

GLIMPSES FROM 2014



WHAT IS THIS?

Hi!

Firstly, for those actually reading this, thank you!

Over the years, I've seen many year-end roundups. This past month, I decided to try my hand at it as well.

I have tried to accommodate major events of the year, but there are many that didn't make it to the list. A full list can be found on Wikipedia.

I owe a lot to the Wikipedia page about 2014, as well as the internet world at large, from whom I have shamelessly borrowed several images. I've tried to credit all my sources at the end of this compilation. If you find any errors, I'd be glad to know.

In case you're viewing this in early January, (which hopefully you are, unless I was too lazy and uploaded this very late) here's wishing you a very **Happy and Peaceful 2015!**

-Kasturika

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The year 2014 has been eventful, mixed with doses of euphoria, and sadness in equal measure.

As we approach the New Year, here's a look at the year that was.



A Date with Mars

24 September:

Mars Orbiter Mission, Mangalyaan enters Mars orbit. India is the first nation to reach Mars orbit on its first attempt, and the first Asian nation to do so. The least-expensive Mars mission to date, using home-grown technologies and a simpler design.

29 September:

Mars Orbit Spacecraft captures first image of Mars.

Fatal Journeys

8 March:

Malaysian Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappears, never to be found.

17 July:

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 crashes in Ukraine, presumed to be shot.

28 December:

Indonesia AirAsia Flight 8501 crashes.



Nature's Fury

4 - 10 September:

Floods due to torrential rains wreak havoc in Kashmir, submerging 390 villages.

20 - 28 September:

Flash floods in Assam and Meghalaya after heavy rains.

6 - 14 October:

Cyclone Hudhud, one of the worst cyclones to hit India, causes massive destruction in Andhra Pradesh.



Moving On

18 January: Maruti Suzuki stops production of iconic 800.

25 May: Hindustan Motors stops production of Hindustan Ambassador car (in picture).

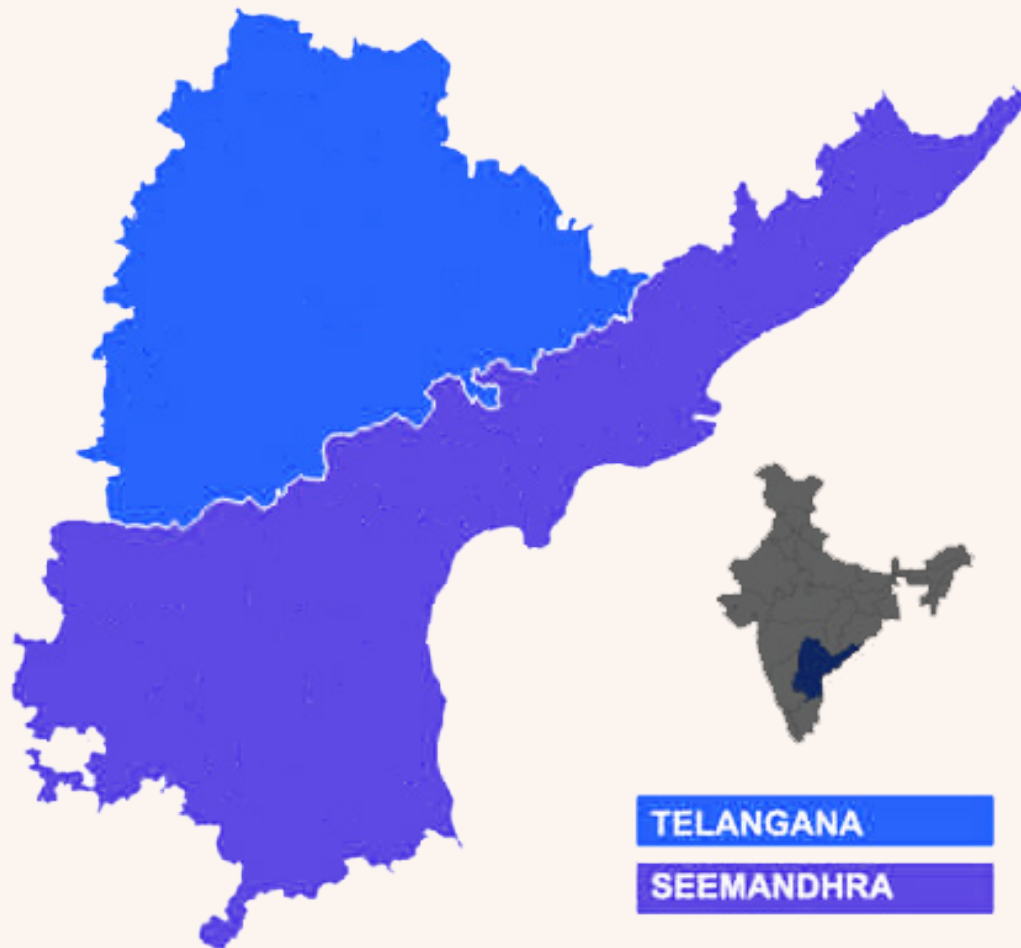


Making Connections

1 February: Mumbai Monorail begins operating.

8 June: Mumbai Metro begins operations.

11 July: Air India joins the Star Alliance, providing several benefits to the Indian globetrotter.



Split State

2 June:

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 is passed.

