1. A new wave of cyber-attacks with Name *Petya Ransomware* has infected computer servers across world.

   - In India, This ransomware crippled operations at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, operated by AP Moller-Maersk.
   - *Petya ransomware* is a ransomware, similar to *Wannacry ransomware*. The attack is believed to have originated against an update used on a third-party Ukrainian software called Medoc. This explains why Ukraine is the worst affected.

2. According to Fitch group’s Firm BMI Research - India is among top 5 consumer markets in Asia offering retailers the strongest consumer spending growth of an average of 6.1% over next 5 years. Other four - China, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Indonesia. Fitch also estimated that India's GDP growth will rise from 7.4% to 7.5% in 2018-19 and to 7.6% in 2019-20.

3. As per *One Family at a Time* study conducted by UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) -
   - 20 Crore million migrants across world sent over USD 445 million in 2016 as remittances to their families.
   - Top Remittance Receivers - India (USD 62.7 billion), China (USD 61 billion), Philippines (USD 30 billion) and Pakistan (USD 20 billion).
   - Top Remittance Sending Countries - US, Saudi Arabia and Russia.

4. As per United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 6.56 crore people are either refugees, asylum seekers or internally displaced across globe by end of 2016.

5. Australia will launch online facility for filing visa applications by Indians from 1 July, 2017.

6. Automotive Manufacturer Toyota has been developing a new system that would be able to predict if a car driver is about to have a heart attack.

7. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) signed agreement with Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd (KHI) of Japan for manufacturing of stainless steel coaches for metro trains.

8. Bi-annual Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey of US-based CBRE -

   - *India* - Delhi’s Connaught Place is India’s First and Globally ninth most expensive office market with occupancy cost of $153.89 per square feet.
   - Hong Kong (Central) is world’s highest-priced office market with occupancy cost of $302.51 per sq ft per annum.

9. BrandZ top 100 Report 2017 -

   - Google named as most valuable brand US with Brand Value of $235 Billion. Followed by Apple and Microsoft.

10. Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping established a 1 million USD fund for boosting media cooperation, During BRICS Media Forum held in Beijing (China).

11. British PM Theresa May won confidence vote in parliament, winning her first major test as PM of a minority government in UK. She is now finally confirmed as British Prime Minister.

12. China and Asia Development Bank (ADB) launched a green financing platform to cut pollution in the smog-hit Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

13. China is constructing world’s first “Forest City” in Liaozhou, to be situated at 175 hectare land along Liujiang River. It is planned to be completed in 2020.

14. China launched a research project aimed at compiling historical data obtained during earlier expeditions conducted by its teams to disputed South China Sea since late 1950s.

   - South China Sea is part of Pacific Ocean spanning an area of some 3.5 million square km with eight littoral countries - China, Taiwan, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore and Vietnam.

   - It is located in international shipping route that sees passage of world’s half merchant ships and is rich in energy reserves including petroleum, mineral and fishing resources.

   - The Dispute is around the fact that China has been aggressively claiming entire South China Sea as its own.

15. China launched its first X-ray Space Telescope named ‘Insight’ to study black holes, pulsars and gamma-ray bursts. This 2.5-tonne telescope will allow Chinese scientists to observe magnetic fields and the interiors of pulsars and better understand the evolution of black holes.

16. China launched its first X-ray space telescope - Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope (HXMT), to study black holes, pulsars and gamma-ray bursts. It weighs 2.5 tonne and was sent to space using China’s Long March-4B rocket.

17. China launched its first self-developed ‘next-generation’ bullet train ‘Fuxing’ with maximum speed of 400kmh.

18. China launched its most powerful naval destroyer - *Type 055*, as one among largest warships in world.

   - *Type055* vessels will weigh more than 12,000 tonnes when fully armed, more than 8200 Tonnes *Project-15B Visakhapatnam class* destroyer of Indian Navy which is yet to be commissioned.

19. China launched world’s largest floating solar farm in Anhui province. This 40-megawatt power plant has 160,000 panels resting on a lake that emerged after the collapse of a coal mine in central Anhui province.

20. China unveiled world’s first train that are battery powered and runs on a virtual track making use of sensor technology instead of metal rails.

   - This train can reach top speed of 70 kmph. The train which is only about 32 metres long can carry up to 307 passengers.

   - It has sensors that can capable of detecting the dimensions of the road permitting it to follow the routes without the need for metal rails. This new technology has been copied by Chinese rail corporation.

21. China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved membership of Argentina, Madagascar, and Tonga at its second annual meeting of Governors held in South Korea. It was attended by Finance and Defence minister Arun Jaitley on India’s behalf.

22. Chinese archaeologists discovered, *Fugan Temple*, which had been lost for over 1000 years in China’s south-western Sichuan province.

23. Chinese scientists have developed world’s most powerful submarine detector which could find hidden metallic objects, including minerals and submarines - *superconductive magnetic anomaly detection array*.

24. Defence Minister Arun Jaitley visited Russia for 17th India-Russia intergovernmental commission on military-technical cooperation meet and 1st India-Russia Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation.

