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January to April-2017

NATIONAL LEVEL IMPORTANT EVENTS

January

1. Election Commission issued limitation for campaign expense per candidate. In Goa and Manipur, the limit on election expenses per candidate is Rs 20 lakh while that in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand is Rs 28 lakh.
2. Harvest Festival of Pongal celebrated across Tamilnadu.
3. **Maharashtra** Government banned use of **Purse Seine Nets for fishing**, aimed at curbing exploitation of fish by safeguarding fingerlings and its eggs to increase their population.
4. **104th Indian Science Congress Held in Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh).**
5. 10th Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) 2017 held with theme Freedom to dream: India at 70.
6. **14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017, annual global convention for Indian diaspora held in Bangalore.** Theme of this edition is "Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora". **Portugal Prime Minister, Dr. Antonio Costa is chief guest in PBD 2017.** Total 30 People awarded in Pravasi Bharatiya Awards 2017. PM Narendra Modi launched Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY), a skill development program targeted at Indian youth seeking overseas employment to make India the Skill Capital of the World.
7. **20th National Conference for e-Governance held in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh),** with theme **Internet of Things and e-Governance.**
8. **24th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations(COCSO) meet held at Nagpur (Maharashtra).**
9. **28th Dantan Gramin Mela** inaugurated by **President Pranab Mukherjee in West Midnapore district in West Bengal,** aimed at **displaying rural handicraft skills of local people.**
10. 2nd Pakke Paga Festival 2017 held at Seijosa in East Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh. Its aim is to popularise the role of community in conserving endangered species.
11. 350th Prakash Parv, birth anniversary of 10th Sikh Guru Guru Gobind Singh ji will be celebrated in January 2017 in Patna (Bihar).
12. 3rd National conference Jal Manthan III held in New Delhi.
13. 4th Assam International Agri Horticulture held in Guwahati.
14. **58th India International Garment Fair (IIGF) began in New Delhi, organized by Apparel Export Promotion Council India (AEPCI).**
15. **8th International Conference and Exhibition on Reinforced Plastics (ICERP) organized by FRP Institute in Mumbai.**
16. 8th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit held in Gandhinagar (Gujarat). PM Modi announced that India is now sixth largest manufacturing country in the world up from earlier 9th position.
17. **Sitalpati Mats (Weaved in Cooch Behar district of West Bengal)** has been recognized as an '**Intangible Cultural Heritage**' by the **United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).**
18. A Festival of India will be organized in Cambodia, Ghana and Netherlands Including Several Indian Cultural activities.

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19. **According to India Meteorological Department's (IMD), 2016 was warmest year ever on record in India since documenting began in 1901.** Average Surface temperature in 2016 in India was +0.91 degree Celsius above average between 1961-1990 period. Before 2016, warmest year on record was 2009 (+0.77 degree Celsius above average).
20. **According to Status of Education Report (ASER) 2016, Himachal Pradesh Students stand ahead of All Other states in terms of learning outcomes.** Report found that enrolment rate of students in the age group 6 to 14 in Himachal Pradesh was 99.8%. It secured first rank in achieving learning outcomes in basic reading and mathematics across the country, Followed by Kerala. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER 2016) released by NGO Pratham. ASER is largest annual household survey in rural India that focuses on the status of children's schooling and basic learning
21. According to recent **World Employment and Social Outlook 2017 by International Labour Organisation (ILO), number of unemployed people in India is expected to rise by 1 lakh in 2017 and another 2 lakh in 2018.** Number of jobless in India will increase from 1.7 crore in 2016 to 1.8 crore in 2018. Note that country's unemployment rate is expected to go down from 3.5% to 3.4% in 2017.
22. Air India launched Fly For Sure scheme under which passengers can board any other AI flight on the same sector on the same day on missing their booked flight. To avail this, customer has to pay extra INR 2000 while booking ticket.
23. Air India will soon reserve six seats in front rows of its aeroplane fleet only for women passengers for their safety. Six seats will be reserved in third row in economy class of the aircraft for female passengers travelling alone.
24. Airports Authority of India (AAI) received 45 initial bids from 11 parties to fly routes under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) by Ministry of Civil Aviation. Initial bid proposals covers more than 200 routes and as many as 65 airports, 52 of them not served by any airline and 13 underserved airports.
25. All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi signed 3 MoUs with NBCC Limited, HSCC Limited and HLL Life Care Ltd.
26. Andhra Pradesh Government announced monetary reward of Rs 100 crore to anyone from state who wins Nobel Prize.
27. **Andhra Pradesh Government launched NTR Arogya Raksha Scheme to provide medical treatment to the people below Above Poverty Line (APL) at Rs 1200 premium per annum, covering 1044 diseases and up to 2 lakh and free treatment.**
28. **Arunachal Pradesh Government signed MOU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to level up Milk revolution in Arunachal Pradesh.**
29. **Arunachal Pradesh government launched Dulari Kanya scheme to check infant mortality in state.** Under this, state government will deposit Rs. 20,000 in the bank account of a girl child born in any government hospital.
30. As per a recent study, Indian long pepper (widely used for spicing up food) contains a chemical called Piper longumine (PL) which has anticancer properties.
31. Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal announced Chief Minister's Award of INR 50000 to be given to District that promotes digital transactions in best way.
32. Assam Government launched its indigenously developed e-Wallet Tokapoisa.in, to enable hassle free online transactions in local language.
33. **BHEL commissioned 2nd unit of capacity 500 MW of Sagardighi Thermal Power Station Phase II in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.**
34. **Bargarh Dhanua Jatra festival started in Bargarh in Odisha.**
35. **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) launched mobile TV service 'Ditto TV'.**
36. Bharatiya Janata Party government installed in Arunachal Pradesh with 33 out of 43 MLAs of the Peoples' Party of Arunachal (PPA), led by Chief Minister Prema Khandu joined BJP.
37. **Bihar government launched Nasha Mukta campaign to make state addiction free.** On this occasion, 11000 km long human chain was formed across state. It is claimed to be world's largest human chain and broke previous record of 1050 km human chain formed in Bangladesh.
38. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has launched climate change programme to conduct study to assess the status, distribution and conservation of Pheasants and Finches in Central Himalayas. It is long term monitoring project funded by Oracle and facilitated by CAF India. It will focus on their

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- conservation in the context of climate change with the help of community participation.
39. Central Government cleared Tamil Nadu government's proposal to promulgate an ordinance to hold Jallikattu, a traditional bull taming sport. Now, as per Article 213 of Constitution, Tamil Nadu Governor can promulgate ordinance. The ordinance will denotify the bull from the list of performing animals, to ensure that provisions of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA), 1960 will not apply to bull. Supreme Court imposed ban on Jallikattu in May 2014. The apex court had banned use of bull as performing animals including traditional events like Jallikattu, bullockcart races.
 40. **Central Water Commission signed MoUs with IIT Madras and IIS Bengaluru, to help them for procurement of specified equipment and software for enhancing their capability to support dam rehabilitation efforts of CWC.**
 41. Child sex ratio at birth (SRB) in Haryana for first time touched 900 mark in last two decades, up from 834 in 2011 to 914 in December 2016.
 42. Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Enforcement Toolkit for Police, to assist them in dealing with the cases relating to Trademarks and Copyrights infringements. Toolkit is developed by Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
 43. **Committee under chairmanship of Timothy Gonsalves recommended upto 20 % reservation for girl students in IITs to address issue of reducing number of female students entering IITs.**
 44. DEFCOM 2017 held in Delhi with theme Infrastructure and Skilled Human Resource for Digital Army, organised jointly by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Indian Army.
 45. Dairy firm Kwality Ltd signed agreement with bank of Baroda for providing Rs.4,000 crore loan to the farmers from whom the company procures milk. Company has a network of about 3.25 lakh Farmers across about 4,500 villages in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan.
 46. Delhi Government approved Good Samaritan Policy to encourage people to help road accident victims in emergency situation. This policy will give bystanders incentive (INR 2000) to help accident victims and more importantly provide them with legal protection.
 47. Delhi Police and Airline IndiGo launched 'Akhiri Ahuti' humanitarian initiative under which bodies of Northeast residents who pass away in Delhi will be carried to their homes, without any cost.
 48. **Delhi University became First Public University in India to get a monumental flagpole.**
 49. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) banned import of skins of reptiles and fur of minks, foxes and chinchillas. It will save lives of animals killed for their exotic skins for leather industry.
 50. Dr. B.Borooah Cancer Institute Guwahati has been made an affiliate of Tata Memorial Centre for Cancer Mumbai.
 51. Election Commission (ECI) will introduce mobile based monitoring system to ensure free and fair upcoming 2017 Assembly elections in Punjab.
 52. Election Commission of India (ECI) allotted bicycle symbol of Samajwadi Party to Uttar Pradesh CM Akhilesh faction (Group), after he proved majority support in party's structures as per Para 15 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order.
 53. Election Commission of India announced dates for assembly elections in five states Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa. Counting of votes for all five states will take place on 11 March 2017.
 54. **First AsiaPacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) International Television Dance Festival Organized in Hyderabad by Prasar Bharati.**
 55. First Brahmaputra Literary Festival held in Guwahati (Assam).
 56. **First ever Investors' Summit for north eastern states held in Shillong (capital of Meghalaya)** with theme Exploring Opportunities in North East Region. It was inaugurated by Textiles Minister Smriti Zubin Irani.
 57. First flight under government's regional connectivity scheme UDAN (Ude Desh Ke Aam Naagrik) will take off in February 2017. RCS aims to boost regional air connectivity and provide various incentives to airlines. Under this, Government will provide subsidy to airlines that operate flights between two regional airports. 43 new airports will be added after implementation of UDAN scheme, in addition to existing 75 airports.
 58. **Goa became first state to opt for electronic transmission of postal ballot to service voters in upcoming**

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- Assembly polls.** This allows service voters (those in defence / paramilitary forces / diplomatic missions) to download postal vote, cast their vote and send it via email to returning officer.
59. **Google launched 2 initiatives My Business and Digital Unlocked to help small and medium businesses (SMBs) in India capitalise on the digitisation wave faster.**
 60. **Government announced that pension for all 50- 55 lakh central government pensioners is increased to Rs. 9,000 and the ex gratia increased from 10-15 lakh to 25-35 lakh.**
 61. Government announced that over 99% of Indians over 18 years of age now have Aadhaar Cards. It means 111 crore Indians (91.7% of Indian population) have been covered under Aadhaar cards.
 62. Government approved **Establishment of Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Jharkhand, with estimated outlay of 200 crores on 1,000 acre land provided by Government of Jharkhand at Gauria Karma Village in Hazaribag District.**
 63. **Government approved Indian Institute of Management(IIM) Bill 2017, under which the IIMs would be declared as Institutions of National Importance which will enable them to grant degrees to their students.**
 64. Government approved assistance of Rs. 1782 crores for Karnataka as drought relief.
 65. Government empowered Supreme Court mandated Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) to enforce Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) to tackle air pollution in Delhi NCR. As per a notification, GRAP can be implemented if the air pollution stays above the emergency level for 48 hours.
In such cases, the odd-even scheme may be enforced and construction work can be halted in the national capital.
 66. **Government launched Rubber Soil Information System (RubSIS) online system for recommending appropriate mix of fertilizers to plantations of rubber growers depending upon their soil nature.** It was launched for Kottayam (Kerela), largest rubber growing district of India's rubber growing region (Kerela and Tamilnadu).
 67. Government of Andhra Pradesh announced INR 100 crore fund of funds to develop financial technology (Fin Tech) startup ecosystem in the State.
 68. Government signed agreement with National Yuva Cooperative Society to set up 1,000 Janaushadhi Kendras across country.
 69. Government will make on road emission tests for vehicles plying on Indian roads mandatory, after Bharat Stage VI norm implement from 2020.
 70. **Gujarat government launched India's first student startup and innovation policy,** aimed at providing 200 crores to ideas developed by students. Policy aims to support over 1,000 innovation per year and create pre-incubation support in all universities of Gujarat.
 71. **HDFC Bank enabled five temples in Kanyakumari district in southern to introduce digital wallets and PoS to enable their devotees to pay donations online.**
 72. **HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar launched web portal ShaGun (ssashagun.nic.in), meant for showcase innovations and progress in Elementary Education sector of India** by continuous monitoring of flagship scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
 73. Haryana will set up 'Prarambh School for Teachers Education' in Jhajjar District.
 74. Health Ministry will launch population based prevention, screening and control programme for five common non-communicable diseases (NCDs) on the occasion of World Cancer Day (4th February). Diseases are Hypertension, Diabetes, and Cancers of oral cavity, breast and cervix.
 75. **Himachal Pradesh Government declared Dharamsala as second capital of state.** Henceforth, winter session of state legislature will be held in Dharamshala.
 76. Home Minister Rajnath Singh laid foundation stone of new NDRF campus at Konda Pavuluru in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh.
 77. In line with Government's vision for coastal shipping, tourism and regional development, New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) has introduced Car carrier service between Gujarat and Mangaluru.
 78. India's National Youth Festival 2017 held in Rothak (Haryana) with theme Youth for Digital India.
 79. Indian American entrepreneur Gururaj Deshpande's Deshpande Foundation will launch India's **largest startup incubation centre at Hubballi (Karnataka).**
 80. Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) will set up weather stations in 660 districts of India by 2019, up from 130 districts currently. IMD has tied up with Ministry of Agriculture to use Krishi

