



A Day To Remember India's Brave Soldiers



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1. Important Days

Date	Day	Details
1-Jul	National Doctors day	The National Doctors' Day is a day celebrated in memory of legendary physician Dr. B.C. Roy, who was born on July 1, 1882 & to recognize the contributions of physicians to individual lives and communities.
	1st GST Day	Government celebrates 1st GST Day; Finance Minister and Industry Stalwarts commemorate the first year of the unprecedented reform of Indian taxation.
2-Jul	World UFO (unidentified flying objects) Day	World UFO Day is dedicated to the existence of unidentified flying objects. First celebrated in 2001, it was created by the World UFO Day Organization. The World UFO Day Organization declared July 2 to be the official day. July 2 marks the anniversary of the Roswell UFO incident, which also happened in 1947.
	World Sports Journalists Day	World Sports Journalists Day is celebrated on July 2 every year to honour the services of sports journalists towards the promotion of sports. World Sports Journalists Day was established by the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) in 1994 to mark the 70th anniversary of its foundation.
11-Jul	World Population Day 2018	The world population day celebrated on 11th July 2018 is a United Nations Initiative to raise the awareness of increasing population day to day. In 1989, the governing council of the United Nations Development Programme recommended that 11th July should be observed as World Population Day.
		The theme for 2018 is "Family Planning is Human Right".
12-Jul	International Malala Day	Every 12 July is a UN observance called "Malala Day." The day is based upon the life and struggles of Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan, who advocates for equal access to education for women.
14-Jul	French national day	Bastille Day, the day that signaled the beginning of the French Revolution, dedicating the principles of 'liberty, equality and fraternity' to the world, was observed in the coastal town that shares strong historical and cultural links with France.
16-Jul	World Snake day	Removing people's fears and illusions about snakes is one of the aims of World Snake Day observed across the world on July 16.
18-Jul	Nelson Mandela International Day	Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 marks 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela (18 July 1918). The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010.

26-Jul	Kargil Vijay Diwas	Kargil Vijay Diwas, named after the success of Operation Vijay. On this day, 26 July 1999, India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost to Pakistani intruders.
28-Jul	World Nature Conservation Day	World Nature Conservation Day is observed to create awareness on protecting and conserving natural resources. There are so many threats to nature like deforestation, illegal wildlife trade, pollution, using plastics, chemicals, and lot more.
28-Jul	World Hepatitis Day	Nobel Laureate Baruch Samuel Blumberg birthday July 28th was declared as World Hepatitis Day [Discovered the hepatitis B virus] to create awareness about viral hepatitis among the common public.
29-Jul	International Tiger Day	International Tiger Day has been held since 2010 when it was first created at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit to raise awareness of the decline of wild tiger numbers and to encourage the celebration around the important work of Tiger conservation.



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2. Rankings

Reports	India's Rank/State's Rank	Top rank
Money in Swiss banks	73rd	1) U.K
		2) U.S.A
Ease of Doing Business	Andhra Pradesh Top Rank	2)Telangana and Haryana
		4)Jharkhand
Lonely Planet's best Asia destinations list	Western Ghats -4th Place	1)Busan, South Korea
		2)Uzbekistan
		3)Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
World Bank Ranking 2017	India sixth-biggest economy	1)U.S.A
		2)China
		3)Japan
'Soft Power 30' index annual global ranking	India not in the list	1)U.K
		2)France
		3)Germany
Public Affairs Index 2018	Best governed large State – 1) Kerala	2)Tamil Nadu
		3)Telangana
		4)Karnataka
Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) Report	Karnataka - First Place	2) Tamil Nadu
ICC Batsmen ODI rankings	1)Virat Kohli – India	2)Joe Root – England
		3)Babar Azam – Pakistan
Most valued company status in m-cap	1) Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) regained its status as the country's most valued firm by market capitalization (m-cap)	2) Tata Group's Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

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3. Summit / Conference

International

Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR 2018)

- A high level Ministerial delegation from India headed by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Home Affairs will be participating in the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018 (AMCDRR 2018) to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 03-06 July, 2018.
- **AMCDRR 2018 Theme: ‘Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development’**

19th World Congress of Food Science and Technology

- The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), the global voice of food science and technology in association with Indian National Science Academy (INSA) announced the 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held in Navi Mumbai, India from October 23-27, 2018.
- Focal theme – 25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods.

