

SUMMARY

The year witnessed a change in India's political guard with BJP unseating the Congress by notching up 281 of the 545 Lok Sabha seats. Narendra Modi was sworn in as the country's 15th Prime Minister.

The states of Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Haryana witnessed a regime change and Jammu and Kashmir saw a hung Parliament in the recent elections.

A pleasant surprise of the year was child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi being conferred the Nobel Laureate. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and freedom fighter Madan Mohan Malviya were chosen for the Bharat Ratna.

In Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal of the AAP who became Chief Minister resigned after a very short stint of 49 days in power. In Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister Jayalalitha was convicted and jailed on corruption charges.

The country made space history with its successful launch of the Mars Orbiter Mission. One of the worst floods devastated Jammu and Kashmir and the year ended on a grim note with the militant attack on tribals in Assam villages.

Following is the diary of events for the year.

JANUARY

Jan 1: India scraps the scam-tainted Rs 3,600 crore VVIP helicopter deal with Anglo-Italian firm AgustaWestland, nearly a year after allegations surfaced that kickbacks to the tune of Rs 360 crore were paid to bag the contract.

Jan 1: Lt Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag, who is tipped to be the next Army Chief, takes over as the Vice-Chief of the Army Staff.

Jan 2: The minority Aam Aadmi Party government crosses the first hurdle in the Delhi Assembly when its confidence motion sailed through easily with the backing of the members of Congress, JD(U) and an independent.

Jan 3: Following the December 16, 2012 gangrape incident, Delhi Police in a landmark decision announces that charge sheets in rape cases will be filed within 20 days to ensure speedy justice to victims.

Jan 4: A team of senior Indian officials leaves for Sudan, which is witnessing ethnic conflict that has killed at least 1,000 people so far.

Jan 5: Delhi Minister Rakhi Birla escapes unhurt in an attack on her car by unknown persons in Mangolpuri.

Jan 5: Vice President Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh hails the successful launch of GSLV D5 satellite

Jan 6: Aam Aadmi Party disapproves of its leader Prashant Bhushan's comment on carrying out a referendum for deployment of Army in Jammu and Kashmir after it touched off a major controversy

Jan 6: Manipur's M Khayingthei and Mizoram's Ramdinthara, who lost their lives while trying to save friends from drowning, are among three persons selected for 'Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak'.

Jan 8: Activists of a fringe right-wing group attacks and vandalises the Aam Aadmi Party headquarters in Kaushambi here protesting against the controversial remarks of its senior leader Prashant Bhushan on the presence of security forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jan 8: President Pranab Mukherjee assures Bhutan that India will continue to support capacity-building efforts in the neighbouring country.

Jan 8: Nine passengers are charred to death in their sleep when a blaze ripped through three coaches of Bandra-Dehradun Express in Thane district in the wee hours, ten days after a fire mishap in a train leaves 26 people dead.

Jan 9: Mahatma Gandhi's grand-daughter Ela Gandhi, Australian senator of Indian origin Lisa Maria Singh and Ramkrishna Mission in Fiji are among the 13 recipients of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award conferred.

Jan 9: The anti-corruption helpline, by Delhi Government, receives nearly 4,000 calls in first seven hours of its operation.

Jan 10: Senior Indian diplomat Devyani Khobragade indicted for visa fraud and making false statements by a grand jury in the US, returns.

Jan 11: Justice Swatanter Kumar, a former Supreme Court judge, sends a legal notice to certain media organisations demanding apology for publicising allegations of sexual harassment levelled against him by a law intern.

Jan 11: Chaos prevailed at the first 'janta darbar' by AAP government forcing Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to leave the venue mid-way.

Jan 14: Delhi Law Minister Somnath Bharti comes under attack from ally Congress and opposition BJP which demand his removal over his being indicted by a court for ""tampering of evidence"" in a case in which he had appeared as a lawyer.

Jan 15: A 51-year-old Danish tourist has been allegedly robbed and gangraped at knife-point near New Delhi railway station.

Jan 15: India and Pakistan discuss ""impediments"" hampering the normalisation of trade ties, in a bid to remove them and move forward.

Jan 16: Aam Aadmi Party MLA Vinod Kumar Binny mounts a shrill attack on Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by calling him a ""dictator"" and accused his government of cheating people, prompting the party to threaten disciplinary action against the legislator.

Jan 17: Sunanda Pushkar, who was upset over an alleged extra-marital affair between her minister husband Shashi Tharoor and a Pakistani journalist, was found dead in a five-star hotel room which police suspect may be a case of suicide.

Jan 17: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh joins other political leaders to condole the death of actress Suchitra Sen, saying she had ""graceful cinematic presence.""

Jan 19: 18 people are killed and over 40 injured in a stampede as thousands of mourners converged to pay their last respects to the spiritual leader of the Dawoodi Bohra community Syedna Burhanuddin

Jan 21: Drug overdose appears to be the cause of the mysterious death of Sunanda Pushkar, wife of Union Minister Shashi Tharoor, according to the findings of doctors of AIIMS who conducted the autopsy on her.

Jan 21: Ministry of External Affairs rejects Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's claim that a Ugandan official had met his Law minister Somnath Bharti in connection with an alleged sex racket.

Jan 22 Akkineni Nageswara Rao, who scaled the peaks of Telugu cinema rivalling N T Rama Rao in stature between 50s and 70s, dies of cancer.

Jan 23: President Pranab Mukherjee gives seven more days to the Andhra Pradesh Assembly till January 30 to discuss and debate the draft Telangana bill before returning it to the Centre which promised to table the legislation in the upcoming session of Parliament.

Jan 24: In a controversial decision, the Army closes the infamous Pathribal encounter case saying it has found no evidence against its men, drawing angry reaction from Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

Jan 25: Noted scientist R A Mashelkar and Yoga Guru B K S Iyengar are chosen for this year's Padma Vibhushan, while cine star Kamala Haasan, author Ruskin Bond and late former Chief Justice J S Verma were selected for Padma Bhushan

Jan 25: Three personnel of the armed forces have been selected this year for the Kirti Chakra, the second highest peace time gallantry award, for their acts of bravery on the Line of Control (LoC), anti-maoist operation and relief operation in flood-hit Uttarakhand, respectively.

Jan 26: Cracking the whip, the Aam Aadmi Party expels its rebel MLA Binod Kumar Binny, ten days after he called Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal a ""dictator"".

Jan 26: Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is the Chief Guest at the 65th Republic Day parade becoming the first premier from that country to grace the occasion.

Jan 27: The Jain community becomes the sixth religious group accorded with the minority status following a notification issued by the Centre.

Jan 28: Railway Minister Mallikarjun Kharge is given additional charge of Social Justice and Empowerment ministry following the resignation of Kumari Selja.

Jan 29: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh rejects BJP leader Arun Jaitley's contention that government flouted rules by issuing an advertisement inviting applications for posts of Lokpal chairman and members were illegal.

Jan 30: The Union Cabinet gave its approval to a bill that seeks to give wakf properties the status of public premises and make unauthorised occupation of waqf land a criminal offence.

Jan 30: Government suspends the ambitious scheme to pay LPG subsidy in cash to consumers directly but raises the quota of subsidised cooking gas to 12 cylinders per household in a year.

Jan 31: Vijay Bahuguna resigns as Uttarakhand Chief Minister.

Jan 31: Government orders magisterial inquiry into death of Nido Tania, son of a Congress leader from Arunachal Pradesh, who was allegedly beaten up by some shopkeepers in Lajpat Nagar area of South Delhi.

FEBRUARY

Feb 1: Harish Rawat, a Union Minister, is sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.

Feb 1: A last-minute withdrawal of consent by the Goa government for holding an international music festival has sparked a diplomatic row, with the Russian Embassy terming the decision as an ""insolent and starkly unfriendly gesture"" of the state authorities.

Feb 2: An amphibious vessel is damaged when it ran aground off the coast of Vishakhapatnam.

Feb 2: Two Manipuri women are allegedly molested and beaten up by some men who hurled racist abuses at them in South Delhi.

Feb 3: Following up on its agreement with CPI, the AIADMK works out an alliance with CPI(M) to fight the Lok Sabha polls in Tamil Nadu as efforts to cobble a non-BJP, non-Congress front gained momentum.

Feb 3: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announces projects including a National Mission on High Performance Computing and a Neutrino-based Observatory in Tamil Nadu with an outlay of about Rs 9,000 crore.

Feb 4: Iconic cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and eminent scientist Prof C N R Rao are conferred with the country's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna.

Feb 5: Narendra Modi attacks Third Front grouping saying such an alliance would make India a "third rate" country and people should banish them from politics forever.

Feb 5: Expelled AAP MLA Vinod Kumar Binny announces withdrawing support to the Delhi Government and accused Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of being "more dangerous" than a corrupt person who is telling "lies" and "deceiving" people.

Feb 7: Cross-voting by Left and Congress MLAs help Trinamool Congress gain an extra seat in West Bengal while a similar action by Congress MLAs in Andhra Pradesh saw TRS making its debut in Rajya Sabha as high drama marked the polls to the upper House in the two states.

Feb 7: Union Cabinet clears the Telangana Bill which is set to be introduced in Parliament.

Feb 8: A 14-year-old girl from Manipur is allegedly raped by her landlord's son in Munirka area sparking off protests in the national capital.

Feb 9: A recommendation to President Pranab Mukherjee by the Union Home Ministry for introduction of the Telangana Bill in Parliament--likely on Tuesday--is sent through the Prime Minister's Office.

Feb 10: Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal rejects Lt Governor Najeeb Jung's call to revisit his decision to hold a special session of Delhi assembly for the passage of Jan Lokpal Bill.

Feb 10: Government decides to give two additional attempts to civil services aspirants, with consequential age relaxation to all categories of candidates of the exam conducted by Union Public Service Commission.

Feb 10: India and China hold a meet between their Special Representatives on the contentious boundary issue that was preceded by talks under the working mechanism on border affairs in which additional confidence building measures and steps for maintaining peace and tranquility are discussed.

Feb 11: China says border talks with India have yielded "initial results", enabling the two neighbours to properly handle their differences over the vexed boundary issue and maintain peace along the frontier.

Feb 11: Congress expels six Lok Sabha MPs from the Seemandhra region who had given notices of no-confidence motion against the government over their opposition to the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

Feb 11: Independent MLA Rambir Shokeen formally withdraws support to Arvind Kejriwal led Delhi government, bringing down the strength to 35 in the 70-member house.

Feb 11: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal orders filing of an FIR against Petroleum Minister M Veerappa Moily, former minister Murli Deora and RIL chief Mukesh Ambani for alleged collusion in the hike in prices of natural gas from KG basin.

Feb 12: Food Minister K V Thomas calls Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar a backstabber for raising a banner of "revolt" against Congress President Sonia Gandhi in 1999 on the issue of her foreign origin.

Feb 12: Passenger fares and freight rates are left untouched in the interim rail budget, which talks about plans about involvement of private sector and FDI as part of efforts to modernise the largest transport network in the country.

Feb 13: Unprecedented pandemonium marked by fisticuffs, pepper spraying and breaking of mike is witnessed in Lok Sabha as the government introduced the controversial Telangana bill.

Feb 13: Delhi Assembly witnesses unprecedented chaotic scenes on the first day of a special session as BJP and Congress MLAs joined hands in disrupting proceedings by throwing files, destroying mikes, flagging banners and trooping to the well demanding Law Minister Somnath Bharti's resignation over the midnight raid episode.

Feb 13: Balu Mahendra, who won him several national awards for films like 'Moondram Pirai'(Sadma),'Veedu' and 'Olangal', dies at a private hospital due to cardiac arrest following prolonged illness.

Feb 14: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal resigns after suffering a defeat in the assembly on the Jan Lokpal Bill

Feb 16: Sirsa (Har): A 45-year-old man allegedly hurls a shoe at Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda during a public meeting in Dabwali town. Feb 16: Senior IPS officer Rakesh Maria, who was heading the Maharashtra ATS, takes charge as Mumbai Police Commissioner.

Feb 16: Thirteen people are killed and 34 injured, some of them seriously, when a mini-bus in which they were travelling plunges into a gorge in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Feb 17: YSRCP chief Jaganmohan Reddy stages a protest and courted arrest, while accusing the Congress of engineering the pepper spray episode in Parliament.

Feb 18: Lok Sabha TV went blank for the entire 90 minutes when the controversial bill to carve out Telangana as the 29th state, by splitting Andhra Pradesh Telangana Bill was being passed in the House.

Feb 22: A group of NCP activists barge into the Aam Aadmi Party office in suburban Andheri, tear and burn posters of Arvind Kejriwal and also burn his effigy. Feb 22: Election Commission has put in place an expenditure monitoring mechanism for curbing misuse of money power during general elections.

Feb 24: High drama unfolded in the RJD with 13 of the 22 party MLAs in Bihar announcing they have quit the party in a jolt to Lalu Prasad but six of them later claim they are not part of the breakaway faction.

Feb 24: India and China agree on a slew of measures, including holding of joint Army exercise this year and strengthening maritime security cooperation while maintaining peace and tranquility on the dispute border.

Feb 24: India and Canada hold talks on a range of bilateral and international issues and decide to expand ties in diverse sectors including health, audio-visual co-production and skill development.

Feb 25: 11 Left and secular parties come together claiming to be the alternative and vow to defeat both Congress and BJP.

Feb 26: India and Russia hold wide-ranging talks on nuclear, space, energy and economic cooperation and agreed to finalise the long-pending deal for the third and fourth reactors of Kudankulam power plant soon.

Feb 26: India and Saudi Arabia ink a defence cooperation pact to take their strategic partnership further in areas of security.

Feb 26: Navy Chief Admiral D K Joshi quits taking moral responsibility.

