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1. Important Days

Date	Day	Details
June 01	World Milk Day	This day was founded by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), India is the largest producer of milk. It also celebrates National Milk Day on November 26th. This day marks the birth anniversary of Verghese Kurien, the Father of White Revolution in India. 2018 theme in India – “Drink Move Be Strong”.
June 03	World Bicycle Day	On June 3, 2018, the first official World Bicycle Day will be celebrated. It was approved on 12 April 2018 as an official United Nations day of awareness about the multiple societal benefits of using the bicycle for transport and leisure.
June 05	World Environment Day 2018	World Environment Day (WED) 2018 is being celebrated with India being the global host nation for the 43rd edition of the event. 2018 Theme – ‘Beat plastic pollution’
June 08	World Oceans Day	World Oceans Day to raise awareness of the vital importance of our oceans and the role they play in sustaining a healthy planet. They are the lungs of our planet, providing most of the oxygen we breathe. 2018 Theme – Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean.
June 11	Green Mizoram Day	The Green Mizoram Day is being organized every year on June 11 since 1999.
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. 2018 theme - ‘Generation Safe & Healthy’
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Every year, on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The event serves to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood and to raise awareness of the need for regular blood donations. 2018 Theme - Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life
June 18	Goa Revolution Day	The struggle which began 72 years back (in 1946) resulted in the liberation of Goa in 1961.
June 20	World Refugee Day 2018	Annual event, held on the same date each year, and 2018 is the 18th year of the event, run by the United Nations Refugee Agency, to state that the world supports and stands with refugees. The event is about raising global awareness of global responsibility for refugees. 2018 Theme – “Now more than ever, we need to stand #WithRefugees”
June 21	Fourth International	It’s a global event that takes place each year on June 21 and aims to

	Yoga Day	raise awareness of the benefits of practicing yoga. 2018 theme – “Yoga for Peace”
	World Music Day	The Fête de la Musique, also known as Music Day, Make Music Day or World Music Day, is an annual music celebration that takes place on 21 June.
June 23	Olympic Day	In January 1948, the International Olympic Committee approved the idea of Olympic Day to commemorate the creation of the IOC on 23 June 1894 in Paris. 2018 Olympic Day is 70th Anniversary for Olympic Day
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is an effort of the United Nations aimed at strengthening action and spreading awareness about drug abuse and illegal drug trade in the world. 2018 Theme – “Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe”
June 27	United Nations Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day	Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day is celebrated each year on 27 June. MSME Day 2018 will be dedicated to youth and will cover topics such as youth entrepreneurship and youth employment. MSME Day 2018 Theme – ‘The Youth Dimension’
June 29	National Statistics Day	To create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation, and to acknowledge the contribution of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis. 2018 Theme – “Quality Assurance in Official Statistics”

Other Events:

Date	Day
1-Jun	International Children’s Day, World Parents Day
2-Jun	Telangana State Formation Day
5-Jun	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
8-Jun	World Brain Tumor Day
21-Jun	Clean Air Day 2018, World Giraffe Day
23-Jun	United Nations Public Service Day
24-Jun	World Fathers Day, World Young Doctors Day

2. Rankings

Reports	India's Rank	Top rank
Save the Children's "End of Childhood Index 2018"	113th/175	Singapore and Slovenia
Global Peace Index (GPI) by Australia-based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).	136	1. Iceland
		2. New Zealand
		3. Australia
Global environment performance index	177 th	1. Switzerland
		2. France
		3. Denmark
The Man Power Group Employment Outlook Survey	7 th	
Top 100 brands in U.S.	58th rank – Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS)	
Global refugee count		25.4 million
The Thomson Reuters Foundation Report – World's most dangerous country for women	No 1 - India	2. Afghanistan
		3. Syria
Global real estate transparency index	35th – India	1. Australia
		2. America
		3. France
World's Highest-Paid Athletes 2018'	83rd – India cricket captain Virat Kohli	1. Floyd Mayweather - American boxer
		2. Lionel Messi - Argentina Football Player
		3. Cristiano Ronaldo - Portugal Football Player
Sound polluted cities list	3rd Rank - Hyderabad	
National disaster risk index a draft report prepared by the Union home ministry with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	No.1 - Maharashtra	2. West Bengal
		3. Uttar Pradesh
		4. Madhya Pradesh
Composite water management index	No.1 - Gujarat	2. Madhya Pradesh
		3. Andhra Pradesh
		4. Karnataka
Hawkers' welfare	Madhya Pradesh	2. Jharkhand
		3. Himachal Pradesh
First Delta Ranking under the Aspirational Districts Programme by NITI Aayog	No 1 - Dahod district of Gujarat	2. West Sikkim district of Sikkim

3. Summit / Conference

International

Informal Gathering of World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministers

- Commerce and Industry Minister, Suresh Prabhu, attended an Informal Gathering of World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministers in Paris on 31 May 2018.
- Twenty-Eight (28) member countries of the WTO and the Director General of the WTO attended the informal meeting.

BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting

- The External Affairs Minister will participate in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Foreign Ministers Meeting on June 4, 2018 which is expected to lay the foundation for the annual summit of the grouping in Johannesburg next month and chair the IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) Foreign Ministers Meeting.

UN India Business Forum

- The UN India Business Forum and the Women Entrepreneurial Platform of NITI Aayog formed a consortium to reduce gender disparities in start-up investments by providing mentorship and networking opportunities and accelerating financial and market linkages for women entrepreneurs.

Mauritius to host global Hindi Meet

- The upcoming 11th World Hindi Conference in Mauritius is likely to produce directives to increase the popularity of Hindi globally.
- The World Hindi Conference is a major event organized every three years by the External Affairs Ministry.

10th Meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the 10th meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF).
- Releases Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) 2018 for India.

Intergovernmental ministerial meet on anti-doping begins in Colombo

- The annual Asia and Oceania region intergovernmental ministerial meeting on anti-doping began in Colombo with representatives from 29 countries including India.
- The 15th such annual gathering is also being attended by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to discuss important anti-doping issues that will help in the fight for clean sport.

Conference on “International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028”

- “International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028” on 20-21 June 2018 in Tajikistan. United Nations and Government of Republic of Tajikistan are jointly organizing the Conference to discuss key water related issues of sustainable development goals adopted by UN member countries.

India, U.S. 2+2 Dialogue on July 6

- The inaugural U.S.-India 2+2 Dialogue will take place on July 6 will focus on strengthening strategic, security, and defense cooperation as the United States and India jointly confront global challenges.

15th Session of the India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission

- Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation of India, Suresh Prabhu co-chaired the 15th Session of the India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission with the Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment in Canberra.

AIIB concludes its 3rd Annual Meeting

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) concluded its third Annual Meeting in Mumbai, on a high note to improve connectivity within the region and in turn enable citizens in the region to reach their potential and enjoy prosperity and security.

National:**Thematic knowledge conference on “Plastic Pollution and Management”**

- A thematic knowledge conference on “Plastic Pollution and Management” was organized at “Vigyan Bhawan” to mark the beginning of 5-day long celebration of World Environment Day, 2018 (WED-2018).

Two-day Conference of Governors and Lt. Governors

- The two-day Conference of Governors and Lt. Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan with the inaugural address of the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- This is the 49th such Conference held in Rashtrapati Bhavan and the second Conference presided over by President Kovind.

Third National Health Editors’ Conference on Yoga

- Ministry of AYUSH developing a Yoga protocol for 40 Plus women in consultation with Indian Menopause Society held in New Delhi.
- Rishikesh and Haridwar are known as the ‘Capital of Yoga’.

Smoking cessation campaign

- At a World Health Organization event held recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India launched a national media campaign to encourage smoking cessation.

Arunachal Rising Campaign

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu launched the Arunachal Rising Campaign with the objective to reach out to the people throughout the state targeting remote areas and make them aware of the government initiatives, policies and programmes.

Haryana to organize awareness campaign for farmers

- Awareness programmes will be conducted at the village, block and district levels for farmers in Haryana from June 20 to July 15.
- These programmes will generate awareness about the negative effects of stubble burning, its alternatives and various farmer welfare schemes.

Conference on implementation of National Pension Systems

- A Conference on Implementation of National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Autonomous Bodies (CABs) was organized by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) in the national capital.

Consultative Committee meeting

- MoS Dr Jitendra Singh chairs the Meeting of Consultative Committee for DoNER Ministry in Jammu.
- Government committed to bring development in NE at par with other developed states.

106th Indian Science Congress in Jalandhar, Modi to inaugurate

- The Lovely Professional University (LPU) announced it has been slated to host world's biggest science event – the Indian Science Congress.

4th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will chair the fourth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhawan, the 17th June.

- The day-long meeting will be attended by Union Ministers, Chief Ministers from the States, Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories and senior officials from the Government of India.

Fourth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog Concludes

- The fourth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog was held under the chairmanship of the Honorable Prime Minister Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- It was attended by 23 Chief Ministers and the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, apart from Union Ministers, who are ex-officio members and special invitees.

Prime Minister Modi to hold a direct dialogue with the farmers

- Prime Minister is going to have a direct dialogue with farmers across the country, for the first time in which various initiatives related to doubling the income of farmers by 2022 will also be discussed on June 20, 2018.

Grand Finale of the First Hardware edition of Smart India Hackathon 2018

- The Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 5 day Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon 2018 Hardware edition through Video conferencing in New Delhi.

National Yoga Olympiad-2018

- A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad was inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research and Training in CIET in New Delhi.

Vice President to inaugurate conference on agriculture

- Agriculture experts and economists will deliberate upon an agricultural trade policy and transfer of technology from labs to land at a conference in Pune will be inaugurated by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu.

19th All India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux

- The two-day conference being organized in Hyderabad for the first time will deliberate on finger print identification systems and modernization of state finger print bureaux among other issues.

3rd AIIB annual meet

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the third annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank on June 26 in Mumbai, which will discuss ways to expand infrastructure investment in the region.
- **2018 Theme – ‘Mobilizing Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration’**

Campaign to promote energy efficiency in the area of air-conditioning

- Power Minister Shri RK Singh launches campaign to promote energy efficiency in the area of air-conditioning. It will save energy and reduce greenhouse gases.

Workshop on End of Pipe Treatment of Waste Water

- A workshop on “End of Pipe Treatment of Waste Water Entering River Yamuna and Ghaggar” was organized by Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana.

Group of Eminent Personalities first meeting

- The group of eminent personalities constituted by the Government of India to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India held its first meeting on 22nd June under the aegis of Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu.

Environment Ministry meeting to deal with air pollution incidents

- A meeting with expert institutions was held in the Environment Ministry to discuss application of advanced technologies to deal with air pollution incidents and improve the overall air quality management framework.

Anti-doping sports conference

- An anti-doping sports conference titled 'Clean Sport = Fair Outcome?' was held at Oslo to address the issue of doping menace.
- The conference is a joint initiative of the World Forum for Ethics in Business (WFEB), Anti-Doping Norway and Fair Sport.

4th National Review & Consultation on Swachh Iconic Places

- The 4th National Review and Consultation on Swachh Iconic Places has begun in Hyderabad to review the progress relating to maintenance and cleanliness of Iconic Places.

35th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee

- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has approved the construction of 3,18,900 more affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in 6 States/UTs.

Two days National Seminar on “Conservation of PVTGS in A&N Islands

- National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has organized a Two days National Seminar on “Conservation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands: The Way Forward”

GST Council to Meet on 21st July

- The 28th meeting of the GST Council will be held in New Delhi on the 21st of July, 2018.

