157. Uttar Pradesh Government launched free power connection scheme for BPL card holders in state, initially at 624 places.
158. Uttar Pradesh Government re-named Kanpur and Bareilly airports after freedom fighter Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi and as Nath Nagri respectively.
159. Uttar Pradesh Government will launch ‘Pink’ air-conditioned buses installed with CCTV cameras exclusively for women, with all women staff.

August

1. 19 acres of land housed around 70 government office buildings in Chattisgarh’s Raipur is being converted into India’s first micro forest to create an oxy-zone, aimed at creating an oxyzone in midst of packed houses in Highly populated Raipur city.
2. 2030 Water Resources Group (2030WRG) will help Maharashtra Government raise $270 million from Green Climate Fund, which will be invested in integrated watershed programmes such as Jaljale Shivar Yojana.
   - GCF is a new fund under UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and 2030WRG is hosted by the International Finance Corporation.
   - It is a public-private-civil society collaboration for water resources reform in developing economies.
3. 3 day annual cultural festival named Fête de Puducherry organised by government in Puducherry in association with South Zone Cultural Centre. It aims to bring to multi-faceted cultural features of various states.
4. A Supreme Court Bench (led by Chief Justice J.S. Khehar) pronounced that individual privacy is a fundamental right protected by Constitution. It comes under various fundamental freedoms in Part III of Indian Constitution. With this now India has total seven fundamental rights. Which are -
   - Right to equality
   - Right to freedom
   - Right against exploitation
   - Right to freedom of religion
   - Cultural and Educational rights
   - Right to constitutional remedies
   - Right to Privacy
5. Aadi Perukku Festival celebrated in Tamilnadu, marking beginning of month of Aadi. During this month, Thai and Aadi sun changes directions so it is celebrated Aadi Perukku festival celebrated in Tamilnadu that way.
6. According to report by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), population estimation of Asian elephant in India is around 27,312. It was first-ever synchronised all-India Elephant Population census that covered 1.10 lakh square kilometres and spanned four regions of northeast, south, east-central and north.
7. Amazon India signed MoU with Telangana Department of Handloom and Textiles, to train and enable weavers and artisans to directly sell their products to Amazon customers across country.
8. An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) and CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL), to provide for time and frequency traceability services to ISRO by CSIR-NPL.
9. Andhra Pradesh’s Eastern Power Distribution Company (EPDC) and Southern Power Distribution Corporation of AP (SPDC) became first state-owned distribution companies in India to accept payments through Bharat QR. As part of “Vizag less – cash city” initiative by Visa and Andhra Pradesh government.
10. Assam Government will launch Scheme for Compassionate Family Pension (CFP) in place of Compassionate Appointment. It is being done as Compassionate Appointment didn’t serve objective due to practical difficulties (including under qualification and other issues of compassionate Appointment).
11. Bangalore International Airport Ltd and private helicopter service Thumby Aviation partnered to launch HeliTaxi services from Bengaluru Airport, Making Bengaluru Airport first in India to get HeliTaxi service.
12. Bengaluru based social education start-up Meghshala Trust launched Meghshala (‘School on the Cloud’) offline mobile app, supported by Tata Trusts. It empowers teachers with tools to create classroom learning experiences and is preloaded with over 2,500 of Meghshala’s ‘TeachKits’.
13. Bihar government will enforce retirement of non-performing educational personnel above age of 50 years, in view of poor performance of academics in state.
14. Cabinet Approvals -
   - MoU with Myanmar for the Conservation of Earthquake-Damaged Pagodas at Bagan.
   - MoU with Israel on India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund (I4F). India and Israel will make contribution of US $4 million (Rs.25 crore) each for Fund, both equivalent amount, annually for 5 years. The fund will be governed by joint Board which will consist of 4 members from each country.
   - MoU with Brazil for cooperation in Zebu Cattle Genomics and Assisted Reproductive Technologies.
   - Joint issue of 2 Commemorative Postage Stamps on India-Canada: Joint Issue on theme “Diwali”.
15. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved closure of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Limited (ANIFPDCL) in Port Blair, to help stop unproductive loans to ANIFPDCL from GoI and would enable a more productive utilization of assets.
16. Congress Government launched subsidized food scheme named Indira Canteen scheme in Bengaluru (Karnataka). In this, Breakfast available for Rs 5, lunch and dinner for Rs 10.
17. Defence Accounts Department (DAD) organized its first Synergy Conference on Defence Pensions in New Delhi.
   - NSIT Bill 2017 gives University status to Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology.
   - Minimum Wages Amendment Bill 2017 increases minimum wages of workers and puts strict penalties on employers failing to pay minimum wages to workers. It enhances penalty for non-payment of minimum wages from INR 500 to 50000 and increased jail term of 3 years.
19. Delhi Metro opened a facility to recycle waste produced during its demolition and construction work.
20. Delhi Police partnered with cab Aggregator UBER to intensify safety of women in city, enabling Passengers to access Delhi Police’s women safety mobile application ‘fliimmat’ via UBER’s Mobile application.
21. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) approved 2 projects for development of industrial clusters at Hindupur and Bobbili in the Andhra Pradesh, under ‘Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUIS).’
22. Drug price regulator National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) capped the prices of orthopaedic knee implants upto 70% lower than current market rates. It came after World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that osteoarthritis will be 4th largest cause of immobility in globally by 2020.
23. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) signed MoU with Oil Marketing Companies (IOCL, HPCL and BPLC) for distribution of energy efficient appliances under flagship Ujjwalo by Affordable LEDs and appliances for All (UJALA) scheme. Under this MoU, Consumer can purchase high quality 9W LED Bulbs for Rs 70, 20W LED Tubelight for Rs 220 and Five-Star Rated Ceiling Fan for Rs 1,200.

24. First 3 of 24 fast track courts for Maharashtra in two of its most popular cities - one in Mumbai and 2 in Thane.


26. Geographical Indications Registry (GIR) granted geographical indication (GI) status to Gobindobhog rice, a specialty from Burdwan district of West Bengal. It derives its name from principal ingredient usage in preparation of offerings to Govindajui, family deity of Setts of Kolkata.

27. Global e-Commerce Firm Amazon partnered with Akshaya Patra Foundation to implement Karnataka Government’s Khcheera Bhagya Scheme. Under this, school children of city would be provided a glass of milk each five days a week.

28. Goa Legislative Assembly passed Goa, Daman and Diu, Preservation of Trees Act 1984. It seeks to reclassify coconut as a tree and ensure legal protection to it.

29. Government approved Proposal for Completion of balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project in Bihar stalled since 1993 has been approved. Under revived project, storage of water in Mandal dam to be constructed under it will be restricted at lower level than envisaged earlier to reduce submergence and to protect Bera National Park and Palamau Tiger Reserve. 24 MW power project as part of the original design also has been scrapped.

30. Government approved Uttar Pradesh government’s proposal to rename Mughalsarai railway station as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) station.