Feb 27: BJP and LJP stitch a pre-poll alliance with the Ram Vilas Paswan-led party returning to the

NDA fold, 12 years after it quit over Gujarat riots.

Feb 27: India and Israel sign three agreements to strengthen the efforts in the war against terror and beef up bilateral security relations.

Feb 28: The Cabinet gives mandate to the 7th Pay Commission for revising salaries of over 50 lakh central government employees and remuneration of 30 lakh pensioners.

Feb 28: The Centre raises dearness allowance to 100 per cent, from 90 per cent, benefiting its 50 lakh employees and 30 lakh pensioners.

Feb 28: A week after Kiran Kumar Reddy resigned as Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, the Centre decides to impose President's Rule in the state while announcing a few sops for the Seemandhra region which has been opposing creation of Telangana state.

MARCH

Mar 1: The Bill to carve out Telangana received the assent of President Pranab Mukherjee who also signed the proclamation to impose central rule in Andhra Pradesh.

Mar 1: Government clears an ordinance making penal provisions more stringent to deter people committing crimes against members of SCs and STs .

Mar 1: A new potential scam has emerged with Defence Minister A K Antony ordering a CBI probe into allegations of bribery into a Rs 10,000 crore deal for supply of aircraft engines to state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) by London-based Rolls Royce company.

Mar 4: Sheila Dikshit, a former three-term Chief Minister of Delhi, is appointed Governor of Kerala

Mar 4: Calling him ""chor"", man from Gwalior threw ink on the face of Sahara chief Subrata Roy when he was brought to the Supreme Court

Mar 5: AAP workers fights running battles with BJP activists outside the saffron party headquarters in Delhi and Lucknow hours and Arvind Kejriwal's car was damaged in Gujarat in retaliation to protests against his brief detention in the state.

Mar 6: Around 60 Kashmiri college students studying in Meerut are charged with sedition by Uttar Pradesh police for cheering Pakistan's victory against India during a recent cricket match.

Mar 6: Election Commission introduces e-filing of affidavits by candidates for the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls.

Mar 7: The Indian Navy is hit by mishap with leakage of a deadly gas on an under-construction warship claiming the life of a Commander and hospitalisation of two others

Mar 8: One civilian worker was killed and two were injured in an accident at the under-construction nuclear submarine at the shipbuilding centre of Eastern Naval Command (ENC).

Mar 8: Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Yogendra Yadav's face is smeared with ink during an event at Jantar Mantar here by a 28-year-old man who was later roughed up by AAP supporters.

Mar 9: Congress in Kerala opens formal dialogues with RSP a day after it quit LDF.

Mar 10: The DMK announces candidates for the 35 seats it would contest in the Lok Sabha elections in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, denying ticket to party supremo's son M K Alagiri while renominating 2G scam accused A Raja and Dayanidhi Maran.

Mar 11: Maoists ambush a security patrol killing 16 people including 11 of the CRPF in a daring daytime attack in the Sukma district of Chhattisgarh.

Mar 12: The formal process for the longest nine-phased general elections to 16th Lok Sabha is set in motion with the President issuing notification for polling in six constituencies of Bihar on April 10.

Mar 12: The much-hyped joint rally of Mamata Banerjee and Anna Hazare here turns out to be a disappointing affair with the anti-corruption crusader giving it a miss, triggering a blame game.

Mar 13: CBI carries out searches at 15 locations, including the residence of National Spot Exchange Limited promoter Jignesh Shah for alleged cheating in the investments of public sector undertaking PEC causing a loss of Rs 12 crore to the exchequer.

Mar 13: India deploys four warships along with six aircraft including the latest special surveillance P-8I plane and three helicopters under the 'Operation Searchlight' to rescue the missing Malaysian plane.

Mar 13: India welcomes a US court dismissing visa fraud charges against senior diplomat Devyani Khobragade

Mar 15: Narendra Modi will contest the Lok Sabha election from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, BJP announces.

Mar 15: President issues notification for second and third phases of Lok Sabha elections

Mar 18: The government under late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the then army leadership's ""Forward Policy"" has been blamed for India's humiliating defeat in the 1962 war against China in a

top secret report accessed by an Australian journalist.

Mar 18: Environment Ministry issues draft notification on Western Ghats declaring an area of 56,825 sq km of the hills as ecologically sensitive.

Mar 18: An Italian court bars India barred it from encashing bank guarantees worth over Rs 2,360 crore of AgustaWestland as part of the penalties imposed after scrapping the scam-tainted Rs 3,600 crore VVIP chopper deal.

Mar 19: Khushwant Singh died here today at the age of 99.

Mar 23: BJP is left red-faced as it inducts Pramod Muthalik, the controversial chief of Sri Rama Sene linked with the attack on women at a pub in Mangalore in 2009, only to dump him within hours after opposition from within and severe flak from other parties.

Mar 23: The viscera report of Sunanda Pushkar, Union Minister Shashi Tharoor's wife who died under mysterious circumstances two months ago, hints towards drug poisoning.

Mar 23: Top Indian Mujahideen terrorist Zia Ur Rehman alias Waqas, a Pakistani national wanted in connection with several bombings, and three associates are arrested from Rajasthan by Delhi Police.

Mar 24: Delhi Police arrests Indian Mujahideen chief of Indian Operations Tehsin Akhtar alias Monu, who was wanted in a number of bombings in the country, from near Kakarvitta Indo-Nepal border in Darjeeling.

Mar 25: Over Rs 80 crore of cash seized so far by the Election Commission appointed teams with Andhra Pradesh topping the list.

Mar 26: Two Indian Mujahideen terrorists from Pakistan have been arrested from Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Mar 28: Heavily-armed suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants from Pakistan in combat uniform stricke in Jammu region in twin audacious attacks, killing three people including a soldier guarding an Army camp gate.

Mar 28: A recently acquired C-130J military transport plane, one of the most modern US-made aircraft, crashes near Gwalior, killing all the five crew members.

Mar 29: Senior leader Jaswant Singh was expelled from BJP after he refused to withdraw his nomination as an independent candidate against the party's official nominee in Rajasthan's Barmer Lok Sabha constituency

Mar 31: US Ambassador to India Nancy Powell resigns in the midst of general elections in India.

APRIL

Apr 2: Pitching for a nuclear weapon free world, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh proposes a global convention for 'no-first-use' of atomic arsenal to make the world a safer place.

Apr 2: In its first major action in the multi-crore National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) scam, the Enforcement Directorate attaches assets worth Rs 60 crore belonging to former Uttar Pradesh Minister Babu Singh Kushwaha and others under money laundering laws.

Apr 3: Aam Aadmi Party vows to bring an effective Jan Lokpal in manifesto released that also promised to bring down the minimum age to contest polls from 25 to 21 besides carrying out reforms in electoral and justice delivery system.

Apr 3: Union Textiles Minister K Sambasiva Rao resigns from the Union Cabinet protesting bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, fuelling speculation that he may join BJP.

Apr 4: A New York Police Department officer is arrested and charged under Arms Act after three bullets were found in his luggage.

Apr 4: Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal attacked by a 19-year-old youth during campaign in Dakshinpuri area of south Delhi, prompting the former Chief Minister to abruptly cancel his roadshow.

Apr 4: The 1992 Babri Mosque demolition was an "act of planned sabotage" and not a by frenzied mob of Hindu outfits, a news portal claims on the basis of a sting operation it had carried over a period of two years.

Apr 6: Narendra Modi's close aide Amit Shah is in trouble for his "revenge" speech with two FIRs being lodged against him.

Apr 7: The long-running Lok Sabha elections--the world's biggest democratic exercise--gets underway with polling in five of the 14 constituencies in Assam and one of the two in Tripura, drawing a very high turnout of voters.

Apr 9: BJP's prime ministerial nominee Narendra Modi here in an affidavit filed before the Election Commission showed himself as a married man revealing that his wife's name is Jashodaben.

Apr 9: Over 100 Naxals ambushes a team of security forces in Chhattisgarh's tribal belt of Bastar on the eve of Lok Sabha polls, killing three commandos of CRPF's CoBRA battalion and injuring five

others including two officers in twin attacks.

Apr 10: High voter turnout marks polling in the first major day of Lok Sabha elections covering 91 constituencies in 14 states and Union Territories.

Apr 11: Cracking the whip on Narendra Modi's close aide Amit Shah and SP leader Azam Khan, the Election Commission bans them from holding public meetings, processions or roadshows in Uttar Pradesh and asks authorities to initiate criminal proceedings against them.

Apr 12: Seven members of a polling team and five CRPF personnel were among 14 killed as Naxals struck twice in a break of less than an hour, blowing up a bus and an ambulance in Bijapur and Bastar districts of Chhattisgarh.

Apr 14: Congress President Sonia Gandhi appeals to people to defeat "divisive and autocratic" forces which will "destroy" the Indian ethos.

Apr 14: A 20-hour-long gunbattle between two Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militants and security forces in the outskirts of Srinagar ends with the killing of both the ultras and injury to two policemen.

Apr 16: Anand Gandhi's powerful debut 'Ship of Theseus' is declared the best feature film while biopic 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag' is named the best popular film at the 61st National Film Awards.

Apr 16: Over 50 passengers were injured, 19 of them seriously, when the engine and 10 coaches of the Dimapur-Kamakhya BG Express derailed at Teghiria in central Assam.

Apr 17: Moderate to high turnout marks the polling in the fifth and biggest round of Lok Sabha elections covering 121 seats across 12 states amidst Maoist violence in Jharkhand where rebels injured four CRPF jawans, blew up a railway track and exploded bombs.

Apr 17: Admiral Robin Dowan took over as the Chief of Naval Staff.

Apr 18: The Election Commission issues a show cause notice to ruling Samajwadi Party supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav for allegedly threatening school teachers appointed on contract by Uttar Pradesh government to either vote for his party in Lok Sabha polls or risk losing permanent status.

Apr 21: In fresh revelations in the multi-crore Saradha chit fund scam case, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has unearthed that 'benami' land and a liquor bar, worth over Rs 60 crore, at prime locations of Kolkata were purchased by laundering investors' funds.

Apr 23: AAP leader Somnath Bharti is attacked allegedly by BJP workers near Assi ghat while he was returning from a TV show that featured him.

Apr 24: Eight persons - six polling officials and two policemen - are killed and seven others injured

when suspected Maoists blew up their vehicle in the district.

Apr 25: A Major and an army jawan are killed in a six-hour gun-battle with three militants holed up in a house in Shopian district of south Kashmir

Apr 26: In the backdrop of a row over yoga guru Ramdev's 'honeymoon' remark against Rahul Gandhi, the Election Commission came out with fresh guidelines against making "malicious" statements about the private life of individuals

Apr 26: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh says he is saddened by the decision of his half-brother Daljeet Singh Kohli to join BJP which claimed it reflected people's anger against the Congress.

Apr 26: Three militants holed up in a house were killed by security forces in Shopian district of Kashmir.

Apr 27: The new Chief Justice of India, R M Lodha, says he did not agree with the idea of having fixed tenure for chief justices of high courts and the CJI and favoured continuing with the collegium system for appointment of judges in higher judiciary.

Apr 27: Piecing together the jigsaw of 26/11 Mumbai attacks, NIA records statements of some of the witnesses in connection with the conspiracy hatched by David Headley and others to carry out the terror strikes in 2008.

Apr 28: President Pranab Mukherjee gave his approval for the dissolution of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly and a fresh proclamation for Central Rule in the state.

Apr 29: BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Narendra Modi landed in a controversy when he invoked invoked a Kargil martyr's slogan o pitch for 300 seats for NDA, a statement that was disapproved by the soldier's family and attacked by political rivals.

Apr 29: Former Chief of the Air Staff Norman Anil Kumar Browne is appointed India's next Ambassador to Norway.

Apr 30: Stoking a huge controversy, Narendra Modi landed himself in a soup by displaying BJP symbol and making a speech in a polling booth in violation of electoral laws following which police filed an FIR against him.

Apr 30: 67-year-old Congress leader Digvijaya Singh took to Twitter to announce his relationship with a woman journalist and plans about marrying her after the social media went viral about it.

MAY

May 1: Two blasts in quick succession in a passenger train killed a 24-year old woman techie and injured 14 others in the busy Chennai Central Railway station in a suspected terror attack.

May 1: The ongoing Lok Sabha elections are witnessing much more enthusiasm among the electorate with the voter turnout already surpassing the previous records in the 438 constituencies which went to polls so far.

May 2: At least 23 persons, including children and women, were killed and 14 seriously injured by heavily armed NDFB(S) militants in two communally-sensitive districts of Kokrajhar and Baksa of Assam.

May 2: Government re-ignited the 'snoopgate' issue allegedly involving Narendra Modi by asserting that a judicial Commission to probe it will be in place by May 16, evoking an angry reaction by BJP which warned of reviewing the "illegitimate" decision if it comes to power.

May 3: The arrest of suspected Indian Mujhaideen terrorist Faizan Ahmed Sultan is expected to throw light on the banned terror group's operation being handled from Gulf countries.

May 4: Security agencies probing twin explosions inside Bangalore-Guwahati Express here find some similarities with Patna blasts last year in which cadres of banned Indian Mujahideen (IM) terror outfit have been arrested.

May 4: Central security agencies have claimed that Pakistan's ISI had plans to carry out terror attacks on two foreign consulates in India with evidence for this reportedly given by a Sri Lankan national, arrested from Chennai, during his interrogation.

May 5: Prasar Bharati is ready to institute a probe into the controversial editing of Narendra Modi's interview by Doordarshan but will do so only if the Information and Broadcasting Ministry assures that it would abide by the findings.

May 6: CBI has recorded statements of Defence Minister A K Antony and Prime Minister's Advisor T K A Nair in a case in which former Army chief Gen V K Singh alleged that a retired senior Army official had offered him a bribe to clear purchase of Tatra trucks from a PSU.

