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June

1. Government approved setting up 100 Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) hospitals across country.

2. ISRO’s First interplanetary mission - Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) completed 1000 Earth days in orbit, well beyond its designed mission life of six months. MOM completed 388 orbits of Mars in this period. India will launch Mangalyaan 2.0 and new mission to Venus after 2020.

3. Indian Airline Spicejet named as world’s best-performing airline stock (124% stock gain in 2017) with $26 billion in plane orders to boost.
   - Recently, Spicejet announced to purchase 50 Q400 turboprop aircraft worth $1.7 billion (over Rs 10,900 crore) from Bombardier (Canadian Aerospace Firm).

4. Shipping Corporation of India (Under Ministry of Shipping) organised ‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas samman in Mumbai (Maharashtra).

5. 22nd APEDA Export awards held in New Delhi. Commerce Secretary Rita Teaotia stated that -
   - India is now 7th largest exporter of agri-products globally, with India representing over 12 % of total exports.
   - Total merchandise exports during 2016-2017 are approx 276 billion USD, out of which agricultural exports are nearly 33 billion USD.
   - 82 APEDA awards were presented for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

6. 22nd edition of European Union Film Festival (EUFF) started in Delhi with screening of Filmmakers Katrin Maimik and Andres Maimiks Estonian film ‘Cherry Tobacco’.

7. 2nd edition of National Health Editors’ Conference on Yoga held in New Delhi.

8. 31st anniversary of the signing of the historic Mizoram peace accord on June 30, 1986 celebrated in Mizoram. Mizo Accord was signed by Mizo National Front (MNF) and Mizoram State Government. It brought peace in state after 20 years of violence and disturbance.

9. Vatsalya – Maatri Anrtri Kosh - National Human Milk Bank and Lactation Counselling Centre has been opened at Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi, as largest public sector human milk bank and lactation counselling centre in North India. It has been opened in collaboration with Norwegian government.

10. According to NGO Child Rights and You (CRY) Over 8 Lakh children are engaged in Child labour in India -
    - Top 3 States with Most Children (aged 5 - 6) engaged in Child labour - Uttar Pradesh (2.5 lakh), Bihar (1.3 lakh) and Maharashtra (83000 Thousand).

11. According to Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) Report - about 31% of the world’s multidimensionally poor children live in India (approx 21). This is followed by Nigeria (8%), Ethiopia (7%) and Pakistan (6%). A multidimensionally poor child is one who lacks at least one-third of ten indicators, grouped into three dimensions of poverty: health, education and standard of living.

12. Adani Group commissioned 50 megawatts (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in Mahoba (Uttar Pradesh). The plant has been set up with an investment of 215 crores under National Solar Mission Scheme.

13. An MoU signed between National Skill Development Corporation and Bird Academy for skilling of unemployed youth in the aviation and aerospace sector. Under This, 30000 unemployed youth across various states will receive training to train and empower minimum 5,000 women & tribal youths will be trained.

14. Andhra Pradesh government launched the AP MSME Development Corporation with a corpus fund of Rs 100 crore to promote micro small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in State.

15. Arunachal Pradesh Government demanded for a separate time zone for northeastern states to improve work efficiency and save electricity in region.

16. Recently, Bengaluru-based National Institute of Advanced Studies concluded that separate time zone for the northeastern region could help in saving 2.7 billion units of electricity every year.

17. Arunachal Pradesh government decided to increase retirement age of regular state government employees from 58 years to 60 years, to be implemented from 1st of January 2018.

18. As per Forbes, Aamir Khan starrer Dangal became first Indian movie to earn INR 2,000 crore worldwide. It also became 5th highest-grossing non-English film ever. Note That Major portion of Dangal’s Finances came from China where it earned over 1300 Crores. Baahubali 2 is India’s second highest grosser ever with 1700 Crores.

19. Bengaluru became first city where one can have fuel delivered at one’s doorstep, owing to a Startup Mypetrolpump. Deisel can be received at doorstep with One rupee additional per litre.

20. CSR-Structural Engineering Research Centre (Chennai) developed a cost-effective toilet, weighing under 500kg, life span of 25-30 years and can be assembled in 5 hours. It has been built with the help of textile reinforced concrete prototyping technology (TRCPT). TRC panels can be used as doors, roofing, walls and even flooring.


22. Central Government will soon replace Higher Education Bodies University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) with one Higher Education Regulator - HEERA (Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency).

23. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) signed MoU, aimed at increasing employability of youth.

24. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) launched 24x7 helpline Madadgaar to help Kashmiri citizens at toll free number (14411).

25. Commerce & Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched Startup India Virtual Hub as an online platform for all stakeholders of entrepreneurial ecosystem in India to discover, connect with each other and engage.

26. Competition Commission of India (CCI), imposed fine of $13.6 million on South Korean automaker Hyundai Motor's India Unit, accusing it of anti-competitive behaviour by imposing certain arrangements on orders of dealers including monitoring maximum permissible discount level and mandating use of recommended lubricants and oils.

27. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) suspended flying licence of Coimbatore-based carrier Air Carnival, which has not operated a single flight since early April.

28. Election Commission of India (ECI) announced that election for post of Vice-President of India will be held on 5 August 2017. Note that Elections for Post of President of India will be held on July 17.

29. Election Commission of India joined hands with Facebook to launch nationwide voter registration reminder, Between July 1- 4, 2017. Facebook will activate a unique ‘Register Now’ button reminding all the eligible Indian users to enrol themselves as voters.

30. Elections for Elected 14th President of India will be held on 17 July 2017.

31. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated Know India Programme (KIP) for NRI and PIO youth, to provide them with an exposure to origin country.
northern grid through Parvati-Kol Dam transmission line.

32. First Mega Food Park in state of Odisha - MITS Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. at Rayagada.

33. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued draft regulations for organic food products to ensure the authenticity of organic foods, in view of rising demand for organic food products.
   - Organic foods will have to comply with the government's provisions under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) or the Participatory Guarantee System for India (PGS-India) run by Agriculture Ministry.

34. Goa CM Manohar Parrikar inaugurated 3 day MODI (Making of Developed India Festival) Fest in Panaji. Similar MODI fest was organized in Andhra Pradesh in First Week of June 2017.

35. Government launched a revamped oil and gas bidding mechanism named Open Acreage Licensing Process (OALP) and National Data Repository (NDR) for major oil field auctions to be held from 1 July. Auctions will be held under a new Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP).
   - New bidding mechanism will allow interested firms to bid for blocks of their choice at any time of the year with the help of National Data Repository. NDR is a comprehensive database of India's key sedimentary basins that will provide the bidders data on contract areas that will be available for auctioning.

36. Government Owned Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) will implement first project for rural LED street lighting in country under Government's Street Lighting National Project (SLNP). In first phase, 10 lakh conventional street lights with LED lights in Gram Panchayats of 7 districts in Andhra Pradesh. This will lead to reduction of 12 crore tonnes of CO2 and Approx 90 Crore INR Savings. Project is being funded by French Development Agency Agence Française de Développement (AFD).


38. Government approved setting up a new airport in Jambil in Greater Noida, which will cater 3 - 5 crore passengers per year over next 10 - 15 years.