31. Government approved creation of a single corpus fund known as Madhyamik and Uchchhatra Shiksha Kosha (MUSK), in which all secondary and higher education cess will be credited and utilised for government’s schemes in education sector.
   - MUSK will be operationalised as per present arrangements under Prarambhik Shivshila Kosha (PSK) wherein the proceeds of cess are used for Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Schemes.
   - Expenditure on ongoing schemes of the IHDI Ministry will be initially incurred from the gross budgetary support (GBS) in any financial year and expenditure will be financed from MUSK only after GBS is exhausted.

32. Government approved norms for establishing equivalence of posts in Government Organizations (PSUs), for benefiting of OBC reservations. This will ensure that children of lower category workers in PSUs and other institutions can get benefit of OBC reservations and will prevent treatment of children of OBC individuals in senior positions as non-Creamy Layer by wrong interpretation of income.
   - Cabinet also approved increase in Creamy Layer ceiling of OBCs from Rs 6 lakh per annum to Rs 8 lakh per annum, with increase in Consumer Price Index.

33. Government approved setting up a Commission under article 340 of Constitution to examine issue of sub-categorization of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

34. Government doubled Child Care allowance from Rs 1500 to Rs 3000 for women employees with disabilities, payable will be child is 2 years old and shall be payable for maximum of 2 eldest surviving children. Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) also issued orders for the reimbursement of children education allowance, which will be Rs 2,250 per month.

35. Government finalised a new policy for cadre allocation for IAS, IPS and other officers. Now, officers of these services will choose cadres from a set of zones instead of states. Existing 26 state cadres have been divided into 5 zones now.

36. Government has set target of installing 60 gigawatt (GW) wind power capacity by 2022, up from 32.5 GW capacity currently.

37. Government is developing Tirupati and Vijayawada Airports in Andhra Pradesh as green airports (solar powered).
   - Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) in Kerala is first airport in the world to be completely powered by solar energy.

38. Government launched e-Rakshaman portal as a joint initiative by MSTRC and Central Warehousing Corporation. It is a digital initiative that aims to bring together farmers, PSUs, civil supplies and buyers on a single platform to ease selling and buying process of agricultural products.

39. Government will provide 40 5 reservation for girls at 110 Navodaya-type schools and will set up 5 higher education institutes for minority community students.

40. Gujarat became First State to Implement Coal Utilisation after it issued tender for power developers to receive cheap coal for state in return for selling coal-based power at less than Rs 2.82 a unit. Through auction, coal allocated to state government’s power generating stations will be transferred to more fuel-efficient private power plants. It will reduce cost of fuel for distribution companies and ensure effective distribution of domestic coal.

41. Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated YUVA – Skill Development Programme, an initiative by Delhi Police under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

42. Home Ministry declared entire Assam state as a disturbed area under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act for one more month, citing various violent activities by insurgent groups ULFA, NDFB, and others.

43. Home Ministry merged National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD), to improve administrative efficiency and optimal utilisation of resources for development works related to policing.

44. Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry will conduct National Assessment Survey (NAS) for students of class 3, 5, and 8 on November 13, 2017. Approx 30 lakh students will be assessed in 2017-18, making it world’s largest sample survey of student learning achievement.

45. India’s First World Peace University opened in MIT Pune, Following a Global Summit on Science and Spirituality for World Peace.

46. India’s largest telecom services provider Bharti Airtel partnered with leading global cyber security company Symantec Corp, to serve growing cyber security requirements of businesses in India.

47. Indian Army developed Humraaz mobile application, that allows serving soldiers to track details like postings and promotion.

48. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad’s (IIM-A) incubator Center for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) announced AGRI UDDAN - Food and Agribusiness Accelerator 2.0 as a 6 month program to help innovative startups in scaling up their operations in agri value chain for effective improvement in agriculture.

49. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will invest INR 52,000 crores in expanding Paradip refinery in Odisha and setting up petrochemical complex after Odisha State Government agreed to restore part of tax incentives and give INR 700 crore per annum of an interest-free loan for 15 years.

50. Indian Railways announced ePayInterchange, enabling people to book now & pay later for tickets booked under tatkal quota on IRCTC website. Users may pay the fare within 15 days, with a service charge of 3.5 %.

51. Indian Railways has signed its first EPC (engineering, procurement, construction) contract with Larsen and Toubro (L&T) for electrification of railway lines, valuing INR 1050 crores.

52. India’s first railway disaster management village will come up near Bengaluru (Karnataka) by December 2018, where situations like trains falling into rivers and coaches catching fire will be replicated and mock rescue operations will be carried out in real time.

53. India’s policy think-tank NITI Aayog organized event called Champions of Change, aimed at bringing together young businessmen at a place and share ideas.

54. Infusion Nurses Society (INS) India launched country’s first online course on Infusion Therapy for nurses, during its 6th National Conference. Under

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this, INS aims to train over 3000 nurses in vital medical procedures.

55. Jammu and Kashmir government will State’s first Eco-Park on over 34 acres of land reclaimed from encroachers in Rajouri district.

56. Jammu and Kashmir government will spend Rs 1 lakh Cr on development works with special emphasis on education and road connectivity over the next five years.

57. Jharkhand approved Jharkhand Freedom of Religion Bill 2017, that seeks to bring stringent anti-conversion law in place under which forceful or allurement induced religious conversion will be a non-bailable criminal offence.

58. Karnataka Government has launched cloud seeding Project Varshadhari in Bengaluru under which an aircraft will spray chemicals to induce rainfall. Flight for cloud seeding – BQ-100 Beechcraft will spray Silver Iodide, Sodium Chloride and Potassium Chloride to condense water particles.

59. Karnataka Government signed MoU with software giant Microsoft to develop a unique “farm price forecasting model, as a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country. It will aid farmers from states to predict farm prices in advance and deal effectively with the unpredictable market.

60. Kerala government began e-waste disposal project in its state schools with about 12500 kg being disposed on a single day, as an initiative of Kerala Infrastructure and Technology Education for XITE and Clean Kerala Company.

61. Launch of IRSO’s eight navigation satellite IRNSS-1H onboard PSLV-C39 from Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh) has been unsuccessful.

   - Heat shield did not separate as a result of which satellite did not complete the 4th stage.
   - IRNSS-1H was being sent to space to replace India’s first navigation satellite IRNSS-1A (launched in July 2013) as its three rubidium atomic clocks on board had stopped functioning.
   - Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) is an independent regional system developed by India on par with the US-based GPS, Russia’s Glonas and Galileo developed by Europe. It offers wide services like terrestrial and marine navigation, disaster management, vehicle tracking and fleet management visual and voice navigation for drivers. It was named “Navic” (Navigation with Indian Constellation) by PM Narendra Modi.

62. Maharashtra Government launched Nano Yuva Raigar Kendra initiative aimed at providing job opportunities to unemployed youth in Mumbai.