May 6: Amid allegations of largescale rigging and booth capturing in various states, the Election Commission has taken steps like deploying poll tracking teams and activating quick response system to ensure free and fair balloting in the last two phases of Lok Sabha polls.

May 7: After a nine-month-long wait and legal hurdles, new airline AirAsia India was granted the flying licence by aviation regulator DGCA and said it plans to launch flights in about three months

with low fares.

May 9: President Pranab Mukherjee decided not to vote in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections in order to express his "neutrality in the political fray".

May 10: Members of two communities clashes over construction of a water kiosk near a mosque in Teergaran area here leaving two persons injured and sparking tension.

May 11: Defence Minister AK Antony has red-flagged a proposal of his own Ministry to continue doing business with the UK-based Rolls Royce, which is facing a CBI probe for allegedly paying bribes and engaging middlemen in contracts for supplying engines to the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

May 12: Lok Sabha elections 2014 witnessed the highest-ever turnout with more than 66 per cent of an estimated 814 million voters exercising their franchise.

May 12: India and scores of other countries, including Switzerland, have adopted a global declaration for automatic exchange of tax information, Finance Minister P Chidambaram says.

May 13: CBI begins its probe in the over Rs 10,000-crore Saradha chit fund case as its seven-member Special Investigating Team (SIT) started collecting documents pertaining to the cases from four states and other agencies.

May 14: Government announces appointment of Lt Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag, a veteran infantry officer, as the next Army chief to succeed incumbent Gen Bikram Singh after his retirement on July 31.

May 14: The two Indian journalists posted to Pakistan have been virtually expelled by Pakistan government without assigning any reasons.

May 15: Expelled BJP leader Jaswant Singh rules out the possibility of returning to the party fold after the election results are out tomorrow, saying this would be a "betrayal" of the people.

May 15: The 23-year-old ban imposed on terror group LTTE has been extended by five years by the Government which the outfit is a threat to India's sovereignty and integrity.

May 16: Narendra Modi rewrote history storming to power at the Centre with a "triple century", giving NDA an unexpected 336 seats in the Lok Sabha and BJP an absolute majority on its own for the first time in an election that decimated Congress to its lowest ever tally of 44.

May 16: Accepting responsibility for the party's worst-ever defeat, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi conceded that the mandate in the Lok Sabha polls was "clearly against" the Congress and says there was "lot for us to think about".

May 17: US President Barack Obama calls up Prime Minister Manmohan Singh soon after he demitted office and says he was one of the few public leaders whom he "admired" and that he would "miss" working with him on "day-to-day basis."

May 17: Drubbed in the Lok Sabha elections and facing dissidence, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar resigns, but did not seek dissolution of the Assembly, injecting a dramatic turn in state politics.

May 18: New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party rules out possibility of it forming government in Delhi again, even as Congress says it would prefer fresh polls to supporting AAP.

May 19: Setting the terms for revival of the composite dialogue process with the Modi government, Pakistan made it clear that India should not shy away from dealing with "contentious" issues like Jammu and Kashmir and not lay down any pre-conditions for talks.

May 19: Shattered by the party's worst debacle in the elections, Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Vice President Rahul Gandhi offer to resign accepting responsibility but the party unanimously reject it.

May 20: Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal asks Lt Governor Najeeb Jung not to dissolve the Delhi Assembly anytime soon, saying it will hold public meetings across the city to know whether the party should form the government again.

May 20: Marking the arrival of a new era in Indian politics, Narendra Modi is appointed Prime Minister, who says the elections have kindled a "new hope and aspiration" among the common man for whom he dedicated his government.

May 21: A moderate earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale shook Delhi, National Capital Region, Chennai and several parts of eastern and northern India but there were no immediate reports of casualties or major damage to properties.

May 21: Under sharp attack, the Prime Minister's Office says the twitter account [@PMOIndia](#) has been "secured" by the microblogging company and will be handed over to the new dispensation which will take over next week.

May 22: After its severe drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls, Congress dissolves all 14 district and 140 block committees besides other wings in the national capital as part of efforts to revamp the party ahead of next assembly elections.

May 23: President Pranab Mukherjee strongly condemned the terror attack on the Indian Consulate in Herat and says such attacks will not deter India from assisting Afghanistan in its effort to reconstruct and develop the nation.

May 24: Two key members of Aam Aadmi Party Shazia Ilmi and G R Gopinath quit citing differences with Arvind Kejriwal's "jail politics" and lack of "internal democracy" in the party, which is battling internal fissures after the severe electoral drubbing in recent polls.

May 25: After an Italian court partially lifted the freeze and allowed India to encash bank guarantees worth Rs 1,818 crore deposited by AgustaWestland in the VVIP chopper deal, the Defence Ministry today said it will take "immediate steps" to fully recover the amount.

May 26: At least 14 passengers were killed and 95 injured when a Delhi-Gorakhpur express train derailed and rammed into a stationary freight train near a railway station here, with officials saying that the death toll may rise to 40.

May 26: Marking the beginning of a new era in Indian politics, Narendra Modi is sworn in Prime Minister at the head of a 45-member coalition government after the elections threw the first government with absolute majority in 30 years.

May 27: AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal walks out of Tihar jail as he finally agreed to furnish a bail bond before a local court after spending six days in the prison in a criminal defamation case filed by BJP MP Nitin Gadkari.

May 27: Complying with the Supreme Court directive, the new government on its first day in office constituted a special investigative team (SIT) headed by a former Supreme Court Judge to unearth black money, including in the case of Hasan Ali.

May 27: BJP heavyweight Rajnath Singh is appointed the Home Minister and Sushma Swaraj the External Affairs Minister while Arun Jaitley is given Finance with defence as additional charge as Prime Minister Narendra Modi effects a major restructuring of the cabinet to ensure synergy and efficiency.

May 28: Connecting with diaspora community and involving them in India's economic progress will be a priority area for the new government, Overseas Indian Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj says.

May 28: The row over Article 370 escalates with J and K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah making it clear that it cannot be abrogated unless the state's Constituent Assembly is recalled and the RSS asking him whether he thought the state was his "parental estate".

May 29: Indigenously developed Pinaka rockets, capable of destroying enemy positions at 40 kms-range with rapid salvos, were successfully test-fired thrice from a multi-barrel launcher at an armament base in Chandipur-on-sea, near here.

May 30: After asking colleagues to set a 100-day target, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held separate meetings with ministers holding infrastructure portfolios to discuss the priorities they have identified

and how they plan to implement the programmes.

May 31: AAP received a jolt after senior party leader Yogendra Yadav and Haryana convener Naveen Jaihind tendered their resignation from party's Political Affairs Committee and National Executive respectively over alleged bickering between the two.

JUNE

Jun 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi describes the invitation to SAARC leaders for his swearing-in as a "right decision at the right" time and says his first major foreign policy initiative had sent out a message to the world about India's strength.

Jun 1: In an action against a second Congress leader this week for criticising Rahul Gandhi, Rajasthan MLA Bhanwar Lal Sharma is suspended from the party, a day after he dubbed him 'MD of a team of jokers'.

Jun 2: Setting the tone for his government's tenure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tells his Council of Ministers to provide transparent and effective governance with time-bound implementation of programmes as he held a marathon meeting with them here.

Jun 2: Capping decades of struggle, Telangana came into being as the 29th state of India when TRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao is sworn in as Chief Minister at the head of a 11-member Cabinet that included his son and nephew.

Jun 3: Senior BJP leader Yashwant Sinha, a former Union Finance Minister, is sent to jail for two weeks by a court in a case of alleged assault of an electricity official whose hands were tied during protests against blackouts in Jharkhand.

Jun 3: Union Rural Development Minister and a popular backward class leader from Maharashtra Gopinath Munde dies of multiple internal injuries suffered in a road accident in Central Delhi.

Jun 4: Amid his thrust on speedy delivery systems, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asks bureaucrats to do away with "archaic" rules and procedures which hamper governance by creating "avoidable confusion" and encouraged them to take decisions with a promise of backing them.

Jun 4: A 28-year-old software professional is bludgeoned to death allegedly by persons with suspected links to a Hindu outfit near here.

Jun 5: The 16th Lok Sabha gets off to a speedy start creating a record of sorts with 510 of the 539 members, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and top leaders taking oath on a single day.

Jun 6: Reeling under electoral debacle, Aam Aadmi Party appears split down the middle with senior

leader Yogendra Yadav attacking Arvind Kejriwal while the party initiated moves to bring back Shazia Ilmi who had quit criticising the "coterie" around Kejriwal.

Jun 6: In a new anti-Naxal strategy being readied by government, bureaucrats and security personnel operating in Maoist-hit areas may get special monetary benefits, out-of-turn promotions and choice posting after the completion of their tenure in these "dangerous" places.

Jun 6: Two groups clash inside the Golden Temple premises for close to half an hour leaving at least 12 persons injured, even as the temple city observe a bandh to mark the 30th anniversary of Operation Bluestar.

Jun 7: Under attack over the rape and murder of two Dalit cousin sisters, the Akhilesh Yadav government suspends Badaun SP, decided to take action against then District magistrate and undertook a massive rejig involving 66 IAS and 42 IPS officers.

Jun 7: Battling growing infighting, the Aam Aadmi Party goes on damage control mode by deciding to restructure it and rejected resignation of its senior leaders Yogendra Yadav and Shazia Ilmi who had attacked Arvind Kejriwal for lack of internal democracy in the party.

Jun 8: Around 24 engineering students from Hyderabad are feared to have been washed away this evening in River Beas near Thalot on Manali-Kiratpur Highway, 40 Km from Mandi.

Jun 9: Carrying a message of "peaceful cooperation" from his President for the new Prime Minister, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi exudes confidence that both the countries have the capabilities to deal properly with the contentious issues such as boundary dispute.

Jun 10: In another major shakeup of the state's bureaucracy in four days, the Uttar Pradesh government transfers 36 IAS officers including district magistrates after a review of the law and order situation by Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav.

Jun 10: Principal of a government polytechnic in Kerala and four students are among seven people booked by police over putting a photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in their campus magazine under a list of "negative faces" that also included Adolf Hitler and Osama bin Laden.

Jun 11: Defence Minister Arun Jaitley unequivocally states that the appointment of Lt Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag as the next Army Chief is "final", seeking to end the controversy over his elevation in which the former army chief-turned minister V K Singh was also involved.

Jun 12: Six persons, including two Deputy General Managers, are killed and over 30 people fell ill when poisonous gas leaked in Steel Authority of India's Bhilai Plant in Durg district of Chhattisgarh.

Jun 12: After a wait of eight long years, the Gujarat government got final approval to raise by about 17 metres the height of Sardar Sarovar dam--the country's most controversial dam project--in a big

boost to the state which often faces water woes due to deficient rains.

Jun 13: On a day Pakistani troops shelled Indian positions, Army Chief Gen Bikram Singh briefs Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the security situation, including ceasefire violations, operational preparedness of the force and its requirement.

Jun 14: Russia-made India's largest aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya is dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who pitched for making the country self-reliant in manufacturing defence equipment and even capable of exports also.

Jun 15: Ahead of the first anniversary of horrendous flash floods which claimed thousands of lives in Uttarakhand, authorities recovered 17 more skeletal remains and cremated them in Kedar valley.

Jun 15: The Centre asserts that dialogue with Pakistan cannot progress if ceasefire violations and infiltration continue, saying such hostilities "must stop" for the situation to "normalise".

Jun 16: Rescue efforts are hampered due to increased discharge of water in Beas river following widespread rains as no headway was made in tracing the missing 16 students and a guide who were swept away by the gushing waters.

Jun 17: Uttar Pradesh Governor B L Joshi resigns as the Narendra Modi government started the process of removal of those appointed by the previous UPA regime but apparently there was resistance from some of those who were asked to quit.

Jun 17: In yet another ceasefire violation along the Indo-Pak border, Pakistani Rangers fired at border outposts in Samba sector of Jammu and Kashmir, drawing retaliation by Indian forces.

Jun 17: Intitiating the probe into the death of former Union Minister Gopinath Munde, CBI inspects the crime scene where he had met with the accident which collided with a taxi here on June 3.

Jun 18: Senior BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi is conferred Russia's highest civilian award for foreign nationals, "Order of Friendship", for his championing role in fostering ties between the two countries.

Jun 18: The decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to scrap 30 GoMs and EGoMs set up by the previous UPA government received the formal nod of the Union Cabinet.

Jun 19: Facing resistance from Governors appointed during the UPA regime, the government is considering options to ensure their exit as a second Governor quit the post after some of them asked to do so.

Jun 19: Union Home Ministry has asked RBI to seek prior permission from it for any donation to be made to NGO Greenpeace by two overseas contributors, a move which was earlier recommended by

the Intelligence Bureau.

Jun 20: Five foreign satellites will be launched by India under commercial agreements on June 30, space agency ISRO says.

Jun 20: Sixteen Indians stranded in violence-affected areas of Iraq have been evacuated and one of the 40 kidnapped Indians has escaped from captivity in Mosul town even as government said it was "knocking at all doors" to rescue its citizens.

Jun 22: India will launch five satellites for France, Canada, Germany and Singapore on June 30 under commercial agreements, space agency ISRO says.

Jun 22: With Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressing on the need for increasing arms exports, DRDO says India can sell combat aircraft and missiles whose production cost would be "much lower" than some of the weapons sold by countries such as China.

Jun 22: Signalling the continuity of policy, the new government has ratified the Additional Protocol, a commitment given under Indo-US nuclear deal by the previous dispensation to grant greater ease to IAEA to monitor India's civilian atomic programme.

Jun 23: The row over controversial four-year undergraduate programme took a new turn as colleges affiliated to Delhi University deferred the admission to the academic session 2014-15.