International Convention of Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj of US

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the 8th International Convention of Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj through video conference. The International Convention of Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj is being held in California, United States of America.

17th World Sanskrit Conference in Vancouver, Canada

- Human Resource Development Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar will inaugurate the 17th World Sanskrit Conference to be held at Vancouver, Canada from 9th July to 13th July, 2018.

Global Disability Summit

- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment attended the Global Disability Summit held in London on 24th July 2018.

16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia

- 16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia (WGIA16) was inaugurated in New Delhi. Dr. Harsh Vardhan stressed that while efforts of experts are necessary, there is also a need for an active involvement of people in the fight against climate change. “We have committed to achieve 175 GW of installed capacity of renewable energy generation by 2022.

6th meeting of India-Bangladesh Home Minister level talks

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh co-chaired the 6th meeting of the Home Minister level talks with his Bangladesh counterpart, Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan in Dhaka.

8th India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting in Muscat

- The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, today co-chaired 8th session of India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting (JCM).

India to host U.S. for 2+2 talks

- India will host the inaugural round of the two-plus-two dialogue with the United States on September 6. The ministerial-level meeting will cover bilateral, regional and global issues.

First Meeting of India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats

- The first meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Committee on Border Haats was held on 22-23 July 2018 in Agartala, Tripura.

6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) Meeting

- The 6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) meeting held in New Delhi discussed a range of issues on S&T cooperation between the two countries.

3rd Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) convened by the UNCTAD

- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan led the Indian Delegation and delivered a speech at the opening/plenary session of the 3rd Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) convened by the UNCTAD.
- Shri Paswan highlighted the key achievements of the Government of India, especially in the area of Consumer Protection. The two day conference in Geneva on Consumer Issues concluded on 10th of July, 2018.

10th BRICS Summit Johannesburg Declaration

Theme: Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution

- 10th BRICS Summit took place at Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg.

National:**Conference of States Power Ministers**

- A conference of Ministers for Power, New & Renewable Energy of States & Union Territories will be held on 3rd July at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The aim of this one-day conference is to review the implementation of various ongoing Schemes/ Programmes & deliberate on a host of issues pertaining to Power and Renewable Energy sectors.

Election Commission of India to hold a National Consultation on Accessible Elections

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has organized a two-day “National Consultation on Accessible Elections,” from the 3rd July, 2018 in New Delhi. It will be inaugurated by the Chief Election Commissioner Shri O.P.Rawat, in presence of the Election Commissioners Shri Sunil Arora and Shri Ashok Lavasa. The event is a part of the ECI’s pursuit of its mission ‘leave no voter behind,’ with special focus on “Persons with Disabilities” (PwD)

Inter-session meeting of consultative committee on “Marine Fisheries-Mari-culture in India”

- Union Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh chaired at the inter-session meeting of the consultative committee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare on “Marine Fisheries-Mari-culture in India” in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

“National Workshop on Skill Development for Persons with Disabilities”

- A “National Workshop on Skill Development for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)” was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

“Arth – art for earth”

- Union Minister of State for Culture (I/c), Dr. Mahesh Shrama inaugurated exhibition titled “Arth – art for earth” at IGNCA, New Delhi. ‘ARTH – ART FOR EARTH’ by Manav Gupta consists of “Excavations in Hymns of Clay”

First meeting of e-Commerce Task Force

- Commerce Secretary, Rita Teatia, chaired the first meeting of the Task Force on e-commerce in New Delhi. The meeting deliberated upon the suggestions emerging from the sub-group meetings held during 20th – 22nd June, 2018.