63. Maharashtra Government launched MahaDBT and MahaVASTU portals to streamline process of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

   - MahaDBT portal is an Aadhaar-authenticated electronic mechanism that will enable direct transfer of benefits for over 40 schemes implemented by various departments.
   - MahaVASTU is an Online Building Permission Management System with an electronic workflow for sanctioning building approvals with full transparency.

64. Manipur’s Nungthaang Tampak village has emerged as India’s 2nd and North East’s 1st 100 % computer literate village. Kerala’s Chamravattom village is the country’s first 100 % computer literate village.

65. Microsoft tied up with Telangana Government to use its artificial intelligence-based MINE (Microsoft Intelligent Network for Eyecare) platform to screen children for eye problems and prevent avoidable blindness.

66. Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal launched Common Food Processing Incubation Center for Shallots (Small Onions) in Chettikulam village in Perambalur District of Tamil Nadu.

   - Perambalur is the hub for small onions (Shallots) cultivation in over 8000 hectares producing around 65,000 to 70,000 tonnes every year. Farmers reported massive losses due to conventional methods of handling and storage.

67. Minister of State for HFD Mahendra Nath Pandey launched Indian National Anthem video in sign language, Directed by filmmaker Govind Nihalani (3 minutes length).

   - Featuring Actor Amitabh Bachchan.

68. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers constituted a committee of joint secretaries for ensuring enhanced affordability, availability and accessibility of drugs for the citizens. It will suggest ways to make pricing policy in favour of poor patients.


   - Report stated that 62.45% of the households have access to a toilet and Sanitation Coverage has increased from 39% in October 2016 to 66% in August 2017.
   - Big States - Kerala, Haryana and Gujarat are top performers while Bihar (30% coverage) and Uttar Pradesh (37%), Jharkhand (37%) are worst performers in terms of rural sanitation.

70. Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will launch Deep Ocean Mission by January 2018 to spur research activities in ocean science and develop technology to harness ocean resources.

71. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) launched first phase of National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC), to scan country’s web traffic to detect cyber security threats.

   - NCCC is implemented by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and works as per provisions of section 69B of Information Technology Act 2000.

72. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali campaign aimed at reducing adverse environmental conditions especially pollution in country after past Diwali celebrations due to excessive bursting of crackers.

73. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) launched country’s first Videsh Bhavan by assimilating all Regional Passport Offices and allied departments under a single roof at Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) in Mumbai (Maharashtra). It will cut operating costs and increase efficiency.

74. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched second phase of measles-rubella (MR) vaccination campaign to reduce measles morbidity and mortality. 1st phase covers 8 states and union territories.

75. Ministry of Home Affairs launched digital police portal under Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems Project (CCTNS), as a smart policing initiative to aid efficient police investigation. Digital police portal is a platform for citizens to file online crime related complaints and also request for antecedent verification.

76. Ministry of Shipping will expand Logistics Data Bank (LDB) project to southern region, that is So far being used only in western part since its launch at Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai) in July 2016. 

   - LDB project uses Information Technology to make logistics sector more efficient. Under this, every container is attached to a Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) tag and tracked through RFID readers. LDB project covers entire movement of containers through rail or road till Inland Container Depot and Container Freight Station.

77. Ministry of Women and Child Development organize Women of India Festival at Dilli Haat in New Delhi in October 2017.

78. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports launched National Sports Talent Search Portal, to ease up process of finding sporting talent from across nation. It will enable any person to upload their information through a simple procedure.

79. NITI (National Institute for Transforming India) Aayog partnered with 3 states each to radically transform their Health and Education sectors under its Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH) initiative. Shortlisted states for health sector are Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka while Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha are selected for transforming their education sector.


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regulations and enabling environment across India from firms’ perspective. Major findings -
- Economic Performance and Reforms - More economic activity and better performance in several business indicators are correlated.
- Improvements over time - Younger firms (established after 2014) report more favorable business environment as they take less time in obtaining approvals than older firms.
- Informational gaps - States need to enhance awareness of steps being undertaken by them to improve ease of doing business. For example, only 20% of start-ups use single window facilities introduced by state governments for setting up a business.
- Even only 41% of experts know about such facilities.
- Labor regulations as bigger constraint for labor intensive firms - Labor intensive sectors that create comparatively more jobs per unit of capital investment, are more constrained by labor related regulations.
- Barriers to firm growth - The experience of firms with fewer employees is different from that of larger firms. Sometimes, large firms face more regulatory hurdles than smaller firms.

81. National Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy: Changing Paradigm held in Mumbai, aimed at facilitating better understanding of intricacies of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

82. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) launched a web portal (ncertbooks.nic.in) to enable schools and individuals to place orders for their books online. Portal will ensure better distribution of NCERT textbooks across country.

83. National Green Tribunal (NGT) imposed ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns in national capital Delhi.

84. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) launched mobile Apps MyFASTag and FASTag Partner to facilitate availability of FASTags for Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) project.

85. National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has launched Mentor India Campaign, a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders for guiding and mentoring students at Atal Tinkering Labs. Under this, NITI Aayog is looking for leaders who can spend one to two hours a week in Atal Tinkering labs, to enable students learn future skills of computational thinking.

86. National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog suggested establishment of judicial performance index (JPI) to check delay in finalisation of cases in lower judiciary (including district courts). It was suggested. As part of Three Year Action Agenda (2017-20) recommendations for reforms to expedite justice delivery system. Note that approx 3 crore cases have been pending for years in lower courts.

87. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Google launched Android Skill Development Programme to impart mobile app development training on Android and Web platform and improve quality of mobile app development ecosystem in India.

88. New Metro Rail Policy has been approved, based on Make in India and with several key features -
- Policy promotes private investments across a range of metro operations making PPP component mandatory for availing central assistance for new metro projects.
- It will be Necessary to provide last mile connectivity to metro Stations through feeder services, Non-Motorised Transport infrastructure like walking and cycling pathways and para-transport facilities.
- To ensure that least cost mass transit mode is selected for public transport, new policy mandates evaluation of other modes of mass transit like BRTS (Bus Rapid Transit System); Light Rail Transit, Tramways etc. Setting up Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) has been made mandatory which is to prepare Comprehensive Mobility Plans for cities.
- Policy stipulated a shift from present Financial Internal Rate of Return of 8% to Economic Internal Rate of Return of 14% for approving metro projects, in line with global practices.
- New policy empowers States to make regulations and set up permanent Fare Fixation Authority for timely revision of fares.
- Policy envisages private sector participation in O&M of metro services in different ways -
  1. Cost plus fee contract - Private operator is paid a monthly/annual payment for O&M of system. Operational and revenue risk is borne by the owner.
  2. Gross Cost Contract - Private operator is paid a fixed sum for duration of the contract. Operator to bear O&M risk while the owner bears the revenue risk.
- At present, metro projects with a total length of 370 kms are operational in 8 cities - Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Chennai, Kochi, Mumbai, Jaipur and Gurugram.

89. Nuakhai Agriculture Festival observed by people of Western Odisha, aimed at welcoming new rice of season. It is also observed in adjoining areas of Simdega in Jharkhand.