Jun 24: In a significant decision, Air India was inducted into the Star Alliance, an exclusive club of 26 major global airlines, which would enable seamless travel for the airline's passengers to over 1,300 destinations and may increase its revenues by five per cent.

Jun 24: Faced with a "challenging" economy, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley says the time has come to take measures that will put the country on a faster pace of growth and restore investor confidence.

Jun 25: India has evacuated two nurses from the conflict zone in Iraq while 46 other nurses remained stranded in a hospital in Tikrit, taking the total number of those rescued so far to 36 as all Indian envoys in Gulf countries have been called to New Delhi on June 29 to discuss the Iraqi issue and other regional complexities.

Jun 26: In a major liberalisation, the government allowed manufacturing of several hundreds of equipment and products in the defence sector without licence.

Jun 27: The four-day deadlock over admission to Delhi University's undergraduate course ended with Vice Chancellor Dinesh Singh relenting under UGC's pressure and scrapping the controversial four year programme.

Jun 27: Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan orders a high-level inquiry into the GAIL pipeline fire in

Andhra Pradesh that kills at least 15 persons.

Jun 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked BJP MPs to focus on their conduct both in Parliament and outside as they were under constant watch by the people and asked them not to go public with their differences.

Jun 28: Reacting strongly to reports that China has in its recent map shown Arunachal Pradesh as its territory, India says "cartographic depiction" does not change reality on the ground and asserted that Arunachal was an integral part of the country.

Jun 29: Error in piloting is understood to have been found as the reason behind the crash of Air Force's C-130J Super Hercules aircraft in March in which five service personnel, including four officers, were killed near Gwalior.

Jun 29: The NIA has taken over the probe into the case of alleged hatching of a plot by Pakistan-based terror group to carry out suicide attacks on the US and Israeli consulates in South India.

Jun 30: In an insensitive comment, TMC MP Tapas Pal has threatened to kill opposition CPI-M workers and have their women raped if a single ruling party worker was attacked.

Jun 30: West Bengal Governor M K Narayanan resigned, becoming the fourth person occupying the gubernatorial post to put in his papers since the NDA government prodded some of the Governors appointed during UPA rule to quit.

JULY

Jul 1: Role of some more prominent political leaders from West Bengal in the Saradha scam are under the scanner of CBI which is now focusing on calculating losses incurred to investors.

Jul 1: India will pay China over Rs 82 lakh annually for crucial flood data of the Brahmaputra to improve flood forecasting even as the two sides agreed to allow their water experts to conduct study tours on both sides of the river which originates in Tibet.

Jul 2: Nearly 600 Indians leave conflict-hit Iraq after being facilitated by the External Affairs Ministry and about 900 more are to follow even as the Indian embassy in Baghdad was in touch with the 46 nurses stuck in Tikrit who are "safe and unharmed".

Jul 2: Reacting strongly to reports of BJP being spied upon by US National Security Agency (NSA), India summons a top US diplomat here to raise the issue, saying it was "highly objectionable" and "unacceptable" and sought an assurance that it would not happen again.

Jul 3: Controversy over claims by AIIMS Forensic Department head that he was pressurised to manipulate the autopsy report of Sunanda Pushkar which he resisted, refused to die down with Sudhir Gupta sticking to his stand.

Jul 4: Inaugurating the rail link to Katra, the base of Vaishno Devi shrine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says more trains would be introduced from places such as New Delhi, Howrah, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Bangalore to the pilgrim town.

Jul 4: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) slaps a money laundering case against former IAF chief SP Tyagi and 20 others in the Rs 3,600-crore Agusta Westland VVIP chopper deal to probe alleged kickbacks of Rs.360 crore.

Jul 5: A special Air India flight carrying 46 Indian nurses set free by Sunni militants ISIS in strife-torn Iraq and 137 others arrived in Mumbai.

Jul 6: The questioning of two former governors -- M K Narayanan and BV Wanchoo -- has led CBI's probe into the Rs 3,600-crore Agusta Westland VVIP helicopter deal to the role of the previous NDA regime as both have informed the agency that a decision to decrease the flying altitude was taken in principle in 2003, when it was in power.

Jul 6: The spectre of drought looms large over several parts of the country this year as predictions of poor monsoon gain ground, raising fears of a fall in output of food crops and difficulties on water and power fronts even as the Centre coordinates with the states on tackling the situation.

Jul 7: Resignation of Bharat Vir Wanchoo as Governor of Goa was accepted and Rajasthan Governor Margaret Alva was given the additional charge of the post.

Jul 7: The weapons systems for the country's nuclear triad, including submarine-launched ballistic missiles, are "fully ready" for deployment, DRDO chief Avinash Chander says.

Jul 8: Defence Minister Arun Jaitley ruled out release of the classified Henderson Brooks Report on the 1962 India-China war that is said to be openly critical of the Indian political and military structure of the time, saying its disclosure would not be in national interest.

Jul 8: Having already effected a steep hike, the railway budget for 2014-15 spared passengers of any fresh revision in fares and freight rates but pitched for reforms by proposing private and Foreign Direct Investment and Public Private Partnership (PPP) to meet the resource crunch.

Jul 8: India successfully test-fires an advanced version of the 290-km range Brahmos supersonic cruise missile off the coast of Odisha, giving the country the capability to hit enemy targets hidden behind mountains or in a cluster of buildings with "pinpoint accuracy".

Jul 9: Amit Shah, who scripted BJP's stunning victory in key Uttar Pradesh in Lok Sabha elections,

was rewarded by being appointed the party President, reflecting the total grip of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the ruling dispensation.

Jul 9: The Home Ministry orders a probe into leakage of Intelligence Bureau report that claimed certain NGOs and their international donors are planning to target many fresh economic development projects including those in Gujarat.

Jul 10: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley doles out income tax sops by raising threshold exemption and investment limits by Rs 50,000, raised duties on cigarettes, tobacco, pan-masala and aerated drinks, widened service tax base and announced measures to spur growth manufacturing and revive investor confidence.

Jul 11: India remained non-committal on the time-frame for a meeting between its Foreign Secretary and her Pakistani counterpart, a day after Islamabad says they will meet soon.

Jul 11: The government says every possible efforts "well beyond diplomatic possibilities" were being explored for the safe return of 39 Indians who are in the captivity of Sunni militants ISIS in conflict-hit Iraq.

Jul 12: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the new leader of the reconstituted BJP Parliamentary Party in both Houses of Parliament.

Jul 13: Names of five senior BJP leaders, including former Petroleum Minister Ram Naik, have been firmed up by the government for appointment as Governors in states including Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat, highly placed sources say.

Jul 13: In yet another naval mishap, a warship suffered damage while operating in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands territory prompting the force to order a detailed investigation into it.

Jul 14: The Narendra Modi government is understood to have ruled out changes in the controversial AFSPA in Jammu and Kashmir and favoured its continuation in the present form in the state.

Jul 14: Senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Ram Naik is appointed Governor of Uttar Pradesh and party's veteran Delhi leader O P Kohli will move to Gujarat, in the first appointment of five Governors by the Narendra Modi government.

Jul 15: With the opposition seeking to corner it, Government condemned the meeting that a journalist had with 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed and says it has sought a report from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad about whether they were aware of this.

Jul 15: CBI filed its chargesheet against Lt Gen (retd) Tejinder Singh for allegedly offering a bribe of Rs 14 crore to the then Army Chief V K Singh, who is now a Union Minister, in connection with the Tatra truck deal.

Jul 16: A BSF trooper was killed and six, three of them security force personnel, were injured when Pakistan Rangers fired heavily at Indian forward positions along the International Border in Jammu district, the third ceasefire violation by Pakistan this month.

Jul 16: Another batch of 175 Indian nationals will reach here from conflict-hit Iraq even as the number of Indians to be evacuated from that country will be 3000 in next few days.

Jul 16: Government has detected over Rs one lakh crore of undisclosed income in the last financial year, a figure more than double as compared to the search and seizure action undertaken by the Income Tax department during 2012-13 to check black money.

Jul 17: As electricity demand peaks due to sub-normal monsoon, state-owned NTPC has warned that power plants are running on very low coal stock of less than two days, prompting government to take steps to fix the crisis.

Jul 18: Air India and Jet Airways have stopped using the Ukrainian airspace following the shooting down of a Malaysian airliner that claimed 298 lives, even as the government says there were no Indian nationals on board the ill-fated aircraft.

Jul 18: Security forces apprehended top Maoist commander Sabysachi Panda from Berhampore in Odisha.

Jul 19: Pressing ahead with its policy to promote domestic military industry, the government cleared procurement proposals worth over Rs 21,000 crore and also okayed a project for the production of transport aircraft which is open only to Indian private sector companies.

Jul 20: A 31-year-old skating instructor at a public school here, hailing from Bihar, was arrested in connection with the alleged rape of a six-year-old student, six days after the incident came to light triggering public outrage.

Jul 20: In a major ceasefire violation, Pakistan Rangers indulged in heavy firing and shelling on 15 border outposts and several villages along the International Border in Jammu district, damaging houses and livestock.

Jul 21: A controversy breaks out over an allegation by former Supreme Court judge Markandey Katju, now Chairman of Press Council of India, that three ex-Chief Justices of India made "improper compromises" during UPA rule in allowing a judge in Tamil Nadu under corruption cloud to continue in office.

Jul 21: More than 180 Indians returned from Basrah on a special flight of Iraqi Airways, taking the number of people who have come back from conflict-hit Iraq to over 3,500.

Jul 22: CBI has not been able to establish any link between Lt Gen (retd) Tejinder Singh and manufacturer of Tatra trucks on whose behalf he has been accused of offering bribe to the then Army Chief Gen (retd) V K Singh.

Jul 22: The Centre says it has no plans to amend or repeal Section 377 of the IPC, criminalising sex among homosexuals, till the issue is settled by the Supreme Court.

Jul 23: A Shiv Sena MP was caught on a video footage apparently force-feeding a fasting Muslim employee in the New Maharashtra Sadan here sparking outrage and a huge uproar in Parliament amid demands for action against its MPs involved in the incident and calls to avoid giving communal tinge.

Jul 23: New Delhi: India figures third among top 10 countries where highest number of rape have taken place in 2010 while in cases of murder, the country comes second in 2012, Rajya Sabha was informed.

Jul 24: A Telangana BJP leader stoked a controversy over Sania Mirza being made the new state's brand ambassador, calling her Pakistan's "daughter-in-law", sparking outrage and drawing a fierce response from the tennis ace who says she will remain an Indian until the "end of her life".

Jul 24: The navies of India, the US and Japan kickstart their Malabar series of naval wargames in the Pacific Ocean, ignoring Chinese objections.

Jul 25: New Delhi: India's own version of Madame Tussauds museum is inaugurated by President Pranab Mukherjee, with fibre-glass statues of former Presidents and eye-catching gifts received by them from abroad on display.

Jul 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches a website MyGov that aims to help citizens contribute in governance by giving their opinions and views on important issues like clean Ganga or skill development.

Jul 26: Against the backdrop of repeated incursions by China into Indian territory, a top Army commander says the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was "absolutely peaceful and calm" and such incidents happen due to differences in perception.

Jul 27: In a major step to increase role of women in armed forces, the NDA government is going to allow lady officers to command battalions in army's branches such as aviation, engineers and signal.

Jul 27: India will be informing Sri Lanka about an official working with the Pakistan High Commission in Colombo who was allegedly playing a key role in planning terror strikes at the behest of ISI on the US and Israeli consulates in the southern part of this country.

Jul 27: The Additional Protocol (AP) related to scrutiny of India's civilian nuclear facilities by the

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), mandatory under the Indo-US nuclear deal, has finally come into force.

Jul 28: Mobs go on a rampage setting afire kiosks and damaging property as communal clashes, sparked by an alleged act of sacrilege, erupted today in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, prompting authorities to call out Army.

Jul 29: Delhi Police claimed the arrested top Lashker-e-Taiba operative Abdul Subhan was planning to kidnap some top corporate honchos and finance terror activities from the ransom money.

Jul 29: Pitching for greater use of research for boosting the agriculture sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the slogan 'Lab-to-Land', saying that farmers should be able to enhance production to increase their income and feed the country as well as the world.

Jul 30: Centre rushed around 300 personnel of the NDRF to help rescue people who are trapped following a landslide in Pune.

Jul 30: IAF chief Arup Raha took over as the Chairman, Chiefs of Staffs Committee from incumbent Gen Bikram Singh.

Jul 31: External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and US Secretary of State John Kerry co-chaired fifth Indo-US Strategic Dialogue here during which the two sides discussed "transformative initiatives" in key areas of security and energy.

Jul 31: US Secretary of State John Kerry met Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and discussed India's stance on the ongoing WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement talks which are set to conclude at Geneva later in the day.

AUGUST

Aug 1: With its stand on food security leading to a stalemate at the WTO talks in Geneva, India says it is committed to the global trade deal without compromising on its interest, and will re-engage with members when talks resume a month from now.

Aug 1: On his first day in office, Army Chief Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag warns Pakistan that India's response to any beheading-like incident in future would be "more than adequate, intense and immediate".

Aug 2: Controversial writer Taslima Nasreen meets Home Minister Rajnath Singh and later she said he has assured her of one-year visa.

Aug 3: The IRCTC is fined Rs one lakh after a cockroach was found in food served in Kolkata Rajdhani, as Railways crack the whip slapping heavy fines totalling Rs 11.50 lakh on nine caterers including its subsidiary for serving "bad quality" food in trains.

Aug 3: The Centre assures all help and assistance to Bihar for rescue and relief in the wake of emerging situation due to overflow in Kosi following a landslide in Nepal creating an artificial dam on the river and triggering possibility of floods.