4. Appointments

National:

Name	Designation
Lt Gen Devraj Anbu	Vice Chief of the Army Staff
Dinesh Gupta	Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)
Social entrepreneur Vijay Mahajan	Secretary and chief executive officer of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation
Akshay Kumar	Brand ambassador for road safety awareness campaign launched by the government
M.K.Jain	Deputy Governor of RBI
Cornelis Vrieswijk	New chief executive officer of GoAir
Tariq Premji	Wipro Enterprises as a non-executive director
Shri Sharad Kumar	Vigilance Commissioner
Arvind Saxena	Acting UPSC chairman
S Ramesh	Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
Francisco D’Souza	Vice-chairman of Cognizant board
Rana Kapoor	CEO of Yes Bank
Inderjit Singh	Coal secretary
S Sundari Nanda	First woman Director General of Police (DGP) in Puducherry
Meghana Shanbough	IAF’s First Women Fighter Pilot From Karnataka
Sandeep Bakhshi	Chief operating officer of ICICI Bank
HR Khan	Non-executive chairman of Bandhan Bank
AR. Rahman	Sikkim’s Brand Ambassador
Sriram	IDBI’s interim head
E Sreedharan committee	To lay down standards for metro rail systems
Satish Chavan	Head of the floating solar power plant committee
S Ramesh	Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
Sunil Subramaniam	Chief executive officer (CEO) of Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited
Anant Barua	New Sebi whole-time member
Ujjwal Batria	Chief operating officer (COO) of Dalmia Cement (Bharat)
Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	Non-executive chairman of ICICI Bank

International:

Name	Designation
Giuseppe Conte	Italy's Prime Minister
Pedro Sanchez	Spain's Prime Minister
Abdel Fattah al-Sisi	President of Egypt
Pippa Harris	New chair of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)
Tommy Thomas	New attorney general of Malaysia [The first minority to hold the post in 55 years]
Omar al-Razzaz	Prime Minister of Jordan
Maria Fernanda Espinosa [Ecuador]	President of UN General Assembly
Sarita Nayyar	World Economic Forum (WEF) Managing Board
Indian-American Suryadevara Dhivya	Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of General Motors[US' largest automaker]
Turkey President	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
António Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino	New Director General of UN Migration Agency

5. Science and Technology

Novel initiative to encourage science communication

- The Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research (AWSAR) initiative will each year reward 100 best articles by PhD students with cash prize of Rs.1,00,000 each and a certificate of appreciation.

Gene mapping of 3,000 bacteria to help fight deadly superbugs

- Scientists seeking new ways to fight drug-resistant superbugs have mapped the genomes of more than 3,000 bacteria, including samples of a bug taken from Alexander Fleming's nose and a dysentery-causing strain from a First World War soldier.

Polyethylene plastic with antibacterial properties

- Silver nano particle-embedded plastics were found to have greater than 99% antibacterial activity against common bacterial pathogens like Escherchia coli and Staphylococcus aureus by the IIT Delhi team.

Koko, the gorilla dies at 46

- The Gorilla Foundation said that the 46-year-old western lowland gorilla named Koko died who knows sign language.

Merger between two sciences will enhance treatment options in India

- In a first, researchers from India will study the proteins and genes of cancer tumors simultaneously.
- The aim of the merger between the two promising sciences (proteomics and genomics) is to derive new medications as well as offer personalized cancer therapies.
- India became the 12th country to join the International Cancer Proteogenome Consortium (ICPC) of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), U.S.

US scientists, ship visiting Goa to boost Indian Ocean studies

- A team of 20 scientists, along with a key vessel of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are arriving in Goa marking their expanding cooperation with Indian scientists in the study of the Indian Ocean.

Gene editing tool may raise cancer risk in cells

- CRISPR-Cas9, a gene-editing technology that is being explored by scientists worldwide as a way of removing and replacing gene defects might inadvertently increase cancer risk in cells, scientists warned on June 11.
- CRISPR-Cas9 triggers a mechanism designed to protect cells from DNA damage, making gene editing more difficult

IIT Hyderabad builds dataset to understand online user-engagement

- IIT Hyderabad has built DAiSEE (Dataset for Affective States in E-Environments), the first multilabel video-classification dataset for recognizing boredom, confusion, frustration and engagement. The dataset comprises 9,068 video snippets captured from 112 individuals.

World's oldest Sumatran orangutan dies

- The world's oldest known critically endangered species Sumatran orangutan, Puan has died in an Australian zoo aged 62. It was described as the “grand old lady” of Perth Zoo euthanized due to age-related complications.

Oxytocin formulations ban

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has restricted the manufacture of Oxytocin formulations from 1st July 2018, no private manufacturer will be allowed to manufacture the drug for domestic use. It has also banned the import of Oxytocin and its formulations.

5.1 Inventions / Discover

First inorganic blue in 200 years

- YInMn Blue' or 'Mas blue', an inorganic blue pigment that was accidentally discovered by Professor M A 'Mas' Subramanian in the year 2009, has today become a billion-dollar product.
- YInMn Blue stands for yttrium, indium oxide and manganese. YInMn Blue is chemically stable, does not fade, and is non-toxic.

Two frog species discovered in Eastern and Western Ghats

- Two species of frogs have been recorded in the Indian peninsular Fejervarya kalinaga from the Eastern Ghats and Fejervarya krishnan from the Western Ghats.

New route to clean wastewater

- Self-propelling nano motors, just 200 nano metre in size, could be used for wastewater management in chemical industries.
- Developed by researchers from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata, and The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, the nano motor can be used for transporting catalysts needed in harsh chemical environments and removing unwanted chemicals in water.

Novel gold nano complex for cancer drug delivery

- Using gold nano particles coated with a simple organic molecule (porphyrin), researchers from CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, have designed an efficient drug nano carrier.
- The nano carrier was found to effectively deliver doxorubicin (anti-tumour drug) to the nucleus of the diseased cell and bring about programmed cell death.

Treating latent TB of the uterus improves pregnancy outcomes in infertile women

- For the first time, researchers have been able to find a direct association between latent TB of the endometrium (inner lining of the uterus) and fewer eggs in the ovary, technically called low ovarian reserve, in infertile women.

Toothpaste contribute to antibiotic resistance

- A common ingredient Triclosan, found in toothpastes and hand washes could be contributing to the rise of antibiotic resistant bacteria, a study has found.

World's first known natural manta ray nursery

- Scientists have discovered the world's first known natural manta ray nursery, located in the Gulf of Mexico which could allow them to observe the juvenile marine creatures in their habitat and learn more about them.

First ever inter-State re-introduction of tigers

- First time in the country's conservation history T-2, a three-year-old tiger from the Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh introduced it to Odisha's Satkosia Tiger Reserve, marking the first ever inter-State re-introduction of tigers.

World's smallest computer device created

- Scientists have developed the world's smallest computer "**Michigan Micro Mote**"– a device that measures just 0.3 millimeters and could help find new ways to monitor and treat cancer.

New type of photosynthesis discovered

- The new study shows that many cyanobacteria or blue-green algae can carry out photosynthesis in the far red light or near infrared light of 750 nm. All photosynthetic organisms use chlorophyll-a for the process, but the researchers found that when cyanobacteria was grown in near- infrared light, chlorophyll a shuts down and a special chlorophyll, chlorophyll-f, performs the same task.

IISc researchers find asthma drug effective in treating TB

- A drug (Pranlukast) currently used for treating asthma has been found to be effective against tuberculosis, researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, have found.

India's first robotic telescope

- India's newest telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in Ladakh has started observing the skies. The country's first robotic telescope observed its first light of the targeted Messier catalog – a catalog of nearby, bright astronomical sources accessible from the northern hemisphere.

World's lightest satellite to space

- Four Chennai city students build a satellite "Jai Hind 1-S" weighing 33.39 grams, probably the world's lightest and cheapest.
- It will travel to the United States next month and find a place, among other scientific material, at the Colorado Space Grant Consortium, NASA.

James Webb Space Telescope to study Jupiter's Great Red Spot: NASA

- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, the most ambitious and complex space observatory ever built will be used to study Jupiter's Great Red Spot, shedding new light on the enigmatic storm that has been raging on the planet for over 350 years.

Novel packaging extends shelf-life of chicken

- Researcher from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai have developed a new eco-friendly food-packaging material using mango peel extracts and three other biodegradable polymers to extend the shelf-life of chicken.

Harpin biopesticide

- Researchers at the University of Hyderabad have found that harpin biopesticide brought about 80-90% reduction in severity of fungal infection in tomato plants when it is encapsulated in chitosan nanoparticles.

5.2 Space Science

China launches new earth observation satellite

- China today successfully launched a new earth observation (Gaofen-6) satellite launched on a Long March-2D rocket which will be mainly used in agricultural resources research and disaster monitoring, official media reported.
- A scientific experiment satellite named Luojia-1 was sent into space at the same time. It was the 276th mission of the Long March rocket series.

Cabinet approves Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III Continuation Programme – Phase 6

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Continuation Programme (Phase 6) and funding of thirty PSLV operational flights under the Programme.

Cabinet approves Continuation Programme for Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved funding for the for Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III (GSLV Mk-III) continuation programme (Phase-I) consisting of ten (10) GSLV (Mk-III) flights.

NASA's IMAP to study cosmic rays in heliosphere

- NASA is targeting 2024 for the launch of a new mission to learn more about the generation of cosmic rays in the heliosphere, a sort of magnetic bubble surrounding and protecting our solar system.
- The Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP) mission will help researchers better understand the boundary of the heliosphere.

NASA rover data shows Mars had organic compounds, methane

- Curiosity rover has detected organic compounds on the surface of Mars and seasonal fluctuations of atmospheric methane.

- About 95 % of the methane in Earth's atmosphere is produced from biological activity, though the scientists said it is too soon to know if the Martian methane also is related to life.

Isro offers e-vehicle cell technology to firms for Rs 1 crore

- Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) has offered the industry its indigenously developed lithium ion cell technology at a cost of Rs 1 crore for its use in automobiles.
- The e-vehicle green project initiative is expected to promote the government's zero emission policy.

Russia launches Glonass-M navigation satellite

- Russia successfully launched a Glonass-M positioning satellite using a Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket.
- The Glonass network provides real-time positioning data for surface, sea and airborne objects around the globe, at accuracy reportedly on par with the U.S. Global Positioning System.

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) mission reaches unexplored asteroid Ryugu

- Hayabusa2 probe has reached Ryugu asteroid 300 million km away to collect information about the birth of the solar system and the origin of life after a more than three-year voyage through deep space.

An 'EPIC' planet discovered by ISRO's PRL scientists

- A team from the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, has spotted for the first time a distant planet six times bigger than Earth and revolving around a Sun-like star about 600 light years away.
- Both the planet and the star have been named EPIC.
- The discovery was made using a PRL-designed spectrograph, PARAS, to measure and confirm the mass of the new planet.

Discovery of a Sub-Saturn like Planet

- Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, discovered a sub-Saturn or super-neptune size planet around a Sun-like star. The planet will be known as EPIC 211945201b or K2-236b.

5.3 App/ Web Portal/ Toll Free

Online Analytical Tool to monitor foreign contributions under FCRA

- Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched an Online Analytical Tool to facilitate closer monitoring of the flow and utilization of foreign contributions received by various organizations registered or permitted under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

Cube Wealth

- Cube Wealth, India's first "one app, one minute" service that offers members wealth creation, automated savings, and expense management through an award-winning user-interface was launched in India.

Earth Science ministry introduces new forecast model

- The Ministry of Earth Science (MoES) launched the Ensemble Prediction System (EPS) for generating more accurate and area specific forecast of extreme weather events like rains, heat wave and cold wave.

Online RTI Portal by ECI

- **Election Commission Of India Launches its online RTI Portal**

Rail MADAD (Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel)

- Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Coal launched a new App "Rail Madad", An App to expedite & streamline passenger grievance redressal.

Menu on Rails

- A Mobile Application developed by IRCTC for creating awareness to the Railway Passengers for the items served to them on their Rail Journey.

NXP Secure Service 2GO Platform.

- **Punjab-Business first portal**-facilitate the industrialists for Regulatory Clearances and Fiscal Approvals, real time tracking of applications at common platform.
- **NXP Semiconductors** has partnered with **Mastercard and Visa** to launch the **new mWallet 2GO**, a white label wallet service developed on the **2GO Platform**.