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- Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) as for weather forecasting observatories.
81. India's National Action Plan on Assessment, Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change (NAPCC) to fight climate change will get three new missions health, coastal zones and waste to energy. Since 2012, PM's Council on Climate Change India has instituted a NAPCC with eight missions National Water Mission, Green India Mission, National Solar Mission, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat, National Mission for Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem, National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, and National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change.
 82. **India's first Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) inaugurated at Mysuru (Karnataka).** POPSK will offer all passport related services on lines of PSKs (Passport Seva Kendras).
 83. **India's first bus to run on human and animal waste will start in March 2017 in Kolkata (West Bengal).**
 84. **India's first ever solar powered boat Aditya launched in Kerala.**
 85. **India's first 'Uniform and Garment Manufacturer's Fair' held in Solapur (Maharashtra).**
 86. **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) become first in world to adopt performance and benchmarking digital platform Arc, developed by Green Business Certification Inc (GBCI) and US Green Building Council (USGBC).** It will be used by airport operator to measure, manage and improve performance of airport on resource consumption, quality of passenger space and carbon emissions.
 87. Japan will assist India in development of Chennai, Ahmedabad and Varanasi as smart cities. So far, leading countries have come forward to be associated with development of 15 smart cities in India, including United Kingdom Pune (Maharashtra), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh) and Indore (Madhya Pradesh) United States Visakhapatnam, Ajmer and Allahabad France Chandigarh, Puducherry and Nagpur Germany Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore and Kochi.
 88. **Karang Island in Manipur became first cashless island in India. Most of People on Karang island have opted for cashless transactions.**
 89. **Karnataka Government allowed sale of white Kerosene in open market.**
 90. Karnataka government will amend to Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA) 1960 for conducting traditional sports of Kambala and bullock cart race in State. Karnataka state government is following model of Tamil Nadu government to allow Kambala and Cart racing in state. TN Government has already amended the concerned act few days ago, to allow Bull Taming sport Jallikattu in State.
 91. **Kerala Government inaugurated 4 lakh square feet IT building "Jyothirmaya".**
 92. **Kerala Government launched e-health program Jeevan Rekha to create electronic health records of a population in Thiruvananthapuram,** aiming to provide a centralised database of healthcare information and efficient health service delivery to people.
 93. **Kerala government launched World Bank aided e health project across state, envisaging development of Electronic Health Records (HER) of population and automation of all government healthcare institutions.**
 94. Kozhikode Corporation declared as first Elderly Friendly corporation in Kerala.
 95. **Madhya Pradesh Government announced total ban on polythene carry bags from May 1, 2017.**
 96. **Madhya Pradesh Government launched Digital Dakiya scheme to encourage cashless transactions. Under it Digital Dakiya (Digital Postman) will visit door to door and train households specially women and elderly people about digitized transactions.**
 97. Madhya Pradesh launched Aanandam programme to help needy persons. Under it, government through volunteers will provide help to needy and economically sound citizens can donate items for the needy persons.
 98. **Maharashtra Government launched India's largest public WiFi service Mumbai Wifi,** providing 500 Wifi hotspots across various locations across Mumbai. In second phase, state Government will provide 1200 Wifi hotspots by 1 May 2017.
 99. Minister of Health and Family Welfare, J P Nadda released Indian Food Composition Tables (IFCT) as reference book for all kinds of nutritional evaluations of Food Items in Country. It will make India join elite league of nations with its own complete food composition data base. It was released during International Symposium on Food Composition in Nutrition and Health in Delhi.
 100. **Minister of State (IC) for Petroleum & Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated Saksham 2017 (Sanrakshan Kshamta Mahotsav) aimed to create awareness amongst masses towards judicious utilization and conservation of petroleum products along with use of energy efficient appliances and**

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switching to cleaner fuels.

101. **Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani Launched Bunkar Mitra Helpline for Handloom Weavers toll free number 18002089988.** It aims to provide a point of contact to handloom weavers for addressing their queries and seek guidance.
102. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) released draft notification of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing Rules) 2016. It is aimed at making dog breeders and their marketers accountable and to prevent any cruelty on dogs.
103. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will roll out measles rubella (MR) vaccine in Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) in February 2017.
104. **Ministry of Power unveiled world's largest street light replacement programme in South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) area, under Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP)** by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). Under SLNP, 2 lakh street light will be replaced with LED lights in SDMC area, resulting in annual energy savings of 2.65 crore kWh and daily reduction of 22,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases
105. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) approved setting up Indian Skill Development Services (ISDS), for Training Directorate of MSDE. It will be a Group 'A' service and induction to it will take place through Indian Engineering Service Examination (IES) conducted by UPSC. It will have 263 all India posts.
106. Multiplex chain operator PVR Pictures launched its theatre on demand service Vkaao as online platform that enables consumers to watch any movie of their choice at a theatre of their choice. Minimum requirement for a show to be confirmed would be 50 seats.
107. **National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has been declared free from bird flu (H5N8 avian influenza)** after consecutive samples collected at 15 days' intervals from last positive results tested negative.
108. National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog demanded review of provisions of Right to Education (RTE) Act that stipulate children who do not perform well cannot be held back up to 8th Class. RTE Act aims to provide primary education to all children aged 6 to 14 years and stipulates that no child can be held back in a grade, regardless of his performance, all the way up to the 8th grade.
109. **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) signed MoU with Rajasthan Government for takeover of 1,000 megawatt (MW) Chhabra Thermal Power Plant.**
110. North East Film Festival (NEFF) Held at National Film Archive of India (NFAI) in Pune (Maharashtra).
111. Noted wax museum Madame Tussauds will open its first Branch in India In Delhi In June 2017. It will showcase Wax statue of Actor Amitabh Bachchan initially, along with several international figures.
112. On 2016's Dec 31, CSIR National Physical Laboratory (CSIRNPL) added a Leap Second to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) in order to synchronize clocks worldwide with Varying Speeds of Earth's rotation. Earth's rotation around its own axis is not regular, as sometimes it speeds up and sometimes it slows down, due to various factors including the moon's gravitational Earth braking forces that often results in ocean tides. Since 1972, 37 Leap Seconds have been added at intervals varying from six months to seven years.
113. Online travel portal MakeMyTrip launched India's first social luxury travel magazine Luxury Travel Times.
114. Oral cancer is identified as leading cancer type among Indian men with Over 2.60 lakh new oral cancer cases seen annually. Tobacco smokers are 27 times more likely to be afflicted than nonsmokers.
115. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Nobel Prize Series Exhibition in Gandhinagar (Gujarat), first conclave of Nobel laureates held in India. Nine Nobel laureates are attending it and interact with students of Indian Universities.
One of 9 Nobel laureates include India born scientist Dr Venkatraman Ramakrishnan. He won 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on ribosome structure. Other eight Nobel laureates are H C Harmut Michel, Harold Varmus, Richard J Roberts, David J Gross, Serge Haroche, Randy Schekman, W E Moerner and Ada Yonath.
116. Postal department released a special stamp cover featuring **Olympic medalists PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and gymnast Dipa Karmakar, titled Golden girls of India – Pride of Nation.**
117. Priya Entertainments pvt Ltd has set up an ecotourism project at Khairabera in Purulia District of West Bengal.
118. Pune City Police launched Beat Marshall Monitoring Mobile App to map realtime locations of

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- patrolling teams from police stations on experimental basis.
119. Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU) in partnership with US-India Aviation Cooperation Programme will start its first Executive Development Programme.
 120. Russian Railways will assist Indian trains to travel at 200 Kmph Indian Railways, starting with a feasibility study aimed at upgrading train speeds on the 575 kilometre long Nagpur Secunderabad route. Presently, Gatimaan Express (H Nizamuddin to Agra Cant) is fastest Indian train with Top speed 160 KM / H.
 121. Solar power producer Azure Power commissioned 150 MW solar power project in Punjab, largest in North India.
 122. Special session of Tamil Nadu Assembly unanimously passed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act 2017 to lift Supreme Court imposed ban on the traditional sport of Jallikattu. It will now replace ordinance promulgated in this regard by Governor a week earlier. This bill defines jallikattu as a traditional sport involving bulls.
 123. **Steel minister Birender Singh inaugurated INR 1200 crores Universal Rail Mill at SAIL Bhilai Steel Plant. With this, SAIL commenced commercial production of world's longest single rail of 130 meters from the new Universal Rail Mill (URM).**
 124. Supreme Court asked Election Commission to implement Vote Verifier Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in electronic voting machines (EVMs) to ensure 100% transparency in elections. This is second time after 2014 general elections, that SC has directed Election Commission (EC) to implement of VVPAT in EVMs.
 125. VVPAT system ensures free and fair elections as when a voter presses button for a candidate of his choice, a paper ballot containing the serial number, name of the candidate and poll symbol will be printed for the voter.
It allows voters to verify that their votes are casted correctly and detect possible election fraud or malfunction.
 126. Supreme Court described Endosulfan as highly toxic agrochemical (pesticide). It directed Kerala government to release 500 crore compensation to over 5,000 victims in State. SC in 2011 had banned use of endosulfan. Endosulfan is a toxic pesticide having hazardous effects on humans. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in 2011 added it in list of banned substances and phasing it out as an agrichemical. It is banned in over 80 nations due to its 'high toxicity'.
 127. Supreme Court removed BCCI President Anurag Thakur and secretary Ajay Shirke after they failed to implement reforms recommended by Justice Lodha committee.
 128. **Tamil Nadu government launched Pinakin mobile application to provide information of famous tourist destinations in state.**
 129. Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran inaugurated Kohli Research Block at International Institute of Information Technology Gachibowli (Hyderabad), as part of Kohli Center on Intelligent Systems (KCIS).
 130. **Telangana Government signed Agreement with French Aerocampus Aquitaine for creating world class aero skills academy in Hyderabad.**
 131. Telangana state government signed MoU with Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India (AAI) for Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). Under RCS, air connectivity is to be provided to smaller towns by developing small airports and airstrips. Warangal, Kothagudem and Adilabad airports in the states will be developed for better connectivity.
 132. **Textiles Minister Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated first Apparel and Garment Making Centre in Meghalaya, near Ampati.**
 133. West Bengal Government will give legal protection to Hilsa Fish, to check its reducing population.
 134. **World Bank sanctioned INR 1376 crores for complete upgradation and improvement of power system network in Tripura.**
 135. World Economic Forum (WEF), NITI Aayog, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Cornell University will work to develop an India Innovation Index to provide impetus to states to drive innovative spirit. Based on WIPO's GII (Global Innovation Index), India Innovation Index will be tailored to better reflect of India's ground reality and include metrics well suited to Indian context for innovation.
 136. Ministry of Urban Development launched Swachh Survekshan 2017 to rank 500 cities/towns across

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on cleanliness with a population of 1 lakh and above. Survey will be conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI). Swachh Survekshan 2016 had ranked 73 cities and Mysore was ranked on top followed by Chandigarh.

February

- Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad launched **Cyber Swachhta Kendra** –Botnet Cleaning and Malware Analysis Centre for analysis of malware and botnets that affect networks and systems. Tools released as part of system are
USB Pratirodh A desktop security solution, which protects from USB mass storage device threats.
AppSamvid A desktop solution which protects systems by allowing installation of genuine applications through white listing.
M-Kavach An indigenously developed solution to address the security threats in mobiles.
- 10th 3 day Sula Fest held in Nashik (Maharashtra), featuring professional wine tastings and grape stomping, includes artists Infected Mushroom and Nucleya.
- 11th biennial International Aerospace and Defence exhibition Aero India began at Air Force Station in Bengaluru (Karnataka). **Bharat Electronics Ltd** unveiled new **communication radio for Indian armed forces called STARSV Mk III**. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed MoU with Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for development of HAL's new Greenfield helicopter facility at Tumakuru (Karnataka).
- 19th Bharat Rang Mahotsav / International Drama Festival held in New Delhi.**
- 2017 International Conference on NexGen Technologies for Mining and Fuel Industries (NxGnMiFu2017) organised in New Delhi by CSIR Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research Dhanbad as part of CSIR's platinum jubilee (completing 75 years) celebration.
- 2nd India Pharma & India Medical Device International Conference Held in Bengaluru** (Karnataka).
- 31st Surajkund International Crafts Mela held in Haryana with Egypt as partner country and Jharkhand as theme state.**
- A 33 Member committee headed by Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has been constituted for speedy completion of Sagarmala Project in Andhra Pradesh, aimed at improving state's coastline and inland waterways.
- According to 2016 census by Odisha State Forest and Environment department, 181 Irrawaddy dolphins sighted in Odisha;** which is much lesser than 450 dolphins recorded in 2015.
- According to Goa based National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), India's only live volcano at Barren Island in Andaman and Nicobar has become active again and spewing smoke, ash and lava After lying dormant for 150 years.
- According to Internet and Mobile Association of India (IMAI) and Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB), internet users in India are expected to be around 45 Crores.** Urban India has 60% internet penetration while rural Areas only have 17% Internet penetration.
- According to South African market research group New World Wealth, Mumbai has been named as Richest Indian City with total wealth of \$820 billion as its is home to 46,000 millionaires and 28 billionaires. Mumbai is followed by Delhi (\$ 450 billion).
- Andhra Pradesh Government signed MoU with Microsoft to utilise Microsoft Azure Stack for its state data centre.** Microsoft Azure Stack will be used to migrate live applications currently hosted in Hyderabad State Data Centre (SDC) to Vishakhapatnam (Vizag) data centre.
- Andhra Pradesh's first Smart Police Station** inaugurated at Nagarampalem in Guntur city in capital Amaravati.
- Apollo Hospitals Foundation signed agreement with WWF India (World wide fund for nature), to provide medical support to forest department employees and local communities in areas where WWFIndia operates.
- Arunachal Pradesh Government introduced Arunachal Civil Service Awards for excellence in public administration, to encourage good governance and recognize extraordinary services by government employees. Award consists of a medal, scroll and cash award of 1 lakh for individual and 5 lakh rupees for organisation / group.