Aug 4: Buckling under pressure of street protests, government announces that English marks in CSAT-II will not be included for gradation or merit in the civil services preliminary examination but the protesters were still not satisfied and demanded scrapping of the aptitude test.

Aug 5: Two more people are arrested in connection with the alleged rape and forced religious conversion of a young woman in Meerut taking to five the total number of arrests in the incident even as the situation in the district is tense but under control.

Aug 5: President Pranab Mukherjee says while there may be need for new institutions to fight corruption, the solution lies not merely in creating more institutions but in strengthening and reforming the existing ones to deliver results.

Aug 6: Moving ahead with the economic reforms, the Cabinet clears the long-delayed proposal for raising FDI limit in defence to 49 per cent and fully opened up the railway infrastructure segment, like high-speed trains, for foreign investment.

Aug 6: India announces a grant grant of USD 50,000 each to some Ebola-affected countries, including Liberia, apart from putting in place various steps in the light of the outbreak of the virus in West African countries, including screening and tracking of passengers coming or transiting from there.

Aug 7: One of the two eminent persons to be included in the National Judicial Appointments Commission will have to hail from communities belonging to SC, ST, OBC, minorities or be a woman under a provision in the bill being prepared in this regard.

Aug 7: The NDA government comes under attack over the sacking of Mizoram Governor Kamla Beniwal with the Opposition calling it "political vendetta", a charge it rejected by saying the action followed "serious allegations" against her and insisted there was no politics.

Aug 8: As World Health Organisation issues a global health emergency due to Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak, the government opens a 24-hour emergency helpline and says it has put in place the "most advanced surveillance and tracking system".

Aug 9: The BJP leadership met with its representatives from across the country as the new party President Amit Shah calls for replacement of the Congress ideology by that of BJP and Prime

Minister Narendra Modi denounced incidents of communal violence declaring there would be no compromise on peace, harmony and national unity.

Aug 9: Having offered to jointly develop and produce the next generation 'Javelin' anti-tank guided missile to India, the US today said the two countries should not allow bureaucratic redtape to bound their defence cooperation.

Aug 11: Keen to scrap the collegium system, government introduced two legislations including a Constitution amendment bill in the Lok Sabha to establish a six-member body for appointment of judges to higher judiciary.

Aug 13: India says terrorism is a "core concern" in its bilateral ties with Pakistan and its "tool kit" is not restricted in any manner to combat it effectively, firmly rejecting Islamabad's criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "proxy war" comments.

Aug 13: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is struck by a revolt with one of its top founding leaders Shanti Bhushan questioning the organisational ability and competence of party chief Arvind Kejriwal, triggering demand for his resignation.

Aug 14: In major escalation in border skirmishes, Pakistani troops violates ceasefire for the third time in 21 hours along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, forcing Army to retaliate.

Aug 14: Notwithstanding reservations of judiciary, Parliament took cleared two bills providing for a new mechanism for appointment of judges to higher judiciary by scrapping the collegium system that had come under attack from political parties and others.

Aug 15: Patriotic fervour grips the country as it celebrates its 68th Independence Day with unfurling of tricolour and tributes to martyrs while Chief Ministers announced a number of schemes to accelerate development and appealed to extremists to shun violence.

Aug 15: In his maiden speech from Red Fort, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces disbanding of Planning Commission, a socialist-era vestige, declared his intent to carry the opposition along and called for a moratorium on caste and communal violence.

Aug 16: CBI arrests a senior functionary of an Odisha-based chit fund company in connection with a multicore ponzi scam after finding him holed up inside a well at the back of his residence in Bhubaneswar.

Aug 16: India facilitates evacuation of 126 Nepalese nationals from Sirte area of strife-torn Libya.

Aug 17: Twenty-eight persons have died so far in Uttar Pradesh in floods which have hit the state with several rivers flowing above the danger mark and posing a threat to more than 1,000 villages in

the affected districts.

Aug 18: Angered by Pakistan's consultations with Kashmiri separatists, India calls off next week's talks between Foreign Secretaries, telling it bluntly to choose between an Indo-Pak dialogue or hobnobbing with the separatists.

Aug 18: Terming as "deliberate" the repeated ceasefire violations on the Line of Control and International Border, Defence Minister Arun Jaitley says Pakistan and "powers within" it clearly do not want ties with India to be normal.

Aug 19: A massive household survey across Telangana to get details of an estimated four crore population in just one day was completed with Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao calling the unprecedented door-to-door drill a "big success" and an "eye-opener" for its critics.

Aug 20: A defiant Pakistan makes it clear that it will continue talking to Kashmiri separatists, saying that the "bottomline" for Indo-Pak talks on Kashmir issue was to engage all stakeholders, evoking a sharp reaction from India which accused it of adopting an approach different to the one laid down by Simla Agreement.

Aug 20: A teary-eyed rights activist Irom Sharmila, who has been on a hunger strike for 14 years, walks free from a make-shift prison here vowing to continue her fight for repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers)ACT.

Aug 21: Government bars release of controversial Punjabi film 'Kaum De Heere' on former PM Indira Gandhi's assassination citing apprehensions of law and order problems in parts of the country.

Aug 21: World-renowned yoga guru and founder of the yengar School of Yoga B K S Iyengar passes away here following illness. He was 96.

Aug 21: A high turnout marks the by-elections to 18 assembly seats in four states in the first major test of strength for BJP since Lok Sabha polls and an acid test for the new alliance of RJD chief Lalu Prasad and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar in Bihar.

Aug 22: Noting that India is dependent on imports in several sectors including defence and health, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asks the IITs to take up the challenge of developing products in these critical fields.

Aug 22: Making it clear the August 25 Foreign Secretary-level meet with Pakistan was not a resumption of dialogue process, India says the decision to cancel it was taken after that country took a "series of actions" which were not "conducive" to proceed ahead.

Aug 22: Jnanpith award winner U R Ananthamurthy, who strode Kannada literary world like a colossus with his pathbreaking works, died of multiple health complications at a private hospital

here.

Aug 23: Army troops discovered a 50-mt long tunnel near a forward post along the Indo-Pak border in Jammu region's sensitive Pallanwala sector which could have been used to infiltrate militants into India.

Aug 23: Hailing the Supreme Court for questioning government, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad says the convention cited by NDA to deny LoP status to Congress in Lok Sabha has "outlived its life" and it was trying to damage democratic institutions.

Aug 24: Hours after he was shunted to Mizoram, Maharashtra Governor K Sankaranarayanan resigned from his post, virtually hitting out at the Centre suggesting that the move could be part of political vendetta.

Aug 24: The CBI has decided to close a case against former SEBI chairman C B Bhavne and another ex-member in connection with grant of sanction to MCX-SX to function as a full-fledged private stock exchange but recommended "departmental action" against him.

Aug 25: Three months after its spectacular showing in Lok Sabha polls, the BJP received a jolt in assembly by-elections suffering a 4-6 defeat at the hands of the RJD-JD(U)-Congress alliance in Bihar and yielding two strongholds to Congress in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh.

Aug 26: India lodged a protest with Pakistan over escalating border ceasefire violations in the "heaviest" cross-border firing since the 1971 Indo-Pak war even as the two countries agreed to hold flag meetings to defuse the situation.

Aug 26: Yet another UPA appointed Governor Sheila Dikshit resigns as the Narendra Modi government named former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh as nominee for Rajasthan along with three others for Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa.

Aug 26: The generational shift in BJP was complete with its founders Atal Behari Vajpayee, L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi being dropped from the Parliamentary Board, the highest decision-making body, which has the stamp of Prime Minister Narendra Modi all over now.

Aug 27: Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan becomes first Indian actor to be roped in as an Ambassador of Interpol's 'Turn Back Crime' campaign, aimed at promoting greater awareness on how to prevent crime.

Aug 27: As they prepare to mark 100 days in office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP and the Home Minister were involved in damage control amidst apparent differences at the top after embarrassing media reports that Rajnath Singh's son was ticked off by Modi for an alleged "misconduct".

Aug 27: Moving ahead with his resolve to weed out archaic rules and procedures as part of reforms process, Prime Minister Narendra Modi set up a committee to identify "obsolete" laws which he believes hamper governance by creating "avoidable confusion".

Aug 28: Setting the tone for their meeting two days later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe today took to Twitter to reach out to each other and the respective countries.

Aug 28: In the backdrop of the night-long firing by Pakistan Rangers targeting civilians areas and BoPs, BSF troops held commandant-level flag-meeting with Rangers along International Border (IB) in Samba sector of Jammu and Kashmir, impressing upon each other to respect the ceasefire.

Aug 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched his government's mega scheme 'Jan Dhan Yojana', declaring that it was aimed at eradicating financial untouchability by providing bank accounts to the poor.

Aug 29: Defence Ministry today scrapped a scam-tainted tender worth over Rs 6,000 crore to procure 197 light utility helicopters for Army and Air Force to replace the vintage fleet of Cheetah and Chetak choppers used to move troops and equipment to high altitude locations like Siachen.

Aug 30: Amid fresh speculation about BJP considering taking a shot at power, Aam Aadmi Party leader Kumar Vishwas claimed a BJP MP had offered that he would be made Delhi chief minister if he switched side along with some AAP MLAs, drawing a sharp rebuttal from BJP which says legal action is being explored against him.

Aug 30: India says ceasefire violations by Pakistan along the LoC and International Border were "serious and provocative" and created an environment "not very conducive" for relationship between the two sides.

Aug 31: In a bid to help publicise and implement social welfare schemes initiated under Prime Minister Narendra Modi government, BJP has formed a committee for active coordination between the party and the government.

Aug 31: With BJP consistently failing to make electoral breakthrough in Kerala, party chief Amit Shah begins his maiden visit to the southern state to discuss with leaders and grassroots functionaries strategy to strengthen and galvanise the organisation.

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1: Expressing concern over developments in Pakistan, Government says the Ministry of External Affairs is closely watching the situation in the neighbouring country.

Sept 1: Universities need to become drivers of innovation and their focus should be on collaborative relationships with industry and government, President Pranab Mukherjee says.

Sept 1: CBI has begun an internal inquiry to probe leakage of classified documents in connection with the 2G spectrum allocation case as the agency finalised its counter arguments in the Supreme Court tomorrow over charges levelled by an NGO that the agency's Director Ranjit Sinha was delaying trial in the scam.

Sept 2: Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who is hailed as the architect of economic reforms in the country, is a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, it was announced.

Sept 2: Hardselling India as a manufacturing destination a day after Japan announced a USD 35 billion investment, Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited investors saying the era of "red tape" has been replaced by "red carpet" with ease of doing business and liberalisation.

Sept 3: An investigation against an Indian Army Lieutenant General commanding the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in Syria has been sought by the Philippine military, which accused him of "endangering" the safety of its peacekeeping troops during a stand-off with rebels.

Sept 3: The government has notified new Lokpal search committee rules, giving it more freedom to recommend names for chairperson and members of the anti-corruption body outside the list provided by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

Sept 3: Brushing aside opposition, the Government appoints former Chief Justice of India Palaniswamy Sathasivam as the new Governor of Kerala.

Sept 4: Nithari serial killer Surinder Koli, who has been sentenced to death for the brutal killing of a 14-year-old girl, will be hanged here on September 12, Jail Superintendent S H M Rizvi says.

Sept 4: 92 women were raped on an average every day in India and the national capital with 1,636 cases recorded the highest number of such crimes among all cities last year.

Sept 4: The Centre sounds a country-wide alert after an al-Qaeda video appeared in which the terror outfit threatened to carry out campaign in India.

Sept 5: Fresh flash floods and landslides in Jammu and Kashmir left 68 persons dead, taking the death toll in the state's worst floods in nearly six decades to 88.

Sept 5: Taking their bilateral ties to new heights, India and Australia inked a landmark civil nuclear deal that will pave way for Canberra to supply uranium to the energy-starved country even as the two sides decided to step up cooperation in defence, security and trade.

Sept 5: On Teachers Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with school children across the country saying girl education is his top priority and the initiative to ensure toilets in all schools was part of this endeavour.

Sept 6: Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed progress of Aadhaar project and is believed to have discussed the possibility of using the platform to resume Aadhaar-based direct benefit transfers of subsidised schemes.

Sept 6: In a major breakthrough, a key Indian Mujahideen (IM) operative Ajaz Sheikh, who used to send anonymous mails to media houses claiming responsibility after Jama Masjid and Varanasi blasts in 2010 has been arrested by Delhi Police.

Sept 7: Former Army chief and Union Minister Gen V K Singh, against whom the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) had made some carping comments in the Sukna land scam case, says the case was not pleaded meticulously and demanded that the government should challenge the decision.

Sept 7: HRD Minister Smriti Irani favoured strong linkages between institutes of higher learning and rural India for the development of villages and suggested that they should start courses on rural development.

Sept 8: Emphasising on the need to make Ganga rejuvenation a mass movement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that the first priority of this mission should be to stop fresh generation of pollutants.

Sept 8: Eager to add a new impetus to Indo-German ties under the Narendra Modi government, Germany says bilateral cooperation can be deepened in renewable energy, infrastructure, cleaning of rivers and vocational training besides high technology and the manufacturing sector.

Sept 8: India signs the free trade agreement (FTA) in services and investments with 10-member ASEAN, paving the way for freer movement of professionals and further opening opportunities for investments.

Sept 9: Highlighting the importance of ties with Malaysia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expresses his keenness to enhance the relationship particularly in trade, investment and tourism sectors.

Sept 9: Completing its over a-year-long probe into Saradha scam, the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) has submitted its final investigation report to the government, which may soon start prosecution proceedings for numerous serious violations found during investigations.