90. Odisha Government launched a grid-connected rooftop solar programme through net-metering system at State Secretariat in Bhubaneswar, aimed at harnessing renewable solar capacity through people’s participation to further strengthen grid and benefit public.

91. Odisha Government will launch Durgrama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran (DAMON) as a special programme to prevent spread of malaria in remote areas of Ganjam district.

92. Odisha government and Facebook launched ‘SheMeansBusiness’ programme to train women entrepreneurs in state under Project Mission Shakti.

93. PM Narendra Modi announced INR 100 crores corpus to find a permanent solution to Flood issues in North-Eastern states. He also announced INR 2350 crores as an immediate aid, after reviewing flood situations in North Eastern states.

94. PM Narendra Modi announced launching of 15-days ‘Cleanliness is Service’ campaign along with Gandhiji Jayanti 2017 (October 2, 2017).

95. PM Narendra Modi dedicated to nation 11 completed highway projects in Rajasthan, covering a total length of about 873 kilometres and total expenses approx INR 15000 crores.

96. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture observed that impact of Climate change on agriculture includes -
- Decrease in Productivity of major crops such as wheat, rice, oilseeds, pulses, fruits and vegetables.
- Food Security - By 2030, India may need 70 million tonnes more of foodgrains than the expected production in 2016-17.
- Projected food demand of 345 million tonnes (MT) by 2030, 30% higher than in 2011.
- Economic Losses of about $9-10 billion annually due to extreme weather events.
- Improve in Yields - Though most crops will see reduced production, but climate change may also help improve yields of soyabean, chickpea, groundnut, coconut (western coast) and potato (in Punjab, Haryana and western Uttarakhand).

97. Punjab government joined hands with World Bank to set up India’s first ever official Partition museum at Amritsar.

98. Rajasthan government and HPCL will form a joint venture company - HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL), for Barmer petroleum refinery and petrochemical complex. State government will have 26% and HPCL will have 74 % of partnership. Refinery would be set up in 4,813 acres of land and 270 MW power would be generated from waste petro coke generated from refinery.

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99. Smriti Irani inaugurated Jharkhand’s first textiles manufacturing and export unit ‘Orient Craft Ltd’.
100. State government of Assam will distribute 13 lakh Soil Health Cards among farmers.
    • Soil Health Card Scheme is launched by Government of India in February 2015. Under this, government issues soil cards to farmers which will carry crop-wise recommendations of nutrients and fertilisers required for the individual farms to help farmers to improve productivity through judicious use of inputs.
101. State government of Bihar released INR 1935 Crores to undertake relief operations in flood affected areas of state.
102. Supreme Court ruled that insurance companies will not renew insurance of a vehicle unless owner provides pollution under control (PUC) certificate.
103. Tata Memorial Centre partnered with Indian Dental Association (IDA) to initiate India’s first digital initiative for prevention and early detection of oral cancer.
104. Telangana Government and World Resources Institute (WRI) launched ‘Smart Streets Lab’ program aimed at carving out innovative road and women safety solutions in Hyderabad.
105. Telangana Government initiated an INR 2000 crores project to modernize Srisailam project that has potential to serve several districts in state.
106. To end issue of Triple Talaq in Muslim community, five judges bench (of five faiths) of Supreme Court struck down validity of triple talaq by a majority of 3:2, stating that Triple Talaq violates fundamental right of Muslim women as it irrevocably ends marriage without any chance of reconciliation.
107. To promote advertisement and revenue leakage, Assam government has decided that country liquor would be grain-based, undergo chemical tests and be branded and make it mandatory for bottles to sport a hologram as in the case of IMFL.
108. To promote a cultural tourism in India, The tram of a cultural tourism in India event held in Mumbai.
109. UIDAI partnered with CSC India for launching door step enrolment facility in DELHI for elderly and patients who cannot travel to Aadhar centers.
110. Uttar Pradesh Government launched Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra awareness drive, to focus on cleanliness along 1025 KMs long banks of Ganga river.
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) also approved 10 projects in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal of approx INR 2033 crores.
111. Uttar Pradesh government ended interviews for selection of candidates for government jobs in all non-gazetted posts of Group B, C and D categories. However, for recruitment of gazetted officers in Class II category, Interview will be a must.
112. e-Commerce Firm Amazon launched virtual customer service (VCS) as an initiative to create cost efficient employment prospects for skilled candidates seeking more flexible work opportunities. It will help many people resume their career and find an earning with comfort of being at home.

September

1. 10th Medical Technology Conference organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in New Delhi.
2. 13th Formation Day of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) celebrated in New Delhi with theme School Safety.
3. 3 Government PSUs - National Aluminium Company (NALCO), Hindustan Copper (HCL) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) signed MoU to form a joint venture Khajni Bidesh India Ltd (Kabil).
    • Kabil will identify, explore, acquire, develop and process minerals overseas for commercial use and to meet domestic supply needs.
    • It will deal with 12 strategic resources that are not available in India or available in a very low quantity.
4. 3rd India International Science Festival (IISF-2017) will be held in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) in October 2017, organised by Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA).
5. 3rd Women of India Organic Festival held at Dilli Haat in New Delhi, aimed at promoting women entrepreneurs and farmers in organic sector.
6. 600-year-old Walled City in Gujarat’s Ahmedabad has been formally accorded status of India’s first World Heritage City by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
    • Walled city was founded in 15th century by Ahmed Shah of Gujarat Sultanate, on eastern bank of Sabarmati River. It presents rich architectural heritage from sultanate period.
    • It is India’s first city to get World Heritage status, 3rd in Asia after Bhaktapur (Nepal) and Galle (Sri Lanka). India now has total 36 World Heritage Inscriptions 28 cultural, 7 natural and 1 mixed site.
7. 6th Edition of 4-day international textile and apparel fair named VASTRA organized in Jaipur (Rajasthan).
8. Bandhan Todapp launch by Bihar Government as a unique initiative of Gender Alliance’s strategy to end child marriage and dowry in state.
10. According to recently released SRS bulletin, India has registered a significant decline in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR). IMR has declined by 3 points (8% decline), from 47 per 1000 births in 2015 to 34 per 1000 births in 2016.
11. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) developed Hortinet mobile app for farmers to facilitate registration, testing and certification of certain fruits and vegetables.
12. American e-commerce company Amazon opened its largest fulfillment center (FC) in India at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad (Telangana).
13. Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu declared Friday as Day of Helping Hand, when he will meet with poor and underprivileged people and hear their grievances and try to resolve them.
14. Andhra Pradesh Government announced new programme Jala Siriki Hhaarati, aimed at offering prayers to water bodies and to create awareness among public regarding water preservation.
15. Andhra Pradesh Government declared 2017 as e-Pragati year, to promote real-time governance.
16. Andhra Pradesh Government released People First mobile grievance redressal app, to enable people to register complaints about government services and schemes by dialing 1100.
17. Andhra Pradesh Government announced that transgender community can avail government schemes and Andhra Pradesh will be declared ODF by March 2018.
18. Andhra Pradesh government signed MoU with USA-based Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT) to build India’s first Hyperloop system, aimed at connecting Amaravati and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh by covering 35 km in just 5 minutes.
19. Andhra Pradesh state Government will build 5.4 lakh affordable houses in urban areas of State under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in next 15 months.
20. Archaeologists discovered an ancient Buddhist site dating back to 1st century AD, in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.
21. As per reports, Parali Island (Lakshadweep) has disappeared due to coastal erosion and another four such islands in Lakshadweep sea are shrinking fast.
22. Assam Government extended term of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) and declared entire State a Disturbed Area for six more months.