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17. **Arunachal Pradesh** became **first North eastern state to implement e-Cabinet solutions as a powerful governance tool to be used to streamline its decision making process**. Using this system, state cabinet members can access the cabinet notes before the meeting.
18. As per Government, implementation of regional air connectivity scheme (UDAN) will see number of operational airports in country increase up by over 50, with cost of travelling will come down to as low as 2500 for up to an hour of journey.
19. **Assam** Government launched **Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) for development of villages**, with an outlay of 30000 Crores. It aims at doubling farmers' income in State by 2022.
20. **Assam** state government will **set up a Wild Sanctuary to grow Muga cocoon** in an effort to give more exposure to Muga, Eri and Silk Products under Assam Silk Outreach Mission.
21. **Assam will host its first river festival 'Namami Brahmaputra' in March April 2017.**
22. Bangalore based EPAathsala Launches Unique Technology Backed Services for Educational Institutions in India.
23. **Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) for the first time has introduced the third gender category in school exams** conducted by it.
24. Cab Aggregator Uber launched UberHire service in 9 Indian cities, allowing customers to hire a taxi for an entire day and cover several destinations at one go.
25. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved enhancement of capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW of Scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects, to make sure setting up of 50 solar parks each with Min capacity of 500 MW across country. Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects will be set up by 2019-20 with Central Government financial support of 8100 crores. Capacity after operationalisation will generate 64 billion units of electricity, leading to abatement of 55 million tonnes of CO₂ / year.
26. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) signed technology transfer agreement with Jindal Stainless (Hisar) Limited for manufacturing high nitrogen steel (HNS). HNS has higher ballistic strength and is nonmagnetic, corrosion resistant.
27. Delhi will soon get **India's first dedicated "Heliport" for flying in and out of Delhi to nearby areas in Helicopters**. It will be built by Pawan Hans Limited.
28. Digital Payments 2020 report by Google and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) said that digital payment industry in India will reach USD 500 billion by 2020. By 2020, over 50 % of Internet users in the country will be using Digital modes of payment. Digital technology in India will influence 45 % of all retail sales by 2025 and noncash transactions will exceed cash transactions by 2023. First meet of Committee on Cultural Harmony Conclave under Hamari Dharohar Scheme held in New Delhi. First portion of Indian Railways Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) between Ateli (Haruana) and Phulera (Rajasthan) will become operational by March 2018. It will be 190km double track route with a total of 380 km track length. AteliPhulera section will take over the freight load from the Indian Railways. 500-600 km of additional track length will be operational by 2018-19. DFCCIL is a special purpose vehicle of railways and responsible for developing 6 Dedicated Freight Corridors across country.
29. **French Aviation Firm Airbus signed MoU with Telangana government, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) of India and AEROCAMPUS France to establish centre of Excellence at Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport**. It will provide skill development training to young aspirants to enhance their employability.
30. Geologists claimed discovery of **new geological continent named Zealandia** submerged beneath southwest Pacific Ocean. Zealandia has 4.5million square km area and is 94% underwater. Only its highest points New Zealand and New Caledonia are visible. It had broken off from Antarctica about 100 million years ago, then from Australia about 80 million years ago as part of breakup of supercontinent Gondwanaland and sank beneath sea.
31. **Global payments network Visa signed MoU with Andhra Pradesh Government to transform Vishakhapatnam into India's first 'less cash' city** and make it emerge as India's 'Fintech Valley'.
32. Government allowed Tamil Nadu Government to increase number of workdays under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA) scheme in Tamil Nadu from existing 100 to 150 days.

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33. Government announced expansion of rotavirus vaccine in 5 additional states under Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) Assam, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. In First Phase, 38 lakh children were vaccinated in four states – Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
34. Government approved amending Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 Bill to make changes to list of Scheduled Castes in Odisha. Amending Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order 1964 was also approved, to change name of Union Territory of Pondicherry to Puducherry.
35. **Government approved establishment of Food Legumes Research Platform (FLRP) at Amlaha in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh with Satellite Hubs in West Bengal and Rajasthan.** FLRP will have international status as contemplated in Clause 3 of United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947. Department of Agricultural Research (DARE) is authorized on behalf of Indian Government in all matters regarding establishment of FLRP. FLRP will be established by International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) for meeting the emerging food security challenges.
36. Government approved introduction of Bill in Parliament to extend jurisdiction of Collection of Statistics Act 2008 to State of Jammu & Kashmir. It will strengthen data collection mechanism in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. It will extend jurisdiction of the parent Act to J&K in respect of matters not reserved for J & K State as per 1954 Order. Collection of Statistics Act 2008 was enacted by Parliament to facilitate collection of statistics on economics, social, demographic, scientific and environmental aspects etc. The Act extended to whole India except J&K. J&K state legislature enacted J & K Collection of Statistics Act 2010 which was replica of central legislation. However, central and state legislations are not applicable to statistical subjects falling in Union List, as applicable to J&K under the Constitution (Application to Jammu & Kashmir) Order 1954. This created a legislative vacuum which is intended to be filled by this amendment.
37. **Government approved introduction of Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Amendment) Bill 2017 in Parliament, aimed at inclusion of Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM) Kurnool in Principal Act and make it an Institute of National Importance.**
38. **Government doubled maternity leave for women Working in industries from 3 to 6 months.** However, benefit will be restricted to women who make a monthly contribution to employees state insurance corpus from their salaries.
39. **Government inaugurated Centre of Integrative Oncology, an institute dedicated to building collaboration in areas of cancer prevention, research and care in New Delhi.**
40. Government launched **Saathiya Resource Kit** including **Saathiya Salah Mobile App for adolescents**, as part of **Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK)** program. Peer Educators (Saathiyas) will act as catalyst for generating demand for adolescent health services and imparting age appropriate knowledge on key adolescent health issues to their peer groups.
41. **Government made Aadhaar card mandatory for receiving subsidised foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 from all Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) shops.** Those not possessing Aadhaar numbers may get one and submit by 30 June 2017.
42. Government refused to implement recommendations of Parliamentary Committee to form new law for Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Committee recommended replacing Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act 1946 that as per committee, has become inadequate considering changing times.
43. Government will develop large deposits of uranium found in Meghalaya to tap its potential to generate substantial nuclear fuel for atomic power plants in India.
44. Government will form policies on second generation ethanol and methanol. These nonconventional fuel resources sector will create industry worth Rs. 1 lakh crore with 25 Lakh jobs.
45. **Government will open 56 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) at different locations in various states for delivering passport related services to people.**
46. Gujarat Assembly passed Gujarat Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Bill 2017 to empower state government to use Aadhaar number as the sole identifier for delivery of various subsidies and benefits in effective and targeted manner. By linking Aadhaar number with various schemes, state government will create a credible system to authenticate identity of actual beneficiaries.
47. Gujarat Technological University (GTU) sets up centre of excellence in automation technologies at

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- Ahmedabad campus to foster research & knowledge among Engineering students.
48. **Gujarat became first state to establish cashless system in public distribution system (PDS)** of food grains. Gujarat State Government installed Aadhaar Enabled Payment System in 17250 FPS (Fair Price Shops), much before targeted date of 31st March, 2017.
 49. Haryana Govrnment constituted a committee of ministers to prepare a blueprint for developing Integrated Dairy Complexes across state.
 50. **Haryana government has set up online system called sex ratio monitoring dashboard in Panipat, as part of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' Scheme.** It will have data of child sex ratio collected from all villages every month in district by state Health and Women and Child Welfare Departments.
 51. Human Resource Development Ministry made Aadhaar mandatory for students to avail benefits Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University.
 52. ICAI's Accounting Research Foundation signed pact with Indian Railways, for national rollout of accrual accounting in Railways.
 53. India Vetiver Network (INVN) launched at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University as a not for profit scientific network, to promote vetiver (Khus) in India. Vetiver has worldwide application to tackle many environmental issues like soil erosion, mitigation of soil and water pollution.
 54. India hosted Implementation and Assessment Group Meeting of Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT). GICNT was launched in 2006 and has now grown to include 86 partner nations and 5 official observer organisations.
 55. India joined Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, a global health network focused on improving quality of care for new mothers and babies. It is supported by World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other partners.
 56. **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur will start India's first interdisciplinary School on Quality and Reliability (Q&R),** aiming to improve quality of life for Indians as well as develop quality conscious global citizens.
 57. Indian Panorama Film Festival held in Port Blair (capital of Andaman & Nicobar islands) with screening of About 15 films of different languages.
 58. Indian Railways unveiled **Antyodaya Express** as a **new train for unreserved passengers.** First Antyodaya Express will start between Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Tatanagar (Jharkhand) and second between Ernakulam and Howrah.
 59. Indian cricketer and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar adopted Donja in Osmanabad (Maharashtra) under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna as his second adopted village after Puttamraju Kandriga in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.
 60. **India's first floating elementary school named Loktak Elementary Floating School inaugurated at Langolsabi Leikai of Champu** Khangpok floating village on Loktak Lake in Manipur.
 61. **India's first hill station bicycle path inaugurated in Darjeeling (West Bengal)** at height of 2000 metres. The 20 km long cycle route runs through thick pine forest and Senchal wildlife sanctuary, one of India's oldest nature reserves.
 62. **India's first integrated heliport inaugurated at Rohini in Delhi,** developed by Pawan Hans Limited. It will provide various helicopter services ranging from offshore transport, connecting remote & inaccessible Islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.
 63. India's vaccine regulatory body NRAI (National Regulatory Authority of India) has been given maximum ratings by World Health Organisation (WHO) for vaccine regulations. India is a main exporter in pharmaceutical industry and efficient functioning of NRAI is a prerequisite for WHO prequalification of vaccines. Assessment was done in respect of 9 different functionalities, of which NRAI has been granted Maturity Level 4 in 5 functionalities and Level 3 in 4 functionalitie. It reflects growing maturity of NRAI emanating from a concerted effort by Government to build capacity and capability of NRAI.
 64. **Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu released annual year book India2017 and Bharat2017 in New Delhi.**
 65. Interstate migration of workers in India increased to 9 crore annually between 201116 period, compared to 5 Crore In 201 2011. It is based on analysis of 2011 census data and railway passenger traffic in unreserved category.

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66. **International Coin Fair held in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).**
67. **Jammu and Kashmir Government declared 2017 as Year of Apple**, to promote famed Kashmiri apples in domestic and foreign markets.
68. **Jammu and Kashmir Government has launched the e-Prison project to enumerate jail inmates in the State.**
69. Jammu and Kashmir Government imposed restrictions on number of guests at weddings and small functions like social and government functions, To curb misuse of resources. Number of guests at bride's place are to stay under 500 and guests at groom's place can be maximum 400. Number of guests at smaller functions like engagement etc. are restricted to 100.
70. **Jharkhand Government announced 2 % reservation for sports persons in government jobs.**
71. Karnataka Assembly passed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 2017 to allow kambala, traditional buffalo race and bullock cart racing.
72. Kerala Cabinet approved construction of an airport in Hindu Pilgrimage Center Sabarimala.
73. Kerala Government constituted Unified Command under CM Pinaryai Vijayan to contain spread of left wing extremism (LWE) in State.
74. **Kerala will be first state to launch a registry of sex offenders and keep it in Public Domain** for people to see, with all details of sex offenders.
75. **Kerala's Nilambur teak known for its superior timber quality and elegant appearance will be added to list of Kerala produces with Geographical Indication (GI) tag.** Britishers were first to identify superior quality of teak from Kerala's Nilambur plantations and forests. Geographical Indication (GI) GI tag is an insignia on products having a unique geographical origin and evolution over centuries with regards to its special quality or reputation attributes.
76. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Development signed MoU with online travel Portal MakeMyTrip to promote Its homestay scheme. Besides, Andhra Pradesh Government tied up with Another Travel Portal Yatra.com to promote home stays.
77. Madhya Pradesh state government will set up a tourism board with CM Shivraj singh chauhan as chairman.
78. Maharashtra Government approved 250 crore Cloud Seeding Programme during 2017 monsoon season to produce sufficient rain. Under this, weather scientists using aircrafts will spray chemicals (silver iodide) over clouds hovering above Solapur district, a rain shadow region of Western Ghats. This will be the first controlled experiment to quantify the extent to which clouds form water drops large enough to make rain.
79. **Maharashtra declared it will become completely Open Defecation Free (ODF) by March 2018.**
80. Meghalaya's noted root bridge has been nominated for National Innovation Foundation (NIF) award for grassroots innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge. Living root bridges are community driven innovation by Khasi and Jaintia people of mountainous terrain along Shillong Plateau.
81. Mil Banche (Let read together) programme held in all primary and middle government schools in Madhya Pradesh.
82. Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Science, Harsh Vardhan released **Atlas for Visually Impaired (India) in English** Braille in New Delhi, prepared by National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO). It is **world's first braille atlas for visually impaired.**
83. Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Narendra Singh Tomar launched Swachh Shakti Saptah in Gurugram (Haryana) to highlight role of women in Swachh Bharat Mission and to recognize their leadership.
84. **Minister of state for labour and Employment Bandaru Dattatreya launched National Career Service (NCS) for youths and Jeevan Pramaan Facility to EPFO pensioners through post offices in Hyderabad.**
85. Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) for protecting growers from risks such as pest attacks, yield loss and income decline caused by fall in prices.
86. **Ministry of Defence will set up a Defence Unit in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh**, at cost of 1500 crores.
87. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Measles Rubella vaccination campaign as largest ever disease campaign (against Measles and Rubella diseases), targeting 3.6 crore children.
88. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare unveiled National Family Health Survey4 (2015-16) Findings

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Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) declined from 57 to 41 per 1,000 live births between NFHS3 (200506) and NFHS4. Sex ratio at birth (number of females per 1,000 males) improved from 914 to 919. It is highest in Kerala (1,047), followed by Meghalaya (1,009) and Chhattisgarh (977). Haryana also witnessed a significant increase from 762 to 836. Institutional births Increased by 40 percentage points from 38.7% in NFHS3 to 78.9% in NFHS 4.

Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to 2.2 children per woman from 2.7 in NFHS3.

89. Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRB) will set up a National Testing Agency to conduct examinations for higher and secondary education. NTA will be single authority that will conduct entrance tests for all higher institutions like JEE, NEET, NET etc. NTA will free CBSE, AICTE and other agencies from conducting various exams and enable them to focus on improving quality of education.
90. **Ministry of Mines has launched Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation (TAMRA) Portal and Mobile Application** to ensure transparent award of statutory Clearances for mining operations.
91. Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have signed MoU to step up interventions for the welfare and economic development of scheduled caste artisans.
92. Ministry of Urban Development approved development of 6 km long Bet Dwarka Darshan Circuit in Gujarat under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY). It will connect famous Dwarkadish Haveli and Hanuman Dandi (only temple housing Hanumanji and his son Makardhwaj) in Dwarka district of Gujarat at cost of 16 crores.
93. Momentum Jharkhand, 2 day global investors summit held in Ranchi with total 209 MoUs were signed between different companies. It will bring investment approx 3. 49 lakh crores in Jharkhand, creating over 2 lakh Jobs.
94. NITI Aayog, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) launched India Innovation Index, that will rank states on Innovations by capturing innovation data in real time.
95. Nagaland Government submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister to issue an ordinance to exempt Nagaland from provision of Part IX A of Constitution, related to municipalities and ULBs and their composition. It is being done after various tribal organisations opposing elections to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) with 33 % seats reserved for women.
96. National Aluminium Company Limited(NALCO) signed MoU with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), with Objective of Scientific, technological and educational activities in mining rehabilitation.
97. **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) sanctioned loan of 157 crore to Haryana Government to undertake drinking water project.**
98. **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Ayog) declared Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Limited (GNFC) Township at Bharuch as India's first cashless township**, with all of its 10000 residents opting to digital means for financial transactions.
99. PM Narendra Modi unveiled 112feettall Lord Shiva (Adiyogi form) statue on occasion of Mahashivratri in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu).
- 100.PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL) signed an MOU with CREDAI West Bengal to train 1000 construction workers in Kolkata and nearby villages.
- 101.President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated international conference on 'Bharat Bodh' (Idea of Bharat) organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal in New Delhi.
- 102.Punjab Government banned manufacture / sale of gutkha, pan masala and any other food products containing nicotine or tobacco for 1 year.
- 103.Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched first phase of Station Redevelopment Programme as world's largest transit oriented development programme. Under this, tenders are being floated for 23 of total 400 A1 and A category stations selected for redeveloping.
- 104.Railway Ministry approved a 240KM broad gauge railway line project in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, connecting Port Blair (capital) with Diglipur.
- 105.Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje inaugurated Rajasthan Heart Attack Treatment programme (RAHAT) to provide people timely treatment during heart attacks in remote and rural areas. Rajasthan is second state after Tamil Nadu to launch health programme against Heart Diseases.
- 106.**Rajasthan became second largest crude oil producer in India** with its oil fields producing 90 lakh tonnes (24 %) oil annually. Bombay High offshore oil field of Mumbai is largest producer of crude oil

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- in India which accounts for 50% of total domestic crude oil production.
- 107.State Cultural Festival Visakha, held in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- 108.Supreme Court approved government's plan to record identity of mobile subscribers through e-KYC mechanism linked to Aadhaar, to enhance national security and prevent fake users.
- 109.Supreme Court asked Central Government to prepare plan to eradicate leprosy (a skin disease) from country.
- 110.Supreme Court introduced Middle Income Group Scheme (MIGS) as a self supporting scheme for providing legal services to middle and relatively lower income groups. Under this, middle class people who cannot afford the expensive litigation in the apex can avail the services of society for a nominal amount. MIGS is a self supporting scheme that will provide legal services to the middle income group citizens whose gross income does not exceed Rs.60, 000 per month or Rs. 7, 50, 000 per annum. A case will be registered under the MIG Legal Aid Scheme and forwarded to Advocate on Record/ Senior Counsel/Arguing Counsel on the panel for their opinion.
- If Advocate on Record is satisfied that case is fit, then the society will consider that applicant is entitled to legal aid. A society will be created with Chief Justice of India (CJI) as Patron in Chief.
- 111.Tata Motors introduced TAMO as a sub-brand, to act as an incubator to develop new range of technology heavy mobility solutions for Indian and global markets. Tata Motors also signed MOU with Microsoft to collaborate on technology front for making driving a more personalized experience.
- 112.Telangana government launched India's first social innovation centre Kakatiya Hub for Social Innovation in Nizamabad, to act like a rural incubator to encourage entrepreneurship at grassroots level.
- 113.Thanal, a Thiruvananthapuram based group in Kerala has launched a helpline for providing technical support in treating organic waste and managing non-biodegradable solid wastes. Helpline is available at 9400147150. Thiruvananthapuram (capital of Kerala) topped in city governance ranking of Annual Survey of India's City Systems (ASICS) 2016 by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy. Survey evaluated 21 major cities from 18 states. Pune (Maharashtra) is ranked second and Kolkata retained its third rank.
- 114.UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) organised Nature Fest at World Heritage Site Great Himalayan National Park (GNHP) in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh.
- 115.Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has shut down 12 websites and 12 mobile apps offering Aadhaar related services illegally and charging excessive money from public.
- 116.Uttarakhand Government issued shoot-at-sight order in Corbett Tiger Reserve to curb poaching (Illegal Hunting) of tigers.
- 117.West Bengal Government declared Kalimpong as 21st district, separating it from Darjeeling. It spreads over 1,056 square kms and will be Bengal's least populated district with population under 50,000.
- 118.Women and Child Development Ministry will setting up of a compensation fund to provide financial help to children who are victims of sexual crimes under POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences). Money for this fund will be drawn from Nirbhaya Fund.
- 119.Government launched Bharat QR code, a quick response (QR) code to enable digital payments without card swiping machines, jointly developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Visa, MasterCard and American Express.
- It is world's first interoperable payment acceptance solution launched by Indian Government to move towards less cash economy.
 - Bharat QR code is a common interface for MasterCard/Visa/RuPay platforms and also facilitate acceptance of Aadhaar enabled payments and Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
 - It enables person to make payments to retailers without using the merchant's ID or number and eliminates need of using card swiping machines making digital payments.
 - Using, BharatQR code merchants will be required to only display one QR code instead of multiple ones. Users can make payment by scanning the code.
 - BharatQR code is of static and dynamic types. Static firstly code need to be scanned and then amount is entered to make payment. Dynamic New QR code will be generated in real time for every transaction and no need to enter the amount.

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1. As per Government, **5 Indian Cities are included in Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites Ahmedabad, Delhi, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar and Mumbai.**
2. Bihar state government will provide subsidy on power bill to consumers instead of power companies from 2017-18.
3. National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed public sector oil companies to immediately stop plying Bharat StageI (BSI) and Bharat StageII (BSII) vehicles for transporting petrol or petroleum products in Delhi.
4. **National Physical Laboratory (NPL) dedicated first Indian Pristine airquality monitoring station at Institute of Himalayan Bio resource Technology (Palampur (H.P.)), for generating base data for atmospheric trace species & properties to serve as reference for comparison of pollution in India.**
5. 11th North East Business Summit (NEBS) held in New Delhi.
6. **18th edition of FICCI Frames organized in Mumbai**, as one of Asia's largest convention on business of media and entertainment. 2017 Theme is **Digital: Divide or dividend.**
7. **3rd International Conference on Alternate Fuels and Raw Materials in Cement Industry Towards Realising Swachh Bharat Dream** held in **Delhi.**
8. 4 month long economic blockade in Manipur was lifted after talks involving United Naga Council (UNC) and Central / State governments.
9. **5th 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav (RSM) 2017'** held in **Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.**
10. **National Conference on Autism** organized in **New Delhi.**
11. ABB India honoured by India Smart Grid Foundation (ISGF) innovation award for restoring and modernizing 1,035 MW Sharavathi hydropower plant in Karnataka that accounts for 25% of Karnataka Power Corporation's generation.
12. According to Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2017, 45% of Indian bird species are found in Himachal Pradesh. As per data, 564 bird species are found in Himachal Pradesh, out of 1,263 species found in India.
13. According to Power Ministry, India for first time became net exporter of electricity during AprilFebruary period of 2016-17. During this period, India exported 5,798 million units of electricity to Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar, which is 213 million units more than import of around 5,585 million units from Bhutan. India exports around 190 MW power to Nepal while approx 600 MW to Bangladesh.
14. According to Report, West Bengal has highest (1.04 of country's total 1.48 crore) arsenic affected people, with State's 83 blocks in eight districts have ground water affected by arsenic contamination.
15. **Actor Amitabh Bachchan launched World's First Mobile App on Breast Health, developed by Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation.**
16. After Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand announced to impose ban on illegal slaughterhouses in state.
17. Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh laid foundation stone of **Banana Research Center at Garole, Vaishali (Bihar).**
18. Andhra Pradesh CM N.Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated State's new Assembly building at capital Amaravati (Guntur District).
19. **Andhra Pradesh Government renamed Tirupati Airport as Sri Venkateswara Airport and Gannavaram Airport as NTR Amaravati Airport.** Besides, 600 acre land was approved for Bhogapuram Airport and 75 acres for Savita University in capital Amaravati.
20. **Andhra Pradesh became state with highest percentage of its JanDhan accounts seeded with Aadhaar numbers (87.73 %), followed by Tripura (87.08 %) and Telangana (83.56 %).**
21. **Airports Authority of India (AAI), Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Jharkhand Government signed MoU for development of the Deoghar Airport in Deoghar district.**
22. Arunachal Pradesh government launched Adarsh Gram Yojana, aimed at reaching poor people in rural areas. Under this, 123 villages developed as 'Model Villages' during 201718.
23. As per National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM), There will be over 73 Crore Internet Users in India by 2020, up from 40 crore currently.

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24. Assam Government signed MoU with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide Housing Loan (@3.50%) and Educational Loan (@4.00%) at subsidised interest rates to state government employees.
25. Assam government made Sanskrit education compulsory in all state board schools till Class VIII. State Government will also appoint a specific teacher to monitor cleanliness in state's high schools.
26. BHEL commenced operations of its first 800 MW unit supercritical thermal plant in Raichur Power Corporation Ltd (Karnataka).
27. BHEL commissioned 250MW eco-friendly unit at Bhavnagar Energy Company's (BECL) project in Bhavnagar district of Gujarat, using lowgrade coal (lignite) as a primary fuel.
28. Bhagoria Festival celebrated by tribal people in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district.
29. Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) signed MoU with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) for export of torpedoes.
30. Biggest river festival of India, Namami Brahmaputra Inaugurated in Assam by President Pranab Mukherjee.
31. CBSE made six subjects mandatory for students appearing for class 10 board exams from next academic year, instead of five Currently.
32. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved Revised Cost Estimate of 400 MW Koteswar Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Uttarakhand at INR 2,717 crores., being implemented by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation. It has been commissioned in March 2012.
33. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved reviving of 50 underserved airports at cost of approx 4500 Crores.
34. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) removed all ceilings on organic products and allowed unrestricted exports of all organic processed products. However, for organic pulses and lentils, ceiling on exports has been enhanced from 10,000 to 50,000 MTPA.
35. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved North East Road Network Connectivity Project (NERNCP) Phase I for development of 403 kms of National Highways in Meghalaya and Mizoram, to be completed by 2021.
36. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved closure of CREDA HPCL Biofuel Ltd (CHBL) and IndianOil Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) Biofuels Limited (ICBL).
37. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved opening 50 new KendriyaVidyalayas (KVs) under Civil / Defence Sector, at approx cost of INR 1160 crores.
38. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched mobile application Exam Locator to help students appearing for class 10th and 12th examinations to locate their exam centres.
39. Central Railway unveiled India's first airconditioned rail ambulance, to be stationed at Kalyan (Maharashtra).
40. Chennai Port Trust and Puducherry Government signed MoU for handling EXIM cargo originating from Puducherry Port hinterland in New Delhi.
41. Civil Aviation Ministry announced regional aviation routes and airlines after first round of bidding under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) Scheme. In first round, 128 routes connecting 70 airports across country are selected and flights will become active within 46 months.
42. Conference on Bihar and Jharkhand: Shared History to Shared Vision organized in Patna (Bihar) by Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI).
43. Defence Ministry approved Rs 113 Crore Funding Over 5 Years for Strategic research projects (500 MHz NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance)) at University of Hyderabad (UoH) Centre ARCHEM.
44. Delhi Govt extended midday meal facility for girls up to class 12, up from class 8 (currently boys only). Changes will come into impact from April 1, 2017.
45. Delhi High Court ruled that Sahitya Akademi awardees may not return their awards as they are granted after considerable deliberations.
46. Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal directed chief secretary to recover INR 97 crore from AAP (Aam Aadmi Party), which it had allegedly splurged on advertisements.
47. Delhi Lieutenant Governor approved Delhi government's proposal to hike minimum wages of labourers by 37 %, highest hike ever in independent India. Now, unskilled workers in delhi will get monthly minimum wage of INR 13350. Semiskilled and skilled workers will receive min monthly wages of INR 14698 and 16182 respectively.
48. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) entered Limca Book of World Records for erecting 200 Ushaped girders, maximum number of U-Shaped girders ever launched on any metro corridor in India with in a

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month (Noida Greater Noida Corridor).