39. Government launched SPARROW/ITS (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Winow) to enable Indian Trade Service (ITS) officers to fill their Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) online for 2016-17 onwards.

40. Government launched a new training program Comprehensive Online Modified Modules on Induction Training (COMMIT) aimed at training State Government officials and improving public service delivery mechanisms. COMMIT will be launched in 6 States Initially - Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal.

41. Government launched digital travel experience initiative - Digiyatra. Digiyatra aims to digitally link unique IDS such as Aadhaar, passport or PAN card to the airlines' booking PNR to facilitate a seamless experience of passing through airports for the traveller that would also relieve queues and congestion.
   - Essentially, system involves linking unique ID digitally at the time of booking to airline PNR. This would allow the passenger to have all the information required for smooth passage digitally.

42. Government notified that people suffering from tuberculosis will now have to submit their Aadhaar details to avail cash benefits for their treatment, under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP).

43. Government will appoint Nyaya Mitras to speed up the hearing of cases that have been pending in the lower courts for the last 10 years across country's courts.

44. Government's policy think-tank NITI Aayog drafted a New Energy Policy (NEP) and recommended to split 7 units of state-controlled Coal India Limited (CIL) into independent companies, to bring in more competitiveness.
   - About 70 percent of India's power generation is fired by coal. India is world's third-largest producer and third-biggest importer of coal.


46. Habibganj Railway Station (Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh) became India's first railway station to be redeveloped in a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

47. Haryana Government approved extension of Metro Rail from Narela in Delhi to Kundli in Sonipat district of Haryana with 3 new stations.


49. India Meteorological Department (IMD) will launch forecasting system to give 15-day warnings on likelihood of a malaria or chikungunya outbreak across country.

50. India ratified 2 fundamental Conventions of the International Labour Office (ILO) concerning elimination of child labour - Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No.182).

51. India signed Loan Agreement for part funding of USD 240 million from World Bank (IBRD) and USD 160 Million from AIIB (60:40 ratio) for 24X7 Power for All in Andhra Pradesh Project.

52. India signed USD 39.2 Million Loan agreement with World Bank for Assam Citizen Centric Service Delivery Project.

53. India's textile and fashion heritage became part of Google project 'We Wear Culture'. India's Such vast fashion heritage can now be explored through Google's latest virtual exhibition project We Wear Culture.

54. Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur developed a wireless technology called AmbuSens, meant for remote monitoring of condition of patients who are terminally ill. various will be fitted with wireless body sensors, which will enable monitoring parameters are ECG, heart-rate, temperature and blood-pressure at a remote location.

   - Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line at Leh in Jammu and Kashmir at height of 3,300 metres will be highest rail track in world, overtaking China's Qinghai-Tibet Railway.

56. Indian Railways will reduce emission by 33 % by 2030, by involving several green initiatives and promoting low carbon mass transportation system -
   - Railways aims to achieve 1000 MW of solar power and 170 MW of wind power installed capacities.
   - Another mainstream target is to fit bio-toilets in its strong fleet of 55,000 coaches by 2019.

57. Indian Railways' 1st HR Round Table Conference held in New Delhi.

58. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched heavyweight rocket ever made by India, Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV Mk-III) on 5 June 2017.
   - It is called Fat Boy, as it is India's heaviest (640 tonnes) but smallest rocket (43 metres).
   - It will enable India to send Manned missions to Space. Only 3 Other nations are currently able to do so - US, Russia and China.
   - It will be able to place 4-tonne class satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbits (much more than previous rocket's capacity of 2-tonne class).
• It will have New indigenous cryogenic engine, developed by the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre of ISRO. A cryogenic engine provides more thrust for every kilogram of cryogenic propellant (liquid hydrogen or liquid oxygen) that it burns.

59. Indore (Madhya Pradesh) became first city in India where robot is being used on an experimental basis to control its ever growing and unruly traffic.

60. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) will develop country’s first ‘freight village’ spread over around 100 acres in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).


62. Karnataka Government launched India’s first public bicycle sharing (PBS) initiative ‘Trin Trin’ in Mysuru, jointly funded by World Bank, Global Environment Fund and state govt. Mysuru is the first city in India to have a public bicycle sharing system.

63. Kerala State government announced a green protocol to make weddings in state more nature-friendly. Under This, plastic and other non-biodegradable articles including disposable glasses and plates and thermocol decorations will not be permitted to be used in weddings.

64. Madhya Pradesh government launched debt relief scheme Krishi Rin Samadhan Yojana for farmers, allocating INR 1000 crores for this. It Provisions -

• Interest Subsidy.
• Compensation - 1 crores for passed away farmers and 5 Lakh for injured farmers.

65. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis launched web portal Mahaswayan, to cater to job seekers, employers, entrepreneurs, and training institutes who can avail details regarding skill development and employment.

66. Maharashtra Government announced launching of a mobile app named ‘My Plant’, that would help in recording data regarding tree plantations in state. Maharashtra state government also appealed its employees to contribute a day’s salary to provide financial assistance to families of farmers in suicide-prone regions.

67. Mahesh Sharma (Minister of State (IC) for Culture & Tourism) launched National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India in Mathura (Uttar Pradesh). It is part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program and aims at converting widespread cultural canvas of India into an objective cultural map.

68. Manipur CM Biren Singh launched a toll-free 24/7 helpline number 181 for women in state.

69. Meghalaya Assembly passed a resolution demanding immediate withdrawal of Centre’s notification banning sale and purchase of cattle from animal markets for slaughter, calling it an infringement of rights of states.

70. Meghalaya government signed 2 MoUs with State Bank of India as part of migrating government transactions to digital mode. State government will now escalate its transactions for the collection of tax and non-tax revenue through the online system - Government Receipt Accounting System (GRAS) in a phased manner.

71. Minister for Urban Development and Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation M. Venkaiyah Naidu announced new batch of 30 smart cities under Smart City Mission, taking number of total cities picked up under Smart City Mission up to 90.

72. Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhhu launched Mission Retrofit to enhance passenger experience by upgrading 40000 existing coaches.

• Refurbished coaches will have better amenities and safety features, aimed at providing comfortable travel to railway passengers.
• 40,000 coaches will be refurbished and retrofitted over 5 years. Mission also aims to induct 40,000 new coaches with upgraded interiors by 2022-23.
• It is estimated that cost of refurbishing per coach to be approximately Rs 30 lakhs.

73. Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari launched INAM-Pro + web portal, for Sale and Purchase of Construction Material and Service.


• This updated version of ECBC prescribes energy performance standards for new commercial buildings to be constructed across India.
• ECBC provides present as well as futuristic advancements in building technology to cut down building energy consumption and promote low-carbon growth. It sets criteria for builders, designers and architects to integrate renewable energy sources in building design through inclusion of passive design strategies.
• To be ECBC-compliant, the new buildings should be able to demonstrate minimum energy savings of 25%. Energy savings of 35% and 50% will enable the buildings to achieve higher grades like ECBC Plus or Super ECBC status respectively.
• Adoption of ECBC 2017 will achieve 50% reduction in energy use by 2030 which will translate into energy savings of about 300 Billion Units by 2030.

75. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) to intensify efforts to reduce child deaths due to diarrhoea. Aim is to mobilize health personnel, State Governments and other stakeholders to prioritize investment in control of diarrhoea.

76. Ministry of Law and Justice approved Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 2017, to allow Kambala Sport in Karnataka State that involves Bulls. Karnataka high court November 2016 banned kambala along with bull-cart race in state.

77. Ministry of Law and Justice has launched Tele-Law initiative in collaboration with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to provide legal aid services to citizens living in rural areas through Common Service Centres (CSC) at panchayat level. With this, people can seek legal advice through video conferencing facility at Common Service Centres (CSC).

78. Ministry of Rural Development conferred 144 awards under various categories to states and other organisations, to highlight commendable work done under various schemes of Rural Development Ministry. Notable awards included Bihar that was awarded for constructing most number of rural roads and Madhya Pradesh was awarded for use of non-conventional construction material in road construction under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

79. Mizoram Government launched Test and Treat Strategy of Mizoram state AIDS Control Society (MSACS) to improve treatment for HIV affected people in state. Under this, HIV-affected people would be given free Anti Retrovira Therapy (ART) irrespective of CD4 count.

80. Mumbai’s Taj Mahal Palace hotel acquired image trademark under Trademark Act 1999, making it first building in India to acquire intellectual property rights protection for its architectural design. Henceforth, image of Taj Mahal Palace hotel’s dome and exterior can be used only with consent of hotel.

81. NITI Aayog chosen CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (Hyderabad) for hosting the Atal Incubation Centre for biotechnology start-ups. CCMB is one of 10 organisations identified to host Atal Incubation Centres. Government will release aid of 10 crores for up to 5 years.

• Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog is aimed at promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in India. Under It, Atal Incubation centres would encourage start-ups in various sectors.

82. NITI Aayog launched SATHI Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital with State Governments for strengthening agenda of cooperative federalism. Under this, Government will identify and build 3 future ‘role model’ states for health systems.

• For Health Sector, shortlisted states are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Karnataka and Gujarat. For Education Sector, shortlisted states are Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh.

83. Nalanda University (Bihar) signed MOU with South Korea’s Academy of Korean Studies for academic cooperation. Two universities have agreed to enhance the bilateral ties through joint research programme.

84. Narmada Control Authority (NCA) approved final raising of Sardar Sarovar Dam (SSD) in Gujarat by lowering of gates and impounding of water in
reservoir up to its Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of EL 138.68 meters.
85. National University of Agriculture (NAU) signed MoU with Bird Worldwide Flight Services (India) Private Limited to develop professional aviation and aerospace education programmes for benefit of Indian civil aviation industry.
86. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) launched Web Application for freelegal services to prisoners and Legal Services Management System.

  - NALSA has responsibility to provide legal aid inter-alia to all persons in custody.
88. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) launched India’s first 150 kWp canal top solar PV System on cooling water (CW) channel at 2,320 MW Mouda Thermal Power Project in Maharashtra.
89. National Workshop on Empowerment of Farmers of Tribal Areas in delhi.
90. Odisha became first state to open a blood bank for cattle, which is to be set up soon on premises of Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT).
91. Odisha state government approved 53 urban projects with a total investment of Rs 538 crore under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).
92. Odisha will commission Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) in July, as First Such system in country to warn state’s residents along its 480 km-long coast in the event of natural disasters like a tsunami / cyclones.

  - Warning will be issued just by pressing a button from a control room in event of occurrence of natural disasters. It would trigger loud sirens simultaneously from towers at 122 locations including tourist destinations.
93. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) carried joint survey for conservation of Chilika Lake (Odisha), to make it gain world heritage site tag.
94. On Occasion of completion of 3 years of NDA Government, Making of Developed India (MODI) festival held in Andhra Pradesh.
95. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Kochi Metro as 8th Inter-City Metro rail Project in India (first in Kerala).

  - DMRC (Delhi Metro Rail Corp) completed its construction in 4 years.
  - First phase is 13.2 km long and is India’s first integrated multi-mode transport system. System will also provide boat rides with water-front support as a feeder service to rail corridor.
  - Kochi Metro is first public transport system to have reserved jobs for transgenders.
96. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated centenary celebrations of Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad (Gujarat). He also released the coin and postal stamp in the honour of Jain saint and philosopher Shrimad Rajchandra on his 150th birth anniversary.
97. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated various irrigation and water-related initiatives at Aji Dam in Rajkot (Gujarat), including filling of Aji dam with Narmada waters under Sauni Yojana.
98. Piyush Goyal (Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines) launched -

  - Weather Portal for Power Sector in association with POSOCO and IMD. Information in Portal regarding weather forecast shall help State Discoms to take pro-active steps regarding short-term and medium term management processes.
  - Portal MERIT (Merit Order Despatch of Electricity for Rejuvenation of Income and Transparency) to store and display information regarding merit order of Electricity procured by State(s) such as daily state-wise marginal variable costs of all generators, daily state-wise power purchases of respective states/UTs.

99. President Pranab Mukherjee launched mobile Application Selfie with Daughter. The Selfie with Daughter campaign was started by Sunil Jaglan in June 2015 in Haryana.

100. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum will set up world’s largest refinery and petrochemical complex in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra.

  - Indian Oil will hold 50% stake and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) will each hold a stake of 25% each in the new complex.
  - Refinery will be set up at estimated cost of Rs 3 lakh crore and will completed by 2022. It will have 60 million tonnes refining capacity.
101. Punjab Government announced free education for girls in government schools and colleges from Nursery to Ph.D. Note That Reservation for women in Panjab University, Ludhiana, and Chandigarh Colleges has already been increased from 33 to 50%.
102. Punjab Government presented state budget of Rs 1.18 lakh crore for FY 2017-18 -

  - It focuses on reducing crushing debt burden and restoring fiscal stability.
  - Total waiver of crop loans for small and marginal farmers has been announced by Punjab Government.
103. Punjab government and United Kingdom join hands for imparting skill training and technical education to the students to provide better employment opportunities in abroad.
104. Punjab government launched Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme, aiming to provide cheaper and quality technical education to the meritorious and poor students of the state.
105. Railways launch Operation Swarn (gold) aimed at improving services in premium trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express. It has been initiated after several complaints received from passengers about services rendered in these premium trains. In first phase, Mumbai-Delhi Rajdhani Express and Mumbai-Ahmedabad Shatabdi Express will be upgraded.
106. Railways will soon implement satellite-based chips in Trains, Developed by ISRO.

  - These Chips will enable sending alerting people and Train Drivers at unmanned rail crossings. Initially these will be installed in Mumbai and Guwahati Rajdhani trains. Hooters will be installed at unmanned level crossings and will warn road users once a train approaches unmanned level (under 500 metres).
107. Rajasthan government raised insurance cover by 1 lakh to 6 lakhs for farmers who avail crop loan from government banks in State. State government also raised the insurance amount by 1 lakh in the Raj Sahakar Personal Accident Insurance Scheme.
108. SIERRA ODC building of Coimbatore-based IT Solution Companies is world’s second highest ranking Green Building, with a score of 103 out of 110 under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.
109. SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth)’s 5th International Convention held at IIT Delhi.
110. Samsung signed MoU with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for setting up 2 new Samsung Technical Schools in Bengaluru and Jamshedpur as well as to renew partnership for 10 existing schools across country.