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This is first time that a state government has extended AFSPA and Disturbed Area provision on its own. Previously, AFSPA provisions were always extended by Central Government.

23. Assam government has set up a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Cell for implementation of DBT across various schemes, to coordinate efforts at the state level in taking DBT initiative forward.

24. Assam government signed MoU with Google India to take Internet connectivity to remote areas. Google will provide Internet connection to 26,000 villages and 1,500 tea garden areas to increase digital literacy. Gujarat government also signed MoU with Google for 'Digital Gujarat' movement.

25. Assam government will provide skill development training to around 30,000 surrendered militants and over 24000 Assamese youth under Prime Minister Kaushal Vikas Yojna.

26. Assam passed Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill 2017 regarding lay off of employees. It enables employers to lay off up to 300 employees without prior permission from government. Government also increased compensation of a labourer from 15 days salary to up to 60 days salary, in case of lay off.

27. Assam state Assembly passed PRANAM(=Parental Responsibility And Norms for Accountability and Monitoring ) bill, making it mandatory for state government employees to take care of their parents and needy siblings. Assam is the first state to approve such a legislation. Government will deduct 10-15% of salary of employee and give it to the parents for their survival, if not taken care by employee.

28. Assam state government will set up a well-equipped skilled city with a capacity of 10000 training seats in state, to give skill development training to 30000 former militants as announced earlier. Assam government will upgrade employment exchanges to Modern Career Centres.

29. Ayurveda students from across country have got a new Guinness World Record for maximum number of people receiving 'nasya panchakarma' treatment at 1st Rashtriya Ayurveda Yuva Mahotsav organised by National Ayurveda Student Youth Association (NASYA) at National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) in Jaipur.

30. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) signed MoU with Chinese gear maker ZTE to work on Pre5G and 5G wireless systems to make a virtual network architecture of a 5G ecosystem for research and commercialization in India.
   - BSNL also signed MOU with Aeris Communications to provide packetized Internet of Things (IoT) solutions and services to small, medium and large-sized enterprises and public sector undertakings (PSUs) in India.

31. Cabinet Committee of Security (CCS) approved implementation of umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPE) for 2017 - 2020 It is biggest ever internal security scheme in country and has financial outlay of INR 25,060 crore out of which Central Government share will be Rs.18,636 crore and states' share will be Rs.6,424 crores.

32. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved surveying 48,243 Line Kilometer (LKM) 2D seismic data for appraisal of Indian sedimentary basins where limited data is available.
   - Sedimentary basin is a low area in the Earth's crust, of tectonic origin, in which sediments accumulate. India has total 26 sedimentary basins covering area of 3.14 Million Sq Km (MSR). 48% of total sedimentary basin area (about 1.502 MSR) does not have adequate geo-scientific data.
   - project will be implemented by Oil India Limited (OILL), OIL and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and is to be completed by 2019-20.

33. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) extended period Special Industry Initiative for J&K (SII-J&K)- Udana Scheme till December 2018. UDAAN Scheme is national integration scheme with goal to mainstream J&K youth with rest of country.

34. Cell for IPR Promotions & Management (CIPAM) under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) launched social media campaign to promote Indian Geographical Indications (GIs) with Hashtag #LetUsTalkIP, to make more people aware about importance of Intellectual Property Rights.
   - A Geographical indication is a sign or products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin, eg. Darjeeling Tea, Mahabaleshwar Strawberry, Blue Pottery of Jaipur etc. GIs are important as they are an integral part of India’s rich culture and collective intellectual heritage.

35. Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) launched monthly Jan Sampark program to enable public to interact with its officials to obtain information related to child adoption.

36. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) signed Agreement with Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru for Development of ground water flow models and preparation of aquifer management plans for parts of Karnataka.

37. Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh launched Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Shram Anna Sahayata Yojana under which nutritious meal will be provided to laborers at price of INR 5.

38. Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CGECB) ordered closure of 1200 MW thermal power plant of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba district, due to ash slurry water from damaged ash dam polluting water of a Belgiri nullah passing near plant that drains into Hasdeo river.

39. Chhattisgarh High Court ordered state government to grant books and uniform instead of cash to Below Poverty Line (BPL) students studying in private schools under Right to education, in place of current arrangement of providing INR 650 per year as cash grant.

40. Dabur India has tied up with e-commerce Firm Amazon for online Ayurveda marketplace which will house all ayurvedic brands and products of country.

41. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion organized second Startup Conference in New Delhi.

42. Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) will procure 10,000 electric vehicles (EVs) from Tata Motors, as world's largest single electric vehicle procurement. Tata Motors quoted lowest price of Rs 10.16 lakh exclusive of GST in the competitive bidding. Procurement will be in Phases - 500 e-cars in first phase in November 2017 and remaining 9,500 EVs in second phase.

43. FSSAI CEO Pawan Kumar Agarwal inaugurated Nestle Food Safety Institute in Manesar (Gurugram), as first such institute in India. Nestle already runs a similar Institute each in China and Lausanne, Switzerland.

44. First National Canine Seminar organized by National Security Guard (NSG) in Manesar (Haryana).

45. First e-court of Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated in Srinagar, as first paperless court of Jammu and Kashmir. It will use digitised case records, thus paper usage and space requirements would be reduced to a great extent.

46. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched FosCoReS as an online platform to bring in transparency in food safety inspection and sampling. It will help in verifying compliance of food safety and hygiene standards by food businesses as per government norms.

47. Former cricketer Sachin Tendulkar launched Mission-24, a programme to improve quality of life in Mumbai's poorest wards through collaborative efforts in next 24 months.

48. Government declared urban Maharashtra open defecation free (ODF) under he Swachh Bharat Mission. Maharashtra is third big state after Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh to become Open Defecation Free in urban areas.

49. Government allowed import of 13 lakh tonnes of raw sugar at a concessional duty of 25% import duty under Open General License (Tarriff Rate Quota).

50. Government approved merger and modernization of 17 Government of India Press Units (GIPs) into 5 GIPs located at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Minto Road Coaching For: BANK PO / CLERK, NEET, JEE, TPSC Gr-I, II, IV, VII & VAO, SSC, RRB, TET, TRB, MAT, POLICE, SLN, IAC, AO, LIC ADO & AO, TANCET AND ENTRANCE EXAMS
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and Mayapuri in New Delhi, Nashik (Maharashtra) and Temple Street (Kolkata, West Bengal).  