New software designed to assess road safety measures

- The Andhra State government developed new software in association with iNative Solutions Private Limited to assess the reasons accurately and come out with solutions to prevent road accidents.
- APPRSP application will be useful for common people also to know the traffic jams, alerts from the departments and others. SHOs have to fill data relating to accidents in APPRSP by using smart phones

Utsonmobile app

- The Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) has developed a mobile based application ‘utsonmobile’ for Cashless Ticketing.

New Incredible India website

- The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism Shri K.J. Alphons launched the new Incredible India website in New Delhi. The website showcases India as a holistic destination, revolving around major experiences, such as, spirituality, heritage, adventure, culture, yoga, wellness and more.

‘i-Hariyali’

- Punjab State Government has launched a mobile application ‘i-Hariyali’ to order free plant saplings.

OTS Cabs app

- The app OTS Cabs which is short for Ottunar Thozhargal Sangam, indicating an association of drivers, is set to be launched on the Android and iOS platform in Chennai.

Uzhavan app

- The Uzhavan mobile app, launched by the Tamil Nadu Agriculture Department provides information on the government's schemes on subsidy and crop insurance, the status of seed and fertilizer stock, market price, position of reservoirs and the weather forecast.

‘Cop Connect’, the mobile-based application

- The Telangana police have launched a mobile-based messenger application ‘Cop Connect’, to provide real time information to over 60,000 police officers across the State.

ICDS-CAS (Common Application Software)

- ICDS-CAS (Common Application Software) has been specially designed to strengthen the Service Delivery System as well as the mechanism for Real Time Monitoring (RTM) for nutritional outcomes and Timely interventions in POSHAN Abhiyaan.

“Goamiles”

- The Goa government will launch its own “Goamiles” app-based taxi service to some key tourist destinations in the state from next month.

‘ReUnite’

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched a mobile application called ReUnite which helps to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India.

DISHA dashboard

- Ministry of Rural Development this week launched the DISHA dashboard, a nifty tool that will make it easier to monitor governance by geography in real time.

6. Schemes

Digital Literacy Program

- Facebook has entered a partnership with National Commission for Women (NCW) partner to launch digital literacy mission for women in India.
- This programme will run in collaboration with the Cyber Peace Foundation, and attempts to conduct training across local languages to ensure safe use of the internet.

‘SevaBhojYojna’

- Ministry of Culture, Government of India has introduced a new scheme namely ‘**SevaBhojYojna**’ seeks to reimburse Central Share of CGST and IGST on items for Food/Prasad/Langar/Bhandara offered free of cost by Charitable Religious Institutions.

New Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018

- With the objective of obtaining people’s participation in the Income Tax Department’s efforts to unearth black money and to reduce tax evasion, a new reward scheme titled “Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018”, has been issued by the Income Tax Department.

Revised Income Tax Informants Reward Scheme, 2018

- To unearth black money and reduce tax evasion, a new reward scheme titled “Income Tax Informants Reward Scheme, 2018” has been issued by the Income Tax Department, superseding the earlier reward scheme issued in 2007.

“Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana”

- Odisha government launched a health insurance scheme for working journalists in the state.

New auto policy likely to be finalised in 3 months

- The new National Auto Policy, which may seek emission-linked taxation on automobiles and a technology- agnostic green mobility roadmap, is likely to be finalised in the next three months.

Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan

- Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan being implemented in 25 villages in each of the 111 Aspirational Districts from 1st June to 31st July, 2018.
- Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan undertakes various activities to promote best farming practices and enhance Agricultural income.

Janaushadi Suvidha

- Government launches 'JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA' Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
- Affordable sanitary napkins at Rs. 2.50 per pad now available at over 3600 Janaushadhi Kendras functional in 33 States/UTs across India.

Ganga Praharis

- Ganga Praharis to Boost Bio-Diversity conservation to educate motivate and ensure protection of aquatic species of river Ganga over Ganga basin states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.
- Around 210 Sensitization Programs, Village Level Meetings, Trainings and Workshops already conducted.

Atal Bhujal Yojana

- The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 crore Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The scheme aims to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation.

Guidelines for Selection of Teachers for National Awards

- The Ministry of HRD has issued fresh guidelines for Selection of Teachers for National Awards. This is a new initiative, as earlier entries were selected by the State Government.

Solar Charkha Mission

- The Solar Charkha Mission of the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) will be launched by the President, Ram Nath Kovind on June 27, 2018 in New Delhi. The Mission will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans.

Swajal scheme

- A National Consultation on the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Swajal was held in the Capital. Swajal Launched in 115 Aspirational Districts of India. Centre to Spend Rs 1000 Crores to Provide Clean Drinking Water to 27,500 Quality-Affected Habitations.

National Strategy for Standardization

- Commerce Minister releases National Strategy for Standardization at the 5th National Standards Conclave – Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization, being held in New Delhi on 19-20 June 2018, organized by Department of Commerce and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

National Health Profile-2018

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare released the National Health Profile (NHP)-2018 prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI).
- Also launched the National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) – India's first ever national healthcare facility registry of authentic, standardized and updated geo-spatial data of all public and private healthcare establishments.

Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS)

- The Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS), a well-funded start-up in skill development for maritime and shipbuilding sector, has announced setting up of 24 labs -6 in Mumbai and 18 in Vizag campus.
- This is First-of-Its-Kind Infrastructure in Asia Pacific Region.

National Digital Library of India

- The Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the new digital initiative of HRD Ministry ‘National Digital Library of India’ developed by IIT Kharagpur on the occasion of National Reading Day in New Delhi
- It is a project of the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the aegis of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).

Chief Ministers Subgroup Constituted

- The Prime Minister nominated the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh to convene a Sub-Group of seven Chief Ministers for coordinated policy approach on the Agriculture Sector and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

SKY Scheme for farmers to generate solar power

- The Gujarat government on Saturday launched a solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.

Muhammodayam – a model in wetland conservation

- The project, titled ‘Muhammodayam’, is aimed at the conservation of the Vembanad Lake ecosystem by developing sustainable livelihoods and management of natural resources.
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Project Gandiva

- The projection is to make Andhra Pradesh No.1 in the country in athletics by 2021, bag medals in Asian and Commonwealth games in 2022, compete in the Olympics in 2024 and secure medals in the year 2028.

Mohanpura Irrigation project in MP

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system.

PM inaugurates urban development projects

- Prime Minister Modi remotely inaugurated urban development projects at various locations across the State. These include houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana, urban drinking water supply schemes, urban solid waste management, urban sanitation, urban transportation and urban landscape projects.
- At an event in Indore, he also distributed the Swachh Survekshan-2018 Awards, and launched the Swachh Survekshan-2018 results dashboard.

Solar Charkha Mission

- The President of India launched the Solar Charkha Mission which will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans. The Solar Charkha Mission will generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the green economy.

‘Sampark Portal’

- MSME Sampark Portal, launched will be very useful in developing skill-pool and in enabling trained youth to know about different employment opportunities.

7. Economic Affairs

HCL Technologies signs collaboration agreement with JDA Software

- The fourth largest Indian software services firm HCL will join hands with JDA on development, product support, and go-to-market (GTM) initiatives for JDA's commerce, SofTechnics, and pricing and revenue management solutions.

PhonePe crosses 100 million users

- Flipkart-owned digital payments start-up PhonePe said it had overtaken Paytm to become the largest consumer payments company in the country in terms of total payment volume (TPV).

Startup to launch geared e-motorcycle

- eMotion Motors, a Coimbatore-based start-up, will unveil a prototype of its geared electric motorcycle, **Surge** on June 5, World Environment Day.

USFDA approves Mylan, Biocon's biosimilar Fulphila

- S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Mylan's Fulphila, a biosimilar to Neulasta, co-developed with Biocon to treat low count of neutrophils in patients undergoing chemotherapy in certain types of cancer.

India gets cheapest LNG from Russia's Gazprom

- India received its cheapest LNG under a long-term deal as Russia began shipping natural gas at a delivered price of close to \$7 per million British thermal unit.

HUL to integrate foods and refreshment units

- Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) will integrate its foods and refreshment categories in India with effect from July 1 in alignment with the structure of Unilever globally.

World saw largest rise in renewable energy capacity in 2017

- Renewable power accounted for 70 per cent of net additions to global power generating capacity in 2017, the largest such increase in modern history.
- China, Europe and the US accounted for nearly 75 per cent of global investment in renewables in 2017.

Ather unveils e-scooters commercially

- Electric two-wheeler start-up Ather Energy commercially unveiled smart electric scooter Ather 450 and Ather 340.

HCC bags contract at nuclear power project in Bangladesh

- Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. (HCC), in a joint venture with Bangladesh construction firm MAX Group has been awarded a \$110 million (Rs.737 crore) contract by Russia's State Nuclear Company, JSC Atomstroy export, for civil works of Turbine Island for Unit 1 of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant.

MPC hikes repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25%

- The monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to hike the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent while maintaining a neutral stance.

Moody's Investors Service said India to stick to the fiscal deficit of 3.3% of GDP

- Moody's Investors Service said it expects India to stick to the estimated fiscal deficit of 3.3 per cent of GDP and even cut capital expenditure to offset any slippage from the budgeted target.

FDI in India rises to \$61.96 bn in 2017-18

- Foreign direct investment in India increased to \$61.96 billion in 2017-18.
- FDI inflows stood at \$60 billion in the previous fiscal.

Deocha-Pachami coal block to Bengal

- The Centre has handed over the Deocha-Pachami coal mines, said to be second largest coal block in the world, to the West Bengal government.
- The Chief Minister said the mining project would generate close to 1 lakh direct and indirect jobs in Birhum and the adjoining districts.

Integrated food unit in Tamil Nadu soon by ITC

- ITC may unveil the first phase of its integrated food manufacturing and logistics facility at Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu by the second quarter of 2018-19. Products such as biscuits, atta, and noodles would be manufactured at this plant.

ONGC Videsh's first equity cargo comes to MRPL

- The first equity cargo of about 6,90,000 barrels of Das Blend crude oil of ONGC Videsh Ltd. (OVL) from Lower Zakum oilfield in Abu Dhabi arrived at New Mangalore Port.

'Govt. set to unveil Rs.500 cr. credit enhancement fund'

- The government is set to unveil a Rs.500-crore credit enhancement fund next month to facilitate infrastructure investments by insurance and pension funds.
- The fund was first announced in the Budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

Tata Power arm bags 150 MW solar project

- Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. (TPREL), wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has won a 150 MW solar PV project on a long term basis in Maharashtra.

SEBI committee to examine direct overseas listing for Indian companies

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted an expert committee to examine allowing unlisted Indian companies to do a direct equity listing overseas while also allowing overseas companies to list directly on the Indian bourses.

Odisha can produce 100 million tonnes of steel

- India has become the second largest steel producing country.
- In the financial year 2017-18, India produced more than 100 million tonnes of steel.
- Odisha is a major steel producing State contributing more than half of steel production in the country.

‘Tri-Party Repo Market’

- Leading stock exchange NSE launched ‘Tri-Party Repo Market’ platform in its debt segment to facilitate repurchase (repo) of corporate debt securities.

TransUnion opens technology hub to aid global operations

- TransUnion opened its first Global In-house Centre (GIC) in the Chennai city, which is aimed at supporting the U.S. based credit information company’s operations worldwide.

SoftBank to invest up to \$100 billion for solar power generation in India

- SoftBank Group Corp has decided to invest \$60 billion-\$100 billion in solar power generation in India.
- The company is expected to make the investment through a fund backed by Saudi Arabia’s government, NHK said. Saudi Arabia is the largest investor in SoftBank’s Vision Fund, which raised over \$93 billion last year.

U.S. pips India as top green field FDI destination

- The U.S. has surpassed India to become the top destination for greenfield FDI investment in 2017.

KVIC bags Air India contract

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), for the third successive time, received an order of Rs 8 crore from Air India for the supply of amenity kits consisting of Khadi herbal beauty care products for its international passengers.