49. Destination North East 2017 conference held in Chandigarh, to showcase North East as a potential investment destination and highlight rich traditions of region. Minister of State (IC) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jitendra Singh was Chief Guest on this occasion.
50. Election Commission freed AIADMK party's symbol of 'Two Leaves' amid 2 groups competing for using the same (VK Sasikala and O Panneerselvam).
51. **Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) launched Mobile Clinic Services for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.**
52. **Essar's Nand Niketan at Hazira (Surat (Gujarat)) became India's first private sector township to become cashless.**
53. Faggan Singh Kulaste (Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare) launched National Dental and Oral Health Information IVR Portal and toll free number 1800102032, to raise awareness on oral health.
54. First Regional Conference of Eastern States on enhancing steel consumption in India was held in Gangtok (Sikkim) with theme Enhancing steel consumption in India.
55. **First fully India made train "Medha" flagged off at Dadar station in Mumbai.**
56. **First smart tribal model village 'Hubbi' inaugurated at Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.**
57. Five Indians named in 2017 World Economic Forum's 100 Young Global Leaders (Under 40) list Vijay Shekhar Sharma (Paytm Founder), Shruti Shibulal (Tamara Hospitality), Ambarish Mitra (Founder of Blippar), Hindol Sengupta and Rwitwika Bhattacharya Agarwal.
58. Focussing on women and new born welfare, Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao launched KCR Kit scheme, at approx budget of 605 crores. It consists of 16 essentials for a newborn and will be useful for up to three months.
59. Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) and Coca Cola India signed MoU to train 50,000 street food vendors over 3 years, as part of FSSAI's Clean Street Food initiative.
60. Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) Bill 2017 Introduced in Lok Sabha, aimed at declaring FDDI as an Institution of National Importance (INI).
61. **For the first time in India, four states Odisha, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand will conduct a synchronised elephant census in May 2017.** Number of elephants in these states In 2015 Odisha 1,954, Jharkhand 700, Chhattisgarh 275, West Bengal 130.
62. GRAPES3 experiment at TIFR's (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research) Cosmic Ray Laboratory in Ooty (Tamil Nadu) has been upgraded to detect solar storms.
63. **Global Food Fair World Food India 2017 will be held by Ministry of Food Processing Industries in November 2017 at New Delhi.**
64. Google and Telangana Government signed MoU to boost digitisation efforts of state government.
65. Government approved Introduction of Indian Institutes of Information Technology Public Private Partnership (IIIT PPP) Bill 2017, To declare 15 Indian Institutes of Information Technology as Institutions of National Importance. It will enable IITs to grant degrees to their students.
66. **Government approved construction of 117,814 more affordable houses for urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in six states (Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha) with investment of 5,773 crore.** With this, total affordable homes sanctioned under PMAY came up to to 1,760,507 with investment of 96,018 crores.
67. Government approved enhancing 4000 Post Graduate seats in medical colleges and hospitals across country, taking total number of PG seats available in country up to over 35000.
68. **Government approved sale of Steel Authority of India Limited's (SAIL) 3 special steel plants Alloy Steels Plant located at Durgapur (West Bengal), Salem Steel Plant (Tamil Nadu) and Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (Bhadravati, Karnataka).** Approx 15,000 crore rupees are expect to be raised from this disinvestment.
69. **Government approved setting up National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (NSEBC) as a constitutional body, by insertion of Article 338B through a constitutional amendment.**
70. Government extended time period for elementary school teachers for acquiring essential qualification by March 2019, as against earlier March 2015. It has been done with an amendment in Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009, that envisages free and compulsory elementary education to every child in age group of 6 to 14 years.

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71. Government has set up target to increase nuclear power generation capacity to 15,000 MW by 2024, up from 5000 MW Currently.
72. **Government imposed 10% import duty on wheat and tur dal to protect farmers' interest amid projection of a record crop this year.**
73. Government launched **Online Vigilance Clearance System and eService Book** in New Delhi, aiming to fast track process of cases of vigilance clearance for senior level appointments in central government.
74. Government launched **first across the river survey in River Ganga to determine population of aquatic life, including endangered Gangetic dolphin.**
75. Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed deploying a Smart Mosquito Density System. Under this, modern technologies will be deployed to detect mosquito breeding before malaria and other vectorborne diseases such as dengue, chikungunya and zika become an epidemic.
76. Government released **commemorative postage stamp on occasion of 100th anniversary of Yogoda Satsanga Society of India.**
77. Government stated Animal Welfare Board of India (under Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change) will now be permanently chaired by a senior MoEF official.
78. Government will change 4 decade old definition of blindness to bring it in line with World Health Organisation (WHO) criteria and ensure Indian data on blindness meets the global estimates. As per National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), in India person is blind if he is unable to count fingers from a distance of 6 metres, while WHO stipulates this distance as 3 metres.
79. Government will launch India's first-of-its-kind **Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary**, aiming to bring uniformity in sign languages **used by hearing and speech impaired people**. It is being developed by Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC).
80. **Government's biotech innovation BIRAC Regional Entrepreneurship Centre set up in Bengaluru**, in Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms – CCAMP. Center will encourage spirit of bioentrepreneurship.
81. Gujarat Assembly passed Gujarat Animal Preservation (Amendment) Bill 2017 to amend Gujarat Animal Preservation Act 1954. This amendment has made parent act much more strict and provisions harsher punishment to prevent cow slaughter in state.
82. Gujarat based Aashray Promotion of Social Enterprises Foundation signed MoU with Jharkhand government to establish an incubation center for startups in state.
83. Gujarat government signed agreement with cloudbased solutions provider cloudBuy.com to develop B2B marketplace for small and large business units in state.
84. Haryana Government announced Tirtha Darshan Scheme under which senior citizens above 60 years of age in the state will be able to go on a pilgrimage within country at government expense.
85. Health Minister J P Nadda launched National Health Policy 2017 with an aim to provide healthcare in an assured manner to all, particularly to the undeserved and underprivileged. Policy proposes raising public health expenditure to 2.5 % of GDP. It seeks to increase life expectancy at birth from 67.5 to 70 by 2025 and reduce infant mortality rate to 28 by 2019. It also seeks to achieve and maintain elimination status of Leprosy by 2018.
It seeks to establish tracking of disability adjusted life years (DALY) Index as a measure of burden of disease and its major categories trends by 2022.
86. **Himachal Pradesh** Government launched mobile App and website **Mera Hunar HP for jobseekers**, to enable skilled persons to apply for various jobs as per their convenience and eligibility.
87. **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited announced to deliver 123 Tejas aircrafts to Indian Air Force (IAF) by 2024.**
88. Human Resource Development Ministry made it mandatory for students to have Aadhaar card to get served cooked meal under MidDay Meal (MDM) Scheme.
89. **India to host its first mobile world congress in delhi in September 2017**, with special focus on reaching out to South East Asian markets.
90. **India's contribution to United Nations rose 55% to Rs 244 crore in 2015-16** compared with previous year.
91. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) signed agreement to work together on crop improvement and agronomy programmes for grain legumes and dryland cereals.

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92. **Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur becomes first academic institution to get a supercomputing facility under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).**
93. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM) and Indian Army signed MoU to identify critical technological areas that can be enhanced in the armed forces.
94. **India's first vertical garden set up at Hosur Road Electronics City Flyover in Bengaluru (Karnataka),** by NGO SayTrees, to protect nature.
95. **India's longest surface tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district** will be opened to soon. 9km long tunnel at Chenani passes through the lower Himalayan mountain range on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and reduces travel distance between Jammu and Srinagar by 30 kilometres (time saving of 3-4 hours).
96. **Information and Broadcasting Ministry launched e-Cinepramaan as online film certification system of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC),** to automate film certification process and make it transparent and efficient.
97. **International conference on VISION ZERO and its relevance to Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), held in New Delhi.**
98. **Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh became first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot named Bhoorsingh the Barasingha.**
99. **Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah launched online platform Pratibimba to showcase government's achievements.**
100. Karnataka Government announced Idea2POC (Proof of Concept) fund of 10 crore for women entrepreneurs. Under this, Karnataka Government will fund up to 50 lakh for any woman innovator looking for funds for Proof of Concept validation, certification, and cover costs in manufacturing of pilot devices.
101. Law Commission of India (LCI) in its 267th Report has laid out dangers of hate speech and called Union Government for action.
102. Lok Sabha approved winding up 8 tribunals Competition Appellate Tribunal, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Appellate Tribunal (AERAAT), Cyber Appellate Tribunal, EPF Appellate Tribunal, Cases under the Foreign Exchange Management Act of 1999, National Highways Tribunal, Railways Rates Tribunal and Copyright Board.
103. Lok Sabhapassed Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2016, aimed at establishing uniform legal framework by consolidating existing laws relating to admiralty jurisdiction of courts, admiralty proceedings on maritime claims, arrest of vessels etc. Laws to be omitted are Admiralty Court Acts of 1840 & 1861, Colonial Courts of Admiralty Acts of 1890 & 1891, Provisions of Letters Patent 1865.
104. **Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT) Pune and IBM developed robot Chintu to assist senior citizens in their everyday tasks.**
105. Maharashtra government will implement Maharashtra City Taxi Regulations 2017, to regulate web based taxi services in state. Under new regulation, service provider will have to register in city to operate the taxi service and fares will be regulated by government.
106. Manipur High Court declared 4 month long economic blockade called by United Naga Council (UNC) as illegal. UNC had blocked key national highways (number 2 and 37) connecting Manipur with rest of northeast region since November 2016, protesting against creation of seven new districts in state.
107. Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated new **Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Tripura.**
108. Minister of Communications Manoj Sinha released Postage Stamp on cub scouts to commemorate Centenary year of Cub Scouts in India and abroad.
109. Ministry of Agriculture launched Mission Fingerling, to enable development of fisheries sector in India with expenditure of 520 crores. It aims at achieving fisheries production from 10.79 mmt (2014-15) to 15 mmt by 2020-21 under Blue Revolution. Government will also launch program on ornamental fisheries in 8 potential States (cost of 61 crores) Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
110. Ministry of Environment provided 6 months window to industrial projects functioning without environmental clearance (EC) to apply for a backdated EC.
111. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched portal for obtaining Coastal

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- Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearances, to Enhance efficiency, transparency and accountability in process.
112. **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched Stage II of HCFCs Phase Out Management Plan (HPMP) for 2017-23 period.** It aims to phase out use of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), harmful ozone depleting substances (ODS) by switching over to nonozone depleting and low global warming potential technologies.
 113. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (FPI) sanctioned 101 new integrated cold chain projects, at investment of 3,100 crores. Maharashtra has maximum (21) of projects, followed by Uttar Pradesh (14) and Gujarat (12).
 114. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has announced new Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) for oil and gas exploration, aiming to attract greater foreign investment to boost output by allowing bidders to carve out areas where they want to drill. OALP provides operational flexibility to the investors by offering single license to explore conventional and unconventional oil and gas resources. Currently, government identifies oil and gas blocks and then puts them on auction. Government will now conduct auction of oil and gas blocks twice a year, with the first round being held in July 2017. Selection of oil blocks will be based on data by DirectorateGeneral of Hydrocarbons in National Data Repository which offers total 160TB data of India's 26 sedimentary basins.
 115. **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched MoPNG e-Seva grievance redressal platform regarding petroleum and gas sector.**
 116. **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched 2 e-challan and m-parivahan mobile applications to provide digital solution for enforcement of traffic rules.** These applications will provide access to various services and will enable citizens to report any traffic violation or road accident.
 117. Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) will set up Women's Entrepreneurship Council for taking up with government the problems faced by business women. TM
 118. **NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance) installed India's largest floating solar photovoltaic plant (100 kWp (kilowatt peak)) at Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Plant (RGCCPP) at Kayamkulam in Kerala.**
 119. **NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) commissioned 45 Megwatt (MW) capacity solar power plant at Bhadla in Rajasthan, taking company's total installed capacity up to 48188 MW.** NTPC contributes 24% of India's total power generation and plans to set up 10,000 MW renewable projects by 2022. Its first wind power project Rojmal wind energy project 50 MW is being set up in Gujarat.
 120. **NTPC commissioned 2nd unit of 660 MW of Mouda Super Thermal Power Station Stagell (Maharashtra).**
 121. **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) developed world's first next generation atomic clock for deep space missions,** to aid future manned deep space exploration missions by helping in navigation of space crafts.
 122. National Commission for Schedule Tribes (NCST) approved five additional seats for tribals in Sikkim assembly (from 12 to 17 now).
 123. **National Conference on Innovation in Educational Administration organized in New Delhi** by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA).
 124. National Green Tribunal (NGT) prohibited all camping activity within 100 meters along River Ganga from Shivrपुरi to Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, owing to Environmental and Pollution issues.
 125. **National Green Tribunal suspended environmental clearance for the Neutrino Observatory (INO) project to be set up in Tamil Nadu for research on high energy and nuclear physics,** due to environmental concerns.
 126. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and Rotary India signed MoU for success of Namami Gange Programme.
 127. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) increased prices of stents (tubeshaped device placed in the arteries that supply blood to the heart) by 2%, keeping in view the wholesale price index.
 128. National Safety Week (NSW) to observed from March 4 10, 2017 by National Safety Council (NSC) of India with theme Keep Each Other Safe
 129. National Theatre Festival held at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
 130. National conference on Jal Kranti Abhiyan and an International Yoga fest held in New Delhi.