51. Government approved revamped Khelo India programme for period 2017-18 to 2019-20, aimed at mainstreaming sport as tool for development.  
   - Pan India Sports Scholarship scheme - It will cover 1,000 most talented young athletes each year, with each athlete receiving annual scholarship of INR 5 lakh for 8 consecutive years.  
   - Sports Universities - 20 universities across country will be promoted as hubs of sporting excellence.  
   - National physical fitness drive - It will cover about 20 Crore children in age group of 10-18 and will support their fitness related activities.  

52. Government constituted High Level 5G India 2020 Forum to take on the global tech powers, consisting of high profile Government representatives and domain experts.  

53. Government has undertaken drive to rationalize 38 Labour Acts by framing 4 labour codes viz Code on Wages, Code on Social Security, Code on Industrial Relations and Code on occupational safety, health and working conditions. It will ease up the process by synchronizing various labour Laws.  
   - Code on Wages Bill 2017 was introduced in Lok Sabha recently and it repeals 4 existing Laws - Minimum Wages Act 1948, Payment of Wages Act 1936, Equal Remuneration Act 1976 and Payment of Bonus Act 1965.  

54. Government released Swachhta Ranking of 2017 of Higher Educational Institutions -  
   - University - O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat (Haryana)  
   - Colleges - Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode (Tamilnadu)  
   - Technical institutions - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Tamilnadu)  
   - Government institutions - G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Panipat (Uttar Pradesh)  

55. Government ruled that all mobile phones unlinked with Aadhaar numbers will be deactivated after February 2018.  

56. Government will provide up to Rs 60000 crore to Maharashtra in next 2 years for river-linking and irrigation projects to tackle the recurring water crisis.  

57. Government will safeguard fast-eroding Majuli island in Assam (world’s largest riverine Island) using research carried out on floating Brahmaputra Biodiversity and Biology Boat (B4) labs along Brahmaputra River.  

58. Government’s Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issued alert on spread of new malware “Locky Ransomware” that can lock computers and demand ransom for unlocking them.  

59. Gujarat Government launched Gyanakur e-class project aimed at producing world-class students through interactive e-classes. Outlay of project is 36 Crores and 550 schools are covered in first phase.  

60. Gujarat Government, Gujarat Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and 3 leading dairies signed MOU to save children of Anganwadi from malnutrition. Nutritive food will be provided to over 42 lakh children of 53029 Anganwadis, pregnant mothers, foster mothers and young girls under Take Home Ration scheme.  

61. Gujarat will become first big state to use Electronic Voting Machine (EVMs) equipped with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in coming Assembly elections to make election process more transparent.  

62. Himachal CM Virbhadra Singh inaugurated first phase of 65 MW Kashiang Hydel Project in tribal Kinnaur district. It is a 195 MW project (three units of 65 MW each).  

63. Himachal Pradesh Government will provide monthly honorarium of INR 2500 to 10000 Khadi workers. Additionally, Qualified 10 Khadi workers with ITI diplomas will be given grants for pump operations and maintenance. Those with diploma and 10 years of experience will be induced at post of Chowkidar and pump attendants.  

64. Himachal Pradesh government launched first-of-its-kind in Nation electric bus service in ecologically fragile 51 km – long stretch between Manali and Rohtang Pass.  

65. Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Union CM Yogi Adityanath flagged off commercial operations of Lucknow Metro, on 8.5-km corridor from Transport Nagar to Charbagh.  

66. Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCIL) Portal at National Conference on Child Labour organised in New Delhi, aiming to achieve target of child labour free society  

67. Home Ministry opened two Zorinpui and Kawpurchuha immigration check posts along borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh Respectively.  

68. Home Ministry will soon grant citizenship to nearly 1 lakh Chakma and Hajong refugees, who came from erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in 1960s and are living in Bryndun and Chaukhatrap of Hill Tracts in erstwhile East Pakistan and had fled their land was subsumed by Kaptai dam project in 1960s. Chakmas are Buddhists by faith and Hajongs are Hindus.  

69. Hurun India Rich List 2017  
   - Mukesh Ambani retains the richest Indian title for sixth year (worth of 257,900 crores).  
   - Patanjali Ayurved CEO Acharya Balkrishna named among India’s top 10 richest people for first time, with wealth of over 70000 crores.  

70. India started producing Civet Coffee as most expensive coffee in world in Karnataka.  
   - It is made from feces of a species of cat called ‘Civet Cat’.  
   - One kilogram of this coffee sells for Rs 8000 in India and at Rs 20,000 to Rs 25,000 in abroad.  

71. Indian Army and Jamia Millia Islamia University (New Delhi) partnered for academic collaboration, technical advancement and progression of Army Personnel.  

72. Indian Institute of Management Lucknow (IIM-L) and Yes Bank tied up, aiming to enhance Climate Literacy among people.  

73. Indian Railways permitted passengers to show m-Aadhaar, digital version of Aadhaar card, as proof of identity in any reserved class. For this, Passenger has to open the app and enter password to show the card.  

74. Indian Railways will introduce 100 additional local train services on its Mumbai suburban network of Western Railway (32 services) and Central Railway zones (68 services), giving major boost to suburban rail services in Mumbai area.  

75. India’s Zero Hunger Programme through interventions in farm sector will be launched on occasion of World Food Day (October 16, 2017). It consists of organisations of farming system for nutrition, setting up genetic gardens for biofortified plants and initiation of ‘Zero Hunger’ training.  
   - A genetic garden for biofortified plants contains germplasm of naturally biofortified crops through plant breeding. It has plants and crops that help supplement micro-nutrient deficiencies, including iron, zinc, vitamin A and iodine among others.  
   - Programme will be launched in 3 districts – Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Koraput (Odisha) and Thanne (Maharashtra).  

76. India’s first Centre for Animal Law has been established at NALSAR University of Law (Hyderabad), inaugurated by Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi. It will create curriculum on animal welfare laws, including developing topics for research.  

77. India’s first advanced virology laboratory inaugurated at Anjali Chatterjee Regional Research Institute for Homeopathy in Kolkata (West Bengal), for developing new drugs and technologies in Homeopathy to combat emerging challenges of viral diseases.  

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78. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) registered National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) as first Information Utility (IU) under IBBI (Information Utilities) Regulations 2017. S Ramam is appointed as Managed Director of NeSL.

79. International NGO Safe Water Network partnered with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to launch water ATMs, providing safe water access in Hyderabad. The initiative is supported by USAID under Urban WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Alliance Partnership and funded by Honeywell India.


82. Karnataka Department of Information Technology (IT) and Biotechnology (BT) signed MoU with Finland, called Karnataka–Finland Innovation Corridor.

83. Karnataka Government launched Nava Karnataka 2025 or Vision 2025 for charting out a development roadmap for next seven years, covering 13 sectors identified for rapid development.