25. Denmark Government repealed a 334-year-old blasphemy law that forbids public insults of a religion. Denmark was only Scandinavian country with a blasphemy law that provisional 4 months imprisonment for such acts.

26. Department of Science and Technology launched VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research) Faculty scheme that enables NRIs and overseas scientific community to participate and contribute to research and development in India.

   - It was announced during 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in January 2017.

   - Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a Statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology will implement it.

   - Foreign researchers abroad of Indian origin or otherwise can collaborate with faculties in public funded Indian institutions.

   - They would be given USD 15,000 in the first month of residency and USD 10,000 for remaining months.

27. EU and France will give 3.5 million euros to 3 Indian cities - Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad as part of EU’s commitment under Paris Climate agreement to curb emissions and ppmgto sustainability in 100 cities globally under *Mobility Your City* initiative of French and German governments.
28. Environmental Impact Survey 2017 released by MoneySuperMarket (UK-based financial services firm). This list ranks countries in terms of the human impact on environment per person.  
- India has been ranked 75th out of 102 countries. USA has been placed second last as its per capita carbon dioxide emissions are 17 tonnes and USA generates 2.58 lags of municipal solid waste per person, energy consumption is 312.79 BTU per capita and its reliance on renewable sources are even lower than India at 12.56%.  
- Top 5 - Mozambique (1st), Ethiopia (2nd), Zambia (3rd), Latvia (4th), Kenya (5th).  
- Bottom 5 - Trinidad and Tobago (102nd), USA (101st), Sri Lanka (100th), Ireland (99th), Canada (98th).

29. Estonia and Luxembourg signed agreement on housing data and information systems between two countries. It will create world’s first data embassy that will serve in field of transnational digital cooperation both in Europe and throughout the world.

30. European Nation Germany’s parliament legalised same-sex marriage.

31. European Union has fined Google a record 2.42 billion euros for breaching anti-trust rules by illegally favouring its shopping service.  
- Google has reportedly abused its market dominance by offering an illegal advantage to its another comparison shopping service. This fine exceeds 1.06-billion-euros slapped on Intel in 2009.  
- EU has asked Google to stop its anti-competitive practice in 90 days or be prepared to pay 5% of Alphabet's average daily worldwide turnover.

32. Forbes list of world’s highest-paid celebs 2017-  
- Indians - Shah Rukh Khan ranked 65th ($20 million), Salman Khan ranked 71st ($27 million) and Alkahsan Kumar ranked 60th ($25.5 million).  
- Top 3 - Sean Combs ($130 Million), Beyoncé Knowles ($105 Million), J.K. Rowling ($95 Million).

33. Fortune magazine’s annual list of America’s top 500 companies 2017 -  
- Walmart topped the list for fifth year in a row.  
- Elon Musk led electric car startup Tesla debuted on List for first time (ranked 383rd).  
- Combined revenue of all companies in list stayed $1.2 trillion, which is 65% of USA GDP. This year’s entry threshold was at least $5.1 billion in annual revenue.

34. France and Britain announced an anti-terror action plan to crack down on radicalisation through social media.  


36. Government approved MoU between Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) and Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) for export credit of USD 9 billion for infrastructural development in India and for supply of goods and services as part of projects in third countries.  
- South Korea also signed agreement for $1 billion in official development assistance (ODA). With this, South Korea became first non-G-7 countries to become an ODA contributor in India.

37. Government approved MoU with Israel on National Campaign for Water Conservation in India.

38. Government approved amending bilateral Social Security Agreement (SSA) with Netherlands, by incorporating ‘Country of Residence’ Principle into SSA.

39. Home Ministry stated that Aadhaar is not a valid identification document for Indians traveling to Nepal and Bhutan.  
- Indians can travel to Nepal and Bhutan for which they don't need visas, provided that they possess a valid national passport or election ID card of India.

40. India and Russia celebrated 10 years of establishment of science and technology co-operation. Note that 2017 marks as 74th year of establishment of Diplomatic ties between India and Russia.  

41. India became 71st nation to join United Nations TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers) Convention. UN confirmed that TIR Convention will enter into force in India in 6 months.  
- Customs Convention on International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets 1975 (TIR Convention) is an international customs transit system under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) with widest geographical coverage.  
- TIR facilitates movement of goods under customs control across international borders without the payment of the duties and taxes.  
- Accession to TIR will help India in -  
  - Implementing World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement which it has already entered into this year. It is very important for India, keeping in view China's ambitious 'One Belt One Road' (OBOR) project.  
  - On eastern front, it will help India in integrating with Myanmar, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. On western front, it will help in transporting cargo along the International North-South Transport Corridor via Chabahar port in Iran.  
  - It will also give access to landlocked Afghanistan and the energy-rich Eurasian region.

42. India made voluntary contribution of USD 100,000 to United Nations Trust Fund for International Cooperation in Tax Matters (UN Tax Fund).

43. India moved to World Trade Organisation (WTO) against USA as it has not yet complied with rulings of WTO pertaining to imposition of high import duty on certain Indian steel products.

- In December 2014, WTO pronounced a ruling against USA which imposed high import duty on certain Indian steel products.

