing of Payments Banks which will allow mobile firms and supermarket chains, among others, to enter the banking arena to cater to individuals and small businesses.
- Phyllis Dorothy James, best known for her series of detective novels starring the policeman and poet Adam Dalgliesh, died at 94 in UK.
- Jhumpa Lahiri for *The Lowland* and Shamsur Rahman Faruqi for *The Mirror of Beauty* were shortlisted for the DSC Prize for the year 2015.
- Anoop Mishra has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the Lok Sabha.
- The RBI issued Guidelines for Licensing of Small Finance Banks in the Private Sector making the minimum paid-up equity capital for small finance banks as 100 crore rupees.
- *Black Tornado: The Three Sieges of Mumbai 26/11* authored by Sandeep Unnithan was released and this book puts together an account of the 26th November 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai.

29th November

- CERN scientists discovered two new heavy-weight subatomic particles belonging to the family of baryon at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) beneath the Franco-Swiss border near Geneva, Switzerland.
- A book titled Letters for a Nation written by Jawaharlal Nehru and Madhav Khosla was published by Allen Lane. The book contains Jawaharlal Nehru's letters as Prime Minister of India to the heads of the country's provincial governments.
- The cricketing fraternity paid tribute to the Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes on twitter by using hashtags #putoutyourbats.
- The RBI issued final guidelines for the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) which will help consumers pay multiple bills like electricity, telephone and school fees at a single point of transaction.
- Next China-India War – World's First Water War – 2029 authored by former Army chief General Sundarajan Padmanabhan was released and the book has predicted that the two countries will conflict over the Brahmaputra.
- The WTO adopted the Trade Facilitation Agreement which was approved during the General Council meeting of 160 member WTO in Geneva, Switzerland. The TFA contains provisions for expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit. It sets out measures for effective cooperation between customs and other appropriate authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues.
- NASA celebrated the 50th anniversary of its first mission to Mars, Mariner 4 mission which was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida.
- The Union Government nominated Rajiv Mehrishi as a Director on the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India succeeding Arvind Mayaram.
- RBI decided to sell 2000 crore rupees worth government bonds through Open Market Operations (OMOs) to squeeze the liquidity in the market.

30th November

- PV Sindhu won the 2014 Macau Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton Title defeating Kim Hyo Min of Korea.
- UK honoured Late Mohinder Singh Pujji, a World War- II pilot by unveiling his eight-foot bronze statue at St. Andrew's Garden in Gravesend, Kent, Great Britain.