84. Karnataka became first state to roll out an Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage Policy that looks not only at boosting sales of Electrical Vehicles, but also setting up charging infrastructure and special manufacturing zones.

85. Karnataka government merged existing 7 health schemes to launch a unified health scheme Aroga Bhagya, aiming at Treatment First and Payment Next.

86. Karnataka government will provide free education for all girls from Class 1 to graduation level in all public and aided private schools and colleges from ncat academic year.

87. Kerala Tourism department launched campaign called Yalla Kerala (Yalla means lets go). to target tourists from Arab Nations (Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar).

88. Kerala will soon open India’s first transgender-exclusive clinics at government medical colleges across state.

89. Kochi (Kerala) will host 5th Coastal Shipping and Inland Water Transportation Business Summit 2017.

90. Maharashtra Government and Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetables (subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board) signed lease agreement to set up a state-of-the-art milk and milk products processing plant.

91. Maharashtra Government launched Maharashtrat Mission 1 Million initiative under which over 10 lakh students across state will be encouraged to play football.

92. Ministry for Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad launched nation-wide hackathon #OpenGovDataHack As part of Startup Ecosystem Development program.

93. Ministry of Railways announced various decisions for Transformation of Indian Railways -

- Highest priority to passenger safety - Eliminating 5000 unnumbered crossings by 2018, Shift to LHB coaches from ICF coaches. Use of MTRC (Mobile Train Radio Communication) and TPWS (Train Protection & Warning System). RPF staff will not be allowed to check tickets, which is the function of TTEs.

- Transforming through technology - Use of mobile apps for monitoring passenger services, wi-fi connectivity and increase speed of around 700 trains, GPS based tracking of rail movement.

- Energy efficiency - Complete electrification by 2022 to save INR 10,000 crores.

- Faster Redevelopment of stations

- Railway Stations with less trains to be developed as Multi-station centres.

- Focus on welfare of field staff - Improving working conditions of Group D employees that work hard is to ensure track safety.

- Railways will work with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to devise safety mechanisms to make travel by trains safer.

94. Ministry of State (IC) for AYUSH, Shripad Naik inaugurated Regional Research Institute of Homeopathy (RRI) in Agartala (Tripura).

95. Ministry of Civil Aviation issued rules to tackle misbehaviour by passengers, by forming national No Fly List of such unruly passengers. DGCA revised relevant sections of Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), in accordance with Tokyo Convention 1963. It defines three categories of unruly behaviour -

- Level 1 - Behaviour that is verbally unruly, calls for debarment upto 3 months

- Level 2 - Physical unruliness and can lead to debarment for upto 6 months

- Level 3 - Life-threatening behaviour would attract minimum 2 years ban.

96. Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched Wood is Good Campaign under Partnership for Land Use Science (Forest-Plus). It was launched during conference on Sustainable landscapes and forest ecosystems: Theory to Practice held in New Delhi.

97. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2016, that will replace Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2010 to address issues related to conservation and development of wetlands in a comprehensive manner. Highlights of new rules -

- Wetlands shall be conserved in accordance with the principle of ‘wise use’ for maintaining their ecological integrity.

- Rules prohibit any diversion to natural water inflows and outflows of wetland.

- Wetland Authority will be set up by State Governments or UTs (headed by State Chief Minister) to deal with wetland conservation, regulation and management.

98. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched 2 new free contraceptives Antara and Chayya in 10 states under Mission ParivarVikas. Antara is injectable contraceptive (effective for 3 months) where Chayya is contraceptive pill (effective for 1 week).

99. Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises extended Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) - India scheme by 6 months to promote electric and hybrid vehicles. Phase 1 was effective from April 2015 to March 2017, but received 6 month extension till September 2017. Now it has been further extended till up to March 31, 2018.

100. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched country-wide Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat scheme to distribute LPG connections among rural areas where conventional fuel is used for domestic purposes.

101. Ministry of Science & Technology launched Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vigyan Gram Sankul Pariyojana to implement appropriate S&T interventions for sustainable development through cluster approach in Uttarakhand.

- Under This, Department of Science and Technology (DST) will adopt few clusters of villages in Uttarakhand and transform them to become self-sustainable in time bound manner.

102. Ministry of Shipping renamed Kandla Port Trust (Gujarat) as Deendayal Port Trust, using powers conferred on it under Indian Ports Act 1908.


104. Ministry of Women and Child Development held first National Conference on Mission Mode to address Under-Nutrition in country in New Delhi, keeping in mind goal of Malnutrition Free India 2022.

105. Music video prepared by Telangana Jagruthi to celebrate 9 day Bathukamma festival has been released.
106. NBCC obtained license by World Trade Centre (New York) to develop a commercial project as ‘World Trade Centre’ at Nauroji Nagar in New Delhi. This project would be completed by 2020.

107. NITI Aayog launched National Nutrition Strategy aimed at Kuposhan Mukti Bharat (terminating malnutrition), by bringing nutrition to center-stage of National Development Agenda.

108. National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute signed MoU with Ludhiana based Bonn Food Industries to promote coloured wheat with antioxidant qualities beneficial for control of diabetes, cholesterol and obesity.

109. National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog’s SATH (Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital) Program was launched in Assam. SATH program aims to provide structured support to Assam in identifying key health priorities and implement solutions towards transforming the health and improving the well-being of people of state.

110. National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) signed MoU with Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society (APIS) to encourage start-up in manufacturing & technology driven sectors.

111. Nationwide health campaign to sensitise women about early screening and the preventive care for cancer has been launched with Theme Nurturing the Nurseries is launched by PIGCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) in partnership with Apollo Hospitals.

112. Newton will be India’s official entry for the Best Foreign Film category at Oscars 2018, starring Raj Kumar Rao and directed by Amit Masurkar.

113. It was chosen by Film Federation of India’s selection committee headed by Telugu producer C V Reddy.

114. North East Calling festival held in New Delhi, aimed at increasing investment opportunities in North East.

115. North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) will commission important hydro-electric projects in Arunachal Pradesh in 2010 - 600 MW Kameng Electric Project and 110 MW Pare Hydro Electric Project.

116. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik states 4th Government medical college, as Saheed Laxman Nayak Medical College and Hospital (SLNMC) in tribally dominated koraput district of southern Odisha.

117. Odisha Government launched Sampurna (Sishu Abond Matru Mitryahara Purna Nirakaran Abhijan) Yojana for pregnant women. Under this, government will provide INR 1000 as transport cost for pregnant women to travel to hospital.

118. Odisha approved establishment of Handlooms and Handicrafts Development and Promotion Council in capital Bhubaneswar, to improve growth of handlooms and handicrafts sectors.

119. Odisha government approved launching first Odia language university for post-graduation in literature and linguistics among other subjects. It will be established in Bhubaneswar and will also carve out ways to make Odia script more adaptable to technology.

120. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) discovered oil in WO-24-3 well located west of Mumbai High fields in Arabian Sea, estimated to hold reserve of 20 million tonnes. Mumbai Oil Field currently produces 205,000 barrels of oil per day (just over 10 million tonnes per annum).

