

India's most celebrated cueist Pankaj Advani clinched the World Billiards Championship (time format) title to bag a record 12th world crown and also complete a rare 'Grand Double' post his third win in both the long and short formats in the same year.

Devendra Fadnavis takes oath as CM of Maharashtra

The General Assembly of Association of Asian Election Authorities elected Election Commission of India as Chair of the organisation for the next two years. Commissioner Cho Byoung-Hun of South Korea (outgoing Chair) felicitated Mr. V. S. Sampath, the Chief Election Commissioner of India, and assured him of full cooperation of S. Korea in strengthening AAEA and expanding its activities. The host of the meeting held in New Delhi, Election Commission of India was represented by Mr. V.S. Sampath, Chief Election Commissioner of India and Election Commissioners Mr. H.S. Brahma, and Dr. Nasim Zaidi.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the acquisition of Polar Research Vessel (Ice-breaker, Research cum Supply Vessel) by the Ministry of Earth Sciences at a total cost of Rs. 1051.13 crore within a period of 34 months.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today said India will undergo a renewal through the combined efforts of 125 crore Indians. He was speaking at the inauguration of the Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre in Mumbai. He said, just as this 90 year old hospital has undergone kayakalp (renewal), India too, can undergo a kayakalp.

The Government has decided to observe the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day) on 31st October every year, to pay tributes to the efforts made by Patel to unite India. In this regard, a function to pay floral tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will be held at Patel Chowk, Parliament Street, New Delhi at 0800 hrs.

India along with 20 other countries on Friday signed an agreement to become founding members of the China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to aid the infrastructure development in the Asian region and reduce the dependence on Western-dominated World Bank and IMF.

Sahil Doshi, a 14-year-old Indian-American student has won the 2014 Discovery

Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for his innovative, eco-friendly battery design that could help lower harmful greenhouse gases.

In a significant victory, India was re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) from 2015-17, receiving the highest number of votes in the Asia-Pacific group.

India and Nepal on Tuesday inked a historic Power Trade Agreement (PTA), allowing exchange of electricity and opening up new vistas of cooperation in the hydropower sector.

India has initiated efforts to have June 21 commemorated each year as the 'International Day of Yoga' at the United Nations, aiming to bring to fruition the idea floated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his maiden address to the UN General Assembly last month.

The Government constituted a High Powered Committee (HPC) on "DRISHTI" - (Driving Information System for Holistic Tax Initiatives) in February 2014. The Committee is headed by Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai, Chairman, Manipal Global Education and consisting of eminent persons from the private sector having in depth domain knowledge as well as senior officers from the Department of Revenue.

A five-year-old Indian boy, Harshit Saumitra, has become the youngest person to reach the Everest Base Camp (EBC).

India is poised to become a USD two trillion economy this year, while its GDP size would cross another milestone of USD three trillion after five years in 2019, according to IMF's latest world economic outlook.

South African Tourism has launched a new "Gandhi- Inspired Tourist Attraction" project that identifies 13 places that were seminal in Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's tenure in the country.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy, today launched 'Jammu Kashmir Arogya Gram Yojana' under which the CSIR (Council for Scientific & Industrial Research), affiliated with the Ministry of Science & Technology, will identify thousand

villages in Jammu & Kashmir for the growth of aromatic plants with active participation of local farmers and owners of the land. The Government will initially spend over Rs.25 crores on this scheme in addition to technical support by a team of CSIR scientists.

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has reconstituted the National Committee to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru. The Prime Minister will himself chair the Committee.

Indian-origin Singaporean poet and writer K T M Iqbal will be awarded Cultural Medallion, the country's highest cultural award by the President.

The Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Shri Prakash Javadekar today launched 'The National Air Quality Index' (AQI) in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Javadekar outlined the AQI, as 'One Number- One Colour-One Description' for the common man to judge the air quality within his vicinity. The formulation of the index was a continuation of the initiatives under Swachh Bharat Mission envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

India's first indigenously designed and developed long range sub-sonic cruise missile 'Nirbhay' was successfully flight tested today from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Balasore, Odisha. The entire mission, from lift-off till the final splash down was a perfect flight achieving all the mission objectives.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Dr. Arvind Subramanian as Chief Economic Adviser for a period of 3 years on contract basis, in the pay scale of Rs. 80000/- (fixed) from the date of appointment or till superannuation, whichever is earlier.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday October 16, 2014 unveiled a string of labour reforms, including measures to end 'inspector raj', asserting that ease of doing business is "essential" to ensure 'Make-in-India' campaign is successful.

ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C26, successfully launched IRNSS-1C, the third satellite in the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), in the early morning hours of today (October 16, 2014) at 0132 hours IST from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

Telecom sector regulator TRAI has suggested a 10% higher base price for the next

round of spectrum auction in the 1800 Mhz band (2G spectrum) in view of the increasing data usage by consumers.

The world's tallest building Burj Khalifa has clinched its newest Guinness World Records title for being the highest man-made vantage point on earth.