Govt. to set up fifth national data centre

- The Centre will set up the country's biggest data centre in Bhopal with a capacity to host five lakh virtual servers by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- This will be the fifth National Data Centre after the ones at Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Hyderabad and Pune. These National Data Centres host government websites, services and applications.

PepsiCo Foundation commits grant to Water Aid

- PepsiCo Foundation has decided to commit a \$4.26 million grant to Water Aid, a non-profit entity, to provide safe water access to communities in the southern states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

Government declares national targets for off-shore wind power

- Medium term target of 5 GW by 2022 and long term target of 30 GW by 2030 declared.
- Offshore wind power to add a new element to the already existing basket of renewable energy for the country.

Google announces training programme for journalists

- Technology giant Google announced the launch of a training programme for journalists, aimed at raising awareness against misinformation and providing new tools to the fourth estate against fake news.
- The Google News Initiative India Training Network will provide training to 8,000 journalists in English and six other Indian languages in the next one year.

Capital Float unveils app-based solution

- Digital lender Capital Float unveiled its app-based consumer finance solution. It said by using this paperless product, partners can offer "Capital Float's instant, no-cost EMI option" to consumers at the point of sale.

PhonePe partners with Ola

- Flipkart-owned PhonePe said it has partnered cab aggregator Ola that will allow riders to book rides using the former's payment platform.

India notifies higher tariffs on U.S. imports

- India has notified higher tariffs on several items imported from the United States, including agricultural products, Rates to come into effect from August 4.

India cuts export quotas for Maldives

- India has lowered the limits on the export of certain essential commodities such as potatoes, onions, and eggs to the Maldives, according to a recent notification, in a move that sparked reports of possible food shortages in the Maldives.

Oil India again discovers hydrocarbon in KG Basin

- Oil India Limited (OIL), one of India's largest public sector oil exploration and production companies, has made its second hydrocarbon discovery in the onland KG Basin NELP VI Block.
- The well Thanelanka-1 is the first high pressure-high temperature (HP-HT) well drilled by OIL.

AIIB to invest \$200 million into an NIIF fund of funds

- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is likely to invest USD 200 million in a fund of funds set up by India to take interest in infra projects.

Adani Ports acquires Kattupalli Port

- The country's largest port developer Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) has executed a share purchase agreement with Larsen and Toubro Ltd. (L&T) to acquire 97% stake in Marine Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd. (MIDPL), the developer and operator of Kattupalli Port near Chennai, for Rs.1,950 crore.

Modi urges AIIB to boost lending 10-fold to \$40 bn

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to boost lending tenfold to \$40 billion by 2020 and to \$100 billion by 2025, in order to speed up infrastructure financing across the region.

IISc to boost science start-up incubation

- The Indian Institute of Science plans to open a research park at its Bengaluru facility within the next three years to incubate sci-tech companies.

7.1 Banking Affairs**CSCs to soon offer bank services**

- The government will work to enable all 2.9 lakh common service centres (CSCs) in the country to operate as business correspondents of banks, Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said on June 11.
- Business correspondents are retail agents engaged by banks for providing services at locations other than a bank branch or an ATM.

Hyundai Motor, Audi signed an agreement for fuel cell technology

- Hyundai Motor Group signed an agreement with Audi AG to jointly develop electronics vehicles powered by fuel cell. Under the multi-year agreement signed they will share components, supply chains and patent licensing.

Gensol to make India ‘back-end hub’ for solar plant monitoring

- Ahmedabad-based Gensol Group, which specialises in design, engineering, operation and maintenance and advisory services for solar projects, is planning to make India a global back-end hub for engineering and remote monitoring of solar plants

RBI tightens remittance norms

- The RBI has tightened norms for Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS) by making quoting of permanent account number (PAN) mandatory even for transactions below USD 25,000.

India is the largest borrower from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

- AIIB is the first major multilateral development bank where principal contributors are the borrowing members themselves. The third Annual Meeting of the bank focuses on infrastructure, with the theme of innovation and collaboration, said Shri Garg.

8. Mou /Agreement

International

Cabinet approves the joint issue of postage stamp between India and Russia

- Release of Joint Stamps between Department of Posts, India and Russia Post (Joint-Stock Company “MARKA” of Russian Federation) to establish postal cooperation and strive towards mutually beneficial operational excellence in the field of issuance of stamps.

President	Vladimir Putin
Prime Minister	Dmitry Medvedev
Capital	Moscow
Currency	Russian ruble

Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and United Kingdom

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and United Kingdom on technical cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development in April, 2018.

Monarch	Elizabeth II
Prime Minister	Theresa May
Capital	London
Currency	Pound sterling

Cabinet approves Agreement between India and France

- Agreement signed between India and France in the field of Sustainable Urban Development in March, 2018. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years.

President	Emmanuel Macron
Prime Minister	Edouard Philippe
Capital	Paris
Currency	Euro, CFP franc

India and Norway sign MoU to extend health cooperation

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Norway to extend the cooperation within health sector through the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) for a period of three years starting from 2018 to 2020.

Monarch	Harald V
Prime Minister	Erna Solberg
Capital	Oslo
Currency	Norwegian krone

Agreement between India and Peru

- The agreement aims to establish the basis for a cooperative institutional relationship to encourage and promote technical bilateral cooperation on new and renewable issues on the basis of mutual benefit equality and reciprocity.

President	Pedro Pablo Kuczynski
Prime Minister	Mercedes Aráoz
Capital	Lima
Currency	Sol (PEN)

MoU between India and Vietnam

- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Vietnam on Joint issue of postage stamp between Department of Posts and Vietnam Post.
- Commemorative Postage Stamps on India-Vietnam: Joint Issue depicts Sanchi Stupa of India and Pho Minh Pagoda of Vietnam

President	Trần Đại Quang
Prime Minister	Nguyễn Xuân Phúc
Capital	Hanoi
Currency	đồng

Other MoUs:

Mou / Agreement	Fields	Country Details
India and Singapore	Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing and Cooperation in the field of Planning	Prime Minister -Halimah Yacob
		President - Lee Hsien Loong
		Capital - Singapore (city-state)
		Currency -Singapore dollar
India and Netherlands	Technical cooperation in the field of Spatial Planning, Water Management and Mobility Management	Prime Minister - Mark Rutte
		Monarch- Willem-Alexander
		Capital - Amsterdam
		Currency -Euro
India and Denmark	Technical cooperation in the field of Sustainable and Smart Urban Development and cooperation in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation, Cooperation in the fields of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.	Prime Minister -Lars Løkke Rasmussen
		Monarch- Margrethe II
		Capital - Copenhagen
		Currency -Danish krone
India and Oman	Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space	Sultan - Qaboos bin Said al Said
		Deputy Prime Minister - Fahd bin Mahmoud al Said
		Capital - Muscat
		Currency - Rial
India and UK	Ascension Ventures, a London-based early-stage venture capital fund, has joined hands with Unicorn India Ventures, a Mumbai-based early stage VC fund, to introduce the first Indo-U.K. enterprise investment scheme (EIS) fund	Prime Minister - Theresa May
		Monarch - Elizabeth II
		Capital - London
		Currency - Pound sterling
India and UK	Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) has inked a pact with the U.K.-based Harper Adams University to develop advanced technological, agronomic and educational solutions for the delivery of sustainable food production around the world	Prime Minister - Theresa May
		Monarch - Elizabeth II
		Capital - London
		Currency - Pound sterling
India and France	The MoU between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Institute National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale (INSERM), France aims at cooperation in areas of common interest within the medical, life sciences and health research fields and Cooperation on Maritime Awareness Mission.	Prime Minister -Edouard Philippe
		President - Emmanuel Macron
		Capital - Paris
		Currency -Euro, CFP franc

India and Italy	Boost cooperation in counter-terrorism and cyber security	Prime Minister - Giuseppe Conte
		President - Sergio Mattarella
		Capital - Rome
		Currency - Euro
India and Tajikistan	Enhance mutual cooperation for sustainable water development.	Prime Minister - Kokhir Rasulzoda
		President - Emomali Rahmon
		Capital - Dushanbe
		Currency - Somoni
Greece and Macedonia	Greece and Macedonia signed an accord to rename the former Yugoslav republic as the “Republic of North Macedonia”.	Prime Minister - Alexis Tsipras
		President - Prokopis Pavlopoulos
		Capital - Athens
		Currency - Euro
Saudi ARAMCO and ADNOC s	Develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra	King - Salman
		Crown prince - Mohammad bin Salman
		Capital - Riyadh
		Currency - Saudi riyal
India and Germany	Cooperation in the field of Civil Aviation.	Chancellor - Angela Merkel
		President - Frank-Walter Steinmeier
		Capital - Berlin
		Currency - Euro
India and Indonesia	Technical Cooperation in the field of Railways sector.	Vice President - Jusuf Kalla
		President - Joko Widodo
		Capital - Jakarta
		Currency - Indonesian rupiah
India and Bahrain	Cooperation in the field of Healthcare.	King - Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
		Crown prince - Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
		Capital - Manama
		Currency - Bahraini dinar

National

MoU for the Development of Ayush Enterprises

- Ministry of MSME and Ministry of AYUSH signed an MoU in the presence of the Ministers of AYUSH and MSME in New Delhi.
- The objective of this partnership is to position India as a world leader in “Holistic Healthcare”.

8 States & 4 Union Territories signed MoUs with the Union Health Ministry

- To implement the government’s ambitious national health protection mission Ayushman Bharat which aims to provide a cover of Rs.5 lakh per family annually to 10 crore vulnerable families.

Railways, IT Ministry ink pact to allow ticket bookings

- Common Service Centres (CSCs) that provide Internet infrastructure to rural areas will act as banking correspondents and there are plans to sell insurance too in the future.
- Under CSC, around 5,000 villages will also have access to Wi-Fi choupals. The platform aims to connect 2.5 lakh gram panchayats through optic fiber network.
- Two memorandums of understanding (MoU) were signed between CSC and IRCTC for reservation of rail tickets.

AR-SMART VILLAGE

- The Arunachal Pradesh government has inked an agreement with Andhra Pradesh-based Smart Village Movement (SVM) to facilitate technology innovations, research and development in selected villages of the north-eastern state.

Maharashtra government, Quebec ink pact for greater economic cooperation

- The Maharashtra government and Canada’s Quebec province have signed a pact to increase the economic cooperation, especially in areas like information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence and welfare of the tribal community.

Memorandum of Agreement for India's first Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Battery project.

- Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu under Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and RAASI Solar Power Pvt Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Agreement for transfer of technology for India's first Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Battery project.

Repositioning of North Eastern Council

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Modi has approved the proposal of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) for the nomination of the Union Home Minister as ex-officio Chairman of North Eastern Council (NEC), a statutory body with Governors and Chief Ministers of all the eight North Eastern States as its Member.

'Three Year Action Plan of Agricultural Education Division & ICAR Institutes

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the continuation of the Three Year Action Plan (2017-2020) of the scheme for Agricultural Education Division and ICAR Institutes for strengthening and developing higher agricultural education in India.
- The scheme is aimed to generate quality human resources from the institutions of higher agricultural education.

MoU to adopt Amazon Web Services Educate program

- The Indian Institute of Technology – Banaras Hindu University -IIT-BHU and Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop cloud-ready job skills by providing access to the AWS Educate program and to help establish a Cloud Research Lab on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

Establishment of additional Strategic Petroleum Reserves

- Cabinet approves establishment of additional 6.5MMT Strategic Petroleum Reserves at Chandikhol in Odisha and at Padur, Karnataka.

An Integrated Sewerage Infrastructure

- An Integrated Sewerage Infrastructure with one city one operator concept adopted for the first time in India.
- Concession Agreement Signed for development of sewage infrastructure through Hybrid Annuity based public-private partnership in Mathura.
- Promoting Waste-To-Wealth approach in sewage sector, agreement signed with IOCL for the reuse of 2 Crore litres of treated waste water for Mathura refinery.