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- International yoga festival was also organized in Rishikesh (Uttarakhand).
131. ONGC will invest over Rs 21,500 crore to develop India's deepest gas discovery by 2022-23, helping it more than double output from its prime KG basin block.
 132. Odisha Government and Invest India signed agreement to promote startups and MSME sector of state, to help startups and MSME sector to gain access to best practices.
 133. Odisha Government inaugurated a 24×7 toll free helpline number 181 for distressed women in Bhubaneswar.
 134. Odisha signed agreement with State Bank of India to become first state to adopt Self Help Groups (SHG) based model for financial inclusion model to extend banking services in unbanked areas through SGHs (formed under Odisha Livelihood Mission).
 135. On the occasion of 127th Foundation Day of National Archives of India (NAI), exhibition Revolutionary Patriots (1905-1947) been inaugurated.
 136. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest cable stayed bridge in Bharuch (Gujarat). It is 1.4kilometer long fourlanes bridge over river Narmada and has been built by Larsen & Toubro.
 137. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Petro auditions Limited (OPal) in industrial town of Dahej in Gujarat as largest petrochemicals plant in Asia with occupation over 1700 metres of land. It will annually produce 14 lakh metric tonnes of polymers.
 138. Parliament passed Employees Compensation (Amendment) Bill 2016, amending Employee's Compensation Act 1923. It ensures compensation up to Rs 1 lakh to employee if an injured in an industrial accident. Employer will be penalised (50k 100k) if he fails to inform his employee of his right to compensation.
 139. **Parliament passed Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill 2016 (amending Maternity Benefit Act 1961) to raise maternity leave for working women from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for two surviving children.** India will be in third position in terms of the number of weeks allowed for maternity leave in the world after Norway (44 weeks) and Canada (50).
 140. **Parliament passed Mental Healthcare Bill 2016, that decriminalises suicide attempt by mentally ill people** and guarantees right to better healthcare for people with mental illness.
 141. **Parliamentary Committee under Bhagat Singh Koshyari suggested merger of telecom firms Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for their longterm survival.**
 142. Pawan Hans launched Delhi Darshan rides with a 10minute sortie at Rs 2,499 per person.
 143. Punjab Cabinet provided 33% reservation for women in all govt jobs.
 144. Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir signed agreement for fast track completion of muchdelayed 206 megawatt (MW) Shahpur Kandi dam project on Ravi river.
 145. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated high speed rail wire WiFi facility in National Rail museum, New Delhi. He also launched book Indian RailwaysThe Weaving of a National Tapestry authored by Bibek Debroy, Sanjay and Vidya Krishnamurthi.
 146. Railways has set up WiFi hotspot kiosks at about 500 stations in association with Google, Named Railwire Saathi.
 147. Railways introduced 33 % of quota for women in allotment of food stalls at rail premises as a special provision in the new catering policy 2017.
 148. Rajya Sabha passed HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Bill 2014, to safeguard rights of people affected by HIV. It aims to prevent social stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV (PLHIV).
 149. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana", a 'Scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted living Devices for Senior citizens belonging to BPL category' will be launched in Nellore (Andhra Pradesh).
 150. **Sanjauli Police Station in Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) became first police post in country to be linked with Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS).**
 151. Scientists from CSIRNational Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in Visakhapatnam discovered 3 new canyons close to Kovvada in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh, with canyons together forming a major canyon system in depths of Bay of Bengal. The new canyon system was probably formed by river Kandivalasa. It is very huge and its depth varies from about 90 2,500 metres. Last canyon systems off the Visakhapatnam coast were discovered in 1963 by American geologist E.C. LaFond of US Navy.

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152. Solar Energy Scheme for Small Powerloom Units launched by government to provide financial assistance as capital subsidy to small powerloom units for installation of Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) plants, to alleviate problem of power cuts faced by decentralized powerloom units. Under this, plants have two options OnGrid Solar Power Plant (where power cuts and shortages are negligible and power tariff is high), OffGrid Solar Power Plant (in power shortage areas).
153. State Assembly Election Results 2017 Uttar Pradesh (403 Seats) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) became Largest Party with 312 Seats. It is a historic win for any political party in Uttar Pradesh. Samajwadi Party got 47 seats. BJP got 39.7 % votes, while Bahujan Samaj Party got 22.2 %. Uttarakhand (70 Seats) With 57 Seats, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) became Largest Party. BJP got 46.5 % votes, while Indian National Congress got 33.5 % votes.
Goa (40 Seats) No clear Majority achieved by any party. Indian National Congress is leading party with 17 seats, BJP second with 13 seats. Although BJP got more percentage of votes than any other party. Manipur (60 Seats) No clear Majority achieved by any party. Indian National Congress is leading party with 28 seats, BJP second with 21 seats. Although BJP got more percentage of votes than any other party. Punjab (117 Seats) Indian National Congress won majority with 77 seats, Aam Aadmi Party second with 20 seats. INC got 38.5 % Votes.
154. **Supreme Court banned sale of Bharat Stage (BS)III emission norm compliant vehicles from April 1, 2017**, when environmentally friendly BSIV emission norms will come into force.
155. Tamil Nadu Government launched **Amma kalviyagam in portal**, as hub of learning, interaction and opportunities. It is dedicated to late Chief Minister Jayalalithaa.
156. Tamil Nadu Government launched women safety application called **Ammavin Aran**, meaning 'mother's fortress'. It will give details about nearest police station and hospital along with map and phone number.
157. Tata DAV School at Mithapur in Gujarat achieved Guinness World Record for the Largest Tree Hug programme, with participation of 1316 students and staff. Objective was to spread message of conservation of natural resources and need to nurture the environment.
158. Tata Motors signed MoU with Volkswagen Group and Skoda to explore strategic alliance opportunities for joint development of products.
159. Taxi aggregator Ola signed MoU with Madhya Pradesh State Skill Development Mission (MPSSDM) and Directorate of Skill Development, aimed at nurturing microentrepreneurship and skilling 50 lakh drivers by 2020.
160. To free India from cataract (Eye disease) by 2022, government approved Rs 756 crore scheme to treat over 70 Crore patients in 5 years.
161. Turkey ended its military campaign inside northern Syria Operation Euphrates Shield.
162. Uttar Pradesh Government will provide free power connection to below poverty line households. Those above poverty line will get 100 % financing option with easy EMIs.
163. Uttarakhand High Court ordered complete ban on all mining activities in state for 4 months.
164. Uttarakhand High Court recognized Ganga and Yamuna Rivers as living entities, making it first time ever that any court in India has recognized a nonhuman as a living entity.
165. West Bengal Government officially recognized language status to endangered tribal language Kurukh, mother tongue belonging to Dravidian family.
166. West Bengal Government passed Clinical Establishments (Registration, Regulation and Transparency) Bill, 2017 to overhaul private healthcare in state and take stringent measures against health institutions accused of medical negligence and corrupt practices. It repeals West Bengal Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010.
167. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) launched Operation Thunder Bird in its fight to end poaching of wild animals. It also had convened Operation Save Kurma, a species specific operation on turtles.
168. **World's largest capstone discovered by Archaeology Department of Telangana**, after excavating an ancient human burial site in Siddipet district. Capstone is a stone fixed on top of something, typically a wall.

April

1. Minister for Human Resource and Development, Prakash Javadekar launched Students for soldiers a nationwide Vidya – Veerta Abhiyan to encourage Universities and educational institutions to display portraits of Param Veer Chakradecorated soldiers.
2. 2017 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings (2nd Edition of NIRF Rankings) by Human Resource Development Ministry (Total 2995 Institutes Participated)

Overall

Indian Institute of Science Bangalore.
Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology (Madras)
Indian Institute of Technology (Bombay)
Indian Institute of Technology (Kharagpur)

Management

Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad)
Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore)
Indian Institute of Management (Calcutta)

University

Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore)
Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi)
Banaras Hindu University (Varanasi)

Colleges

Miranda House (Delhi)
Loyola College (Chennai)
Shri Ram College of Commerce (Delhi)

Pharmacy

Jamia Hamdard (New Delhi)
National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Mohali)
Punjab University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Chandigarh)

3. 2017 National conference on Communicating India held in New Delhi.
4. 2nd unit of Kudankulam Nuclear Power plant (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu started commercial generation of power (1000 MW). Now Nuclear power generation capacity in India has gone up to 6,780MW. KNPP is joint Venture of India and Russia.
5. **3rd International Conference and Exhibition on Steel Industry 'India Steel 2017' held in Mumbai.**
6. National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2017 held at New Delhi.
7. According to Joint Plant Committee's annual report on steel sector for 2016-17. India's import of total finished steel declined 36 % to 7.4 million tonnes (MT) and exports increased 102% to reach 8.2 million tonnes. Production of crude steel was 97.385 MT in 201617 (8.5% increase). India is third largest producer of crude steel after China and Japan. India has set an ambitious target of becoming second largest by 2030, by enhancing domestic steel production capacity to 300 million tonnes.
8. Agriculture Ministry signed MOU with ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), for geotagging agricultural assets. It will help bring transparency in governance due to realtime monitoring and effective utilisation of agricultural assets such as ponds, crop area, warehouses and laboratories etc.
9. **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi became India's first public hospital to start plaque brachytherapy facility for treatment of eye tumors.**
10. Andhra Pradesh Government introduced Ammaku Vandanam in Schools, as a unique Programme to pay tribute to mothers. State Government also relaunched Adarana scheme, for improving traditional occupations.
11. Andhra Pradesh government formulated guidelines to help Red chilli farmers in state, who are in distress due to price crash in market. As per scheme, chilli stocks with farmers will be bought at price fixed by government and each farmer will get additional benefit of Rs 1,500 per quintal (max 20 quintals). Price will not exceed Rs 8,000 per quintal.
12. As a measure to end VIP Culture, Government has put ban on use of red beacons atop cars of VIPs, from May 2017 Onwards. Only three categories were exempted from ban President, VicePresident

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- and Chief Justice of India. Emergency service vehicles like fire brigade, ambulance services, police vehicles will be allowed to use blue beacon.
13. As per Indian Patent Office, Samsung's R&D Unit filed maximum number of patent applications in IT sector in 2015-16, followed by TCS and Wipro. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) topped in scientific and research and development organizations category.
 14. As per recods, number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana for providing free of cost LPG (cooking gas) connections to BPL households has crossed 2 crore mark. Tagline for scheme is Swachh Indhan, Behtar Jeevan.
 15. Assam Government will develop birthplace of Srimanta Sankardev Batadrava as an international tourist spot, an ideal place for religious and cultural tourism. Srimanta Sankardeva Srimanta Sankardeva (1449-1568) was a social and religious reformer, poet, playwright and preacher of vaishnavite cult. He is credited for inspiring Bhakti Movement in Assam.
 16. Assam government had conducted Gunotsav programme to improve quality of school education in state. Gunotsav originally is Gujarat government's initiative that has been adopted by Assam government.
 17. **Aymanam ward in the Kerala district on became India's first digitalised panchayat ward.**
 18. BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) emerged winner and largest Party in Strategically Important Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections 2017. BJP won 184 Seats, while AAP and INC got 46 and 30 respectively.
 19. BJP government in Manipur will hold People's Day on 15th of every month.
 20. Bandaru Dattatreya (Minister of State for Labour and Employment) launched Aadhaar Seeding Application, aimed at efficient service delivery and widening reach of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) benefits.
 21. Beginning from May 1, Oil PSUs will change petrol and diesel prices every day, in synchronisation with international rates and rupee US dollar fluctuations. Initially, Indian Oil Corp. (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp. (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corp. (HPCL) will launch this pilot project in 5 cities Puducherry, Vizag (Andhra Pradesh), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) and Chandigarh.
 22. Bengaluru police launched initiative to increase safety of children and women by introducing 51 pink patrol vehicles, along with Suraksha app launched by Karnataka government.
 23. Berhampur Thakurani Yatra festival celebrated in southern Odisha.
 24. **Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) commissioned 2 units of 270 MW at RattanIndia Nasik Power Ltd (Maharashtra).**
 25. **Bhilar, a tiny hamlet in Satara district of Maharashtra** will become **India's first 'book village'** in First Week of May 2017. It will feature several bookstores and literature festivals.
 26. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved 9.4 % increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw Jute for 2017-18 season, to INR 3500 per quintal.
 27. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved amendments in Mega Power Policy 2009 to push 31 GW stranded projects entailing an investment of Rs 1.5 lakh crore.
 28. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved extending implementation of Crime and Criminals Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) Project for an year beyond 31 March 2017. CCTNS is a mission mode project under National eGovernance Plan of Central Government that aims at creating nationwide networking infrastructure for IT enabled criminal tracking and crime investigation.
 29. Central Government announced to buy 1 lakh tonnes of potato grown in 2016-17, at 4,870 per tonne from Uttar Pradesh farmers, to protect them against drastic reduction in prices.
 30. Central Government released assistance of 1712 crores from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Tamil Nadu and 1235 crores to Karnataka.
 31. Central government informed Supreme court about its plan to provide unique identification number for cows as suggested by an expert committee to track cattle and prevent their trafficking. Unique ID will have details like cattle's age, breed, sex, height, body colour etc. IDs are proposed to be provided in form of a polyurethane tag.
 32. China announced 'standardised' names for 6 places in Arunachal Pradesh, as a retaliation against Dalai Lama's visit to Arunachal Pradesh. China's announcement is aimed at reaffirming its territorial sovereignty over region.

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Names assigned are Wo'gyainling, Mila Ri, Qoidêngarbo Ri, Mainquka, Bümo La and Namkapub Ri.

33. Defence Ministry allowed Arunachal Pradesh government to use functional Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) in state for civilian purpose.
34. Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) programme, dealing with selfdriven autonomous unmanned vehicles and aircraft navigation systems by Google and Tesla. INR 3000 crores have been has been allotted for it.
35. **Department of Telecommunications** launched **web portal Tarang Sanchar (tarangsanchar.gov.in)** that allows **tracking of radiation emitted from mobile towers within a locality and checking compliance with Electromagnetic field (EMF) emission norms defined by government**. As per International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), permissible tower emission is 4.5 watts/ sq m in popular 900 MHz band. In India, Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has lowered it to be 0.45 W/sq m (10 times stringer than global standard set by ICNIRP).
36. Finnish mobile maker Nokia signed MoU with Airtel and BSNL to launch 5G technology and connected devices in India.
37. French nationals in UT of Puducherry casted their votes in first round of French Presidential elections. Note that there are approx 4600 French people parmanently living in Puducherry.
38. Global ecommerce major Amazon launched Its Fire TV Stick with Voice Remote in India. Fire TV Stick is the powerful streaming media device that plugs into an HD Television and lets customers access thousands of movies, TV shows, apps and games. Amazon also launched Classroom virtual training program to help teach new sellers basics of online selling.
39. **Google launched new food delivery and home services aggregator Areo, currently operational in Bengaluru and Mumbai.**
40. Google announced Solve for India initiative, aiming to support Indian entrepreneurs and developers by giving them opportunity to learn directly from Google engineers. TM
41. Government announced 10 new places under Phase II of Swachh Iconic Places initiative Gangotri, Yamunotri. Mahakaleshwar (Ujjain), Char Minar (Hyderabad), Church and Convent of St. Francis of Assissi (Goa), Adi Shankaracharya's abode Kaladi in Ernakulam, Gomateshwar in Shravanbelgola, Baijnath Dham (Devghar), Gaya Tirth (Bihar) and Somnath temple in Gujarat. This is in addition to 10 Iconic places already under implementation in Phase I.
42. Government approved Election Commission's proposal to buy 16.15 Lakh Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines to be used in 2019 General Elections. Approx cost of procurement will be INR 3,173 crores. In VVPAT system, when a voter presses the button for a candidate of his choice in electronic voting machines (EVM), a paper ballot containing the serial number, name of candidate and poll symbol will be printed. This is expected to ensure free and fair elections.
43. Government approved INR 98 Crores for development of Tezpur, Majuli and Sivasagar circuit under Swadesh Darshan scheme.
44. Government approved Setting up Special Purpose Vehicle Government eMarketplace as National Public Procurement Portal, for providing procurement of goods & services required by Government organizations.
45. **Government approved closure of Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana (MGPSY), that was set up in 2012 to address social security related issues of the Emigration Check Required (ECR)category workers going abroad for employment to ECR countries.**
46. Government approved setting up Rail Development Authority as an independent rail regulator, to be based in Delhi. It will be responsible for recommending passenger fares, setting performance standards for rail operations and creating level playing policy for private sector participation.
47. Government approved setting up **Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh** as an Institute of National Importance.
48. **Government approved signing agreement between Ministry of Rural Development and Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) for establishment of CIRDAP Centre at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (Hyderabad).**
49. Government extended ceasefire with 2 Naga armed factions National Socialist Council of NagalandReformation (NSCNR) and National Socialist Council of NagalandNeakpaoKithovi (GPRN/NSCN) till April 27, 2018.
50. Government has set up Committee to monitor UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik) regional air

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connectivity scheme which seeks to make flying affordable by connecting unserved and underserved airports.