  - As part of government’s Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, Samsung announced MSME-Samsung Technical School Scholarship Programme for girls and differently-abled trainees. Under this, 1,000 girls and differently-abled trainees will be given grant of up to Rs. 20,000.

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111. Sikkim government signed MoU with British Council to enhance the quality of education in the state.

112. Special Commemorative stamp released on occasion of completion of 50 years of Passport Act (passed on June 24, 1967).

113. State Bank of India tied up with Tirumala Milk Products that was acquired by French Firm Groupe Lactalis in 2014, to provide loans to dairy farmers who supply milk.

114. State-run oil marketing companies - Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) will revise prices of petrol and diesel daily from June 16 throughout country. It is aimed at countering undercutting by private retailers as well as to bring India at par with the US oil market.

115. Sulabh International founder and chief Bindeshwar Pathak has announced that an open defecation-free (ODF) village (Dhandhuka village) in Mewat will be named after US President Donald Trump.

116. Syama Sanju has been declared as Queen of Dhushayag, winner of Kerala’s first ever beauty pageant for transgender women.

117. Tamil Nadu government announced free education for transgender community in all colleges of state’s Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.

118. Telangana government launched single-women pension scheme across state. Under this, pension of about 1000 / month would be given to single women on humanitarian grounds. This is the first such welfare scheme by any state in India.

119. Telangana government launched website to facilitate online sale or purchase of cattle - pushubazar.telangana.gov.in. It will help farmers as the cattle need not be brought to shandies every time and farmers can save on transportation cost on cattle.

120. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched 3 new apps to help customers rate quality of services, speed and performance - MyCall, MySpeed and ‘Do Not Disturb (DND 2.0)’ app.

121. To attract more passengers to buy online train tickets, Indian Railways introduced a service ‘Buy Now, Pay Later’ which allow passengers to make payment for tickets booked online within 15 days. IRCTC tied up with Fintech Firm ePayLater for this service.

122. Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) in Imphal (Manipur), aimed at hilly areas of Manipur, Tripura and Assam.

123. Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu launched Pune Municipal Corporation’s municipal bond programme. It is first such municipal bond Programme in India.
   - A A+ rated PMC’s municipal bonds raised Rs 200 crore at 7.59 per cent rate at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). This is first issuance since publication of ‘Issue and Debt Securities by Municipalities Regulations, 2015 by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). These 10-year bonds will be used by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) for a Rs 2,300-crore water project.
   - ‘Municipality bonds’ will be used by city corporations to fund developmental projects, selling them to Institutional investors and public.

124. Urban development minister M. Venkaiah Naidu launched City Livability Index; which will rank country’s 116 major cities on basis of quality of life.
   - Index will assess cities based on 79 various and rankings based on index will be released in 2018.
   - Government will Soon select agency for undertaking assessment and data collection for rankings.

125. Uttar Pradesh state government will replace textbooks meant for Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Board with ones published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), to bring curriculum of UP Board at par with CBSE from academic year 2018-19. NCERT books would be made compulsory from Class IX to Class XII.

126. Uttar Pradesh Governor K K Paul launched Vidya-Veeras Abhiyan in state, presenting Vice-Chancellors of universities with portraits of Param Vir Chakra recipients.


128. Vice President Hamid Ansari launched MPower programme under ‘Anuyatra’ campaign of Government of Kerala. Anuyatra or walking together campaign is for the persons with special needs.

July

1. New ATC tower at Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport will be tallest structure in Delhi and Highest ATC Tower in India, with Height of 101.9 metres.

2. 10th Slum Yuva Daud flagged off at Khichripur in New Delhi as part of Adopt a Slum campaign of the Sports Ministry and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

3. 4th North East Connectivity Summit will be held in Nagaland in September 2017 and 5th North East Connectivity Summit 2018 will be held in Arunachal Pradesh.

4. 5 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Telangana, Arunachal Pradesh) and a UT (Puducherry) formally adopted Centre’s Government e-Marketplace (GeM) initiative, an Online Market platform to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Ministries and agencies of Government. It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement of goods and services and eliminate corruption.

5. 9th edition of Delhi Dialogue held With Theme India-ASEAN relations: Charting the Course for the Next 25 Years. Under this, annual track 1.5 event to discuss multi dimensional engagement between India and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Delhi.

6. A Delhi-based start-up has launched a BillionItbles app that aims to assist people with disabilities to find accessible restaurants, tourist locations and other public places across India.

7. A massive plantation campaign of planting 6 Crore Plants in 12 Hours organized Madhya Pradesh, to save environment and conservation of the Narmada river.

8. According to NITI Aayog, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Gujarat are the three best-performing states in ease of doing business.

9. Agricultural Festival Dhee celebrated by Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh.

10. Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a MoU with Government of Uttarakhand, to accelerate development of civil aviation infrastructure in Uttarakhand and assess several issues confronting the same.

11. American tech firm Oracle opened its first ‘Digital Hub’ in Asia Pacific region in Bengaluru (Karnataka).

12. An indigenously developed S-band doppler weather radar (DWR), manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has been commissioned at Kochi (Kerala). Doppler weather radar is an observational tool for monitoring and predicting severe weather events.

13. Arunachal Pradesh civil secretariat became first secretariat in country to be fully covered under Wi-Fi Local Area Network (LAN) coverage.

14. As per Government data, India’s food grain production increased by 8.7% to a record high 273.38 million tonne during 2016-17, better than previous best of 265.04 million in 2013-14.

15. Assam government will raise a new Special Rhino Protection Force (SRPF) for better protection of one-horned rhinos in Assam. Local youths bringing from the fringe areas of the Kaziranga national park will be considered for recruitment into proposed force.
16. BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd (BRPL) and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) signed partnership agreement to explore opportunities in solar rooftop, electric vehicles, energy storage systems, energy efficiency and smart grid technologies.

17. Bicentenary (200th anniversary) celebration of Paika Rebellion of Odisha (1817) organised by Ministry of Culture in New Delhi.

- 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 Bidyadhari, military chief of King of Khurda, led the army of Paikas and forced the British to retreat.

18. Bihar state Government and MoU Central Civil Aviation Ministry signed MOU for promoting regional air connectivity in Bihar.


20. Cabinet Approvals -

- Cadre Review of Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), for an increase of 23 posts at various levels.
- MoU with Netherlands for cooperation in space technology.
- IRDAI’s advertisement as a signatory to International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS), Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MIMO), IAIS is a global framework for cooperation and information exchange between insurance supervisors.
- Revision of Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) guidelines. ICWF was set up in 2009 and is aimed at assisting Overseas Indian nationals in times of distress and emergency in most deserving cases on means tested basis.