121. PM Narendra Modi launched Sardar Sarovar Dam, (world’s biggest and India’s Biggest Dam) on the river Narmada in Gujarat.

122. It is 1.2-km-long and 163 metres high. It will irrigate over 18 lakhs hectares in state.

123. Before this, Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani had flagged off a statewide Narmada Mahotsav Yatra from Surendranagar district.

124. Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan will receive water and electricity supplied from dam.

125. Grand Coulee in USA is world’s biggest dam.

126. PM Narendra Modi released a postage stamp on different aspects of Lord Ram’s life at historic Tulsi Manas Mandir Varanasi.

127. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) enhanced upper age limit for joining National Pension Scheme (NPS) to 65 years (from 60 presently).

128. President Ram Nath Kovind launched nation-wide campaign Swachhata Hi Sewa from Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh).

129. President Ramnath Kovind inaugurated Shirdi airport in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra and flagged off inaugural flight of Alliance Air from Shirdi to Mumbai.

130. President Ramnath Kovind laid foundation stone for link-4 of Saurashtra-Narmada Awantran Irrigation Scheme (SAUNI) Yojana.

131. SAUNI is multipurpose project that aims to solve water problems of parched Saurashtra region of Gujarat. It was launched by PM Narendra Modi during his tenure as Gujarat CM.

132. It aims to fill up 115 major dams in Saurashtra by diverting overflow of water from Sardar Sarovar Dam on Narmada River.

133. Its unique feature is making pipe canals instead of conventional open canals which led to no acquisition of land and less loss of water.

134. It has network of canals comprising 1,125-km network of pipelines that will help to channel water into farms.

135. Puducherry Government banned use of plastic packaging materials of less than 50 microns as these were found to be injurious to health.

136. Railway board ruled that passengers in reserved coaches can only sleep between 10 pm and 6 am to allow others to sit in seats for rest of the time (earlier 9 pm and 6 am).

137. Rajasthan government announced Rs 20000 crore farm-loan waiver and waive as it agreed to waive of loans for farmers up to INR 50000.

138. Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution launched Web Portal of Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) & Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) System

139. e-NWRS would have no chances of any tempering, mutilation, fudging, loss or damage and with no possibility of any multiple financing.

140. e-NWRS will save expenditure in logistics as stocks could be traded through multiple buyers without physical movement and can be even split for partial transfer or withdrawal.

141. Reliance Energy launched digital assistance robot ELEKTRA, that provides automated responses to customers for their queries and requests.

142. Restaurant discovery and food delivery firm Zomato acquired logistics startup Runnr.

143. Sep 25, 2017 - Birth Anniversary of Social Reformer Deendayal Upadhyaya. Known for his role in shaping up present day Bharatiya Janata Party. Uttar Pradesh government released 100 inmates from various jails of state on this occasion. PM Narendra Modi launched SAUBHAGYA scheme On this occasion. With details -

- Saubhagya (Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana) aims at bringing electricity for every household in country by March 31, 2019. No price will be charged for the poor to get an electricity connection and the government will bear expected INR 16,320 crores cost of giving electricity connections to the 4 crore households in country. Electricity connections will be given to APL (Above Poverty Line) families for Rs 500, which will be payable in 10 equal monthly instalments.

- PM Narendra Modi also inaugurated Deendayal Hastakla Sankal trade facilitation centre and Crafts Museum for handicrafts at Varanasi. It will facilitate weavers/artisans/exporters in promotion of handlooms and handicrafts in domestic and international markets.

- He also flagged off Varanasi-Vadodara as country’s third Mahatama Express.

144. Seven North-East Indian states will launch Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IM) to focus on select urban areas and other pockets where immunization coverage has been low. Under it, Government aims to reach every child under 2 years and pregnant women with all available vaccines.
134. Suzuki Motors will invest over INR 1150 crores along with Japanese partners Toshiba and Denso to set up India's first lithium-ion battery facility in Gujarat.

135. Telangana Forest Department re-introduced endangered species mouse deer in forests of Nallamalla in Amrabad Tiger Reserve (ATR) at Nehru Zoological Park (Hyderabad).

136. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recommended delicensing of chunk of spectrum in few bands to facilitate smooth roll-out of machine-to-machine (M2M) communications.
   - Unlike person-to-person (P2P) communication, M2M technologies involve communication between two devices. It acts as a basis for automated information exchange between machines and enables wired and wireless devices to talk to each other using sensors.
   - M2M communications can be deployed in new-age infrastructure projects and various industry verticals such as smart cities, smart grids, smart homes, smart transportation and smart health sectors.

137. Telecom equipment provider Vihaan Networks Limited (VNL) signed MoU with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to launch Relief 123 service to provide disaster management in India. Relief 123 service is an integrated disaster response solution for first responders and public safety agencies.

138. Traditional Border festival held in Divar Island of Goa.

139. Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari launched fleet of 1000 E-rickshaws in Gurugram named SmartE. These E-rickshaws were manufactured in India and are fitted with GPS and tracking system.

140. Tribal Coopertive Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) signed MoU with e-commerce firm Amazon for selling tribal products online, to promote various tribal products. TRIFED already has tied-up with Snapdeal.

141. Tripura became first state to set up family welfare district committees, to deal with false and biased complaints by women against their husbands and in-laws.

142. Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated first 'Pension Adalat' in India Held in Delhi.

143. University Grants Commission (UGC) launched 90 days application process for higher education institutes (public / private) seeking 'Institutions of Eminence' status, aiming to bring more Indian higher education institutions to get into top 100 global rankings in coming years. Shortlisting will be completed by March-April 2018.
   - Eligible Institutions will be Top 50 of National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings, those securing ranks among Times Higher Education World University Rankings, Shanghai Ranking Academic Ranking of World Universities or QS University Rankings.
   - 20 Institutions of eminence will be selected (10 public and 10 private), will get provision of INR 10,000 crore over 10 years and will be free from usual regulatory mechanism to choose their autonomous path to become institutions of global repute.

144. Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu became first woman minister in Mizoram in 30 years (since 1987 state assembly elections).

145. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu laid foundation stone for Ranchi Smart City, tagged as country's first 'green-field' smart city. It is coming up on 656 acres of Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) land which would be equipped with severa advance tech features.

146. West Bengal government cleared a proposal to rename state as Bangla and sent a proposal to Centre for approval. Note that WB government had earlier too sent a proposal for change of name, but it was rejected by central government.

147. World Quality Congress (WQC) ranked Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) security at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA) in Mumbai has been recognised as best service in this domain.

148. Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) published first ever exhaustive compendium of animal species in Indian Sundarban and threats it faces. Titled Fauna of Sundarban Biosphere Reserve. As per publication, ZSI estimates that there are 2626 of animal species in sundarbans.
   - Sundarbans is a vast forest in coastal region of Bay of Bengal. It was recognised in 1997 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is located in delta region of Padma, Meghna and Brahmaputra river basins.