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Indian police inspector Shakti Devi wins UN's international female peacekeeper award. An Indian police inspector has been named recipient of a prestigious international female peacekeeper award by the UN's police division for her "exceptional achievements" in her duty with the UN mission in Afghanistan, including her efforts towards helping victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

The world has added more than a billion mobile phone subscribers in the last four years alone, with the total number reaching 3.2 billion, almost half the earth's population, organisers of an industry event here said.

Regulator Sebi has barred realty major DLF, as also six top executives including Chairman K P Singh, from securities markets for three years, after finding the company guilty of "active and deliberate suppression" of material information at the time of its public offer.

The Vice President of India Shri M. Hamid Ansari released a book entitled "Untold Story of the Indian Public Sector" authored by Dr. U.D. Choubey, the Director General of SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises)

India and Finland are expected to sign a slew of agreements to bolster cooperation in energy, fishing and education, besides exploring tie-ups in science and technology during President Pranab Mukherjee's three-day state visit to this key Nordic nation beginning.

The Pentagon has approved two previously-stalled technology transfer licenses to India and in an unprecedented move has set aside USD 20 million for strategic cooperative science and technology projects with New Delhi.

With an aim of giving a boost to India's relations with Scandinavian countries, President Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday left on a tour of Norway, the first by the Head of State, and Finland during which efforts will be made to attract investment from Norway to India.

The first ever National Mental Health Policy was launched in an attempt to provide universal psychiatry care to the population, 20 percent of which are likely to suffer some form of mental illness by 2020.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the book, 'Virat-Purush Nanaji', which has been compiled in six volumes by the Deendayal Research Institute. The book is a collection of the writings of **Shri Nanaji Deshmukh**.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today launched the **Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana**, calling it a scheme that would open the door for good politics, and inviting all MPs to select a village to develop on a demand-driven, rather than a supply-driven model, with people's participation.

Kailash Satyarthi, Malala Yousafzai win 2014 Nobel Peace Prize

Anoop Jain was named recipient of the 2014 Waislitz Global Citizen Award for his "exemplified values of a Global Citizen"

The Post Sachar Evaluation Committee headed by Prof. Amitabh Kundu presented the final report to Dr. Najma A Heptulla, the Union Minister for Minorities Affairs here today. Thanking Prof. Kundu and other members of the committee for their efforts, Dr Najma Heptulla promised implement the recommendation after studying the report as early as possible

Urban Housing Mission to be named after Sardar Patel : M.Venkaiah Naidu

World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9th October, to commemorate the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in the Swiss capital, Berne. It was declared as World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1969 and since then, it is celebrated all over the world to highlight the importance of the postal services.

The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has set up a special management team to facilitate and fast track investment proposals from Japan. The team, known as “Japan Plus”, will comprise representatives from Government of India and METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), Government of Japan.

Veteran journalist M V Kamath died at his native place Manipal in Karnataka on Thursday after a brief illness. He was 93 and was admitted to hospital for the past few days.

Sachin Tendulkar attends 82nd anniversary of Indian Air Force

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee presented the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for the year 2014 to Dr. Apathukatha Sivathanu Pillai

Michael Phelps, the 18-time Olympic swim champion arrested last week for drink driving, was banned for six months by USA Swimming and dropped from the 2015 World Championships.

The Finance Ministry has asked public sector banks to tighten norms, including KYC monitoring for high-value fixed deposits, to check the kind of frauds suspected to have been committed at Dena Bank and OBC.

The country's international investment position (IIP) has deteriorated during the June quarter as net claims of non-residents rose USD 12.6 billion to USD 346.6 billion following a sharper rise in the value of foreign-owned assets in the country vis-a-vis rise in the value of residents' financial assets abroad.

John O'Keefe, Edvard Moser, and May-Britt Moser, announced as winners of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

Dilip Kumar 'The Substance and The Shadow' : An Autobiography

List of Indian medal winners at the Incheon Asian Games 2014

Indian Gold Medal Winners in Asian Games 2014

1. **Jitu Rai** – Gold Medal in the men’s 50m Air pistol event.
2. Gold medal by men’s squash team: **Saurav Ghosal combined with Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu**
3. Gold medal by men’s archery team: **Abhishek Verma, Sandeep Kumar and Rajat Chauhan** to clinch the gold medal in the compound team at the Gyeong Asiad Archery Field.
4. Gold by **Yogeshwar Dutt** in wrestling. 5
5. Gold by **Seema Punia** in discus throw.
6. Gold by **Sania-Saketh** in tennis mixed doubles.
7. Gold by **Mary Kom** in boxing.
8. The Indian **men’s hockey team** regained the gold medal after a gap of 16 years.
9. Indian women bagged gold in **4×400 relay race**.
10. Women’s kabaddi team bags gold.
11. **Men’s kabaddi team** bagged 7th successive Asiad gold.

Indian Silver Medal Winners in Asian Games 2014

1. Silver medal for **Saurav Ghosal in Squash**
2. **Pemba Tamang, Vijay Kumar and Gurpreet Singh** won silver in the 25m Center Pistol Fire event.
3. Silver by **Abhishek Verma in archery**
4. Silver medal by women’s squash team: Indian Squash team of **Dipika Pallikal, Anaka Alankamony and Joshana Chinappa** bagged a silver medal.