21. Central Railways Matunga Railway Station in Mumbai became India's first station to have an all-female work staff.

22. Chhattisgarh topped list in issuance of soil health cards among all states with over 43 lakh soil health cards (SHCs) to farmers in past 2 years and 7.90 lakh samples of soil were collected and examined during this period.

23. Civil Aviation Ministry approved anti-hijacking law, replacing a 1982 - vintage law. New law covers offences against an aircraft or personnel even when it is on ground. Defaulters of hijacking would now be punishable with Death penalty where such act results in death of any person. In other cases of hijacking, guilty will be punished with life imprisonment.

24. Count of tigers in Uttarakhand came up to 242 in uttarakhand in 2017, second only to Karnataka that has over 400 tigers.

25. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) signed MoU with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) for preparation of Master plan for Delhi (MPD) 2041.

26. Delhi Government announced Free Surgery Scheme for its residents, which will enable them to get Free surgery in private hospitals at government’s cost if government hospitals fail to operate within a month.

27. Delhi Metro became world's first completely 'green' Metro system after secured platinum rating for adherence to green building norms for its 10 residential colonies from Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

28. Delhi became 2nd state to launch e-RTI portal that will enable citizens to file online Right to Information (RTI), after Maharashtra.

29. Delhi government constituted state Names Authority as a seperate body mandated to name government roads and institutions under state purview. It will be headed by deputy CM Manish Sisodia.

30. Delhi police will be the first state police in India to get super cop belt, a specially designed belt widely used by Police in various Foreign Lands. It will help cops to keep things like Gun, Mobile Pouch, Security Baton, Wireless Set Pouch & ammunition pouch.

31. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (Ministry of Commerce & Industry) signed agreement with Punjab State Council of Science and Technology to establish India’s first Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) at Patent Information Centre (Panch), under World Intellectual Property Organization’s (WIPO) TISC program.

32. ESIC and Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFS&LI) signed MOU for collaboration in occupational health and prevention of occupational injuries and diseases.

33. Environment Ministry approved 3 projects for climate change adaptation in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Sikkim for funding under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

- Sikkim - Addressing issue of water security which are directly identified as climate resilience building interventions under SAPCC.
- Rajasthan - Bolstering water security in villages under Mukhya Mantri Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan.
- Gujarat - Enhancing adaptive capacity of natural resource dependent communities to climate change in targeted villages of Kachchh district.

34. Erode (Tamilnadu) based Five P Venture India and Central Silk Board (CSB) signed agreement for development and commercialization of handloom silk products.

35. Finance Ministry launched Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), a pension scheme exclusively for senior citizens aged 60 years and above. Under this, senior citizens will get guaranteed interest of 8% for 10 years depending upon investment made by them.

36. First ever Kargil International Marathon ‘Run for Sarhad’ concluded with over 900 runners from all over the world participating in event.

37. Food Safety and Authority of India (FSSAI) banned stapler pins in tea bags from January 2018, in view of safety risks.

38. Global Conglomerate Siemens opened its first digital factory in India in Thane, (Maharashtra). Its Siemens' third digital factory globally after one each in Germany and China.

39. Goa Government has set up GST facilitation centres in ward offices across state, to assist taxpayers in resolving their technical issues related to migration to GST - registration, amendments, return filing and payments.

40. Google launched recruiting app Hire for small and medium sized businesses that integrates with G Suite, to compete with Microsoft-owned LinkedIn. Hire is an efficient app for managing recruitment process from identifying talent to managing end-to-end interview process.

41. Government Approved Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)’s raising INR 660 crores in bonds for extra budgetary resources (EBRs) in 2017-18.

42. Government allotted INR 100 crores to Goa under phase II of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

43. Government allowed Reliance Aerostructure to develop Bharathii Ambani Aerospace Park at Mihan SEZ in Nagpur (Maharashtra).

44. Government approved enhancement of age of superannuation of Medical Officers of Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles from 60 to 65 years.

45. Government approved establishment of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh). It will be named as IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC) and will be set up at campus of National Seed Research and Training Centre (NSRTC).

- For this purpose, Agreement has been signed between India and IRRI Philippines. Centre of Excellence in Rice Value Addition (CERA) will also be established in Varanasi.

46. Government extended 2nd phase of BharatNet project that aims at covering remaining 1.50 lakh Gram Panchayats (GP), with expenditure of Rs.42,068 crores.

- Government modified strategy of BharatNet project for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats by March 2019.
47. Government is still working on completing phase I of a project for which deadline was March 2017. It was able to lay optical fibre in nearly 1 lakh GPs, however, only 22,000 GPs are provided Internet connectivity as of now due to equipment procurement issues.

48. Government for first time approved 3 infrastructure proposals to address infrastructure problem under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES). Projects are - Integrated Cargo Terminal at Imphal Airport, Modernisation of infrastructure facility for marine exports in Karnataka and construction of a Standard Design Factory building at Cochin Special Economic Zone.

49. TIES replaces Assistance to States for creating Infrastructure for the Development and growth of Exports (ASIDE) scheme to enhance export competitiveness by bridging gap in export infrastructure. It is being implemented from FY18 till FY20 with budgetary allocation of 600 crores.

50. Government has merged Ministries of Urban development and Housing and urban poverty alleviation. Merged Ministry will be known as Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). With this, Central Government now has 51 ministries.

51. Government laid Foundation stone of India's biggest Global Skill Park was laid in Bhopal (Madiya Pradesh). It will park will come up on 37 acre land allotted in Naseri Shamlari area of Bhopal, with support of Singapore’s Institute of Technical Education and Education Services (ITEES).

52. Government launched Arambh Mobile App for Road Maintenance, aiming to use GIS based mapping for making road inventories, condition surveys, and producing cost estimates etc. for preparation and monitoring of annual road maintenance plans.

53. Government launched Swachh Survekshan-2018 to rank all 4,041 cities and towns of country in terms of cleanliness with slogan Swachhata Ki Jyot Jagi Hai.

54. Government of Ghaziabad has set a target of planting over eight Cr plant saplings by end of August 2017, under Haridwar-Ghaziabad campaign.

55. Government released grant-in-aid of 51.3 crores to State Government of Arunachal Pradesh, for rescue and relief operations required on account of flash floods.

56. Government will open residential schools for scheduled caste girls in educationally backward districts. Schools will have classes from VI to XII and 70% seats will be reserved for SC girls and remaining for Girls from BPL families in other categories.

57. HRD Ministry will remove no-detention policy from Right to Education Act 2009 from next academic year.

58. Under this, no child is detained or held back in any class or expelled till completion of elementary education covering classes 1 to 8.

59. As per reports, this policy can result in improvement in enrolments but this has brought down academic standards.

60. Harsimrat Kaur Badal (Minister of Food Processing Industry) laid foundation stone for First Maize based Mega Food Park in Kapurthala (Punjab).

61. Haryana food and drugs administration department banned mixing of liquid nitrogen with any drink or food article, under section 34 of Food Safety and Standards Act (FSS) 2006. It came after a cocktail accident (due to mixing of liquid nitrogen in cocktail) at Gurgaon pub in April 2016 burnt a hole in a man's stomach.