5-day workshop at INCOIS

- A five-day international-level workshop on Tsunami Warning Centre Operations and SOPs for Tsunami Warning and Emergency Response will be inaugurated by Madhavan N. Rajeevan, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), in Hyderabad on July 10.

“Data for New India”

- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is organizing a two-day International Round Table Conference at New Delhi during 9-10th July, 2018.

67th Plenary Session of the NEC in Shillong

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh chairs the concluding session of the 67th Plenary session of the NEC in Shillong. ‘New India’ will go through a developed and peaceful ‘New North East’ he added.

1st Meeting of MGNREGA & Sub-group of Chief Ministers

- The First Meeting of Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on coordination between MGNREGA and Agriculture was held at NITI Aayog.

164th Central Public Works Department Day

- The Tourism Minister addresses the 164th Central Public Works Department Day (CPWD) celebrations held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals

- The Ministry of Mines organized the 4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals on 13th July 2018 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

New India Conclave

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Y4D New India Conclave in New Delhi.

Conference of Heads of AYUSH National Institutes

- All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) under Ministry of AYUSH is organizing two days Conference of Heads of AYUSH National Institutes on 17th and 18th July 2018 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Raising towards Excellence – A two day Conference of Heads of AYUSH National Institutes

- Raising towards Excellence – A two day Conference of Heads of AYUSH National Institutes organized by All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) inaugurated by The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik at New Delhi.

Review Meeting in Guwahati on Development of Agri-Horticulture sector of Assam

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh to held a meeting at Administrative Staff College, Guwahati to review the development of Agri-Horticulture sector in Assam.

All Party Leaders Meeting

- Government holds All Party Leaders Meeting ahead of Monsoon Session 2018 of Parliament.

National Conference of State/UT Ministers-in-charge of Women & Child development

- A high level National Conference of State/UT Ministers-in-charge of Women & Child development held in New Delhi with focus on women and child safety. The meeting was chaired by the Union Minister of Women and Child development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi

NITI Aayog's Workshop on Empowering Women

- NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform(WEP) and Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Office of International Programmes (OIP) University of Delhi, jointly organized a Two-Day International conference on "Empowering Women: Fostering Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainability", on July 16-17, 2018.

28th meeting of GST Council

- The Goods and Services Tax Council, at its 28th meeting reduced the rates on more than 50 products, including sanitary pads, small televisions, washing machines, and refrigerators. The council also simplified the return filing process for small businesses.

2nd Conference of Young Superintendents of Police

- Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates the 2nd Conference of Young Superintendents of Police. The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has called upon the Police organisations to collaborate with reputed institutes such as the IITs and IIMs for innovative solutions in technology and management.

National Conference of Vice Chancellors of Universities and Directors of Higher Education Institutions

- A three day National Conference of Vice Chancellors of Universities and Directors of Higher Education Institutions being held in New Delhi.
- For the first time, Vice Chancellors and Directors of both public and private Central/State Universities and Institutions are taking part in the Conference.



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4. Appointments

National:

S.No	Name	Designation
1	Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan	New Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court
2	Journalist Rajat Sharma	New president of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA)
3	Saraswati Prasad	CMD of Steel Authority of India (SAIL)
4	Shri Girish Pillai	New Member Traffic, Railway Board
5	Justice LN Reddy	University of Hyderabad Chancellor
6	Justice AK Goel	National Green Tribunal Chairperson
7	Uday Kumar Varma	Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) member
8	Krishna Reddy	Karnataka Deputy Speaker
9	Ace Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar	Brand ambassador of Tripura
10	T.C.A. Raghavan	Director General, ex officio Member-Secretary of the Council, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)
11	Shri Injeti Srinivas (Secretary)	Head of the 10 Member Committee [For review of the penal provisions in the Companies Act, 2013]
12	Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao	Additional Director General of Police (CID) of Vijayawada City
13	Justice V.K.Tahilramani	New Chief Justice of Madras High Court
14	Shri S.N. Agrawal	New Member Staff Railway Board
15	Rakesh Sharma	First chief commercial officer (CCO) of Bajaj Auto Ltd.
16	Headed by Cabinet Secretary	Government constitutes High Level Empowered Committee to address the issues of Stressed Thermal Power Projects
17	Vijay Thakur Singh	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (East)