Sept 9: Weeks after India was accused of blocking WTO talks over food subsidy issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says the country does not stand in the way of rule-based global trade but the interests of its poor and farmers cannot be sacrificed.

Sept 10: BJP President Amit Shah was chargesheeted by the police for his alleged hate speech during campaigning here for the Lok Sabha elections.

Sept 10: AAP leaders met the LG and asked him to withdraw the letter to the President seeking his permission to invite the BJP to form the government in Delhi.

Sept 11: The US has delivered the fifth P-8I maritime patrol aircraft to India as part of an eight aircraft contract worth over Rs 12,000 crore in 2009.

Sept 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for making 'Swachh Bharat' into a mass movement and linking it to economic activity to ensure greater participation.

Sept 11: Pakistan says it "could not agree more" with External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj's "no full stop" diplomacy remark and noted that the time has come for making a "new beginning" in bilateral ties.

Sept 12: Ignoring attempts by some separatists to disrupt relief operations in Kashmir Valley, government asserted that its main focus was on providing succour to people affected by the worst-ever floods in 109 years.

Sept 12: As the government prepares to bring a fresh bill in Parliament to repeal archaic laws, the Law Commission recommended revoking 72 obsolete statutes, saying there is an "urgent need" to ensure that the legal structures are responsive to challenges of changing times.

Sept 13: A high-level ministerial team from Jammu and Kashmir called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and requested him to declare the flash floods in the state as "national calamity" and announce a "liberal and pragmatic" financial and special rehabilitation package to restore normalcy at the earliest.

Sept 13: Chief Justice of India R M Lodha asserted that independence of judiciary is "non-negotiable" and it has the inherent strength to foil any attempt to interfere with that.

Sept 13: Pakistan today made a strong pitch for normalisation of ties with India after last month's "political setback" and says in diplomacy one should keep or leave the "door ajar" so that whatever was possible could be achieved.

Sept 14: CBI arrested the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Odisha-based Kamyab Television and owner of Odisha Bhaskar newspaper for allegedly siphoning off money from Artha Tatwa (AT) Group, a case registered by the agency while probing the multi-crore Saradha scam.

Sept 14: Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan says all assistance will be provided to the state health authorities to tackle any possible epidemic in the aftermath of the devastating floods.

Sept 14: With the arrest of another Sri Lankan national for alleged spying for Pakistan's ISI, central

security agencies have stepped up surveillance of vital installations including defence and foreign consulates in southern parts of the country.

Sept 15: Unfazed by the party's gag order, defiant senior Congress leaders Manish Tewari and senior leader Rashid Alvi say they would continue to express their viewpoints even while maintaining that it's time to fight communalism and "not fight and humiliate" each other.

Sept 15: India hit out at Pakistan for its remarks that Hafiz Saeed had no case against him and he was free to roam, saying the designated terrorist was the "evil" mastermind behind the Mumbai attacks and it devolves on Pakistan to bring the chief of terror outfit JuD to book and deliver justice.

Sept 16: The BJP was dealt a severe blow in its strongholds in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat when it lost 13 of the 23 seats held by it there while the Congress put up a surprise showing in two of these states in the Assembly by-elections.

Sept 16: It will be a long, long haul for the people of Kashmir to resume their normal life but a semblance of normalcy is beginning to emerge with waters receding in various places and being pumped out from several other colonies.

Sept 16: The stand-off in Demchok area of Ladakh continues for the 10th day with Chinese nomads now reported to have erected tents with the help of Chinese Army inside Indian territory to protest against an ongoing irrigation canal work.

Sept 17: Chinese army reportedly made a fresh incursion in Chumar area and refused to return even as a flag-meeting between the two sides is believed to have made no headway in breaking the deadlock.

Sept 17: India and China sign a three-Gujarat specific pacts shortly after Chinese President Xi Jinping commenced his three-day visit to the country from the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sept 17: President Pranab Mukherjee says India's pact with Vietnam for possible oil exploration in the disputed South China Sea was "just a commercial action" and the country has never commented about issues of "sovereignty" over those waters.

Sept 18: After heightened tension in Chumar area in Northeast Ladakh for four days, Chinese troops began withdrawing from the Indian territory, official sources say.

Sept 18: India and China inks 12 pacts in a range of areas including railways and outer space as Beijing pledged investments of USD 20 billion over five years in a bid to boost economic ties and address India's concerns over trade deficit.

Sept 19: As they aim to reset ties, India and China have resolved to pursue finding an early solution

to the thorny boundary issue as a "strategic objective", noting that an early settlement of the dispute will advance their basic interests.

Sept 19: The death toll due to the floods in Jammu and Kashmir has climbed to 280 even as Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed hope that the toll would not be as high as feared earlier.

Sept 19: Microsoft founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and lauded his focus on sanitation and the ambitious scheme to bring the poor people under the banking system through the Jan Dhan Yojana.

Sept 20: An IAF AN-32 transport aircraft with 11 people on board crash landed tonight at Chandigarh airport but all are safe.

Sept 20: CBI moved the Supreme Court with a fresh perjury application against noted lawyers Prashant Bhushan and Kamini Jaiswal and their NGO Centre for Public Interest Litigation for allegedly making false statements before the apex court against CBI Chief Ranjit Sinha.

Sept 20: India offers Bangladesh expertise in civil nuclear sector and outer space during a meeting between their Foreign Ministers but the meet could not make any major headway on emotive issues of Land Boundary Agreement, Teesta water sharing and extradition of ULFA leader Anup Chetia.

Sept 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has criticised frequent remarks made by political pundits on the "root cause" of violence against women and asserted that there should be no compromise on the issue of dignity of women.

Sept 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi says India has a chance to rise again as a global economic power and suggested that it could match with China and he has a "clear roadmap" to channelise entrepreneurial capabilities of country's 1.25 billion people.

Sept 21: Nalini Chidambaram, wife of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, has been examined by CBI in connection with the alleged multi-crore Saradha chit fund scam.

Sept 22: National Investigation Agency (NIA) filed a supplementary charge sheet against 20 alleged operatives of banned terror group Indian Mujahideen(IM), including Haidar Ali alias "Black beauty", for waging war against the country.

Sept 22: Barely 10 days after he resigned, CBI arrested Odisha's former Advocate General Ashok Mohanty for allegedly abusing his official position and misappropriating funds of Artha Tatwa Group of companies in a case which is an offshoot of Saradha chit fund scam.

Sept 22: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh took stock of the "large scale damage" to border fencing and BSF posts due to floods in Jammu and Kashmir and asked the border guarding force to keep strict vigil on this frontier to curb infiltration.

Sept 23: Enforcement Directorate initiated its first action in the money laundering probe in the Rs 3,600-crore AgustaWestland VVIP chopper deal with the arrest of Gautam Khaitan, alleged to be an "important" link in connection with kickbacks of this scam.

Sept 23: In a spine-chilling incident, a 20-year-old youth was today mauled to death by a white tiger when he fell into its enclosure at the Delhi Zoo.

Sept 24: Government decided to withdraw a controversial legislation which sought to create an overarching body in the higher education subsuming existing regulatory bodies such as UGC, AICTE and NCTE.

Sept 24: The Supreme Court scraps allocation of 214 out of 218 coal blocks to various companies since 1993 terming it as "fatally flawed", an order that could have serious implications for the energy sector and a pay out of Rs.7,900 crore as fine by affected corporates.

Sept 24: India was basking in the success of its Mars Orbiter Mission as Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the country in applauding the ISRO scientists for achieving the "miracle" on a shoestring budget and the international community hailed the feat.

Sept 25: Long-standing political formations in Maharashtra crumbled with BJP snapping its 25-year-old alliance with the Shiv Sena and NCP parting ways with the Congress and pulling out of the government, raising the possibility of at least a four-cornered contest in the October 15 Assembly polls.

Sept 25: In a bid to make the country a manufacturing hub, Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised easy and effective governance to enable ease of doing business as he launched the 'Make in India' campaign at an event where the government hinted at amending labour laws.

Sept 25: All central government employees have been asked to be present in their offices on October 2 to take cleanliness pledge as part of the Narendra Modi government's 'Clean India' campaign.

Sept 26: A day after parting ways with its oldest ally Shiv Sena, BJP released its first list of 172 candidates for the October 15 Maharashtra Assembly elections that includes its top leaders in the state.

Sept 26: After a fortnight of incursions, Chinese troops started withdrawing from India's Chumar area in Ladakh following talks between the two armies.

Sept 27: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa is sentenced to four years in jail in an 18-year-old corruption case and fined a staggering Rs 100 crore by a special court whose verdict unseats her from the post and could send her to political exile for 10 years.

Sept 27: Union Cabinet recommends President's Rule in assembly poll-bound Maharashtra, a day after Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan resigned following the end of 15-year-old Congress-NCP alliance in the state.

Sept 28: Handpicked by J Jayalalithaa, O Panneerselvam, the 'Mr Faithful' of the AIADMK supremo, is all set to be the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu after he was today elected as leader of the legislature party in the wake of her conviction in an illegal assets case.

Sept 28: President's rule is imposed in poll-bound Maharashtra, three days after the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) snapped its 15-year-old ties with the Congress reducing the Prithviraj Chavan government to a minority.

Sept 28: Justice H L Dattu, who has been heading the bench monitoring probe into the 2G scam, is sworn in as the next Chief Justice of India by President Pranab Mukherjee and will have a tenure of 14 months.

OCTOBER

Oct 1: Pakistani troops violate ceasefire after over a month-long lull and resorted to heavy firing and mortar shelling in three sub-sectors along Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, drawing retaliation from Indian forces.

Oct 1: A Cheetah helicopter of the Army crashes moments after taking off from an airbase in Cantt area, killing the two pilots and an engineer.

Oct 1: Twelve people are killed and 45 injured in a collision between two passenger trains near here in Uttar Pradesh last night, prompting the government to promise an action plan to improve safety.

Oct 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi ropes in nine celebrities including cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, industrialist Anil Ambani and several actors to spread awareness on cleanliness and make 'Swachh Bharat' a people's movement.

Oct 3: Seeking to reach out to more people, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the countrymen over radio for the first time, giving a pep talk about how to shed despondency and use their skills for betterment and prosperity of the country.

Oct 4: India and the US are working further on their declaration on how to choke all financial and tactical support to underworld don and terror mastermind Dawood Ibrahim's D-Company.

Oct 4: As they kickstarted campaigning for the October 15 Assembly polls in Haryana and Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sonia Gandhi traded fire with the former attacking

the Congress regime for having done "little" in the last 60 years and she likening him to "empty vessels" making noise.

Oct 5: Patna Divisional Commissioner N Vijaylaxmi and three other top civil and police officials of the district administration were removed from their posts by the Bihar government, two days after the stampede in the state capital that left 33 dead.

Oct 5: Two women are arrested and a man detained in connection with the Burdwan blast in West Bengal that left two suspected militants dead even as ruling TMC, BJP and CPI-M were locked in a blame game over the incident in which role of terror groups is being probed.

Oct 6: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari stokes a controversy by allegedly asking voters at a public meeting in poll-bound Maharashtra to accept bribes, prompting the Election Commission to issue him a show cause notice.

Oct 6: Coming out against dynastic politics and nepotism in Haryana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the electorate to junk such parties and elect a BJP government with majority, saying he did not want support of "dangerous" people lodged in Tihar Jail, apparently referring to former CM Om Prakash Chautala.

Oct 7: Jailed former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, undergoing four-year imprisonment in a graft case, was refused bail by the Karnataka High Court which held that there were no grounds for it as corruption amounts to "violation of human rights" and must be dealt with seriously.

Oct 7: With the government notifying the decision to grant life-long visa to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the swift action taken on his promise made in the US and hoped it will give an impetus to India's development journey.

Oct 7: Five weeks after launching the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked bank officers and staff to undertake "mid-course corrections required" as the "journey is bound to become more difficult" in the future.

Oct 8: The Election Commission ruled that there appears to be no violation of the model code of conduct by Haryana government in clearing the land deal between Robert Vadra and real estate major DLF.

Oct 8: Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a "four-coloured" revolution signifying the colours of the Indian tricolour in the area of power and agriculture, marine sector and milk production to take the country forward.

Oct 8: Counter-hijack operations force NSG has submitted a report to the Union Home Ministry giving details of the sequence of events that led to the surprise recovery of a dummy stun-grenade on-board an Air India plane when it landed at Jeddah few days back.

Oct 9: The Centre decided to hand over to NIA the probe into the bomb blast in Burdwan in West Bengal in which the role of terror groups is suspected, a decision which the Trinamool Congress government says was taken suo motu.

Oct 9: Emphasising that sanitation remains the first challenge for urban administration, President Pranab Mukherjee says clean environment is the "right of every citizen" and it should be treated as a "non-negotiable requirement".

Oct 10: The fresh report submitted to police by AIIMS doctors on the reasons for the mysterious death of Sunanda Pushkar is "inconclusive", according to Delhi Police, even as BJP and Congress were locked in a slanging match on the issue.

Oct 10: After nine days of heavy gunfire and mortar shelling from across the border, firing at the Jammu frontier subsided even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Pakistan has been taught a "befitting lesson" with the Army "shutting their mouth".

Oct 10: Child rights crusader Kailash Satyarthi says his Nobel Peace Prize was a "big recognition" to the struggle for millions of children who are still languishing in "slavery" and vowed not to stop work till each one of them is freed.

Oct 11: After a brief lull, Pakistan violated ceasefire twice along International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch and Jammu district, drawing strong retaliation from India.

Oct 11: With an intent of developing rural India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched an ambitious scheme under which he asked each of around 800 MPs to develop physical and institutional infrastructure of three villages by 2019.

Oct 12: The Centre is working on a solution to ensure that poor get benefits like free medicines and check-ups in speciality government hospitals on the basis of their BPL ration cards while eliminating income tax payers and top officials from the ambit of PDS.