62. Haryana government will set up a modern ornamental fish hatchery in Haryana district.


64. Home Minister Rajnath Singh chaired first meeting of the newly constituted Islands Development Agency (IDA) that was set up on June 01, 2017. 10 islands in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep have been identified for holistic development in the first phase.

65. Improved Childhood and Advanced Retting Exercise for Jute (ICARE) was launched in 2015 to popularize better agronomic practices and recently developed microtubular-assisted retting among farmers intensively in a few blocks in West Bengal and Assam on pilot basis. It Resulted in increase of earnings of jute farmers by over INR 10,000 per hectare.

66. India declared itself free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1 and H5N6). India launched its first petroleum Research & Development (R&D) facility for testing high-end BS-VI quality fuel emissions in Faridabad (Haryana). This facility is designed to test all types of fuel products, to ensure that it meets superior BS-VI norms to be implemented by April 2020.

67. India will host 51-day Long 8th International Theatre Olympics in February 2018. It will be first ever Hosting of greatest carnival of theatre in world by India. It be organised by National School of Drama (NSD) and Union Culture Ministry.

68. India will invite 10 leaders of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as Chief Guests for 2018 Republic Day celebrations. Republic Day 2018 would be the first Republic Day event that will have so many leaders as the chief guests.

69. India's Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) partnered with Egyptian Exchange (EGX) for cooperation in exchange of information across business areas.

70. India's Taj Mahal named in top 10 landmarks in world by securing fifth position in top 10 Travellers’ Choice awards for Landmarks. Angkor Wat in Siem Reap (Cambodia) topped the list followed by Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center in Abu Dhabi (UAE).

71. Indian Railways launched India's first solar powered diesel multiple unit (DEMU) broad gauge train with a 1600 Horse Power (HP) Engine. Train will run from Sarai Rohilla in Delhi to Farukh Nagar in Haryana.

72. Solar energy system fitted in DEMU train would result in saving 5.25 lakh litres of diesel per train over 25 years. It will also help in reducing 1350 ton of carbon dioxide (CO2) per train over 25 years.

73. Indian Railways launched Rail SAARTHI (synergised advanced application rail travel help and information) mobile application to cater to various passenger requirements including ticket booking, inquiry, on-board cleaning and ordering meal on a single platform.

74. Indian Railways launched RailCloud, a virtual server with an inbuilt security system that will enable faster connectivity at a reduced cost.

75. RailCloud works on Cloud Computing system, an emerging technology for faster and on demand commensurate deployment of server resources which results in reduced cost.

76. RailCloud has been developed by rail PSU RailTel as part of Railways strategic IT initiative, IR—OneICT.

77. NIVARAN (Grievance Portal) Became First IT application to be hosted on RailCloud.

78. Cashless treatment Scheme in Emergency (CTSE) also launched to provide Comprehensive Health Care Facilities through in-house health Institutions, supplementing with referrals to recognized hospitals whenever necessary.

79. Indian city of Ahmedabad (Gujarat) has been declared as India's first World Heritage City by UNESCO, recognising heritage value of walled city's unique heritage.

80. Indian government will organize a global food fair in Delhi in November as World Food India 2017, to provide a platform to Indian farmers and manufacturers to showcase their products and explore partnerships with foreign companies.

81. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) announced exemption of fees for its transgender student of all programmes.


83. Jammu and Kashmir Government Hosted first ever 'Culture of Cuisine' cultural programme at Dal Lake (Srinagar), aimed to bring artists from various fields on one stage.

84. Jharkhand CM Raghubar Das inaugurated India's largest fresh water aquarium 'Ranchi Machchhi Ghar' in Ranchi. It is spread in over 36,000 sq feet area with 58 fish tanks.
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77. Karnataka government launched elevate 100 scheme to identify and nurture innovative start-ups. It aims to identify 100 most innovative start-ups in state and elevate them to higher success.


79. Kerala Government launched G-Ride app as a digital ride sharing platform. It will aim at bringing down number of vehicles used by people.

80. Kerala government will set up stray dog zoos to keep them off streets in the State.

81. Kerala hosted 5th edition of South India Writers Ensemble (SIWE) literary festival with tolerance as core theme.

82. Lok Sabha passed Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill 2017 to amend Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE) 2009 to extend deadline for teachers to acquire minimum qualifications for appointment. Inadequately qualified teachers as on March 31, 2015, working after enactment of RTE Act 2009 will have to acquire minimum qualifications by March 31, 2019 to hold their jobs as teachers.

83. Lok Sabha passed Indian Institute of Information Technology Public Private Partnership (IIIT-PPP) Bill 2017 to allow 15 IIITs established on a PPP model to grant degrees and get statutory status. IIITs will also be given status of Institute of National Importance, like IITs and NITs.
   - Government initiated opening 20 IIITs with private partnership of which 15 are already operational, at Cost of INR 128 crores each. Central contributed 50% of amount, states 35% and private partners remaining 15%.

84. Lok Sabha passed Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) Bill 2017 to -
   - Declares IIMs as institutions of national importance and empower these institutions to attain standards of global excellence in management, management research and allied areas of knowledge.
   - It also grants complete administrative, academic and financial autonomy to these B-Schools and allow them to grant degrees.

85. Madiya Pradesh’s school education department is implementing Hamari Shala Kaisi Ho and Shala Siddhi Karyakram in all government schools of the state in order to provide qualitative education to students.

86. Madras High Court ruled that Vande Mataram should be sung in all schools and colleges across Tamil Nadu atleast once in a week and in government and private offices atleast once in a month.

87. Maharashtra become first state to provide women an injectable contraceptive for free, Medroxyprogesterone acetate (a birth-control hormone).

88. Maharashtra government approved revised Majhi Kanya Bhagyashree scheme that benefits families with yearly income under INR 7.5 lakh. It aims at improving skewed female child ratio in state and was launched by state government on April 1, 2016 in place of ‘Sukanya’ scheme.

89. Maharashtra state government will create cycle tracks through streets with cycle track project to encourage use of bicycles, to ease congestion and reduce air pollution.

90. Maharashtra's women commission signed agreement with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for rescue and rehabilitation of women who are victims of sex trafficking, acid attack and domestic violence.

91. Manipur Government declared present Flood situation in State as a Severe State Calamity.

92. Meghalaya Government launched flagship program Livelihood Intervention and Facilitation of Entrepreneurship (LIFE), aiming at state’s 2144 villages in 2017 - 18. It will focus on capacity building of SHGs (Self-Help Groups).

93. Microsoft launched Kaizala productivity designed to enhance collaboration and communication experience for Indian enterprises. It will allow organizations to interact with people within organization and outside like partners and vendors more conveniently.

94. Microsoft signed an agreement with National Independent Schools Alliance (NISA) to offer Microsoft Aspire School Program (MASP) Pro Plus to over 55,000 school students in India. It aims to equip schools with technology and innovative learning solutions.

95. Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs M Venkaiah Naidu released new version of National Housing Bank’s NHB RESIDEX, that captures movements in prices of residential real estate prices.