Wipro inks deals with Nokia, LATAM Cargo

- Wipro, India's third-largest software services exporter had signed two multi-year business deals 1) With Nokia for the design and digitalisation of Nokia's sales order operations 2) Another with LATAM Cargo, a part of Latin America's LATAM Airlines Group.

AAI, Honeywell to develop voice recognition software

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has tied up with IT solutions provider Honeywell to prepare unique software to help pilots and air traffic control (ATC) officers overcome communication problems because of varying local and foreign accents.

MoU between Ministry of Health & Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a MoU with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to scale up the short term healthcare courses. To make available 14.4 lakh trained manpower by 2025.

Strengthening of teaching, patient / clinical care and public health programme

- Cabinet approves Strengthening of teaching, patient / clinical care and public health programme implementation – Shifting of more experienced doctors belonging to Central Government and Central government entities to teaching / clinical /Public Health Programme implementation activities.

Procurement of ethanol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies

- Cabinet approves Mechanism for procurement of ethanol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to carry out the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme- Revision of ethanol price for supply to Public Sector OMCs.

Cabinet approves capital infusion in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the capital infusion of Rs.2000 crore for strengthening of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC).

Cabinet approves a Corpus to National Export Insurance Account Trust

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved contribution of Grant-in-Aid (Corpus) of Rs.1,040 crore to National Export Insurance Account Trust (NEIA).

NITI Aayog and (GNFC) signed a Statement of Intent (SOI)

- NITI Aayog and Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC) have signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to work together towards implementing a Proof-of-Concept (“PoC”) application using Blockchain Technology for fertiliser subsidy management.

9. Indian Forces (Defence)

Agni-V test-fired successfully

- Agni-V, the ‘Big Boy’ in the country’s missile armoury, was successfully launched on Sunday from the APJ Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha. This is the sixth successful test flight of the missile.
- The nuclear-capable, intercontinental ballistic missile has a range of over 5,000 km.

Operation ‘NISTAR’ – to rescue the Indians

- The Indian Navy rescued 38 Indians by its ship INS Sunayna from Socotra island in Yemen where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm Mekunu hit the area.

Exercise Malabar 2018

- 22nd edition of Exercise Malabar, off Guam, USA from 07 to 16 June 2018, will have the participation of navies from India, the US and Japan.
- The Indian Navy will be represented by the two indigenously designed and built ships, the multi-purpose stealth frigate INS Sahyadri and Anti-Submarine Warfare corvette, INS Kamorta, Fleet Tanker INS Shakti and Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I.

Three-Day Campaign for Blue Flag Certification

- SICOM conceived an integrated coastal management scheme named BEAMS (Beach Management Services).
- SICOM under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has embarked upon a programme for Blue flag certification of one Blue Flag beach in each of the 13 coastal States /UTs under the World Bank-assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP).

Geo-Intelligence Asia – 2018

- The Eleventh edition of GeoIntelligence Asia 2018 organised by GeoSpatial Media and Communication at New Delhi.
- **Theme of Seminar was ‘GeoSpatial : A Force Multiplier for Defence and Industrial Security’.**

NIMAS expedition team to Mt Everest

- Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman flagged-in the expedition team to Mt. Everest conducted successfully by National Institute for Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

IND-INDO CORPAT

- Closing ceremony of the 31st edition of the India – Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) from 06 to 09 Jun 18.

DAC approves Equipment Acquisition proposals

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, met and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs 5500 crore.

Dhanush, ready for induction into Army

- India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun "Dhanush" has passed its final test at Pokhran, paving the way for its induction into the Army.

India to host first BIMSTEC war games in September

- India will host the first military exercise of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) group focussing on counter-terrorism in Pune in the second week of September.

Flood preparedness exercise in Uttar Pradesh

- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)) conducted a table-top exercise at the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The exercise is being held in collaboration with State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA).

2nd BSF Mt. Everest Expedition

- Padma Shri Love Raj Singh Dharmshaktu creates history by conquering the peak for the seventh time.

India, Kazakhstan to enhance military-industrial cooperation

- India and Kazakhstan have agreed to further develop bilateral cooperation in the military-industrial sphere.

Inaugurates BEL representative office in Vietnam

- Raksha Mantri, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam.

India-US security cooperation

- The Trump administration has approved a deal to sell six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to India for USD 930 million, the Pentagon underlining that this will strengthen India's ability to defend its homeland and deter regional threats.

Graduation of 113 Flight Cadets as Flying Officers of the IAF

- A total number of 113 Flight Cadets including 13 women cadets were commissioned as Flying Officers, at their alma-mater, the Air Force Academy, the 'Cradle of IAF Leadership' that has moulded generations of prodigious aviation leaders.

26th edition of Exercise RIM of PACific (RIMPAC)

- Indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate INS Sahyadri arrives at Pearl Harbour to participate in world's largest multilateral naval exercise RIMPAC 2018.

Indian, Indonesian navies participate in Passage exercise

- The navies of India (Indian Naval ships INS Shakti and INS Kamorta) and Indonesia participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Port of Makassar, Indonesia.

Flood Relief Operations in Tripura

- Three Mi 17 helicopters of Indian Air Force undertook flood affected areas of the state of Tripura, particularly in the town of Kailashahar on 15 Jun 18.

Cyber Security Framework workshop

- A workshop on Cyber Security Framework for Department of Defence was organised by DDP, Ministry of Defence. The workshop was inaugurated by RakshaMantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman.

Airbridge for Mansarovar Yatra

- Indian Air Force would create an airbridge between Pithoragarh and Gunji, in an effort to airlift 1080 registered passengers to Gunji to enable them to continue their journey for the coveted annual Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

Chief of the Naval Staff Visits Bangladesh

- Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff will be proceeding on a goodwill visit to Bangladesh from 24 to 29 Jun 18. The visit is aimed at consolidating bilateral defence relations between India and Bangladesh and to explore new avenues for naval cooperation.

10. Awards and Achievement

International

S. No	Awardees	Awards
1	Karthik (14th consecutive Indian-American champion)	91st edition of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, U.S
2	Anupam Kher	Lifetime Achievement Award
3	Kamila Shamsie's [Home Fire]	2018 Women's Prize for Fiction
4	Russian President Vladimir Putin	China's first friendship medal
5	Jane Fonda	Lumiere Award
6	Dr.Bindeshwar Pathak	Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community
7	Economist Lawrence Haddad, Dr. David Nabarro	World Food Prize

National

S. No	Awardees	Awards
1	Dhiraj Ram Krishna	National Gopal Ratna award
2	Singer Zubeen Garg	Hero to Animals Award
3	Virat Kohli	Polly Umrigar award
4	Harmanpreet Kaur	Best international cricketer (women)
5	Indian-American philanthropists Anu and Naveen Jain.	Women's Safety XPRIZE
6	Police constable P. Ramulu (Telangana)	Mukhyamantri Sarvonnatha police medal 2018
7	Rohan Bopanna	"Sports Icon of Year" award
8	Tata Consultancy Service	Pega Partner Excellence Award 2018
9	Flying Officer Tarun Nair (First in Overall Merit in Pilot Course.)	President's Plaque and the Chief of the Air Staff 'Sword of Honour'
10	Flying Officer Abhishek Bajpai and Flying Officer Banti (First in overall merit in Navigation and Ground Duty branches)	President's Plaque
11	Manisha Varun	Mrs. India Universe 2018 pageant
12	Anukreethy Vas (Tamil Nadu)	55th Femina Miss India World 2018
13	Vishwas Mandlik of Nashik and The Yoga Institute in Mumbai (for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of yoga)	Prime Minister's Award

	India Smart Cities Award – 2018	
14	Surat Smart City	‘City Award’
15	Bhopal and Ahmedabad	‘Innovative Idea’ Award
16	Kidambi Srikanth	Sportsperson Of The Year award for 2017 by the Sports Illustrated India magazine
17	Ministry of Women & Child Development receives the ‘Best Performing Social Sector Ministry’	SKOCH Award
18	Vasundhara Raje (Rajasthan CM)	‘Chief Minister of the Year’ award
19	Vijay Amritraj (Tennis)	SJFI Medal by The Sports Journalists Federation of India
20	The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)	X International IT Forum Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia
21	“Sagarmala’ (Port-led-development)	52nd Skoch Summit Award 2018 - ‘Gold Award’ in infrastructure sector
22	Madhya Pradesh (reducing maternal mortality)	Prime Minister’s Safe Motherhood Campaign Award
23	Pallavi Darua (India’s first ‘Tribal Queen’)	Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition – Odisha

11. Books and Authors

S. No	Books/Report/	Author/ Released by
1	‘Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops’	NABARD in a function at New Delhi
2	Kazhimugam (delta or the place where a river meets the sea)	Perumal Murugan
3	“Handbook on legal processes for Police in respect of Crime against Children”	Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD), Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launched at a function in New Delhi
4	“Vedvigyan Alok”	Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik
5	‘Compendium of Finger Print equipment – 2018’ & ‘Award of excellence in identification’	The Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir.
6	‘Emergency: Indian Democracy’s Darkest Hour’ – English	Authored by veteran journalist Shri A. Surya Prakash.
7	Kashmir: Glimpses of History and Story of Struggle	Saifuddin Soz
8	‘Ahimsa’ book	Supriya Kelkar

12. National Affairs

Executive committee for Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations

- The government set up an executive committee (EC) under the chairpersonship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to “spread Mahatma Gandhi’s legacy” among the people at the national and international level.

Commemoration 125th year of Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha in South Africa

- The screening of the biopic Making of a Mahatma marked the opening of a three-day series of events to commemorate the historic incident 125 years ago when Mahatma Gandhi was evicted from a train at Pietermaritzburg which led him to develop his Satyagraha principles of peaceful resistance and mobilise people in South Africa and India against the discriminatory rules of the British.

Cabinet approves Revision in the wage structure and allowances of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS)

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the revision in the wage structure and allowances of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) of the Department of Posts.

Cabinet approves Revised guidelines on time bound closure of sick/ loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the revised guidelines of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on time bound closure of sick/ loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and disposal of movable and immovable assets.

Cabinet approves Continuation of Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programme – Phase III

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Modi has given its approval for implementation of Phase-III of Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV (Photo Voltaic) Application Programme to achieve additional 118 MWp(Mega Watt peak) off-grid solar PV capacity by 2020.

Promulgation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018

- The President gave assent to promulgate the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.

Tripura

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the National Highway from Matabari to Sabroom in Udaipur, Tripura.
- “Queen Pineapple” declared as the state fruit of Tripura

Reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio Since 2013

- India has registered a significant decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) recording a 22-per cent reduction in such deaths since 2013, according to the Sample Registration System (SRS).

Accelerate Tobacco-free India campaign

- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Ashwini Kumar Choubey appealed to make a “Tobacco-free India” and to encourage people to give up tobacco consumption.

Severe uranium contamination in India’s groundwater

- Scientists have found widespread uranium contamination in groundwater from aquifers across 16 states in India, much above the WHO provisional standard for the country.
- The findings published in the journal Environmental Science & Technology Letters are the first to demonstrate the predominant prevalence of uranium in India’s groundwater.

Manipur: SAIL Steel for World’s Tallest Girder Rail Bridge

- Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) has supplied around 60,000 tonnes of steel material for the 111-km-long Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal new broad gauge railway project in Manipur.

Workshop on Skill Development in Port and Maritime Sector

- Ministry of Shipping in association with Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojana (DDU-GKY), Ministry of Rural Development conducted a one-day workshop on “Skill Development in the Port and Maritime Sector” in New Delhi.
- For Maritime Logistics, a Multi-skill Development Centre for Maritime Logistics is being set up in Uran near JNPT Mumbai.

Proposal for enactment of Dam Safety Bill, 2018

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Modi has approved the proposal for introduction of Dam Safety Bill, 2018 in the Parliament.
- It will help all the States and Union Territories of India to adopt uniform dam safety procedures which shall ensure safety of dams and safeguard benefits from such dams. This shall also help in safeguarding human life, livestock and property.