44. India signed agreement with Sri Lanka to provide USD 318 million as line of credit for developing Sri Lanka’s railway sector.

45. India won its re-election to the UN’s principal organ on economic, social and environmental issues for another three-year term. India was one among the 18 nations to win election to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).  
- India obtained Large Number of votes (183 Total). Pakistan also went for re-election but received a huge set back as it received only 1 Vote.

46. India’s CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) signed agreement with Ethiopia’s Metal Industries Development Institute (MIDI) to implement a twinning programme, aimed at MIDI's capacity augmentation.

47. Indian Government awarded a Rs 1600 crores contract for constructing 109 km road connecting Paletwa river terminal to Zorinpui in Mizoram border as a part of the $484-million Kaladan multi-modal transport (KMMT) projects in Myanmar which will offer connectivity to Mizoram.

48. International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Tech Firm Intel announced long-term technology partnership (upto 2024) under The Olympic Partner (TOP) worldwide sponsorship programme.

49. Japan launched Michibiki - 2 satellite to help build a high-precision geolocation system that will complement the US-operated GPS, onboard A 'H-IA' rocket. Satellite system is capable of covering Asia-Oceania region.

50. MOUs Approved -  
- 1. With Netherlands for Cooperation in the field of water resources management.  
- 2. With Portugal for Cooperation in Public Administration and Governance Reforms.  

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4. With Armenia for cooperation in peaceful use of outer space.

51. MOUs Signed -
6. With Cyprus on Merchant Shipping.
7. MOU between Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Securities and Exchange Organization of Iran for matters pertaining to securities markets.
8. MoU between Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Direction Nationale De Industries de Mail on Standardization and Conformity Assessment.
9. Agreement on Transfer of sentenced persons between Indi and Somalia.
10. MoU in Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for Mutual Co-operation.

52. MOUs approved -
11. With Palestine on agriculture cooperation.
12. With Armenia on cooperation on youth matters.
13. With Bangladesh for cooperation in Information Technology and Electronics
14. With Mauritius for cooperation between Parliaments of two countries.

53. Ministry of Food Processing Industries signed MOU to participate in ANUGA - an international business platform for Food Industry to be held in Cologne, Germany.

54. Ministry of Home Affairs constituted an expert committee to examine rules which allow free movement of people near Indo-Myanmar border.

55. Mongolia's first university satellite named after Mongolian Gobi bear Maza.alai sent off into space from USA. It is overall second mongolian satellite after Mongol-Sat-1.

56. Montenegro officially joined as 29th Member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

57. NASA completed preliminary design review (PDR) of its Quiet Supersonic Transport or QueSST aircraft design, as a significant milestone in its effort to make supersonic passenger jet travel over land a real possibility. QueSST is initial design stage of NASA ' s planned Low Boom Flight Demonstration (LBFD) experimental airplane (known as an X-plane).

58. Nepal signed major deal with China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) for developing a 1,200 MW Budhigandaki Hydroelectric Project, which will be the biggest hydro project in Nepal. Hydro project would be built under engineering, procurement, construction and finance (EPCF) model.

59. PM Narendra Modi completed His Tri Nation Visit to Portugal, USA and Netherlands -
1. Portugal -
   1. 11 MOUs for cooperation in areas including double taxation avoidance, science and technology, trade and investment, nanotechnology, space research, administrative reforms and culture were signed.
   2. India and Portugal agreed to set up a joint Science and Technology fund of 4 million euros. MoUs for creation of an India Portugal Space Alliance for advancing collaborative research were also signed.
   3. Both Nations jointly launched India-Portugal International Startup Hub (IPUSH).

2. USA -
   1. India and USA released a Joint Statement (JS) titled United States and India: Prosperity through Partnership. This visit saw 70 years of diplomatic relations between India and USA.
   2. PM Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump agreed to continue strengthening cooperation for ensuring peace and Fighting Global Terrorism.
   3. US designated Hizbul Mujahideen Chief Syed Salahuddin as a global terrorist.

3. Netherlands -
   1. 3 MOUs on water management, cultural cooperation and on amending social security arrangements were signed.

60. PM Narendra Modi visited France, as Last leg of his Four Nations Visit - Germany, Spain, Russia and France. Highlights -
4. Germany - India and Germany signed 12 agreements during visit of PM Narendra Modi to Germany. 12 agreements include 9 joint declarations of intent (JDI) and 3 memoranda of understanding (MoU).
   1. JDI -
      1. Establishment of a Indo-German Centre for Sustainability.
      2. Cooperation in cyber policy
      3. Advanced training of corporate and junior executives from India
      4. Vocational education and skill development for machine tools.
      5. Cooperation between Foreign Service institutes of both countries.
      7. Cooperation for sustainable urban development

2. MOU -
   1. Collaboration for facilitation of training of Indian skill development officers and cluster managers.
   2. Cooperation in health sector and alternative medicine.

5. Spain - PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Spain. It was first visit by an Indian PM to Spain 30 years, since Rajiv Gandhi's visit in 1988. 7 MOUs Signed Between India and Spain -
   1. Agreement for transfer of Sentence Persons.