   - Sagar Vani app -
     1. It will provide ocean information services of ESSO-Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) directly to end user, to remove delay in dissemination of valuable information.
   - India Quake App -
     1. It will provide Earthquakes related information compiled by National Centre for Seismology (NCS) directly to end user, to remove delay in dissemination of valuable information. It will also help in reducing panic amongst people during an earthquake. For example, if an earthquake occurs in Afghanistan and is strongly felt in Delhi, then people in Delhi will know in less than 2 minutes that earthquake has actually occurred in Afghanistan and not in Delhi.

97. Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju inaugurated Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage (RIWATCH) Museum at Roing in Arunchal Pradesh.

98. Minister of State for Minority Affairs (IC) & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated first Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Centre in Hyderabad (Telangana).

99. Government will establish Garib Nawaz Skill Development Centres in 100 districts of country, aimed at improving employability skills in youth belonging to Minority communities.

100. Ministry of AYUSH has constituted a National Board for Promotion and Development of Yoga & Naturopathy (NBPDYN) for regulation of education & practice of Yoga & Naturopathy.

101. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released Operational Guidelines for Planning and Implementation of Family Participatory Care (FPC) for improving newborn health.
   - FPC is an important concept of health care as it provides partnership between health care staff and families in care of sick newborns admitted in Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU). FPC are needed as Sick and newborn are highly vulnerable and require careful nurturing in order to survive neonatal period and first year of life.

102. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed MOU with Government of West Bengal to set up a state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence in Transfusion Medicine at Kolkata.

103. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development approved construction of 30,000 affordable houses in Maharashtra’s Sholapur district for urban poor on private land under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). It is first such project to be taken up on private land under PMAY(U).

104. Earlier approved projects for affordable housing projects were built on lands belonging to state government / municipal corporations.

105. Ministry of Power launched a portal for optimum utilization of domestic coal by independent power producer (IPP), that would estimatedly save the consumer close to Rs. 20,000 crore in 5 years.

106. Ministry of Rural Development will launch Ajeekva Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY), a sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DNALM). AGER aims to provide alternative source of livelihood to members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) by facilitating Coaching For: BANK PO / CLERK, NEET, JEE, TNPSO Grs, JILY IV & V, YAO, SCS, RRB, TET, TRB, MAT, POLICE, SI, NIC-A, LIG-AO & AO, TANCET AND ENTRANCE EXAMS.

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them to operate public transport services in backward rural areas.

105. Ministry of Science & Technology launched National Biopharma Mission as first ever Industry-Academia mission to accelerate biopharmaceutical development in India. Under this mission, ministry also launched Innovate in India (i3) program to create an enabling ecosystem to promote entrepreneurship and indigenous manufacturing in sector.

1. Innovate in India (i3) program i3 is a flagship program of India that will witness an investment of $250 million with $125 million as a loan from world Bank. It is committed to make India a hub for design and development of novel, affordable and effective biopharmaceutical products and solutions.

2. It will strive to increase India’s global biopharmaceutical market share from current 2.8% to 5%.

106. Ministry of Women and Child Development launched an online platform ‘She-box (Sexual Harassment Electronic Box) to enable women employees of the Central government to file complaints related to sexual harassment at work place.

107. Minority Affairs Ministry has launched Jiyoo Parsi Publicity Phase-2 in Mumbai, aimed at containing declining population of Parsi community in India.

108. Mumbai Metro launched India’s first Mobile Ticketing System ‘OnGo’ which will help commuters pass the AFC gates using their mobile phones.

109. Additionally, Lucknow metro will be India’s first metro network to offer free drinking water and toilet facilities and will have its own FM radio station.

110. NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Ayog approved 6 transport proposals of transport ministry to improve public transport. It includes high-tech mass transportation technologies such as metronio, hyperloop, pod taxis, stadler buses, hybrid buses and freight rail road.

111. NITI Aayog (National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research) Amendmend Bill has been passed in Rajya Sabha, to introduce 2 new Institutions namely Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati and IISER Berhampur in Second Schedule of NITI Aayog Act 2007.

112. Nagaland has been declared as disturbed area for 6 more months under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), which empowers security forces to conduct operations anywhere without any prior notice to civil administration.

113. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) launched a joint venture company to set up an aluminium park at Angul (Odisha) with Investment of INR 180 crores. Odisha currently contributes about 54% of India’s total aluminium smelting capacity.

114. National Book Trust (NBT) launched Har Haath Ek Kitaab (One Book for Every Hand) scheme, that allows people to make donations to children aged 6 - 12 in the form of books with a simple method. NBT has tied up with e-Commerce site Snapdeal for this purpose.

115. National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) launched its own quality mark logo for dairy products in country, aimed at bringing improvement in entire value chain from producer to the consumer to ensure availability of safe and quality milk and products.


117. National Green Tribunal (NGT) declared 100 metres from edge of the Ganga river between Haridwar and Unnao as “No-Development Zone”.

118. National Green Tribunal (NGT) imposed nationwide ban on use of kite strings (manja), made of nylon or any synthetic material, as it poses threat to animals and humans.

119. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in its 4th meeting approved 7 projects (worth approx 425 crores INR) in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

120. National Security Guard (NSG) organized First International Aviation Security Seminar in Manesar (Haryana).

121. New Delhi-based The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) is ranked 2nd among world’s best climate think tank by International Centre for Climate Governance (ICCG) in category 2016 Top Climate Think Tanks in the Rest of the World Absolute Global Rankings. It was announced during ICCG’s 23rd annual Conference of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) in Athens (Greece).

122. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik dedicated to nation the state’s longest bridge and named it after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The 288 km bridge connects Barang on outskirts of Bhubaneswar with judicial Academy Chak in Cuttack.

123. Odisha Government will also set up an international standard sports city in state.

124. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated computerisation of PACS (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies) and launched RuPay Kisan Credit cards.

125. Odisha is first state to implement an integrated Core Banking Solution Project for farmers, to ensure transparency. It will cover all 3 tiers of short term cooperative credit structure - state cooperative bank, district central cooperative banks and 2,078 primary agriculture cooperative societies.

126. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Textiles India 2017 as India’s first ever mega textiles trade fair at Gandhinagar (Gujarat). This 3 day fair will aim to showcase India as a global sourcing hub and investment destination for manufacturers world-wide.

127. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a memorial for former Indian President A P J Abdul Kalam at his birthplace near Rameswaram (Tamilnadu).

128. Parliament passed Collection of Statistics (Amendment) Bill 2017 after it was approved by Rajya Sabha. It amends Collection of Statistics Bill 2008 that facilitates collection of statistics related to social, economic, demographic, scientific and environmental aspects by central, state and local governments. Changes are -
- It adds provisions for appointment of a nodal officer by government, who will coordinate statistical activities.
- The Bill removes provision dealing with information collected under it only is used for statistical purposes and allows government to determine manner in which such information collected will be used for statistical purposes.

129. President Pranab Mukherjee approved Maharashtra Prohibition of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2016. Maharashtra is first state to formulate a law to punish social boycott.

130. President Pranab Mukherjee approved a bill banning hookah bars in Gujarat, provisioning maximum term of 3 years for violators.

131. President Pranab Mukherjee approved promulgation of The Prevention of cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 by Governor of Karnataka in pursuance of Article 213 of Constitution.