Shillong is 100th Smart City

- As the Smart Cities Mission enters its fourth year, the Centre has finally announced the 100th and last city which will be part of the project: Shillong.
- This announcement also sets the final end date for the Mission as June 2023, as every city gets five years to complete its projects.

Arunachal Pradesh to scrap anti-conversion law

- Arunachal Pradesh may lift a 40-year-old anti-conversion law to uphold secularism.

Sikkim gets its longest tunnel

- Minister of State for Defence Subhash Ramrao Bhamre inaugurated 578-metre-long Theng Tunnel, the longest in Sikkim.
- Constructed on Gangtok-Chungthang State Highway by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the double-lane tunnel bypasses.

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ANDHRA PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Dispur	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi

Auto-disable syringes for all clinical purposes

- Andhra Pradesh would be the first state in the country to use auto-disable syringes for all clinical purposes, which will be enforced from the World Hepatitis Day on July 28 to prevent infection.

Farm lands in riverbed face threat of submersion

- Hundreds of acres of fertile land lying in the Penna riverbed in Kovur and Buchireddypalem areas is now facing the threat of submersion as the water storage is expected to rise once the new Nellore barrage is completed in a few months.

State's largest petroglyph site discovered at Kandhanathi

- Kandhanathi, a tiny village located about 5-km south of Yemmiganur mandal headquarters in the district, is the biggest petroglyph site in Andhra Pradesh, an exploration by an archaeology researcher of Yogi Vemana University has revealed.

Real-time water quality monitoring

- The government gave administrative sanction for the establishment of real-time online monitoring system of water quality parameters in 874 habitations in Krishna.

Purushothapatnam project

- The Purushothapatnam Lift Irrigation Project (PLIP) to cater to the irrigation and drinking water needs of East Godavari, Visakhapatnam and part of North Andhra region.

First State to complete automation of Crime Records Bureau

- The Andhra Pradesh police, who lead in using crime data analytics and big data applications, have now become the first in the country to complete automation of the State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB).
- i-App cloud is now helping the police access the entire information of crimes under various IPC sections.

iCon-ic tower in Amaravati

- CM Naidu lays foundation stone for NRT Icon Tower in Amaravati. The iconic structure will give a stunning 360° degree view of Amaravati for the occupants.

Missile test project clears a major hurdle

- The Ministry of Law approved the amendment to Coastal Regulatory Zone notification 2011, permitting construction of a jetty in a creek in the Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary for the proposed Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Missile Test Launch Facility in the Gullalamoda area of Krishna district.

Third port on the Kakinada coast

- Decks have been cleared for construction of a third port on the Kakinada coast. The proposed port will become the gateway to the East Coast of India as it is located at one of the strategic nodes of the Visakhapatnam-Chennai industrial corridor.

3 field stations to come up to save king cobra

- The project will be mentored by Romulus Whitaker, known as the founder of the Madras Snake Park. The initiative will be done in association with the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust.

Neolithic-era cave discovered in Srikakulam

- An arch-shaped cave dating back to the Neolithic period was discovered by a team led by freelance archaeologist Kadiyala Venkateswara Rao near a tribal hamlet in the Eastern Ghats in Srikakulam district.

ASSAM

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Dispur	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi

Cancer care foundation for cheaper treatment

- Assam is scheduled to launch a cancer care foundation, the first for any State government in India for making treatment of the disease more affordable and ensuring care for patients till survival.

Ambubachi Mela at Assam's Kamakhya Temple

- Guwahati, the capital city of Assam is gearing up for the four-day long Ambubachi Mela at Kamakhya Temple, which will begin on June 22. The Ambubachi Mela symbolises the fertility cult of goddess Kamakhya.

CHANDIGARH

Capital	Administrator
Chandigarh	V. P. Singh Badnore

Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA Forensic Laboratory

- Foundation laid for India's First Advanced Forensic Lab in Chandigarh dedicated to women related cases.
- 5 more advanced forensic labs would come up in Mumbai, Chennai, Guwahati, Pune and Bhopal in the next 3 months.

Integrated Command and Control Centre

- Prime Minister Modi visits Chhattisgarh, inaugurates Integrated Command and Control Centre at Naya Raipur; dedicates modernized, expanded Bhilai Steel Plant to the Nation.

DELHI

Chief Minister	Lieutenant Governor
Arvind Kejriwal	Anil Baijal

Udyam Sangam-2018

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the Udyam Sangam-2018, being organised by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) (June 27, 2018) to celebrate the 2nd United Nations Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day.

Prime Minister lays foundation stone of Vanijya Bhawan

- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone for Vanijya Bhawan, a new office complex of the Department of Commerce in New Delhi.

Inauguration of Metro in New Delhi

- Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bahadurgarh-Mundka Metro Line via video conference.

National Tribal Museum

- A National Tribal Museum along with a National Level Tribal Research Institute is proposed to be set up at Delhi by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- 70000 tribals currently enrolled with Tribes India for sale of products, numbers expected to increase to 1.5 lakh soon.

Bilateral Cooperation in Agriculture & Allied sectors

- Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh meets Deputy PM of Uzbekistan, Mr. Suhrob Kholmuradov to strengthen bilateral cooperation in agriculture & allied sectors in New Delhi.

1st police museum in Delhi

- India will soon have its first national police museum as the central government has decided to establish the unique facility in New Delhi.

Commemorative coin of Rs 125 released

- Vice President of India released a commemorative coin of Rs 125 and circulation coin of Rs 5 denomination as a mark of respect to Prof. Mahalanobis.

PM to dedicate and lay foundation stone for key projects in AIIMS

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, will visit the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi on June 29, 2018.
- He will lay the Foundation Stone of the National Centre for Aging at AIIMS. This will provide the older population with multi-speciality healthcare. It will have 200 general ward beds.

GUJARAT

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Gandhinagar	Vijay Rupani	Om Prakash Kohli

Neonatal ambulance service project

- To prevent death of newborns due to lack of medical emergency facilities in health centres, the Gujarat government has decided to launch a dedicated ambulance service to shift critically ill infants to better equipped hospitals.

World's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics

- The world's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics was launched at Gandhinagar in Gujarat. It is a joint venture of the Regional delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in India, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives and also Gujarat Forensic Science University.

HARYANA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Chandigarh	Manohar Lal Khattar	Kaptan Singh Solanki

Girl students to get sanitary napkins at Re 1

- Girl students of government schools in Haryana will get sanitary napkins at just Re 1 starting August.
- Women belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families too will be covered under the scheme.

Auxiliary Production Unit & Artificial Limbs Fitting Centre

- The Foundation stone of “Auxiliary Production Unit and State-of-the-Art Artificial Limbs Fitting Centre” of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) at Faridabad, Haryana.

15-day paternity leave for government employees

- The Haryana government has announced a 15-day paternity leave to all male government employees.
- The move makes Haryana the first state to grant paternity leaves to its employees.

600 sports nurseries to be opened

- Haryana Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anil said 600 sports nurseries would be opened to boost sports in the state.

Three day Photo Exhibition

- Three day Photo Exhibition on ‘Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Khelo India Khelo’ inaugurated in Chandigarh.

‘No toilet, no bride’ resolution

- Haryana, Godikan village panchayat passes ‘No toilet, no bride’ resolution; inspired by Akshay Kumar movie ‘Toilet-Ek Prem Katha’.

JAMMU and KASHMIR

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Srinagar(Summer) Jammu(Winter)	Mehbooba Mufti	Narinder Nath Vohra

Rs. 14.30 crore sanctioned for Block level sports in Jammu & Kashmir

- Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 14.30 crore (Rupees Fourteen Crore & Thirty Lakh) has been sanctioned for Block level sports in the State of Jammu and Kashmir under the ‘Khelo India’ Scheme by the Union Sports Ministry, Government of India. An amount of Rs. 10 lakh per Block will be spent under the scheme in all the 143 Blocks of 22 Districts of J&K.

Governor's rule in J&K

- President Ram Nath Kovind has approved the imposition of Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir with immediate effect.

KVIC distributes 2330 Bee-Boxes in Kashmir beating its own record

- KVIC has created a world record of distributing maximum number of bee-boxes in one day. This was achieved by the KVIC in the Zangalee Army area at Kupwara in Kashmir beating its previous best of 1000 bee boxes distributed in Kaziranga forest area among the Mishing tribe on the occasion of World Honey Bee Day. Two thousand three hundred thirty (2330) bee-boxes were distributed among 233 beneficiaries in the Zangalee Army area.

Two women battalions of Jammu and Kashmir Police to be raised

- To enhance the representation of women in the State Police, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has approved raising two women Battalions for Jammu and Kashmir Police. One battalion each would be raised for Jammu region and Kashmir region.

KARNATAKA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Bengaluru	H. D. Kumaraswamy	Vajubhai Vala

Green, Biodegradable, hygienic and cheaper sanitary pads

- The Union government launched biodegradable sanitary napkins to mark World Environment Day on 05.06.2018.

Mysuru-based startup Sahaja Seeds

- Mysuru-based startup encourages farmers to produce indigenous and patent-free seeds of a variety of crops.

CM flags off six-coach Metro train

- The new six-coach Namma Metro train was flagged off by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru.

First Tulu novel ‘Sati Kamale’ translated into English

- The first Tulu novel Sati Kamale written about a century ago by S.U. Paniyady has now been translated into English by two former professors of Mangalore University. It was written in 1921 and published in 1936.

Inauguration of Halegannada Sahitya Sammelana

- The first All India Halegannada Sahitya Sammelana was inaugurated by taking out a procession of Pampa’s work Adi Purana on a silver palanquin and placing it on the dais at Shravanabelgola.

115 stations get free Wi-Fi

- In an initiative to bridge the digital divide and complement Railways’ mobile applications, 115 railway stations in Karnataka are now equipped with Wi-Fi facilities.

Mysuru-Rewa train service introduced

- The Railways has decided to run four trip services of Train No. 06229/06230 Mysuru-Rewa Mysuru Weekly Special Express for long distance passengers.

KERALA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	P. Sathasivam

Ernakulam district striving for child labour-free tag

- The Labour Department has embarked on an ambitious year-long campaign to declare Ernakulam district child labour-free.
- The year-long campaign is being carried out in association with Childline, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the police and other relevant departments.

Smallest sea cucumber

- Vizhinjam Bay, a busy fishing ground noted for its biodiversity-rich marine ecosystem, is home to the smallest sea cucumber in India (which grows to a size of just 2 cm,) scientists have reported.

Kerala to introduce new entertainment tax

- Kerala government will soon introduce entertainment tax on films in other languages that are being screened in Kerala, said finance minister TM Thomas Isaac in the assembly.

‘Water Literacy’ campaign

- Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority has initiated a ‘water literacy’ campaign with the involvement of 70,000 students aiming to create awareness about the importance of water conservation in the State.

Ayush Minister inaugurates Yoga Ambassadors Tour

- Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State, (I/C), Ministry of AYUSH Government of India has inaugurated the Yoga Ambassador’s Tour at Leela Convention Centre in Thiruvananthapuram.

Kerala scraps plantation tax

- Government also decides to freeze the collection of Agricultural Income Tax (AIT) from the plantation sector. Kerala has decided to scrap the plantation tax in view of the crisis in the sector.
- Kerala is the only State in the country which levies the tax.

State's first citizen info centre opened in Alappuzha

- The State's first citizen information centre has started functioning at Muthukulam.
- It will provide services such as e-literacy training to the elderly, online submission of applications, various examination results, village internet cafes, e-ticketing, e-governance applications, DTP, basic computer education, and e-library.

New law to save ecologically fragile Munnar

- The State government is seriously considering enacting a special legislation to take care of all things, including construction activities, in ecologically fragile Munnar.

Sabarimala chosen as Swachh Iconic Place

- The Union government has selected Sabarimala as a Swachh Iconic Place as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Sabarimala is the only place from Kerala selected for implementation in the third and last phase of the project.