Oct 12: To curb misuse of official cyber tools and attempts of phishing, the Income Tax department has rolled out a secure email system for all its employees and officers.

Oct 13: After a brief lull, Pakistani troops violated ceasefire twice and resorted to heavy firing and mortar shelling targeting 10 Indian forward posts along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district injuring one woman.

Oct 13: Andhra Pradesh and Odisha mounted massive relief efforts on a war footing to restore communication and power links and clear roads that were battered in the powerful cyclone Hudhud in which the death toll rose to 24.

Oct 13: India has made some progress in reducing poverty level, but still ranks behind neighbouring Nepal and Sri Lanka on the Global Hunger Index and its hunger status remains classified as "serious".

Oct 14: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Rs 1000 crore as interim relief for the cyclone-hit Andhra Pradesh as he undertook a survey of the worst-affected city.

Oct 14: Canada assured India that it takes "threat of incitement" by radical elements "very seriously" in response to New Delhi's concerns over activities of pro- Khalistan elements as the two countries discussed ways to enhance cooperation in key areas of defence, nuclear energy and trade.

Oct 15: Haryana creates history clocking an all-time high polling of about 76 per cent, surpassing the previous best of 72.65 per cent in 1967 in the high-stakes battle among top contenders Congress, BJP and INLD amid stray incidents of violence in many parts of the state.

Oct 15: The CBI tells the External Affairs Ministry there has been no indication of Saradha Group's investment funds being diverted to terror groups based in Bangladesh during its probe into the chit fund scam.

Oct 15: India signs a deal with Canada on clean water technologies, with a focus on Prime Minister's Clean Rivers Mission.

Oct 16: Bracing to deal with Ebola epidemic which has claimed more than 4000 lives globally, the government took stock of the measures being undertaken for strengthening the preparedness, surveillance and response system in states.

Oct 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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.

Oct 16: A day after China reacted sharply to government's plans to construct a border road in Arunachal Pradesh, Home Minister Rajnath Singh sent a strong message asserting that no one can warn India.

Oct 17: India and China concluded two-day talks on border mechanism here during which they discussed ways to prevent incidents like last month's standoff between their armies in Ladakh from recurring in future and reached consensus on early implementation of several CBMs.

Oct 17: Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated scientists on the successful test-firing of indigenously developed nuclear capable cruise missile 'Nirbhay', saying this meant a "great impetus" to the country's defence capabilities.

Oct 17: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley claimed a breakthrough saying the Swiss government has

agreed to share information on Indians stashing illicit money there in certain cases, but blamed a 1995 agreement as the constraining factor in disclosing their names.

Oct 18: In a major reform push, the government deregulated diesel prices but hiked natural gas tariff by 46 per cent that will push up fertiliser, power, CNG and PNG rates.

Oct 18: Army Chief Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag asks his commanders to "continuously assess" the situation in view of the security transition taking place in the neighbourhood and directed them to maintain relentless pressure on terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure peaceful polls.

Oct 19: Bangalore girl Noyonita Lodh is crowned Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Universe 2014 after beating 14 finalists across India.

Oct 19: Pritam Munde, the second daughter of late BJP leader Gopinath Munde, scripted Lok Sabha history winning the Beed seat in Maharashtra in a bypoll by a record margin of nearly seven lakh votes.

Oct 19: Knocking out Congress from its bastions, the Modi wave placed BJP on the cusp of forming a government in Maharashtra with unexpected support from NCP while it stormed to power on its own in Haryana.

Oct 20: Delhi Police, probing the mysterious death of Sunanda Pushkar, wife of Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, says it will provide all details sought by a panel of AIIMS doctors so that it can give a "conclusive forensic" report to the investigators.

Oct 20: Regretting that India is way behind in medical research, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked doctors to keep pace with the rapidly changing medical science to remain "relevant".

Oct 21: There is no threat from either al Qaeda or ISIS of a magnitude which the country cannot deal with, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval says but asserted that security agencies were keeping a "very close watch".

Oct 21: The Ordinance to auction coal blocks through an electronic platform got the President's approval, paving the way for a "transparent" allocation process for mines to the private sector, even as trade unions and Left parties opposed the move.

Oct 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched for revamping urban governance while linking it to the 'Digital India' mission and 'Swachh Bharat' campaign.

Oct 22: CBI filed its first charge sheet in the multi-crore Saradha scam naming the company chief Sudipta Sen, close aide Debjani Mukherjee and suspended Trinamool MP Kunal Ghosh, five months after it was ordered by the Supreme Court to probe the case.

Oct 22: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley may have dropped hints that a minister in the previous UPA government could be one of those who had stashed money abroad.

Oct 22: India has grounded its entire Sukhoi-30 fighter plane fleet and is undertaking a thorough technical check after both the pilot seats in one of the aircraft ejected without command during landing, leading to a crash near Pune recently.

Oct 23: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces a slew of relief measures, including a special package of Rs 745-crore package, from his relief fund for the flood-affected people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Oct 23: Pakistan Rangers violate ceasefire several times and resorted to firing on Border Out Posts along the International Border in Samba, Kathua and Jammu districts, on a day when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Jammu and Kashmir.

Oct 23: Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays a surprise visit to Siachen to celebrate Diwali with soldiers posted at the world's highest battlefield and hailed the role of the armed forces in securing the country.

Oct 24: In fresh ceasefire violation, Pakistan troops fire at forward Indian posts along Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, drawing retaliation from Indian soldiers.

Oct 24: Two days ahead of a planned rally in London by a pro-Pakistan group on Kashmir issue, India warned that forces inimical to Indo-UK relations may utilise such opportunity in open societies.

Oct 24: IAF personnel and their families have been asked not to use Chinese 'Xiaomi Redmi 1s' phones on the ground that data was allegedly transferred to their servers in China and it could be a security risk, a charge denied by the company.

Oct 25: Government has decided to observe the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 31 as the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day) every year, as a mark of tribute to the efforts of the country's first Home Minister to unite India.

Oct 25: Reaching out to the media with which he has had a lukewarm relationship, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had some good words for the press, promising to find a way to interact with it directly.

Oct 25: Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir and Jharkhand will be held in five phases between November 25 and December 20 and counting of votes will take place on December 23, the Election Commission announced.

Oct 26: Manohar Lal Khattar, mentored by RSS and known for his organisational skills and clean image, took oath as Haryana Chief Minister, leading the first BJP government in the state since it was

created 48 years ago.

Oct 27: President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for making optimum use of modern technology in tackling corruption.

Oct 27: "Polio virus doesn't need any visa to cross border," UNICEF warned polio-free India as the number of cases of the paralysing disease reached an alarming high in Pakistan.

Oct 28: In a first, Delhi Police uses drones fitted with cameras to patrol the skies of the violence-hit Trilokpuri area in East Delhi, where situation improved with no fresh incident of violence and greater relaxation in prohibitory orders.

Oct 28: With fresh inputs on the Burdwan blast indicating pan-India existence of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), Home Minister Rajnath Singh orders immediate neutralisation of the terror modules of the banned group.

Oct 29: Rapped by the Supreme Court, Lt Governor Najeeb Jung is set to kick off consultations with BJP, AAP and Congress in the next couple of days in fresh efforts to install an elected government in the capital or dissolving the assembly to pave way for elections early next year.

Oct 30: Government has decided to give Rs five lakh each to the next of kin of 3,325 victims of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots triggered after assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Oct 30: Amid a debate on disclosure of names of suspected black money holders, Switzerland says information exchanged under Swiss-India tax treaty cannot be disclosed "in principle" to a court or any other body outside the proceedings of a 'specific and relevant' case.

Oct 31: Prime Minister Narendra Modi skipped the event commemorating the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at the Shakti Sthal memorial where President Pranab Mukherjee, Vice President Hamid Ansari and top leaders of the Congress paid floral tributes to her.

Oct 31: Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as Chief Minister of the first BJP government in Maharashtra at a grand ceremony where Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray made a last-minute appearance, raising the possibility of a re-approchement between the saffron parties.

NOVEMBER

Nov 1: Apprehending foggy conditions in the winter season, railways has decided to cancel 30 trains, mostly north bound, for 47 days from December 31 this year.

Nov 2: Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) recently made a two-pronged simultaneous

incursion by sending its troops into Indian waters in the Pangong lake as well as five kms deep into Indian territory through the land route in the same area, according to reports.

Nov 3: In a major bureaucratic reshuffle, the government replaced Financial Services Secretary Gurdial Singh Sandhu with Gujarat-cadre IAS officer Hasmukh Adhia and made over 60 Special and Joint Secretary-level appointments.

Nov 3: Veteran Bollywood actor Sadashiv Amrapurkar, who essayed villainous and comic roles with equal ease and gave powerful performances in "Ardh Satya" and "Sadak", after battling lung infection.

Nov 4: In a step to rope in professional experts from the private sector, the Centre asks all ministries to carry out an exercise for identifying posts that require people with specialised or technical knowledge.

Nov 4: Kolkata and its port area may face a terror attack, according to a warning issued by central intelligence agencies amid which the Navy has withdrawn its two warships that were docked at the port here.

Nov 5: The Delhi Assembly was dissolved, paving the way for fresh elections that will end the political hibernation since the AAP government fell in February.

Nov 5: Prime Minister Narendra Modi re-constituted a high-level climate panel and dropped well-known environmentalist Sunita Narain and top industry leader Ratan Tata from the council.

Nov 5: India and Russia discussed ways to enhance cooperation in key areas of energy and trade, as also important "outstanding issues" requiring immediate attention including the concerns of Russian giant Sistema.

Nov 6: A Torpedo Recovery Vessel of Indian Navy sunk off the Visakhapatnam coast during a naval exercise killing one sailor while four others went missing.

Nov 6: Sharing his anger and pain after being stripped of the captaincy in 1997, batting legend Sachin Tendulkar has revealed that the "unceremonious" sacking was very "embarrassing" and "humiliating".

Nov 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly pitched for ending the wretched practice of female foeticide as he adopted Jayapur village in his Lok Sabha constituency, urging villagers to give up dependence on governments for solving their problems.

Nov 7: A day after a Naval vessel sank off the Vishakhapatnam coast, a full scall search operation was underway to trace the four missing sailors, including an officer, and an inquiry has been set up to look into the cause of the mishap.

Nov 7: Under attack over the Budgam firing incident which left two teenagers dead, Army admitted that it was a "mistake" by its personnel and promised action against anyone found guilty.

Nov 8: West Bengal police arrests the mastermind of Burdwan blast Sk Rahmatulla alias Sajid, a Bangladeshi national and stated to be a Chief Commander of Jamaat-ul- Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) terror group.

Nov 8: Laxmikant Parsekar, an old RSS hand who helped build BJP in Goa, was today sworn-in as Chief Minister of the coastal state after he snuffed out competition from his senior and Deputy CM Francis D'Souza to succeed Manohar Parrikar who was plucked for a Union Cabinet berth.

Nov 9: Former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar and former Shiv Sainik Suresh Prabhu are inducted into the Union Cabinet and given Defence and Railway portfolios respectively as Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook an expansion of his council of ministers and reshuffled portfolios while bringing in 21 new faces.

Nov 10: Ahead of Parliament's winter session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asks his Council of Ministers to cut down on unnecessary tours to ensure their maximum presence during the month-long affair.

Nov 10: India decides to strengthen its staff by deploying two additional diplomats in Erbil camp office in violence-hit Iraq, within a week after the families of 40 Indians, who are still held captives there, requested the External Affairs Minister to do so.

Nov 10: After making a strong pitch in the UN to observe an International Yoga Day, which has been supported by 50 countries, including the US and China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created a separate ministry- AAYUSH, which will have Department of Ayurveda and Yoga, among others.

Nov 11: MNREGA, the ambitious rural job scheme introduced by the UPA government, will continue to be implemented across the country with new Rural Development Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh ruling out any plan to restrict it to only 200 backward districts.

Nov 11: Asserting that ASEAN is at the core of India's 'Act East' policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi heads to Myanmar to attend the Summit with the ten-nation grouping and the East Asia Summit.

Nov 12: Unfazed by the row, AMU VC Zameer Uddin Shah stands by his controversial comment on girl undergraduates' entry to the university library even as the HRD Ministry sought more details from him about rules which bar girls from getting access to the main library.

Nov 12: Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit later this week, Australia hopes that the administrative arrangement for the supply of uranium to India would be in place by "first half of next

year" as it was in the process of getting parliamentary approvals for the same.

Nov 13: The battle over Jawaharlal Nehru's legacy escalated with Congress launching a sharp but veiled attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of seeking to destroy his secular vision and spreading "poison of communalism".

Nov 13: India achieves a major victory with the US agreeing to its proposal on food security issues at WTO, a development that will pave the way for a breakthrough to end the three-month long stalemate.

Nov 13: Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar and Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav are the ten political leaders who are elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Nov 13: Over four years after the Machil fake encounter that fuelled widespread unrest in Kashmir Valley, five army men including two officers were sentenced to life for gunning down three youths and labelling them as militants, a decision welcomed by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah as a "watershed moment".

Nov 14: India successfully test-fires its indigenously-developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-II and Dhanush ballistic missiles in separate trials, boosting the armed forces' operational readiness.

Nov 14: The government kick-starts the Bal Swachhta Mission as part of Children's Day celebrations and also launched the 'Udaan' programme for girls, which seeks to prepare them for the IIT-JEE.

Nov 14: India's front line combat aircraft Sukhoi-30 fleet is cleared for flying after being grounded for nearly a month following a crash near Pune.

Nov 16: Making an appeal for a clear mandate in favour of BJP in Maoist-hit Jharkhand, Home Minister Rajnath Singh asks Naxals to shun violence and join the mainstream to strengthen the nation.