6. Russia - PM Narendra Modi visited Russia. 18th Annual India Russia Summit held at St. Petersburg. MOUs signed are -
   2. Agreement for the Construction of the third stage of the Kodankulam NPP (KK5 & KK6) along with Credit Protocol.
   3. Contract between Railways for implementation of high-speed service at Nagpur-Secunderabad section.
   4. MOU for Export of Precious Stones and Jewellery of India.
   5. Indian and Russia also completed 70 Years of Diplomatic Relations on this occasion. 2017 also marks as 10th Year of Partnership in Science and Technology between India and Russia.

61. Portugal handed over digital copies of 62 volumes of collection known as 'Moncoes do Reino' (Monsoon correspondence), under recent agreement signed Between India and Portugal for co-operation in field of Archives.

62. Russian military test-fired a submarine-launched intercontinental ballistic missile - Balava. It can carry 6 nuclear warheads and has a range of up to...
63. Saudi Arabia signed MOU with India’s EESL, to implement Energy Efficiency Programmes.
64. Saudi Arabia will impose a family tax of 100 riyals (approx 1700 JNR) per dependent per month on expatriates, from 1st July Onwards. It will pose a financial burden on over 41 lakh Indian families living in UAE.
65. Saudi Arabia’s king Salman appointed his son Mohammed bin Salman as crown prince and heir to throne.
   - King replaced his nephew Mohammed bin Nayef as Throne’s heir.
66. Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) has been named as the World Book Capital for 2019 by UNESCO, for quality of its literary and cultural activities and its efforts to make books accessible to entire population.
67. Sweden committed to become net-zero carbon emission emitter (greenhouse-gas emissions) by 2045.
68. Switzerland has ratified automatic exchange of financial account information with India and 40 other countries.
   - According to Swiss Federal Council, implementation of the exchange sharing agreement is planned for 2018 and first set of data will be exchanged in 2019.
69. To save struggling steel manufacturers in Europe, European Union imposed anti-dumping duties (up to 35.9 %) on steel products from China.
70. UN Security Council approved a resolution for reducing joint UN-African Union peacekeeping force in Sudan’s Darfur region by 44 %.
71. UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre released first global scientific assessment of climate change impacts on World Heritage coral reefs. It stated that 29 World Heritage coral reefs across globe (including Great Barrier Reef in Australia, Papahānaumokuākea in USA, Lagoons of New Caledonia in France and Aldabra Atoll in Seychelles) will cease to exist by the end of this century.
72. USA President Donald Trump announced that USA will withdraw from historic 2015 Paris Accord for Climate Change, that was signed by 195 countries in 2015.
   - Trump stated Reasons that deal would adversely impact paper, cement, iron and steel, coal, and natural gas sectors of the American economy. It would inflict a loss of $3 trillion in GDP, loss of 6.5 million industrial jobs and $7,000 less in annual income for Americans.
   - USA is world’s second biggest emitter of greenhouse gases (14.3 %).
73. USA handed over hundreds of anti-terror weapons including machine guns, pistols and grenade launchers to Philippines, worth 150 Million USD. Note that Philippines has been Fighting terrorist organization ISIS, who have taken over city of Marawi in southern Philippines.
74. USA issued annual report on the global state of human trafficking and marked China among worst offenders of human trafficking, grouping it with Tier 3 offenders such as Syria, Iran, Russia and North Korea. China has been downgraded to Tier 3 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) because it has not taken steps to end its own complicity in trafficking, including forced labours from North Korea that are located in China.
75. USA issued new criteria for visa applicants from six Muslim nations (Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen) that all refugees will require a close family or business tie to USA.
76. United Nations General Assembly Members elected Sweden, Bolivia, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan to UN Security Council for 2 years term.
   - Voting could not yield a clear winner among Italy and Netherlands, for 1 seat. They agreed on sharing 2 year term as one-year each.
77. United Nations General Assembly establishment of new United Nations office of counter-terrorism to help Member States implement UN’s global counter-terrorism strategy.
   - Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office (CITTF) and the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCTC) currently under DPA (Department of Political Affairs) will be transferred to new office together with existing staff and associated budgetary resources.
78. World Bank approved 520 million dollars for Afghanistan to support a various projects to boost its economy and support Afghan refugees sent back from Pakistan.
79. World Health Organization (WHO) revised protocol for antibiotics, to curb antibiotic resistance. It is biggest revision of antibiotics section in 40 - year history of the essential medicines list (EML), WHO has divided drugs into 3 categories - access, watch and reserve.
   - Commonly used antibiotics will be placed under the ‘access’ category.
   - Slightly potent antibiotics will be placed under ‘watch’ category.
   - Highly potent drugs which should be used only as a last resort will be placed under the ‘reserve’ category.
80. World’s fastest elevator with speed of 1260 metres per minute will be installed in CTF Finance Center, a 530-meter, a skyscraper complex building in China.
81. World’s first ATM (automated teller machine) celebrates its 50th anniversary.
   - ATMs were invented by Scottish inventor Shepherd-Barron. First ATM was opened on June 27, 1967 by Barclays Bank in Enfield (England).
82. World’s largest festival of light, music and ideas - Vivid Sydney entered into Guinness World Book of Records for Largest interactive lighting display. Vivid Sydney installation Dreamscape has been made up of 124,128 lights.
83. World’s smallest and cheapest single engine private jet Vision Jet launched in USA -
   - It can carry 5 adults up to 1,150 miles at 28,000 feet.