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International:

S.No	Name	Designation
1	Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	Mexico's new President
2	Major General Jose Eladio Alcain of Uruguay	Head of mission and chief military observer for the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)
3	Simon Smith	MD for Ola Australia
4	Luis Enrique	Spain's national football coach
5	Maurizio Sarri	Chelsea's new manager (Football)
6	Surendra Rosha	Chief Executive Officer for The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) India
7	Indian American Seema Nanda	CEO of Democratic party



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5. Science and Technology

Century's longest lunar eclipse on July 27

- The longest total lunar eclipse of this century would be visible from all parts of the country on July 27.
- The celestial body would also be tinged with a reddish hue, a phenomenon popularly referred to as a blood moon.

ICAT releases First BS-VI engine certificate

- The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) has completed the first BS-VI certification for a heavy duty engine model for M/s Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicle Limited. The engine has been developed and manufactured indigenously by Volvo Eicher in India.

IGIB find ways to reduce TB's tissue-damaging effects

- Using human macrophage, cells researchers at the Institute of Genomic and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) have shown the way to reduce TB's tissue-damaging effects.

Pigment in Goa mushroom may help fight cancer

- The mycological laboratory of the Department of Botany, Goa University reported the discovery of a new pigment from local wild mushrooms.
- New sulphur-rich melanin bio-pigment of immense bio-industrial, biomedical (anti-cancer, anti-tumour) and biotechnological potential from local Roen alamis (wild variety of Goan mushrooms that grows on termite hills) or Termitomyces species.

IISER Pune uses nanovesicles to improve cancer drug delivery

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune have been able to increase its uptake by breast cancer cells and achieve greater ability to restrict cancer cell growth by encapsulating the poorly water-soluble anticancer drug Alisertib in polysaccharide nano-sized balls or vesicles.

Improving the stability, bioavailability of TB FDC drug

- The physical stability and bioavailability of a fixed-dose combination (FDC) drug containing four anti-TB medicines rifampicin, isoniazid, pyrazinamide and ethambutol has been vastly improved from 3-4 days to over 30 days by turning to crystal engineering.

Kolkata Museum celebrates early tool-makers of T.N., A.P.

- One of the earliest stone tools from the region discovered by Robert Bruce Foote almost 150 years ago from various sites of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, have been put on display for the first time at the Indian Museum in Kolkata.

AIIMS-led team develops highly sensitive, portable test for TB meningitis

- A diagnostic test for TB meningitis (the most severe form of TB) with nearly 100% sensitivity and about 91% specificity has been developed by a multi-institutional team led by Prof. Jaya Sivaswami Tyagi from the Department of Biotechnology at AIIMS.

5.1 Inventions / Discover

Cow urine can cure cancer by Gujarat team

- Biotechnology scientists at Junagadh Agriculture University in Gujarat have succeeded in their first attempt to kill cancer cells using cow urine. They claim that cow urine can cure most types of common cancers such as those of mouth, cervix, lungs, kidney, skin and breast.

Seven new wasp species discovered in the Amazon forests

- An international team of researchers have discovered seven new wasp species belonging to the genus *Clistopyga* from Peru, Venezuela and Colombia.

Scientists discover the world's oldest colours

- Scientists have discovered the oldest colours in the geological record 1.1 billion-year-old bright pink pigments extracted from rocks deep beneath the Sahara desert in Africa.

IIT Bombay: Breakthrough in stem cell proliferation

- A major obstacle in using human mesenchymal stem cells (hMSCs) to treat a variety of diseases has been successfully overcome by a team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay.

Silk-based bioactive wound dressing and skin graft

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati have developed bioactive wound dressings and bio-artificial skin by using silkworm silk fibroin as matrix and coating it with recombinant spider silk proteins.