132. It now legalises Kambala, bullock cart races and bull runs as traditional sports involving animals and exempt them from Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

133. President Pranab Mukherjee dedicated BML Munjal University to nation.

134. BML Munjal University (BMU) is based in Haryana. It was founded by promoters of Hero Group and is named after group’s chairman and founder Brij Mohan Lal Munjal.

135. President Pranab Mukherjee launched 2 programmes to take education to remote areas with help of technology - Swamyam and Swayam Prabha.

136. Under Swayam, courses would be offered through digital classrooms with online study material available free of cost in videos

137. SWAYAM Prabha is set of 32 DTH channels operationalised for telecasting high quality educational content free of charge using the GSAT-15 satellite transponders.

138. Prez also launched a National Academic Depository where verified educational records would be digitally stored by universities or a board to counter forgery. National Digital Library is also launched as large online library containing 6.5 million books.

139. Prez also inaugurated Ashiana Anwendi in Dehradun (Uttarakhand), comprising 12 low cost dwelling units to accommodate officers Coaching For: BANK PO / CLERK, NEET, JEE, TNpsc, GT, L.I.V, VII & VAO, SSC, RRB, TET, TRB, MAT, POLICE, SI, NIC- AO, LIC- ADO & AO, TANCET AND ENTRANCE EXAMS
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and staff of Rashtrapati Bhawan during Presidential visits to Retreat at 'Ashiana'.

131. Punjab Government approved new transport policy that abolishes system of district transport officers (DTO) and restructures transport department. A special task force has been set up and the state police to crack down on all illegal buses. Permits will be valid for 5 years from date of issue.

132. Punjab Government launched flagship care companion health scheme, aiming to improve patient outcomes through better family engagement and education.

133. Punjab government launched Apni Gaadi / Apna Rozgar scheme by flagging off over 100 MOTO bikes. Under this, state government will provide commercial two-wheelers and four-wheelers to unemployed youth at subsidized rates.

134. Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) signed MoU with National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) for redevelopment of 10 railway stations on global standards - Tirupati, Nellore, Puducherry, Saral Rooril (Delhi), Madgaon, Lucknow, Guntimadugu, Kota, Thane (New) and Ernakulam. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be formed as a Joint Venture (JV) company between RLDA and NBCC on 50:50 basis.

135. Raipur's Swami Vivekananda Airport ranked first in Customer Satisfaction among 49 airports in country with score of 4.84 score out of 5. Raipur airport is followed by Udaipur, Amritsar and Dehradun airports.

136. Rajasthan became first State to set minimum educational qualifications for contesting elections to village cooperative societies and various other cooperative bodies, amending State Cooperative Societies Rules 2003.
   - Required educational qualifications - Class 5 to 8th for members of governing boards of various cooperative societies, 8th for primary committee members, 10th for district-level committees and graduation for state level committees.
   - Rajasthan will also be first state to establish Recruitment Board by Cooperative Committees, to ensure more and efficient employment in cooperatives.

137. Rajya Sabha passed Adminality (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2017 that repeals laws such as Admiralty Court Act 1861 and Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act 1890. It was passed by Lok Sabha in March 2017.

138. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited and Cement Corporation of India signed MOU to set up 2 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum) Fly Ash and Blast Furnace Slag based Cement Plant in Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) as a Joint Venture in 2 phases of 1 million tonne capacity each.

139. Reliance Jio Infocomm launched Asia-Africa-Europe (AAE-1) submarine cable system as world's longest 100 Gbps technology-based submarine system. It stretches over 25,000 Kms from Marseille (France) to Hong Kong, with 21 cable landings across Asia and Europe.
   - A submarine cable system is a cable system that consists of telecom and internet cables, which are laid on the seabed between land-based stations. These cables carry telecommunication and data signals across stretches of oceans.
   - AAE-1 is a combination of leading telecom service providers from Europe, Middle East and Asia. It will link with other cable systems and fibre networks to deliver direct access to all global markets.

140. Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Ministry announced assistance of INR 200 crores to assam for repairs of National Highways damaged due to heavy rains and INR 400 Crores for dredging work in Brahmaputra river.

141. Scientists from Geological Survey of India (GSI) discovered presence of millions of tonnes of precious metals and minerals deep under waters within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of peninsular India. GSI for first time has identified huge presence of marine resources off Mangaluru, Mannar Basin, Chennai, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

142. State government of Madhya Pradesh appointed a four-member food commission headed by Rajkishore Swain, in accordance with National Food Security Act (NFS) 2013. It has come in line with supreme court's recent announcement that National Food Security (NFS) Act 2013 has not been implemented properly and has been postponed by various states.

143. Student- scientist connect programme ifjvysa has been officially launched in Delhi, jointly by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

144. Supreme Court allowed Government to replace oversight committee set up to supervise functioning of Medical Council of India (MCI) with a fresh panel of five eminent doctors.
   - Oversight committee was set up by SC in May 2016 to oversee MCI's functioning. It was led by former Chief Justice R.M. Lodha.

145. Supreme Court asked Union government to formalise appointment of election commissioners through law.
   - SC stated that there is expectation in Constitution that Election Commissioners, who are charged with important duty of conducting free and fair elections must be appointed through a process formalised by a law enacted by Parliament.

146. Supreme Court exempted Arunachal Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands from ban on sale of liquor within 500 metres of National and State Highways.

147. Supreme Court imposed ban on use of 5 harmful heavy metals - lithium, antimony, mercury, arsenic and lead in manufacturing firecrackers due to air pollution caused by them.

148. Supreme Court ruled that police cannot arrest accused family without conducting a preliminary inquiry under dowry harassment cases filed under Section 498A of Indian Penal Code (IPC), in view of misuse of anti-dowry harassment law framed in 1983.

149. Supreme Court will set up a nine-judge bench to decide whether Right to Privacy in India can be defined as a fundamental right under Constitution or not.

150. Telangana government imposed a cap on weight of bags carried by school children in order to prevent any physical disorders. Max Permissible weight is -
   - Class 1 & 2 => 1.5 Kg
   - Class 3 & 5 => 2.3 Kg
   - Class 7 => 4 Kg
   - Class 8 & 9 => 4.5 Kg
   - Class X => 5 Kg.

151. Telangana government launched grievance redressal portal called janahitha, as a fast and single window facility for all public grievances.

152. Telangana will be first Indian state to have eco-friendly bridges for easy movement of tigers, over a canal cutting across tiger corridor linking Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra with forests in Telangana's Kurnam Bheem Asifabad district.

153. Telangana will be first state to build India's first exclusively for Dalit students in 2018.

154. Telangana will present a separate agriculture budget for state from next year (2018 - 19), aiming to boost Agriculture sector with more focus and funds.

155. UP Government launched Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UP RERA) website - http://www.up-rera.in, putting details of all real estate projects and builders in public domain and accessible for all.

156. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched mAadhaar mobile application for syncing Aadhaar data on mobile phones. It will allow users to carry their unique Aadhaar information including name, DOB, address, linked photograph etc. on their smartphones. App will also allow users to...