Nov 16: For the first time in the country's history, a special squad of women troops has been deployed deep inside jungles to undertake active and prolonged operations against Naxalites.

Nov 17: India and China began their joint "Hand-in-Hand" army exercise focusing on counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism tactics, weeks after a stand-off between their troops along the border in Ladakh region.

Nov 17: Seeking to reassert Jawaharlal Nehru's legacy, Sonia Gandhi says his ideas were under threat from "misrepresentation and distortion", a veiled attack on BJP, and stressed on the compelling necessity for secularism as Congress sought to reach out to non-NDA party.

Nov 17: Home Minister Rajnath Singh warned China against constructing roads in Indian territory

while maintaining that New Delhi wants cordial ties with its neighbours.

Nov 18: In the first case of Ebola in the country, an Indian national returning from Liberia has tested positive for the deadly virus and has been quarantined at a special facility at Delhi airport.

Nov 18: Government announced institution of a new national service medal for the personnel of country's lead disaster mitigation force NDRF and other such units who risk their lives to help the common man struck in calamities.

Nov 19: Days after directing replacement of German with Sanskrit as third language, the government says the students wanting to study this foreign language can still do so as an "additional" subject and has decided to continue with services of teachers hired for teaching it.

Nov 19: Rejecting the stand of political parties on its guidelines to ensure transparency in electoral funds, the Election Commission made it clear that they were "binding" and threatened them that violations could lead to withdrawal of their recognition.

Nov 20: Calling for greater engagement between academia and industries, President Pranab Mukherjee asks universities to become breeding ground for technological advancements and says success of initiatives like 'Make in India' hinges on manufacturing quality products.

Nov 20: On a day of swift developments, Haryana police slapped charges of murder and violence against arrested 'godman' Rampal, formed an SIT and made 469 arrests, including three persons from Nepal.

Nov 21: India has invited US President Barack Obama to be the chief guest at the 2015 Republic Day celebrations, an invitation which has been accepted by the American leader.

Nov 21: Stressing that terrorism perpetrated and supported from "outside" is the main challenge for Afghanistan, its former President Hamid Karzai criticized dualism in American policy towards Pakistan saying he had told Barack Obama that US should not run with the hare and hunt with the hound.

Nov 21: Cautioning against various threats facing the subcontinent, President Pranab Mukherjee says it was imperative for India to have an effective deterrence and strong defence to promote development and it must be prepared to use its "might" if the need arises.

Nov 22: Union Ministers Birender Singh and Suresh Prabhu are nominated by BJP for bye-elections to two Rajya Sabha seats in Haryana.

Nov 22: In a fresh bid to break the Bofors jinx, Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar clears proposal to acquire 814 artillery guns for Rs 15,750 crore while deferring decision on joint bid by Tata Sons and Airbus to replace IAF's Avro transport fleet and also procurement of 106 Swiss Pilatus basic trainer

aircraft.

Nov 23: Six years after the Mumbai terror attack, the state of the art Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) for coastal security was inaugurated by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar who described it as "bold initiative" and a reply to 26/11 terror attack.

Nov 24: Six months after coming to power, the NDA government named National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval as its Special Representative on boundary talks with China, paving the way for the dialogue to resume at this level.

Nov 25: Seven naval officers were found guilty following a probe into the fire that occurred on board submarine INS Sindhuratna earlier this year, which left two personnel dead and led to the resignation of former Navy Chief Admiral DK Joshi.

Nov 25: Jammu and Kashmir registered a record 71.28 percent turnout in the first phase of incident-free Assembly elections when people ignored boycott calls by separatists and cold conditions to cast their votes in 15 constituencies.

Nov 25: CBI will provide the case diary and crime file in the Talabira coal block allocation case to the special court as directed by it, the agency's Director Ranjit Sinha says.

Nov 25: A bill seeking to remove imprisonment as punishment for violating the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1961 and allowing employers to fix the hours of work and leave as per their discretion or policy was passed by Rajya Sabha.

Nov 25: A parliamentary panel is learnt to have approved a bill to give effect to the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) recommending that the interests of state governments and the people be kept in mind.

Nov 25: India commemorated the sixth anniversary of the Mumbai attack with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other leaders paying homage to the victims, recalling the "horror" over which the country still felt "endless pain" for the loss of 166 lives.

Nov 27: In a new twist to the sensational Badaun case involving two teenaged girls, CBI rejects the rape and murder angle given by the UP police, holding that they had committed suicide by hanging themselves from a tree.

Nov 27: In a move which will give a major boost to the tourism sector, the Government launched the much-awaited electronic visa facility for visitors from 43 countries including US, Germany and Israel.

Nov 28: Contending that the people of Jammu and Kashmir see a "new ray of hope", Prime Minister Narendra Modi says the heavy voter turnout in phase I of the Assembly polls held on November 23

was a clear message that the ballot has prevailed and bullet rejected.

Nov 28: The encounter in Arnia sector of Jammu region close to Indo-Pak border ended this morning after the remaining fourth militant was gunned down by security forces during the terror attack on an Army patrol that in all left 12 people dead including five civilians and three army personnel.

Nov 29: At least eight people, including a father-son duo and a CRPF sub-inspector, suffered minor injuries in a grenade blast near Palladium Cinema in busy Lal Chowk here.

Nov 29: Ahead of his visit to Northeastern states, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says the government is committed to realising the potential of the region and accelerating its progress as India will not develop till it develops.

Nov 29: Terming Pakistan-based terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad a constant security threat, Director of Intelligence Bureau Asif Ibrahim says return of the battle-hardened youth from Iraq and Syria poses a new challenge to the country.

Nov 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that steps will be taken to stop inflow of illegal migrants from Bangladesh with which India will operationalise the land swapping deal for a permanent solution to deal with the problem of infiltration.

Nov 30: Describing ISIS and al Qaeda as serious security challenges for India, Director of Intelligence Bureau Asif Ibrahim says the Indian diaspora has become increasingly vulnerable to elements having allegiance to terror groups.

Nov 30: Pitching for 'SMART' policing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says intelligence gathering is the most vital aspect of the security essentials of the country which must honour its police martyrs and ensure welfare of police personnel.

DECEMBER

Dec 1: The number of new HIV infections in India has come down by 57 percent and related deaths by 25 percent in the last decade with the government now working to achieve the ambitious global goals of zero new infection and death by raising awareness and boosting preventive methods.

Dec 1: Using human shields, Maoists unleashed a major attack killing 14 CRPF personnel, including two officers, and injuring 12 others in the second ambush on the force in 10 days in the same area in Naxal-infested Sukma district of Chhattisgarh.

Dec 2: Delhi Government appointed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the mysterious fire at a church here even as the Christian community sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

intervention for a judicial probe into the incident as well as "violence" against them in some other states.

Dec 2: In a rerun of record polling in the first phase, a 72 per cent voter turnout was registered in the second phase of incident-free Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir with people again ignoring boycott calls by separatist groups and braving chilly weather.

Dec 2: Naxals are suspected to have used tree-mounted light machine guns (LMGs) to spray bullets and kill 14 CRPF personnel who were passing through a village during the encounter in Sukma.

Dec 3: Government formed a high-level committee to review the Standard operating Procedure (SoP) to finetune the anti-Maoists strategy following the ambush early this week in which 14 CRPF personnel were killed by Naxals in Chhattisgarh.

Dec 3: Anil Kumar Sinha, a 1979-batch IPS officer, took over the reins of CBI at a time when the agency is facing criticism from courts over its handling of probe in coal allocation and 2G scams.

Dec 3: Ahead of polling in Pulwama district in south Kashmir, militants carried out a grenade attack killing a CRPF assistant sub-inspector and wounding four security force personnel and three civilians.

Dec 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the demise of noted jurist V R Krishna Iyer whom he described as "a phenomenal human being" besides being an incredible philosopher.

Dec 4: There is no scientific evidence to prove that Genetically Modified crops would harm soil, human health and environment, Government says.

Dec 4: The government made it clear that it is not in favour of reducing juvenile age from 18 to 16 years but is proposing changes in processes related to treatment of heinous offences committed by those in 16 to 18 age group.

Dec 5: India hits out at Pakistan over the multiple terror attacks in Kashmir Valley, asking it to stop these activities directed against this country and says it is ready to help if it was unable to do so.

Dec 5: A doctor, who allegedly performed botched cataract surgeries leaving several people blind, was arrested and a case registered against a private hospital and a Mathura-based NGO even as the Centre sought a report from the Punjab government on the incident.

Dec 5: Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's poll rally, Kashmir Valley was rocked by four terror attacks by militants from across the border who stormed an Army camp in Uri leaving 11 security personnel including a Lt Colonel dead and killed two civilians in Tral.

Dec 6: Strongly condemning terror strikes in Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called them it

a "shameful" attempt to attack Indian democracy.

Dec 6: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis retains key ministries with the BJP while allocating portfolios to the 20-member council of ministers, including 10 of Shiv Sena as against its demand for plum ministries like Home, Revenue etc.

Dec 7: A taxi driver accused of raping a 27-year-old woman executive here is arrested from Mathura even as the US-based cab firm Uber with whom he worked was directed by Delhi police to join its probe.

Dec 7: Pushing for declaring Bhagwad Gita as a national scripture, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj says only a formal announcement remained in this regard, sparking a controversy with TMC and Congress coming out with sharp responses.

Dec 7: At a unique conclave of Chief Ministers called by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to replace the Planning Commission here sees a consensus that more power and planning should be devolved to states, but Congress strongly opposed dismantling of the existing 65-year-old body established by Jawaharlal Nehru.

Dec 8: International taxi-booking service Uber is banned in the capital and government mulls similar action across the country as outrage grew over the alleged rape of a 27-year-old woman executive by its driver who is stated to be a repeat offender and was jailed before.

Dec 8: With MDMK becoming the first ally to quit NDA, BJP remains unfazed rejecting the southern party's contention that the Centre was acting against the interest of Tamils and signalled that it would not like any of its partners oppose the government.

Dec 9: Unfazed by the recent terror attacks, a 59 per cent voter turnout is recorded in the third phase of the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir as they continued to ignore boycott calls but it was lower than the earlier rounds.

Dec 10: As Russian President Vladimir Putin flew in here Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that the visit will take the bilateral relations to "newer heights."

Dec 10: In the eye of a storm over a rape case, global cab-booking firm Uber finally ceases its operations in the national capital complying with a government ban imposed on it three days back.

Dec 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi expresses joy over the UN General Assembly adopting an India-led resolution declaring June 21 as 'International Day of Yoga.'

Dec 11: In a boost to their "special strategic partnership", Russia will build at least 12 nuclear reactors besides manufacturing advanced dual-used helicopters as the two countries signed 20 agreements in oil, gas, defence, investment and other key sectors.

Dec 12: In the first major disclosure on black money, 339 Indians have been found to have stashed Rs 4,479 crore in Swiss banks, while domestic unaccounted wealth to the tune of Rs 14,958 crore has been traced, even as the SIT recommended stringent measures to check the menace.

Dec 12: Existing institutions have to be revitalized from time to time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says and hails President Pranab Mukherjee's contribution in this regard as an inspiration for all Indians.

Dec 13: India and China supported the idea of a trilateral dialogue involving them and the US to deal with major global challenges and ensure better mutual ties.

Dec 13: Parliamentarians led by Rajya Sabha Chairman Hamid Ansari, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan paid homage to martyrs on the 13th anniversary of the attack on Parliament.

Dec 14: A Sri Lankan national wanted in India for allegedly plotting terror strikes at American and Israeli consulates in the country has been deported by Malaysia to the island nation notwithstanding India's plea for his extradition to unravel key aspects of the conspiracy.

Dec 14: The penultimate phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls in 15 constituencies passed off peacefully with 61.65 per cent of over 43 lakh electorate casting their ballots amidst elaborate security arrangements.

Dec 14: Calling the "devastating" drug addiction menace as a "national pain", a concerned Prime Minister Narendra Modi says the money spent by youth on drugs could be funding terrorism.

Dec 15: The Union HRD Ministry was at the centre of a controversy over a circular by Navodya Vidyalaya Samiti(NVS) asking all its schools to observe December 25-- X'mas day-as 'Good Governance Day' that led to an uproar in Parliament.

Dec 15: Mehdi Masroor Biswas, who is alleged to have been operating a pro-ISIS twitter account, has been dubbed by his interrogators as an extremely radicalised youth who believes that beheading of the "enemy" and making abducted women sex slaves was nothing wrong.

Dec 15: India's first indigenous nuclear-powered submarine INS Arihant is flagged off for sea trials from Visakhapatnam harbour by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.

Dec 16: Sharpening his attack on the ruling coalition in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described dynastic politics as a "termite" that eats away the foundations of democracy.

Dec 16: Members of the minority communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh will be

given five years visa instead of one-year as part of government's effort to address their grievances and according citizenship in future.

Dec 16: Amid the controversy surrounding the observance of 'Good Governance Day', HRD Ministry communicates to vice chancellors of all Central universities to complete all programmes related to the event before the Christmas break.

Dec 17: Indian and American experts hold detailed discussions on a range of implementation issues, including administrative, liability, technical and licensing matters to advance the operationalisation of Indo-US civil nuclear cooperation that has been in limbo for past 9 years.

Dec 17: Schools across the country observe a two-minute silence in a show of solidarity with Pakistan following an appeal from Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the dastardly terror attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar.

Dec 17: Educational institutions in Patna are asked by police to install CCTV cameras as states worked on fresh security guidelines for them after the massacre in a Peshawar school that prompted the Centre to mull a new advisory.

Dec 18: Pakistan continues to sponsor terror groups and hostile propaganda against India, and necessary steps would be taken to safeguard the country's interests, the government told the Rajya Sabha.

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