51. Government has so far geotagged 1 crore assets, out of total 2.8 Crore assets created under MGNREGA since FY 2006-07. Geotagging of assets created under MGNREGA started after need for online recording and monitoring of assets to check leakages was felt by government. on June 24, 2016, Ministry of Rural development signed MoU with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO and National Informatics Centre to geotag MGNREGA assets created under each village panchayats.
52. Government **launched Bharat StageIV (BSIV) grade transportation fuels** to keep carbon emission in check. This has been done after Supreme Court recently banned sale and registration of BSIII vehicles from April 2017. It sets target of launching BSIV fuel by April 2020 by skipping BSV fuel.
53. Government permitted financially sound State Government firms to borrow directly from International ODA (Official development Assistance) partners for implementing various projects. As a corollary to this, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has been permitted to borrow directly from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project. State government which gets the loan will furnish guarantee for the loan and Central Government will provide counter guarantee. State entities can directly approach bilateral agencies and the funding would not fall under state FRBM target. Eligibility criteria would be revenue of 1000 crores and 5000 crores in case of infrastructure projects.
54. Government state that 14 scholarship schemes for SC / OBCs / Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (DNTs) students come under Digital Payments Initiatives, to benefit 3.54 crore students.
55. Government upgraded Grameen **Vidyutikaran (GARV) App has for monitoring villages and households electrification in country.**
56. Government will restart North Koel Irrigation project, aimed to address water requirements in Bihar and Jharkhand. It was announced by Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti during launch of management information system (MIS), to monitor projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKYS).
57. Gujarat Governor O P Kohli gave his nod to Gujarat Self Financed School (Regulation of Fees) Bill 2017 that was passed by state's assembly earlier. It places upper limit of annual school fees at Rs 15000, 25000 and 27000 for primary/pre-primary, secondary and higher secondary education respectively. Schools breaching these provisions would be subjected to pay fine of 5 lakh for first offence, 10 lakh for second and will lose their affiliation on third breach. Law also includes a provision of trimonthly fees.
58. HRD Minister Prakash Javedkar Stated that **Government will set up a Central University for Divyangs in Uttar Pradesh.** UP Government has also recently launched anti land mafia task force to check illegal encroachment of Land.
59. **Habibganj station in Bhopal became first Station in Indian Railway history,** to be handed over to a private firm for development activities.
60. **Haldia Port Topped First Ever Ranking of Ports on Sanitation Parameters, followed by Vizag Port. It has been compiled by Quality Council of India.**
61. **Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar** launched mobile app **Kilkari to spread awareness among pregnant women.** He also rename Ballabgarh town in Faridabad as Balramgarh.
62. Haryana Government will provide onetime grant of INR 21,000 to families whose third girl child was born on or after August 24, 2015 under 'Aapki Beti, Hamari Beti' scheme.
63. Health Minister JP Nadda has launched Test and Treat policy for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) patients. As per the policy Any HIV positive person will get necessary treatment free of cost, including ART (AntiRetroviral Therapy) irrespective of his CD count. HIV destroys CD4 T cells in human body and weakens immunity levels. A person with CD4 cell count below 200 can develop serious illnesses. Before this new policy, government was providing free treatment to people with a count under 400.
64. Health and Family Welfare Minsitry finalized India's comprehensive and multisectoral National Action Plan at the 'InterMinisterial Consultation on AMR containment' held at New Delhi, resulting in signing of Delhi Declaration to contain Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has set up a National AntiMicrobial Resistance Research and Surveillance Network (AMRRSN)

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- to enable compilation of data of AMR at national level.
65. Himachal Pradesh celebrated 70th Himachal Day function in Chamba. HP came into existence by merging 30 odd princely states in 1948. According to 2005 Transparency International survey, Himachal Pradesh is 2nd least corrupt state in India. At present, State's Per capita income and GDP are Rs 1,47,277 and Rs 1,24,570 crore respectively. Literacy rate is to 82.80% as per Census 2011.
 66. Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) signed agreement with Rajasthan government to set up a 9 million tonnes per annum Refinery at Barmer with investment of 43000 crores, as a 74:26 joint venture. Another large investment in Rajasthan Includes 27,000 crores by Cairn India for development of Oil Fields.
 67. Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated web portal named **Bharat ke Veer**, enabling donors to contribute towards family of a brave heart who sacrificed his/her life in line of duty.
 68. **Hyderabad became first 'Giga-enabled' city in India after Atria Convergence Technologies Fibrenet launched 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps) wired broadband internet service in city.** It is 400 times faster internet speed than average speed of 2.5 mbps in India.
 69. **Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has been given Level 4 (Highest Level) of carbon neutrality status by Airports Council International (ACI) under its Airport Carbon Accreditation programme.** ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation programme was initiated in June 2009 and consists of four levels: 'mapping' (level 1), 'reduction' (level 2), 'optimisation' (level 3) and 'neutrality' (level 3+).
 70. IIT Kharagpur will introduce Vastu Shashtra to architecture students from August 2017 Onwards.
 71. In order to give more freedom to farmers to sell their produce, agriculture ministry unveiled The State/UT Agricultural Produce and Livestocks Marketing (promotion and facilitation) Act, 2017. It defines each state/UT as a single unified market area. Other than Bihar, all other states/UTs have agreed to adopt the model Act. The model act proposes to curb role of APMC mandis. Existing APMC mandis are allowed to enforce regulation only in their market yard and thus encouraging private sector players to set up mandis. Traders would be able to transact in all markets within a state by paying a single fee. Agricultural marketing is a state subject and is governed by their respective Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Acts, the states are free to adopt portions or entire model act. State governments are required to appoint an independent entity director of agricultural marketing, who would be sole authority to grant licence for establishment of a new market yard in the state concerned.
 72. India Meteorological Department (IMD) is implementing Agro-meteorological Advisory Services (AAS) under Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva (GKMS). GKMS is rendered twice a week to farmers in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) etc.
 73. **India Post released Commemorative Postage Stamp on Coffee as a Fragrance Stamp in Bengaluru.**
 74. India allowed imports of 500,000 tonnes of duty free raw sugar till June 2017, following output below consumption levels this year.
 75. **India will give INR 35 crore rupees to children of freedom fighters in Bangladesh under new 'Muktijodha scholarship' scheme in next 5 years.** Under this, students at higher secondary level will get a onetime grant of Tk 20,000 (INR 15,370) and students at undergraduate level will get a grant of Tk 50,000 (INR 38,430).
 76. **India's Largest Extra Dozed (Cable Supported) Bridge will be made in Patna (Bihar), on River Ganga and parallel to Mahatma Gandhi Bridge.** It will be 5.5 Km in Length and will have only 26 Pillars (Largely dependent on Cables). It will leave behind Gujarat's 1.4 KM Extra Dozed Bridge.
 77. India's first brand licensing event India Licensing Expo will be held in August 2017 in Mumbai, organised by License India. It is India's first licensing media Services Company and supported by Franchise India.
 78. **Indian Academy of Highway Engineers signed MOU with University of New South Wales (Australia), to set up a Centre for Advanced Transportation Technology and Systems (CATTS).** It was signed during visit of Simon Birmingham, Australian Education Minister to India.
 79. **Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management Kerala (IIITMK) launched an application "Kaapi Soil Health Management and Monitoring (Kshemam)" to provide soil nutrient information and fertiliser recommendation for coffee plantation owners.** The app will help in proper identification of optimum levels of fertiliser use.
 80. **Indian Oil Corporation will build a new oil terminal at Motihari in Bihar to supply fuel to Nepal via**

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- planned pipeline up to Amlekganj in Nepal (69 KM).** Old terminal functioning at Raxaul in Bihar will be shut down as it does not conform to the current Oil Industry Safety guidelines.
81. Indian Railways will make use of the radiofrequency identification tags (RFID) for tracking of wagons, coaches and locomotives to ensure the effective and transparent functioning of the system. RFID tags have been designed by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) and Railways sanctioned INR 57 crores for first phase of implementation of this project.
 82. **India's first International research centre for Foot and Mouth disease of cattle and buffalos inaugurated at Argul (Bhubaneswar) in Odisha,** as collaboration of UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
 83. India's first Micro drama festival held in New Delhi, named as Thespis.
 84. India's first electric taxi trial will be launched in Nagpur in May 2017, for which Mahindra and Mahindra will provide 200 taxis. This move is aimed at combating air pollution. Another important step under processing is Approximately 11000 crores Eastern Peripheral Expressway project that will be 135 KM in length and will be lit entirely by solar panels. It will pass through Sonipat, Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar, Faridabad and Palwal.
 85. **India's first sea ropeway will be constructed by Mumbai Port Trust to link Mumbai with famous Elephanta Island in Arabian Sea.** Elephanta Island have global recognition for its famed Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site. 8km long ropeway will start from Sewri in Mumbai's east coast and end at Elephanta Island at Raigad district.
 86. **International conference on Dara Shikoh: Reclaiming Spiritual Legacy of India held in New Delhi,** organised by Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR). Dara Sikoh was a messenger of harmonious coexistence of various religions and loved all religions alike. Dara Shikoh dedicated himself to create a bridge of HinduMuslim Unity and even translated 50 Upanishads from Sanskrit to Persian for Muslim Scholars. His conclusion was that a common spiritual basis existed between Hinduism and Islam.
 87. **Jammu & Kashmir Government banned usage and manufacturing of polythene bags below 50 microns in state.**
 88. Jharkhand Police launched Tare Zameen Par programme to enlighten children in Naxal affected areas in Palamau district of Jharkhand.
 89. Karnataka Government launched Awareness Campaign against H1N1 Virus, in high incidence districts of Bengaluru, Mysore and Chitradurga.
 90. Kerala Government decided to provide pension to former circus artists in state.
 91. Lok Sabha passed Constitution 123rd Amendment Bill 2017, to give constitutional status to National Commission for Backward Classes. It will insert a new article 338B in constitution, that provides for NCBC composition, mandate, functions and various officers. It will Insert a new article 342A which empowers president to notify list of socially and educationally backward classes of a State / UT.
 92. Lok Sabha passed Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill 2016 by a voice vote to give enhance road safety and control pollution and accidents. Key Provisions are National Transportation Policy. Recall of vehicles if a defects in the vehicle may cause damage to the environment. Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVAFF) to be constituted to provide compulsory insurance cover to all road users. Care for road accident victims scheme for cashless treatment of road accident victims for first hour of serious Injury. Compensation for death to be increased in hit and run case from from 25,000 to 2 Lakh. Protection of person who renders emergency medical or nonmedical assistance to a victim of an accident. Offences and penalties to be increased for several offences, like drunken driving, dangerous driving, overloading etc. Offences committed by Juveniles Owner or guardian will be deemed guilty.
 93. MOU has been signed between BBNL, Department of Posts and BSNL to provide broadband connectivity of BharatNet to Post Offices in rural areas. BSNL would provide broadband services, Infrastructure expenses and the operational expenses would be paid by Department of Posts and BBNL would coordinate the entire project.
BharatNet is world's largest rural broadband connectivity programme using Optical fibre, implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL).
 94. **Madhya Pradesh Government launched Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Yojana as a populist subsidised meal scheme for poor in state.** Madhya Pradesh is 3rd state after Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan, to launch populist subsidised meal scheme. Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Yojana will provide nutritious meal to