July

1. UNESCO World Heritage Committee’s 41st session held in Krakow (Poland) -
   1. During this session, 21 new sites have been included into UNESCO’s World Heritage List. The 5.5 km walled city area in Ahmadabad (Gujarat) has been declared India’s first World Heritage City by UNESCO. Historic Centre of Vienna (Vienna) is also included in List.
   2. Apart from this, UNESCO World Heritage Committee has amended list of world heritage sites in danger -
      1. West Bank city of Hebron has been included in list, triggering a new Israeli-Palestinian spat at international level.
      2. Australia’s Great Barrier Reef has been removed from List.
      3. Gelati Monastery of Georgia has been removed from List.
2. 21st India-Myanmar National Level Meeting held in Myanmar, attended by Indian Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba.
3. A global treaty that bans nuclear weapons was adopted at United Nations by 122 Nations, with Netherlands voting in against.
   1. None of 9 countries that possess nuclear weapons - USA, Russia, Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel took part in negotiations or vote. Nuclear states argue Nuke Weapons serve as a deterrent against a nuclear attack and say they remain committed to nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
   2. Treaty will be open for signature to Nations at UN Headquarters in New York (USA) on September 19, 2017. It will enter into force 90 days after 50th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession has been deposited.
4. According to Country Report on Terrorism released by US State Department -
   - Countries that faced highest number of terrorist attacks in 2016 - Iraq (2,965 terrorist attacks), Afghanistan (1,340), India (927), Pakistan (734), Philippines (482), Nicaragua (466).
5. According to OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2017-2026.

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India will be the world's largest milk producer by 2026, with 49% increase from current milk output.

World's population will increase from 7.3 to 8.2 billion, with India's population growing to 1.5 from 1.3 billion. India will overtake China as the most populous country by 2026.

Global production of wheat will increase by 11% with registering largest increase in Production - 15 million metric tonnes.

6. According to OECD-FAO's Agricultural Outlook 2017-2026 report, India is world's third-biggest exporter of beef (Cattle Meat) after Brazil and Australia.

7. According to the Zurich-based SNB, money parked by Indians in Swiss banks has nearly halved to 676 Swiss francs (approx INR 4,500 crores) in 2016. Data release comes ahead of a new framework for the automatic exchange of information between Switzerland and India to check menace of black money.

8. African Nation Zimbabwe's Parliament amended the constitution to give President sweeping powers to appoint country's top judges without consulting any other institution.

9. American Aerospace Firm SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket successfully delivered super-heavy commercial communications satellite Intelsat 35C.

10. With mass of 6,761 kg, Intelsat 35E communications satellite is heaviest payload SpaceX has ever launched toward geostationary orbit, approx 36,000 km above Earth's surface.

10. American fashion luxury brand Michael Kors acquired British global luxury footwear and accessories brand Jimmy Choo for USD 1.2 billion.

11. An Accreditation Master Agreement (AMA) signed between Green Climate Fund (GCF) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in Delhi, making NABARD second entity from India (after SIDBI) to be accredited as Direct Access Entity (DAE) that will be able to access GCF resources to help safeguard livelihoods of millions of people against climate change impact.

- Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a fund established under UNFCC to assist developing countries in countering climate change. GCF is based in the new Incheon (South Korea) with Howard Barney as current Chief.

- GCF acts as a centrepiece of efforts to raise Climate Finance under UNFCC, and raise $100 billion a year by 2020.

- So far, one project from India on "Installation of Ground Water Recharge System" in Odisha has recently been approved by the GCF for $34 million. India has nominated 5 direct access entities for accreditation by GCF - NABARD, SIDBI, YES Bank, IDFC Bank and IL&FS Environmental Services.

12. An Indian Army team with T-90 tanks participated in Tank Biathlon 2017 in Russia.

13. As per Global Infrastructure Outlook by Global Infrastructure Hub (GIH), India will need investments around USD 4.5 trillion till 2040 to develop infrastructure for better economy and community welfare and will need additional USD 888 billion by 2030 to provide universal household access to electricity and water.

14. As per latest Data by Zurich based SNB (Swiss National Bank) -

- India is now ranked 88th place in terms of money parked by its citizens with Swiss banks. Indians' Money in Switzerland's banks is now only 0.04% of total funds kept by all foreign clients in Swiss banking system.

- Top 2 - United Kingdom (CHF 359 billion (25%)), US (CHF 177 billion (14%)).

- BRICS - Russia 19th (CHF 15.6 billion), China 25th (9.6 billion), Brazil 52nd (2.7 billion) and South Africa 61st (2.2 billion).