Police app to monitor truant school children

- The Alappuzha police are all set to launch an application to keep a tab on schoolchildren in the district.
- The app is being introduced as part of a project titled 'Kid Safe,' mooted to ensure the safety of schoolchildren.

Malanad-Malabar river cruise launched

- Malanad-Malabar river cruise project connecting rivers in North Malabar is the largest ever tourism project in northern Kerala. It would conserve and utilise heritage and art and cultural traditions along the banks of the rivers.

MAHARASHTRA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Mumbai	Devendra Fadnavis	Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

Deccan Queen completes 88 years of service

- The introduction of “Deccan Queen” between the two premier cities of Maharashtra on 1st June 1930 was a major landmark in the history of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, the forerunner of the Indian Railways.
- This was the first deluxe train introduced on the railway to serve two important cities of the region and was aptly named after Pune, which is also known as “Queen of Deccan” (“Dakkhan ki Rani”).

TCS to set up center for advanced computing in Pune

- Tata Consultancy Services announced that it is setting up a center in Pune along with Intel for advanced computing to develop solutions in the areas of high-performance computing, data analytics, and artificial intelligence.

INOX partners with GDC for first ever DTS:X immersive sound technology in India

- INOX Leisure Ltd India’s leading multiplex chain has partnered with GDC Technology Ltd for getting India’s first ever innovative SX-4000 immersive sound media server with a built-in DTS:X decoder.

Committee for floating solar power plant

- The Maharashtra government has set up a committee to study issues related to the development of a 1,000-MW floating solar power plant at Ujani dam in Solapur district.

Capital of rulers who built Ajanta caves unearthed in Nagpur district

- A team of city-based archaeologists from Deccan College have confirmed that the Vakataka dynasty ruled from its capital Nandivardhan, or the present day Nagardhan, a large village discovered near Ramtek taluka in Nagpur district. The place has been of great significance to this dynasty, which ruled between 250 – 550 CE. It is the same dynasty that built the Ajanta caves in Aurangabad.
- Terracotta objects depicting images of gods, animals, humans along with amulets, scotches, wheels, skin rubbers, spindle whorls were discovered.

India Infrastructure Expo 2018

- The Union Minister of Railways, Coal, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the India Infrastructure Expo 2018 in Mumbai. Two day expo is being organised by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

Mumbai Fintech Festival

- Maharashtra, the first State to have a dedicated fintech policy, is also planning to have a dedicated 'Fintech Officer' in the Department of Information Technology, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said at the inauguration of the Mumbai Fintech Festival.
- In its efforts to develop the financial capital into a fintech hub, the Maharashtra Government has announced the opening up of a 'sandbox' to boost start-ups.

Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai

- India has been successful in securing the inscription of the "Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai" on UNESCO's World Heritage List.
- Mumbai city the second city in India after Ahmedabad to be inscribed on the World Heritage List. India now has overall 37 World Heritage Inscriptions with 29 Cultural, 07 Natural and 01 Mixed sites.

ODISHA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Bhubaneswar	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal

Chandrabhaga to be Asia's first 'Blue Flag' beach

- The scenic Chandrabhaga on the Konark coast is all set to become the first 'Blue Flag' beach of Asia for maintaining cleanliness and environment standards.

Water Aerodrome in Chilika Lake

- The Airports Authority of India has proposed to set up a water aerodrome in Chilika Lake for starting amphibious aircraft operations in Odisha.

Cuttack gets 2 CNG fuel stations

- Petroleum and natural gas minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations at CDA and Bidyadharpur.

PUNJAB

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Chandigarh	Amarinder Singh	V. P. Singh Badnore

‘Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao’ campaign launched

- A campaign was launched to encourage farmers to voluntarily adopt a new scheme ‘Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao’, aimed at checking depletion of underground water in Punjab villages – Bambiwal and Nawajipur, initially.

National Generic Document Registration System

- National Generic Document Registration System adopted in Punjab and Andaman& Nicobar Islands.

RAJASTHAN

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Jaipur	Vasundhara Raje	Kalyan Singh

GPS-based technology to help track power supply complaints

- The Rajasthan government on June 12 launched an initiative through which citizens can monitor the status of their complaints regarding electricity supply. The GPS-based technology also allows citizens to track, on a real-time basis, the teams sent out to restore electricity supply. The technology has been launched in association with Intelnet Global Services.

Kota in Guinness World Records for largest yoga session

- A Guinness World Record was created in Rajasthan's Kota city, where more than 1.05 lakh people performed yoga to mark the 4th edition of International Yoga Day.

Biogas plants to be set up at cow shelters

- Biogas plants with the capacity of over 100 cubic metres will be set up shortly at 25 gaushalas in Rajasthan with 50% subsidy on investment costs paid by the State government's Gopalan Department. Rajasthan will be the first State to produce manure from biogas plants at the cow shelters.

Mother's milk bank benefits 20,000 infants

- Aanchal, the mother's milk bank established in 18 district government hospitals of Rajasthan, has benefited about 20,000 infants and helped improve their nutrition levels.
- Rajasthan is the first State in the country to establish a government-run community milk banking system.

Institute of Hospitality Management

- The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism Shri. K.J. Alphons inaugurated the Institute of Hospitality Management in Jodhpur.

TAMILNADU

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Chennai	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit

Solar power plant at BEL in Chennai

- Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated a 16 MW grid-connected solar power plant set up by Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) at Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF) in Avadi.

Tamil Nadu to ban disposable plastic from next year

- The State government on Tuesday announced a ban on manufacture, sales, storage and usage of disposable plastic across State with effective from January 1, 2019.

Tamil Nadu exempts textile job working/service units from e-way bill

- The Tamil Nadu government has exempted job working and service units related to yarn, fabrics and garments from generation of e-way bill.
- No e-way bill is required for the transport of consignment with value of goods not exceeding Rs 1 lakh.

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Chitrangudi, Karaivetti maybe declared eco-sensitive

- In a bid to conserve wildlife habitats in the State, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has proposed to declare areas around the Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary in Ramanathapuram district and Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary in Ariyalur district as Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ).

TamilNadu's own 'seeraga samba' in line for Geographical Indication tag

- The tiny, but immensely popular and pricey, seeraga samba may well become the first rice variety from Tamil Nadu to get the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The rice variety is named after seeragam, the Tamil name for cumin seeds, since the rice is as fine as the condiment.

NLCIL's Three 100 MW Solar Power Projects

- The Union Minister for Railways, Coal, Finance & Company Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL)'s three 100 MW Solar Power Projects for commercial operation and dedicated these projects to the Nation .
- The Solar Power projects situated at Thoppalaakkarai and Sethupuram in Virudhunagar District and Sellaiya Sezhiyanallur in Tirunelveli District, with an installed capacity of 100 MW each.

NPTEL ties up with IBM

- The National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) along with IBM, the multinational technology firm, will offer a 12-week online course on blockchain architecture, design and uses.

Vertical gardens to come up in congested Chennai neighbourhoods

- The Chennai Corporation is set to develop vertical gardens in congested neighbourhoods, utilising existing civic infrastructure for increasing greenery.
- The Bridges department of the civic body will develop the first vertical garden around piers of the bridge on G.N. Chetty Road in T.Nagar.

Yoga and naturopathy centre coming up at Chengalpattu Medical College

- An International Yoga and Naturopathy Medical Science Centre will be set up at a cost of Rs.60 crore on the Chengalpattu Government Medical College campus in Kancheepuram district. The project is being touted as a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.

T.N. to soon launch networked CT, MRI machines in govt. hospitals

- Tamil Nadu will become the first State in the country to virtually connect 58 computed tomography (CT) and 18 magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines located in different government hospitals in the State.

State's maternal mortality rate drops to 62

- According to Health Management Information System data, the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) of the Tamil Nadu state is 62.

TELANGANA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Hyderabad	K Chandrasekhar Rao	E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan

Final clearance to Kaleswaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP).

- The KCR government's flagship scheme, Kaleswaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), got a major boost with the technical advisory committee (TAC) of Union ministry for water resources granting the final clearance. With this, the project has got all the technical clearances.

Osmansagar lake front project proposed

- Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority officials to prepare a detailed project report for the first phase of Osmansagar lake front development.

IKEA likely to open first India store in Hyderabad

- Swedish furniture major IKEA is likely to inaugurate its first Indian store in Hi tec city, Hyderabad on July 10.

Hi-tech to keep a tab on coal movement

- The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has recently introduced a GPS-based vehicle tracking system at the Coal Handling Plant (CHP) in Yellandu town.

State's first lemon market opened at Nakrekal

- The Marketing Minister opened the State's first and exclusive lemon market at Nakrekal, and a sweet lime market for farmers here in Nalgonda.

Zoomcar offers last mile connectivity for metro users

- Zoomcar, India's largest shared mobility platform has introduced 25 Mahindra e2oPlus cars at Miyapur metro station for daily metro commuters.

'Special turmeric cell in Nizamabad soon'

- Special turmeric cell with an officer and four other staff will start functioning soon in the district.

Granite cluster to come up in Karimnagar

- The first-of-its-kind granite cluster in Telangana is coming up at Bahupeta village on the outskirts of Karimnagar town.

First government blockchain centre

- The Centre is considering a proposal to set up a Centre of Excellence for blockchain technology in Hyderabad to drive innovation.

UTTARAKHAND

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Dehradun	Trivendra Singh Rawat	Krishan Kant Paul

4th International Yoga Day

- 4th International Yoga Day held at the Forest Research Institute campus in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Prime Minister performed Yoga with about 50,000 yoga enthusiasts and volunteers at the Forest Research Institute campus.

UTTARPRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Lucknow	Yogi Adityanath	Ram Naik

‘Taj Mahal Declaration’ to fight plastic pollution near monument

- A pledge to Agra residents for making areas around Taj Mahal, in a radius of 500 metres, free of litter and polythene and reducing the presence of single-use plastic products near and around the monument, ahead of World Environment Day on June 5.
- Coca Cola, Infosys and others pledge to beat plastic pollution in India.

Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS)

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the state’s first-of-its-kind Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) and said the hi-tech will help police in regulating traffic and punishing habitual traffic offenders and will certainly reduce the road accident cases and traffic congestion.

Prime Minister visited the Saint Kabir Cave

- The Prime Minister also visited the Saint Kabir Cave, and unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of Foundation Stone of Saint Kabir Academy.
- He offered floral tributes at Sant Kabir Samadhi, on the occasion of the 500th death anniversary of the great saint and poet, Kabir.

Foundation stone for an Auditorium of the Kanpur Bar Association

- President of India lays the foundation stone for an Auditorium of the Kanpur Bar Association in Kanpur addresses the centenary celebrations of Allahabad medical association in Allahabad.

WEST BENGAL

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Kolkata	Mamta Benerjee	Keshari Nath Tripathi

Santragachi-Chennai Central Antyodaya Express

- A new Antyodaya train Santragachi – Chennai Central Antyodaya Express (Weekly) flagged off from Kolkata will provide better connectivity to East & South India.

West Bengal government to invest Rs.107 crore to check erosion

- The West Bengal government has decided to invest Rs.107 crore to check erosion at vulnerable areas along the banks of the Ganga and the Padma.
- The work will be completed by March 2019.

Visva-Bharati to set up yoga village

- Visva-Bharati University (VBU), founded by Rabindranath Tagore, will set up a yoga centre inside the campus, named yoga gram (village). The centre is aimed at increasing awareness about yoga.

14. International Affairs

Boost to sweet potato production

- India is joining hands with other sweet potato-producing countries in Asia and Africa in an intercontinental initiative to augment production of the root crop for food and nutritional security.

Orchid named after Narendra Modi in Singapore

- An orchid was named after Prime Minister Narendra Modi to mark his visit to the National Orchid Garden of Singapore – Dendrobium Narendra Modi.

First driving licences to women

- Saudi Arabia began issuing its first driving licences to women in decades.