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- poor at subsidised rate of Rs. 5. It was proposed in State Government's Budget 2017-18.
95. **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched **enagarpalika** mobile application to provide 378 municipal services online.
 96. Madhya Pradesh government signed power purchase agreement (PPA) with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to supply 24 % of electricity generated from Rewa ultra mega solar project to be set up in state.
 97. **Madhya Pradesh government will ban plastic polythene bags across state from May 2017 Onwards.**
 98. **Madhya Pradesh government will launch 1 year diploma course on Hindu priesthood 'Purohityam' from July 2017, through Maharshi Patanjali Sanskrit Sansthan.** It's eligibility will be 10th pass.
 99. Maharashtra Government announced Advanced Farming – Enriched Farmer scheme, aimed at increasing income of farmers by cutting production cost and increasing output.
 100. Maharashtra Government approved Symbiosis Skill and Open University Bill to set up first private skill university in state, overall 2nd.
 101. Maharashtra Government inaugurated state's first automatic weather station at Dongargaon in Nagpur, to effectively measure wind direction, wind speed, air temperature, relative humidity and rainfall amount. Information gathered by weather stations would be shared with farmers through Mahavedh portal (Maharashtra agriculture weather information network) as well as on Skymet mobile app.
 102. **Maharashtra became first state to launch a special awareness drive to ensure that transgenders in state register as voters in greater numbers.** State branch of Election Commission launched drive on April 15, celebrated as Third Gender Day.
 103. Malaysian Firm MTN will help in setting up a technology park in Andhra Pradesh, which is expected to attract private sector investment of \$100 million in first phase.
 104. Manipur CM N Biren Singh launched 2 web applications to check corruption and keep track of government activities AntiCorruption Cell and Digital Application for Review by Public And Nation (DARPAN).
 105. Members of CREDAI (Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India) launched 352 projects in 53 cities across 17 States with an investment of INR 38,000 crore to build Over 2 lakh affordable houses.
 106. **Minister of Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar launched portal (rusa.nic.in) and mobile app of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). RUSA will help improve quality of education by improving research labs infrastructure and creating smart class rooms etc.** RUSA is a onestop for States' Higher Education Plans.
 107. Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated 3 welfare initiatives Probono legal services Lawyers who want to provide legal services at free of cost can register themselves on this web based platform. **Telelaw** service It will connect marginalized communities with lawyers through video conferencing facilities. Nyaya Mitra Project It will reduce pendency in lower courts, with a special focus on cases which are more than ten years old.
 108. Ministry of Food Processing will soon launch Scheme for AgroMarine Produce Processing and Development of AgroProcessing Clusters (SAMPADA). SAMPADA will integrate current and new schemes (Like mega food parks and cold chain projects) aimed at reducing food wastage and doubling farmers' income by 2022. It has an outlay of Rs. 6000 crore and will be implemented by 2019-20. Ministry will also launch 3 new schemes to improve food supply chain Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities, New AgroProcessing Clusters and Backward and Forward Linkages.
 109. Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs approved Guidelines on Fair Trade Practices Related to Charging of Service Charge from Consumers by Hotels and Restaurants Hotels and restaurants cannot decide on service charge and the column of service charge will be left blank in the bill for customers to fill up before making payment. Mandatory levy of service charge amounts to unfair trade practice and customers can file a complaint in Consumer Court. However, presently stringent action cannot be taken against erring hotels as current Consumer Protection Act 1986 does not empower ministry to do so. Therefore, an authority is expected to be set up with powers to take such actions.
 110. Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises withdrawn subsidy given to mild hybrid vehicles

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under FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric vehicles in India) scheme. FAME India scheme was launched in 2015 under National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) with an aim to promote eco-friendly vehicles. It provides incentives for adoption and market creation of both hybrid and electric technologies vehicles.

111. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) added over 5400 MW in 2016-17 against target of 4000 MW. leading States in wind power capacity addition during 2016-17 are Andhra Pradesh (2190 MW), Gujarat 1275 MW and Karnataka 882 MW.
112. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launched Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh, aimed at providing physical aids and assisted living devices for senior citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category. It is being implemented by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO).
113. Ministry of Urban Development made several changes in Procurement process of Metro Rail companies, to promote Make In India Campaign Minimum 75% of the metro cars to be manufactured In India. Minimum 25% of repair and maintenance equipments to be manufactured by Indian Subsidiaries of foreign suppliers or Indian manufacturers .
114. Ministry of Women and Child Development with Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched a nationwide programme for capacity building of Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) of Panchayats and a training program for Trainers of women panchayat leaders at Ranchi (Jharkhand).
115. **NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) crossed 50 Gigawatts power generation capacity, after commissioning 500 Megawatts unit at Unchahar in Uttar Pradesh.**
116. National Children's Film Festival held in Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
117. National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) developed initiative of Quality Mark award scheme for dairy co-operatives to promote and encourage enhancement of safety, quality and hygiene of milk and milk products manufactured by dairy co-operatives.
118. **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) carried out first-of-its-kind State level mock exercise on forest fire in Uttarakhand,** to assess the efficacy of preparedness and response mechanisms of forest department and district administration. This was also first time that drones were used to monitor forest fires in India.
119. **National Green Tribunal ordered immediate closure of all industries located near Bengaluru's Bellandur Lake (Karnataka).**
120. **National conference on innovation (Navonmesh) in school education held at NCERT headquarters in New Delhi.**
121. North Western Railway declared Barmer Munawab and Pipad Road Bilara rail routes in Rajasthan as Green Corridors, taking number of Green Corridors to 5.
122. Northeast's sixth and largest IT (information technology) Hub has been inaugurated in Agartala (Tripura), at cost of Rs 50 crores.
123. **PM Narendra Modi dedicated 1980 MW of Koradi supercritical thermal power project of Mahagenco near Nagpur in Maharashtra.**
124. PM Narendra Modi felicitated descendants of families associated with Paika Rebellion of 1817 in Odisha, said to be India's first Freedom Struggle. Paika Rebellion of 1817 is an armed rebellion against British colonialism, in response to tinkering of revenue system by British in 1803. At that juncture, Bakshi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar, military chief of King of Khurda, led the army of Paikas and forced the British to retreat.
125. PM Narendra Modi flagged off first UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) flight under RCS (Regional Connectivity Scheme) on Shimla-Delhi, Kadapa Hyderabad and Nanded Hyderabad sectors. Around 45 unserved and underserved airports are set to be connected under UDAN scheme to make flying more affordable. 5 operators will operate flights services on 128 routes that will connect 70 airports. Operators are Air India subsidiary Airline Allied Services, Air Deccan, Air Odisha, Turbo Megha, and Spice Jet. Airfare for one hour journey of 500 km has been capped at INR 2,500. For longer routes and duration, pricing will vary. Only 50% of the seats will be sold at Rs 2500 per seat per hour. The airlines can sell the rest of the tickets at market rates.
126. **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Chenani-Nashri Tunnel, country's longest road tunnel that links Kashmir Valley with Jammu, built at cost of Rs 2500 Crores.** This 9 km long tunnel passes through

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- lower Himalayan mountain range on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway 44, cutting distance between Jammu and Srinagar to around 250 km (from 350 km) and time reduced by 4 Hours.
127. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated exhibition Swachhagraha – Babu Ko Karyanjali – Ek Abhiyan, Ek Pradarshani in New Delhi, to mark 100 years (centenary year) of Champaran Satyagraha. Champaran Satyagraha was Mahatma Gandhi's first experiment of Satyagraha, undertaken in erstwhile undivided Champaran district in northern Bihar in April 1917. On This occasion, Book Gandhi in Champaran has been launched. It has been written by Dinanath Gopal Tendulkar.
128. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated phase I (Link 2) pipeline canal of Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana in Botad district of Gujarat. He also laid foundation stone for the Phase II (Link 2) of SAUNI Yojana in Saurashtra. SAUNI is a INR 12,000 crores project to pump Narmada water to Saurashtra region.
129. PM Narendra Modi laid foundation stone of multi-modal terminal and a fourlane bridge on Ganga river in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district, as an important component of development of the National Waterway 1 (NW1) from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Haldia in West Bengal (1,390 km).
130. PM Narendra Modi unveiled translated volumes of Vachana in 23 Indian languages on occasion of Basava Jayanti. Basavanna was a 12th century Kannada poet and social reformer who lived in Karnataka during reign of Kalachuri dynasty king Bijjala I.
131. Parliament passed Constitution (SC) Order Bill 2017, seeking to amend Constitution (SC) Order 1950 and Constitution (Pondicherry) SC Order 1964. Key Provisions Modify list of SCs for Odisha and Modify name of Pondicherry (to Puducherry).
132. Parliament passed Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (Prevention and Control) Bill as first national HIV law in South Asia. It seeks to safeguard rights of people living with HIV and affected by HIV, by preventing social discrimination against these people.
133. **Phoenix India launched India's first biogas fuelled bus in Kolkata**, keeping flat fare of just Rs 1. Buses have been manufactured by Ashok Leyland.
134. Postal Department allotted a unique pin code for Income Tax Department's Central Processing Centre (CPC) based in Bengaluru, to ensure letters sent by taxpayers to CPC are not lost or reach late. New pin code given to CPC is 560500. Earlier, CPC was using pin code 560100 which was marked for entire city area of Bengaluru.
135. Power Ministry launched URJA MITRA app and website (urjamitra.com) for real time information sharing on power supply with citizens. Through Urja Mitra, State power Distribution utilities may provide power outage information to rural / urban power consumers. Ministry also launched Rural Feeder Monitoring Scheme to monitor quantity and quality of power supply in rural areas, with December 2017 as deadline to achieve 100% rural feeder monitoring.
136. Prasar Bharati will soon launch new satellite television channel in northeast, named Arun Prabha. It will more specifically focus on Arunachal Pradesh. It will be 2nd North East Centric channel after DD North East.
137. President Pranab Mukherjee Inaugurated Kempegowda Festival in New Delhi, dedicated to Legendary Vijayanagar Empire ruler Kempegowda who dated back to 16th Century and is considered to be founder and chief planner of Bengaluru City.
138. President Pranab Mukherjee accepted recommendation of Committee of Parliament on Official Languages for speeches to be delivered only in Hindi by all dignitaries, if they can read and speak It.
139. Puducherry Government announced that UT's farmers will be getting free power supply for irrigation purpose.
140. **Pune Based Omkar Modgi's short film Avyakta has been shortlisted for 2017 Cannes Film Festival.** It underlines journey of Modgi's own relationship with his father.
141. Punjab government prohibited inclusion of names of government functionaries (including ministers and MLAs) on foundation stones and inaugural plaques so as to build a stronger connect with the people by shedding VIP culture.
142. **Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off Visakhapatnam-Kirandul passenger train with vista dome coaches (seethrough Glass coaches).**
143. Railways will launch **One stop App for All Railways services HindRail, in June 2017.**

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144. Real Estate Act came into effect completely, aiming to protect interests of homebuyers by ensuring transparency. Salient Provisions Buyers and developers of real estate property can seek relief by approaching Real Estate Regulatory Authorities against violation of the contractual obligations and other provisions of the Act. Act makes registration of projects and real estate agents mandatory. Act mandates depositing 70% of funds collected from buyers in a separate bank account for construction of the project. Project developers are required to disclose the project details on the website of the regulator and need to provide quarterly updates. Regulatory authorities and Appellate Tribunals are required to dispose complaints in 60 days.
145. Sex ratio in Haryana state touched 950 mark in March 2017, for first time ever. Several government initiatives have helped achieve this milestone, including Central Government's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign and Haryana government's Aapki Beti, Hamari Beti campaign.
146. Similar to Uttar Pradesh Government's anti-romeo squad, Haryana government launched Operation Durga to ensure women safety.
147. **Supreme Court has set 25% of net salary as the maintenance to be paid by a husband to his estranged (separated) wife.**
148. Tata Power has signed agreement with Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (AVVNL) for electricity distribution in Ajmer for 20 years, by forming a Special Purpose Company (SPC) TP Ajmer Distribution Ltd.
149. Telangana Government passed Bill to raise reservation for backward Muslims (4% to 12%) and scheduled tribes (6% to 10%). It will take total Reservation in state to 62 %. Bill will require Judicial Review as Supreme court has allowed reservation upto 50 %.
150. Textiles Ministry launched PowerTex India as a 3 year comprehensive scheme for Powerloom Sector Development, with outlay 487 crores. 2 schemes under it are Pradhan Mantri Credit Scheme (PMCS) for powerloom weavers and solar energy scheme (SEC) for powerlooms.
151. To expand green cover, Maharashtra government signed MoU with Indian Railways, under which trees will be planted on land adjacent to railway tracks.
152. Transport and Roads Minister Nitin Gadkari announced to develop First express highway project in northeast region, at approximately cost of 40000 crores along Brahmaputra river in Assam.
153. USA based Tech security Firm CISCO launched its 5th global range lab in Gurugram (Haryana), to train Indian firms on realworld cyber attacks.
154. Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya flagged off 5 Gauvansh Chikitsa Mobile Vans that would cater to needs of cows, covering Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Mathura and Allahabad. A toll Free number was also issued to enable common people to help cows.
155. Uttar Pradesh Government will establish 40 Yoga wellness centres in 40 districts, in 2017-18. State government will also establish first herbal garden of the state would be set up soon near the Government national Homeopathic college and hospital, Lucknow to encourage the farmers to cultivate herbal plants across the state.
156. **Uttar Pradesh Government approved building a music village named Bismillah Khan Sangeet Gram to honour legendary Shehnai player Bismillah Khan.**
157. Uttar Pradesh government cancelled 15 public holidays marking birth / death anniversaries of eminent personalities.
158. **Uttar Pradesh government changed name of Gorakhpur Airport as Mahayogi Goraknath Airport and Agra airport as Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay airport.**
159. Uttar Pradesh government signed Power for All pact with Centre to provide 24×7 power supply to all households by 2019. Uttar Pradesh was only state to not have joined Power for All Initiative, has finally joined in. Central PSU EESL will distribute 10,000 energy efficiency solarpanel pumps as part of it. UP government also launched 1912 tollfree redressal related to electricity.
160. Web portal Nakshe launched by Harsh Vardhan (Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences), on occasion of 250th anniversary of Survey of India(SoI). Apr 10 is also marked as National Survey day. SOI proposed a Joint Mission with nepal Government, to remeasure Height of Mount Everest.
161. **West Bengal Government declared Jhargram as 22nd district of State.**
162. West Bengal government introduced Social Security Yojana by combining 5 separate beneficiary schemes for workers in unorganised sectors and self employed people. 5 earlier schemes Assistance

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Scheme for Provident Fund for Unorganised Sector Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme Social Security scheme for Construction Workers Transport Workers Social Security Scheme Bidi Workers Welfare Scheme.

163. **WhatsApp moved into digital payments in India, keeping in view Large userbase of over 20 Crore WhatsApp users in India. WhatsApp is working to launch person-to-person payments in India in the next six months.**