- Neighbours - Pakistan 71st place (CHF 1.4 billion), Bangladesh 89th (667.5 million), Nepal 150th (312 million), Sri Lanka 151st (307 million).

15. As per UK's Department for International Trade, India is now 4th largest foreign investor into UK in 2016-17.

- Top 4 foreign investor into UK in 2016-17 - US (577 new projects), China (160 new projects), France (131 new projects), India (127 new Projects).

- Australia and New Zealand share the 4th spot with India.

16. As per research by Centre for International Development at Harvard University (CID) -

- Economic pole of global growth has moved from China to India and it is likely to remain over India in coming decade. India's exports base now includes more complex sectors such as chemicals, vehicles and certain electronics and India is also well-positioned to continue diversifying into new areas.

17. Australia became the first country to join India has nominated Solar Alliance (ISA) initiative jointly launched by India and France. ISA aims to support developing countries to boost their solar production capacity.

- India through Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) is contributing $1 million to ISA fund. ISA aims to mobilize over $1,000 billion by 2030 towards promoting solar power on all fronts.

- Australia sent its first uranium shipment to India for testing purposes ahead of possible commercial sales. India and Australia signed an agreement for civil nuclear cooperation in 2014 to meet India's growing energy needs.

18. Bilateral Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit between India and Bhutan came into force, aiming to strengthen bilateral trade relations between both countries.

- British government launched Grand Trunk Road project to mark 70th anniversary of India's Partition in August 1947, aimed at bringing British Asians of all faiths and backgrounds together.

21. Cabinet Approvals -

- Moll with Palestine on cooperation in youth affairs and sports.

- Joint Declaration with Germany on Indo German-Centre for Sustainability.

22. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCAE) approved upgradation of 65 km of Imphal-Moroh Section of NH-49 in Manipur, a vital link in providing road connectivity up to Thailand and Malaysia.

- This project is being developed with Asian Development Bank's (ADB) loan assistance under South Asian Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Road Connectivity Investment Program. It aims at upgradation of road infrastructure in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and India (BBIN) to improve regional connectivity.

23. China and Russia held their large-scale naval exercise Joint Sea 2017 in Baltic Sea.

24. China has set up its first overseas military base in Djibouti in Horn of Africa, as part of China's rapid global military expansion.

25. China successfully produced natural gas from methane hydrate (also known as flammable ice) in South China Sea (SCS). A drilling platform produced a total of 309,000 cubic metres of natural gas from hydrate in 60 days.

26. Chinese Mobile Maker Xiaomi signed agreement for business collaboration and patent licencing with Finnish mobile phone manufacturer Nokia, to acquire key patent assets from Nokia.

27. Chinese spiritual practice Falun Gong celebrated in India, that combines meditation and qigong exercises with a moral philosophy.

28. European Nation Malta became 24th Overall and 15th European Union Member to allow same-sex marriages.


30. FIFA lifted ban on Sudan Football Association (SFA), making it eligible to benefit from FIFA development programs.

31. French Government approved controversial legislation to further strengthen France's anti-terror laws in country.
32. German Automobile Maker BMW opened its new R&D centre in China, which is also its largest outside Germany.

33. Germany passed Network Enforcement Act law, under which social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube could face a hefty fine of 50 million if they fail to remove hate speech within 24 hours.

34. Government approved Joint Interpretative Notes (JIN) on Agreement between India and Bangladesh for Promotion and Protection of Investments. JIN approval will impart clarity to interpretation of existing agreements between India and Bangladesh for Promotion and Protection of Investments (BIPA).

35. Government approved Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in respect of tax matters between India and BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa).

36. In a major convergence of efforts to benchmark global spices trade, the International food standards-setting body Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted three Codex standards for black, white and green pepper, cumin and thyme, paving way for universal agreement on identifying quality spices in various countries.
   1. The member-countries CAC met in Geneva for its 40th session. Codex standards for spices were adopted after India’s efforts for the same. Spices have now been included for the first time as commodities with such universal standards.
   2. Dolo-La region lies at tri-junction of India, China and Bhutan. Tensions escalated when China started building a strategic road in this region which is claimed by Bhutan as its territory. Both countries have deployed around 3,000 troops each in region.
   3. This area has huge strategic significance for both India and China as it is in close proximity of sensitive Chicken’s Neck (Siliguri Corridor), the extremely narrow stretch of land that connects northern eastern region to the rest of India.

38. India and Bangladesh signed pact to connect both countries by waterways, for better movement of passengers and goods.
39. India and Bangladesh will construct a bridge over Mizoram’s Khawhlangtui river (also known as Karnaphuli river) to improve trade and communication.
40. India and European Union (EU) have established Investment Facilitation Mechanism (IFM) for EU Investments in India. It will help in identifying and solving problems faced by EU companies and investors with regard to their operations in India.
41. India and Pakistan will hold talks on 15 hydro-power projects - Khishenganga and Ratle, under 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) at World Bank headquarters in Washington (USA). Water Resources Secretary Amarjit Singh will lead Indian delegation during talks.
42. India and Sri Lanka signed MoU to develop a village in Anuradhapura District in Sri Lanka at cost of 30 crores Sri Lankan rupees. Village is in name of famous Buddhist monk Sobitha Thero.