World's First Remotely Operable Microscope

- IIT Madras Unveils World's First Remotely Operable Microscope worth Rs 40 Crore. The Atom Probe Microscopes are a kind of 3D microscopes which reconstruct the structure of an object atom-by-atom.

IISc researchers find cholesterol helps bacterial toxins kill cells

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, have found that cholesterol present in cell membrane plays a crucial role in stabilising and binding together the pore-forming toxin cytolysin A.

World's fastest man-made spinning object developed

- Scientists have developed the fastest man-made rotor in the world, which they believe will help them study quantum mechanics. At more than 60 billion revolutions per minute, this machine is more than 100,000 times faster than a high-speed dental drill.

IISc researchers observe superconductivity at ambient temperature, pressure

- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru researchers have been able to achieve superconductivity at ambient temperature and pressure for the first time.

Novel biomarkers for gastric cancer progression

- Researchers from University of Delhi and National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, Noida have identified two proteins survivin and STAT3 potential markers of the disease, these proteins could also be suitable therapeutic targets in preventing gastric cancer progression.

Scientists confirm Einstein’s super massive black hole theory

- A team of international scientists observing a star in the Milky Way have for the first time confirmed Einstein’s predictions of what happens to the motion of a star passing close to a super massive black hole.

Rare blood group ‘P null’ phenotype Identified

- A team of doctors, led by Shamee Shastry from the Blood Bank of Kasturba Medical College (KMC) Mangaluru, has identified a rare blood group called “pp” or “P null” phenotype.

NBRC researchers decipher how Zika virus causes microcephaly

- National Brain Research Centre-led team of researchers has successfully identified the molecular and cellular mechanisms by which Zika virus causes microcephaly.

5.2 Space Science

Astronomers capture image of a planet’s birth

- Astronomers have captured the first confirmed image of a planet forming in the dust swirling around a young star. They said the planet appears as a bright spot in the snapshot taken using the European Southern Observatory’s Very Large Telescope in Chile.

Cosmic rays from massive star system may reach earth

- Eta Carinae the most luminous and massive stellar system within 10,000 light-years is accelerating particles to high energies, some of which may reach the earth as cosmic rays, a study using data from a NASA telescope has found.

Flight testing of Crew Escape System – Technology Demonstrator

- ISRO carried out a major technology demonstration, the first in a series of tests to qualify a Crew Escape System, which is a critical technology relevant for human spaceflight.
- The Crew Escape System is an emergency escape measure designed to quickly pull the crew module along with the astronauts to a safe distance from the launch vehicle in the event of a launch abort.

ISRO's li-ion cell tech has many takers

- The Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) move to transfer indigenous technology for manufacture of lithium-ion battery has received an overwhelming response from industry, according to the space agency.

NASA to launch probe into sun's scorching atmosphere

- NASA is preparing to send the Parker Solar Probe, a robotic spacecraft the size of a small car closer to the sun, enduring wicked heat while zooming through the solar corona to study this outermost part of the stellar atmosphere that gives rise to the solar wind.

Underground lake detected on Mars

- Using a radar instrument on an orbiting spacecraft, scientists have spotted salt-laden lake under ice on the southern polar plain of Mars, a body of water they called a possible habitat for microbial life.
- It is the first stable body of liquid water ever found on Mars.

ISRO ropes in three partners to assemble 27 satellites

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has roped in three partners to help it assemble 27 satellites at a quick pace over the next three years.

Mars will be at its closest point to Earth

- On July 31, Mars will be at its closest point to Earth in 15 years. It will be at a distance of around 57.6 million km from Earth, which is the closest since 2003 when it came within 55.7 million km of Earth.

5.3 App/ Web Portal/ Toll Free**Election Commission portal to aid disabled voters**

- The Election Commission will launch a voter education and electoral participation portal on July 3, with a section dedicated to the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- The programme on “Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Electoral Process” is being organised with a view to come up with a national policy on the issue.