Singapore re-sanctifies 148-year-old Hindu temple

- The Sri Krishnan Temple was established in 1870 in Waterloo Street, which was then known as Church Street.
- Communications and Information Minister S Iswaran and priests flown in from India led some 10,000 devotees at a ceremony to re-sanctify a 148-year old Hindu temple.

First home made anti-HIV drug

- China has approved the first domestically developed, long-acting injectable HIV drug Albuvirtide which could be a boon to tens of thousands of HIV/AIDS patients in the country.

World first EPR nuclear reactor in China

- A third generation European Pressurised Reactor (EPR) reactor in Taishan, China carried out its first nuclear chain reaction, an initial start up which is a world first for the much-delayed European technology.

Indian farmer in UAE sets world record

- An Indian farmer, Sudheesh Guruvayoor from Kerala in the UAE has set a Guinness World Record by distributing the largest number (4,914) of organic curry tree saplings in Sharjah.

Indonesia wins UNSC vote

- The Maldives failed to get elected to the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member.
- Maldives and Indonesia had contested for a seat in the UNSC, but in the plenary session held at the UN headquarters in New York, Indonesia won the seat after securing 144 votes against 46 for the Maldives.

British women celebrate 100 years of right to vote

- Thousands of women turned British cities into rivers of green, white and violet to mark 100 years since the first women won the right to vote in the U.K.

Non-permanent members of UNSC

- The UN General Assembly elected Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Indonesia and South Africa on Friday to serve as non-permanent members on the Security Council for two years starting in January.

Indian Food Festival in Berlin

- An Indian Food Festival organised at the Embassy of India saw enthusiastic participation by members of the Indian diaspora and Indian Community Associations.
- This was the second edition of the India Food Festival. The first festival was held in October 2017.

Vietnam passes cyber security law despite concerns

- vietnamese legislators have passed a contentious cybersecurity law, which critics say will hurt the economy and further restrict freedom of expression.

- The Communist Party-dominated Assembly passed the law by a majority on June 12. The law requires service providers such as Google and Facebook to store user data in Vietnam, open offices in the country and remove offending contents within 24 hours at the request of authorities.

Malaysia to reopen embassy in North Korea: PM Mahathir

- Malaysia will reopen its embassy in Pyongyang, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has said, suggesting an end to the diplomatic row over the assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's half-brother in Kuala Lumpur last year.

India to host European Union Film Festival

- The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) will premiere in New Delhi on 18th June, 2018 at the Siri Fort Auditorium.
- Slovakian Movie Little Harbour to be the opening film for the festival

Incredible India road shows

- The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Shri K. J. Alphons will attend a series of 'Incredible India road shows' in the United States of America, from 18th to 22nd June 2018. The road shows will be held in several major cities of US including New York, Chicago & Houston.

SAARC fund to launch social enterprise programme in India

- Thimpu-based SAARC Development Fund will soon be launching a social enterprise development programme (SEDP) to fund 80 entities annually across the 8-member states including India.
- The programme will be implemented in all the SAARC member states with the objective of identifying and building social enterprises by using a mix of grants and concessional returnable capital.

Airline adopts biofuel in green push

- A brand new Cathay Pacific Airbus A350-1000 aircraft, which flew from the French city of Toulouse to Hong Kong, was partly powered by a sugarcane-based biofuel.

Canada legalises recreational cannabis use

- Canada has legalised the use of recreational marijuana nationwide, making it the first G7 country to do so.
- Uruguay became the first country to legalise the sale of cannabis for recreational use in December 2013.

U.S. pulls out of United Nations Human Rights Council

- The United States announced that it was leaving the United Nations Human Rights Council.

International Yoga Day Celebrations in Suriname

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, participated in the 4th International Yoga Day celebrations in Paramaribo, Suriname on June 21, 2018 along with the President, the Vice President of Suriname and other dignitaries.
- **President of Suriname -Mr Desiré Delano Bouterse**
- **Vice President of Suriname – Mr Michael Ashwin Adhin**

Inauguration of the Nature Cure Centre

- PM Modi address at the inauguration of the Nature Cure Centre in New York, USA via video conferencing.

Iran allows entry of women into stadium

- Tehran's largest football stadium was to admit thousands of women together with men for the first time since the Islamic Revolution of 1979.

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre at Dushanbe

- Shri Gadkari was addressing the Indian Community at the inauguration of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre at the Indian Embassy in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

China to build railway connecting Tibet with Nepal

- China will build a railway connecting the western region of Tibet with Nepal, one of several bilateral deals signed during Nepali Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli's visit to Beijing.
- The link will connect the Tibetan city of Xigaze with Nepal's capital Kathmandu.

EU slaps retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products

- The European Union (EU) slapped revenge tariffs on iconic U.S. products, including bourbon, jeans and motorcycles in its opening salvo in a trade war with U.S. President Donald Trump.

Mongolia Starts Construction Of Its First Oil Refinery With \$1 Billion Indian Loan

- The oil refinery, which is to come up at Altanshiree Soum in the country's Dornogobi province, has been financed by India through a \$1 billion Line of Credit extended after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to Mongolia in 2015.

'China proposed 2+1 format for India talks'

- Under the Chinese proposal, China and India can jointly conduct a dialogue with a third regional country in "two plus one" format for dialogue. This is different from a trilateral mechanism.

'Billion Tree Tsunami'

- Around the region of Heroshah, previously arid hills are now covered with forest as far as the horizon. In northwestern Pakistan, hundreds of millions of trees have been planted to fight deforestation across the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Netherlands parliament approves limited ban on burqa, niqab

- The Netherlands has approved a limited ban on “face-covering clothing” in public places, including Islamic veils and robes such as the burqa and niqab but not the hijab, which covers only the hair.

U.S. ends 70 years of military presence in Seoul

- The United States formally ended seven decades of military presence in South Korea’s capital with the opening of a new headquarters farther from the tense border with North Korea.

First Sikh newsreader in Pakistan

- Harmeet Singh, Pakistan’s 1st Sikh News Anchor hired as an anchor by a Public news channel in Pakistan.

Sri Lanka to move naval unit

- The Sri Lanka Navy is moving its Southern Command to Hambantota.

Kroger road test Nuro’s driverless van

- First real-world road test of an unmanned delivery vehicle Nuro’s “R1” van, as the largest U.S. supermarket operator battles Amazon.

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FOOT BALL

Intercontinental Cup title

- India beat Kenya 2-0 to win the four-nation Intercontinental Cup.

Sunil Chhetri equals Messi's record

- Indian football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi with his 64th strike for the country against Kenya in the Intercontinental Cup summit clash.

Real Madrid name Spain's Julen Lopetegui as coach

- Spain coach Julen Lopetegui will take over as Real Madrid manager on a three-year contract after the World Cup, the European champions said on June 12.

FIFA 2026 World Cup

- Fifa confirm America, Mexico, Canada will host the 2026 World Cup.

FIFA World Cup 2018 kicks off in Russia

- The FIFA World Cup – kicked off at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium.

CRICKET

World record ODI score by NZ women

- New Zealand women's cricket team posted the highest ever total in one-day cricket an incredible 490/4 against Ireland in the first ODI in Dublin.

Women's Asia Cup final

- Bangladesh women's cricket team beat India to win their maiden Asia Cup trophy in Kuala Lumpur.

Scotland beat England for the first time in a one-day international

- Scotland's cricketers pulled off the greatest victory in their history to beat England for the first time in Edinburgh.

Dhawan: First Indian to score century before lunch on first day of a Test

- The first Indian batsman, and sixth overall, to score a century before lunch on the first day of a maiden Test match between India and Afghanistan [104 off 91 balls with 19 fours and 3 sixes].

First Indian to play in Super League

- Smriti Mandhana is set to become the first Indian to appear in the Kia Super League in England this summer after being signed by defending champions Western Storm.

England post new ODI record total

- England broke the record for the highest score in a men's one-day international cricket for the second time in two years at Trent Bridge by scoring 481 for six against Australia.

ICC World Test Championship

- Indian cricket team will play against West Indies in the Caribbean to make its debut in the inaugural ICC World Test Championship to be held in July next year.

Women's World T20 Cricket 2018

- India will begin their campaign against New Zealand in the ICC Women's World T20, to be held in the West Indies from November 9 to 24.

TENNIS

2018 French Open at Roland Garros

- Rafael Nadal beat Austrian Dominic Thiem to win a record-extending 11th French Open title.
- Simona Halep beats Sloane Stephens in French Open final, wins maiden Grand Slam.

ITF women's tennis: Prarthana-Luksika pair triumphs

- Prarthana Thombare and Luksika Kumkhum of Thailand clinched the title, shocking top seeds Naomi Broady of Great Britain and Asia Mukhammad of the United States in the ITF women's tennis tournament.

Stuttgart Open final Tennis

- Roger Federer defeated Nick Kyrgios 6-7 (2), 6-2, 7-6 (5) to book his place in the Stuttgart Open final and reclaim the No. 1 ranking from Rafael Nadal.

HOCKEY

Women's Hockey World Cup

- Rani Rampal to lead India in Women's Hockey World Cup.

Champions Trophy hockey: India qualify for final

- India beat Netherlands to enter their second consecutive final of the Champions Trophy hockey tournament in Netherlands.

SHOOTING

18th KSS Memorial Shooting Championship

- Madhya Pradesh's Anil Kumar secured gold at the second day of the 18th KSS Memorial Shooting Championship at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in Delhi.

18th Kumar Surendra Singh shooting championship

- Meghana and Tejas Krishna get mixed air rifle gold at the 18th Kumar Surendra Singh shooting championship.

Junior Shooting World Cup Germany

- The Indian domination in air events continued as Hriday Hazarika and Saurabh Chaudhary won the junior men's air rifle and air pistol gold medals respectively in the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

Junior World Cup Shooting

- Commonwealth Games gold medalist Manu Bhaker wins the women's air pistol gold in the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

ISSF Junior World Cup Suhl, Germany

- It was a golden harvest for Indian shooting as it swept the mixed air pistol, mixed air rifle and the standard pistol gold medals to go on top of the medals table in the Junior World Cup.

Other Sports**3rd Asia Cup International Bridge Championship**

- India will host the 3rd Asia Cup International Bridge Championship starting from June 4-11 in Goa and will see participation from countries including Australia, Bangladesh, China, Japan and Korea.

Asian junior meet

- 18th Asian junior athletics championships at Gifu, Japan.

NBA finals: Golden State Warriors beat Cleveland Cavaliers

- The Golden State Warriors became the NBA's first back-to-back champion since 2013 beating Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland in the finals.

Canadian Grand Prix: Vettel takes 50th win and F1 championship lead

- Sebastian Vettel capped a win at the Canadian Grand Prix Formula One world championship from Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton by a single point.

Class 7 Telangana chess whiz is now World No. 1

- Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth is now World No. 1 in chess in the under-11 category.

Russian boxing tournament

- Saweety Boora, Indian boxer to clinch a gold in the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in Kaspiysk, Russia.

Koepka triumphant in title defence

- American Brooks Koepka putted brilliantly to win the U.S. Open Golf by one stroke at Shinnecock Hills, becoming the first player in almost 30 years to successfully defend his title.

Singapore National Swimming Championships

- Sandeep Sejwal grabs gold in men's 50m breaststroke event at Singapore National Swimming Championships.

French Grand Prix

- Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton won the French Grand Prix for Mercedes.
- Aseel Al-Hamad is the first female member of the Saudi Arabian Motorsport Federation.

Fourth International Chess Festival, Italy

- Chennai's Praggnanandhaa is world's second youngest Grand Master.

Archery World Cup

- India's Deepika Kumari defeated Germany's Michelle Kroppen to clinch the gold medal in the women's recurve event at the World Cup.

Jinson Johnson breaks Sriram Singh's 42-year record

- Two-time Asian championship medallist Jinson Johnson break Sriram Singh's 42 year National record and clinched the men's 800m title in the National inter-State athletics championships.

Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018

- India defeated Iran 44-26 in the finals to emerge as the Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018 champion.