43. India contributed USD 500,000 to the UN Peacebuilding Fund, expressing hope that more funding by nations will boost efforts by world body to build and sustain peace.
44. India contributed additional $1 million to India-UN Development Partnership Fund launched to support sustainable development projects across the developing world.
   • Earlier, India contributed $1 million when the fund was created on 9 June 2017 (on World Oceans Day 2017) as a partnership between India and United Nations for South South Cooperation (UNOSSC).
45. India for first time will import crude oil from USA as angered upon during recent visit of PM Narendra Modi to USA.
   • Indian Oil Corp bought 1.6 million barrels of US Mars crude (a heavy, high-sulfur grade) and 400,000 barrels of Western Canadian Light that will be delivered onboard a Very Large Crude Carrier.
46. India granted aid of USD 500,000 to Philippines for rehabilitation and relief efforts in war-torn Marawi City and confronting ISIS. It is first time that India is sending financial aid to another country affected by terrorism.
47. India will soon join Global Foreign Exchange Committee (GFXC), a newly constituted forum of central bankers and experts working towards promotion of a robust and transparent foreign exchange (Forex) market. It has been set up under guidance of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). GFXC was established in London during a meeting in May 2017.
48. India’s first high-speed rail training center will be functional in Gandhinagar (Gujarat) by 2020. It is being constructed over land measuring 4,400 metres at cost of approx INR 600 crores. It will enable testing of bullet trains that will run on Mumbai-Ahmedabad route by 2023.
49. India-Japan civil nuclear deal came into force, enabling Japan to export nuclear power plant technology as well as provide finance for nuclear power plants in India. It will also assist India in other nuclear energy activities.
50. Indonesia banned Islamic organization Hizb ut-Tahrir under a controversial presidential decree, to safeguard existence of Its pluralist state ideology Pancasila and 1945 Constitution.
   • Hizb ut-Tahrir has been banned as it campaigns for country to adopt Islamic law and become a caliphate, that is against Indonesia’s unity.
51. Indonesia named waters in its exclusive economic zone that overlap with China’s expansive claim to South China Sea as North Natuna Sea. Part of the renamed area falls in China’s nine-dash line waters extending to south and east of China’s island province Hainan.
52. International body Financial Stability Board (FSB) has placed India in league of countries that are compliant or largely compliant on implementation of priority area reforms, in FSB reform report card to G20.
   • Report listed India as compliant with regard to Basel III reforms in risk-based capital and largely compliant liquidity coverage ratio.
53. Iran and Iraq signed MoU to set up military cooperation and the fight against terrorism and extremism. It is valuable as Iraq has been badly affected by terrorism over past few years and Iran has been under international sanction due to its Nuclear weapons program.
54. Iran successfully launched its most advanced satellite-carrying rocket called ‘Simorgh’ into space, capable of carrying a satellite weighing 250 kilograms (550 pounds).
55. Italy passed a bill making torture under national law, making torture punishable by 4 - 10 years in prison and 12 years for members of security forces.
56. Lulu Exchange (a foreign exchange and remittance company set up Kerala based Businessman Yusuff Ali) has acquired Al Falah Exchange Company in UAE for INR 95 crores.
57. MOUs Signed -
   • With Palestine on cooperation in field of Health and Medicine, Information Technology and Electronics.
   • With Germany on cooperation in field of Health.
   • With Bangladesh for cyber security cooperation.
58. NASA launched Terrier-Improved Malemute sounding rocket that created colourful artificial clouds visible in skies. Rocket during 8-minute flight had released 10 canisters about the size of a soft drink into space. Canisters deployed blue-green and red vapour that formed artificial clouds visible in the skies of USA.
59. NASA’s Langley Research Centre (LiRC) completed 100 years of its establishment. It has so far contributed exceptionally in the way astronauts fly.

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60. NATO military exercise in Eastern Europe held in Bulgaria with 25,000 military personnel from over 20 partner countries.

61. Neil Armstrong's bag containing approx 500 gm moon dust has been sold at an auction for USD 1.8 million in New York (USA), to an anonymous buyer.

62. Nepal SBI Bank, a subsidiary of State Bank of India launched its fully automatic digital banking services in Nepalese capital Kathmandu, called sbiINTOUCH. This is first time that State Bank of India has expanded paperless banking system outside India.

63. North Korea successfully test-fired its first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) Hwasong-14 into Sea of Japan. It is North Korea’s most successful missile test since its ballistic missile programme gathered pace in 1990s.
   - To qualify as an ICBM, a missile must have a minimum range of 5,500km.

64. One of biggest icebergs ever recorded has broken away from Larsen C Ice Shelf of Antarctica that covers area of roughly 6000 square kilometres.