Andhra Pradesh is split into two states Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, with Hyderabad remaining the joint capital for 10 years.

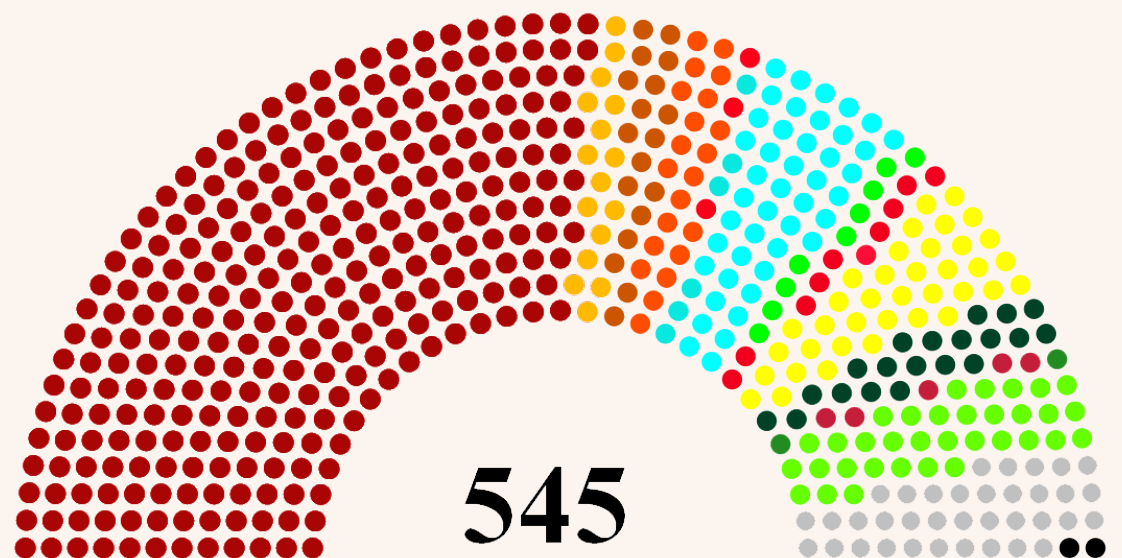
India now has 29 states and 7 union territories.

Indian General Elections

April 7, 2014 – May 12, 2014:

Spread over nine phases, the longest election in India's history, with the highest ever voter turnout.

The 2014 Indian General Election was largest-ever election in the world, delivering a clear majority verdict for the first time since 1984.



In Loving Memory



17 January:
Suchitra Sen, 82



20 March:
Khushwant Singh, 99



10 July:
Zohra Sehgal, 102



5 August:
Pran Kumar Sharma, 75



20 August:
BKS Iyengar, 95



19 September:
U Srinivas, 45

The Rule of Law

15 April:

Supreme Court of India recognised transgenders are a third gender.

25 August:

The Supreme Court declares that all 218 coal block allocations made from 1993 to 2011 are illegal.

27 September:

The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Jayalalithaa, is convicted by a special court of acquiring disproportionate assets. Exemplary penalty is later imposed.



For a Noble Cause

10 October:

Kailash Satyarthi (pictured in the centre), founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan is awarded Nobel Peace Prize, along with Pakistani female education activist Malala Yousafzai.



Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

23 July - 3 August:

Vikas Gowda wins first Gold medal for India in men's athletics in 56 years.

Dipika Pallikal and Joshana Chinappa (in picture) win first ever Squash Gold.

Parupalli Kashyap gets Gold in Badminton ending a 32 year old drought.

Asian Games, Incheon

19 September - 4 October:

India wins the Gold medal in men's hockey after 16 years.

India retains both Gold medals in Kabaddi.

Mary Kom (in picture) continues to dominate, even as Sarita Devi is denied justice.

India gets first ever squash Gold medal even as Sandeep Sejwal brings in a rare swimming Bronze medal.





Beyond Cricket

26 July:

Hugely successful Inaugural season of Pro Kabaddi League begins.

12 October:

Indian Super League kicks off.

17 November:

Inaugural Champions Tennis League begins.



A Freak Accident

25 November:

Australian Cricketer Phillip Hughes is struck on the head while batting, and collapses on the field. He eventually succumbs to his injuries.



Innocence Lost

16 December:

Taliban militants attack an army-run school in Peshawar, killing 141 people, 132 of them children. Schools across India express solidarity and pay tributes to victims.

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