5. Silver by **Khushbir Kaur** in women's 20km walk.

6. Silver by **Bajrang** in wrestling.

7. Silver by **Sanam Singh and Myneni** in tennis,

8. Silver by **Vikas Gowda** in discus throw.

9. **Tintu Luka** fetches 800m silver in Asian Games

Indian Bronze Medal Winners in Asian Games 2014

1. **Shweta Chaudhry** Bronze Medal in the women's 10m Air Pistol event.

2. **Bronze by men's team in shooting:** Jitu Rai, Samresh Jung and Prakash Nanjappa, won the bronze in the men's 10m air pistol event.

3. **Bronze by women's team in badminton.**

4. **Bronze by women's team in shooting:** Rahi Sarnobat, Anisa Sayyed and Heena Sidhu bag a bronze in the 25m team event.

5. Bronze medal by Dipika Pallikal in squash.

6. Team Bronze in shooting:

7. Bronze medal for Narender Grewal in Wushu.

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9. Bronze by Abhinav Bindra

10. Bronze in rowing by Dushyant Chauhan.

11. Bronze by Swarn Singh in single sculls.

12. Bronze by men's rowing team: Indian rowers won the bronze medal in the men's eight final event at the Chungju Tangeum Lake Rowing Center. The Indian

team comprising Kapil Sharma, Ranjit Singh, Bajrang Lal Thakhar, Robin Ulahannan, Sawan Kumar Kalkal, Azad Mohammad, Maninder Singh, Davinder Singh and Ahmed Mohammed

13. Bronze by women's team in double trap event.
14. Bronze by Sandeep Sejwal in swimming
15. Bronze by Trisha Deb in archery
16. Bronze by Vinesh Phogat in wrestling.
17. Bronze by Geetika Jakhar in wrestling.
18. Bronze by Lalita Babbar in athletics.
19. India's compound women's team clinched a bronze medal the archery competition.
20. Chain Singh won a bronze medal in 50m Rifle.
21. Bronze by Rajiv Arokia in men's 400m race.
22. Bronze by M R Poovamma in women's 400m race
23. Bronze by Manju Bala in women's hammer throw
24. Bronze by Yuki Bhambri in men's tennis singles
25. Bronze by men's doubles team in tennis: Divij Sharan and Yuki Bhambri bagged a bronze medal
26. Bronze by women's doubles team in tennis Sania Mirza and Prarthana Thombare
27. Bronze by OP Jaisha women's 1500m
28. Bronze by Naveen Kumar in men's 3000m steeplechase
29. Bronze by Narsingh Pancham Yadav in wrestling.

30. Bronze by L Sarita Devi (60kg) in boxing.

31. Bronze by Pooja Rani (75kg) in boxing.

32. Indian women's hockey team wins Asiad bronze.

33. Annu Rani wins women's javelin bronze

34. Satish Kumar boxing (+91kg).

35. Vikas Krishnan boxing (75kg)

36. Inderjeet Singh wins bronze in Men's Shot

India contributes USD 1 million to UN women's body

Sudarshan Bhagat, the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment launched the "Swachhta Udyami Yojana – Swachhta Se Sampantta Ki Aur"

20 Lakh Rupees to Every Village per annum in the Country for Swachhta Mission- Nitin Gadkari

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day - 1 October 2014

In pursuance of the announcement made by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi at Madison Square Garden in New York on September 28, 2014, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a Notification on September 30, 2014 to the effect that Person of Indian Origin (PIO) Card shall be valid for life time and the PIO Card holder shall be exempt from police reporting / registration. It has been further clarified that all PIO Cards issued till September 30, 2014 are automatically deemed to have life time validity.

An MOU for setting up a Joint Venture Company (JVC) towards undertaking the

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First Demonstration Offshore Wind Power Project in the country along the Gujarat coast has been signed

Ministry of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to launch 'Punarjagaran'- Mass Awakening Campaign for Youth Participation in Nation Development across India from 2nd October 2014.

PM Modi launches Swachh Bharat campaign on October 2, 2014

Mary Kom became the first Indian woman boxer to clinch a gold medal at the Asian Games

List of Important International Days in October 2014

- ☐ 1 October : International Day of Older Persons
- ☐ 2 October : International Day of Non-Violence
- ☐ 5 October : World Teachers' Day
- ☐ 6 October (First Monday in October) : World Habitat Day
- ☐ 9 October: World Post Day UPU/Tokyo Congress 1969/Res.C.11
- ☐ 11 October : International Day of the Girl Child
- ☐ 13 October : International Day for Disaster Reduction
- ☐ 15 October : International Day of Rural Women
- ☐ 16 October : World Food Day
- ☐ 17 October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- ☐ 24 October : United Nations Day
- ☐ 24 October : World Development Information Day
- ☐ 27 October : World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

Sir Ross Masood Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Leadership, Education, Community and Public Service-2014 to Saiyid Hamid

Defence Accounts Department Celebrates Its 267th Anniversary

"Chalein Saath Saath" India and the US issued a vision statement

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