65. PM Narendra Modi Visited Israel -
   1. It is first Visit of an Indian Head of State to Israel Since Indian Independence. This visit also marks 25 years of establishment of diplomatic relationship between India and Israel.
   2. 7 Important MOUs Signed -
      1. To help grow business relationship between both countries, $40 million Israel India Innovation Initiative Fund (I4F) has been launched.
      2. Conservation of water in India
      3. State Water Utility Reform in India-India-Israel Development Cooperation- 3-year work program in Agriculture (2018-2020)
      4. Cooperation in atomic clocks
      5. Cooperation in GEO-LEO optical link
      6. Cooperation in electric propulsion for small satellites.

66. Pakistan test-fired short-range (70 KMs) surface-to-surface ballistic missile Nasr.

67. President of USA Donald Trump announced that US government will not allow transgender individuals to serve in USA Military.

68. Russia asked 755 US diplomats to leave after USA approved sanctions against Russia for allegedly meddling in 2016 US Presidential election and for its annexation of Crimea in 2014.

69. Saudi Arabia approved physical education program at girl’s schools. Program will be compliant with stringent Islamic rules and will be implemented in 2017-2018 school year.

70. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) signed MoU with European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for exchange of information concerning Central Counterparties (CCPs) under European Markets Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR).

71. South American country’s President Evo Morales declared that his nation has Bolivia’s first Independence from IMF and World Bank.

72. Sri Lanka signed a US $1.1 billion deal to sell a 70% stake of Hambantota port (A deep-water port in the southern tip of Sri Lanka) to China’s China Merchants Port Holding Co. (CMPort). Under a 99-year lease agreement. CMPort will be solely responsible for commercial operations, while SLPA will handle port’s operations, security and services.

73. Standard Chartered Bank launched a Multi-currency Forex Card for overseas travelers. The card will allow customers to load up to 20 widely used currencies on one card with an online reload facility during overseas travel.

74. Typhoon Haiyan struck China’s eastern Fujian Province with continual rain blows on different parts of the region.

75. US Navy commissioned world’s largest aircraft carrier - U.S. Gerald R. Ford. 1

76. US Navy tested world’s first-ever active Laser Weapons System (LaWS), aboard USS Ponce amphibious transport ship. LaWS operates within an invisible part of electromagnetic spectrum and absolutely silent and incredibly effective.

77. US and Australia jointly test-fired a hypersonic missile capable of moving at a speed 8 times faster than sound as part of a $54 million research project - Hypersonic International Flight Research Experimentation Program (HIFiRE).

78. USA imposed new economic sanctions against Iran over its ballistic missile programme and for contributing to regional tensions. NOW, USA targeted 16 entities and individuals from Iran citing them as illicit Iranian actors or transnational criminal activity.

79. USA rolled out pre-approved expedited entry clearance for low-risk Indian travelers under its Global Entry programme (GEP).

80. India became 11th country whose citizens are now eligible to enroll in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) initiative.

81. Under this, International GEP member traveler can enter in US through automatic kiosks, rather than queuing up to clear immigration check by meeting an immigration officer at selected airports.

82. USA successfully tested Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system in Alaska by launching a ballistic missile over Pacific Ocean, after North Korea conducted an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) test that could possibly hit USA.

83. USA urged other members of Nuclear Suppliers Group to support India’s membership bid to NSG that controls international nuclear trade.

84. United Nations selected Dubai (UAE) as data hub for Middle East North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) region, due to city’s integrated initiatives to mine and manage its data.

85. United States House of Representatives passed an amendment to National Defense Authorisation Act (NDAA), 2018, a $621.5 billion defence expenditure bill to advance defence cooperation with India.

86. Vietnam granted India’s ONGC Videsh a 2 year extension to explore oil block 128 in South China Sea.

87. Part of the oil block 128 is in U shaped ‘nine-dash line’, which is claimed by China. This area is also route for over $5 trillion in trade every year and is also claimed by Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan.

88. World Bank stated that India is emerging as a frontrunner in fight against climate change, replacing coal energy with solar power as a source of energy. World Bank observed that India has made sweeping commitment to solar power and energy efficient innovative solutions to provide round the clock electricity to its people by 2030.

89. World Health Organization (WHO) declared end of most recent outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in African Nation Congo.

90. World Health Organization (WHO) released Global Tobacco Epidemic Report 2017, stating that 63% of world’s population are covered by at least one comprehensive tobacco control measure.

91. World’s first Saola breeding centre is being built in Vietnam. ’s central region for. Saola, a critically endangered hoofed mammal is identified by two parallel horns with sharp ends, which can reach 51 centimetres in length and are found on both males and females.

92. World’s first floating windfarm has been put on trial in Scotland, to unlock ocean’s potential for generating renewable power. The project is called Hywind, costing approx £200m. It will bring power to 20,000 homes.

93. World’s longest pedestrian suspension bridge (Europe Bridge) opened in Randa (Switzerland). It measures 1,620 feet (494 Metres) long and rises as high as 278 feet above Grabenengufer ravine.

94. World’s oldest emergency helpline number 999 completed 80 years of its services in United Kingdom.

95. World’s oldest emoji discovered on 3700-year-old pot in Turkey by archaeologists working on a site in Southern Turkey. The site depicts era of Hittites, parallel horns with sharp ends which can reach 51 centimetres in length and are found on both males and females.