Migrant population to benefit through ‘mPassport Seva’

- The External Affairs Ministry has simplified the procedure for seeking passports by lifting jurisdictional restrictions. The applicant can now apply for a passport from anywhere through his/her Android mobile phone using mPassport Seva mobile app.
- The mPassport Seva mobile app was launched on the sixth Passport Seva Diwas on June 26 by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launches Mangalam Masala mobile app

- Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami launched a mobile app called Mangalam Masala to help consumers buy spices sold by the Erode Cooperative Society. The app can be used to purchase spices from the society and payment can be done using it.

GST ‘Verify App’

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) have developed a mobile app ‘GST Verify’ to protect interest of consumers.

KVIC launches e-marketing system

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched its, in-house developed, single-umbrella e-marketing system named Khadi Institution Management and Information System (KIMIS) in New Delhi.

“cVIGIL”

- Election Commission of India launches Mobile App “cVIGIL” to enable citizens to report on violation of election code of conduct.

Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and ‘Khan Prahari’

- Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application ‘Khan Prahari’ developed by CMPDI, Ranchi a Subsidiary of CIL and Bhaskarcharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG) at a ceremony at, New Delhi.

Online Guidance System - “Do It Yourself (DIY)”

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) launches an Online Guidance System for determining notifiability of Merger & Acquisitions in terms of the Competition Act, 2002.

Ezi Drive

- Ezi Drive, a leader in driver hire service in Bengaluru and Chennai, has now introduced app-based cab hire services in both the cities, with fixed charges.

Mazhavillu

- The Kerala State government will roll out a mobile app to enumerate transgender in the State.

NALCO – NAMASYA

- An app of NALCO – NAMASYA was launched by the Minister of Mines, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

Indian Haji Information System

- Indian Haji Information System, a mobile phone app which would help pilgrims in locating their accommodation. It would also enable them to contact the Indian Haj Mission in case of any emergency.

CIC App

- The Central Information Commission (CIC) has launched a newly updated version of CIC bilingual Mobile app.

‘Parivartana’

- The Chittoor district police have devised a new strategy to tackle rowdy-sheeters by bringing them under the ambit of the unique Parivartana App.

‘Public Library’

- A mobile app, ‘Public Library: Finding community libraries was launched as a part of the first regional public library conference at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF).

Naidu launches e-Pragati core platform

- Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched ‘e-Pragati core platform’ at Undavalli. e-Pragati, would act as a platform to connect all departments and stand alone to resolve the issues.

‘Delhi Metro Rail’ App

- Upgraded version of ‘Delhi Metro Rail’ App launched. App to enable users in finding Shortest Route.

Suzuki Connect

- Maruti Suzuki unveiled **Suzuki Connect**, a solution aimed at giving customers access to services such as emergency alerts, vehicle tracking and car assistance.

“Innovate India Platform”

- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog & MyGov launches “Innovate India Platform”. The #InnovateIndia portal will serve as the common point for all the innovation happening across the nation.

“Go whatsThat”

- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship launched India’s first in-phone guide and mobile application “Go whats That” in Chandigarh.

‘Ramayana Yatra’ Website

- The official website of the ‘Ramayana Yatra’ was launched to provide details of over 50 such sites in the island nation at the second day of the 106th edition of the ‘India International Travel Mart’ (IITM) in Bengaluru.

e-Aksharayan Software

- The Indian government has launched e-Aksharayan, desktop software for converting any scanned or printed Indian language documents into fully editable text.



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6. Schemes

PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline extended till March 31, 2019

- The CBDT extended the deadline for the PAN-Aadhaar linking to March 31 next year.
- This is the fifth time the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their Permanent Account Number (PAN) to their biometric ID (Aadhaar).

‘Sambal’

- Madhya Pradesh government has launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidized power scheme ‘Sambal’ for labourers and poor families.
- Under the scheme, the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of 200 rupees per month.

MoHUA launches technology challenge to eliminate human entry into septic tanks

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched a technology challenge on identifying solutions and promoting suitable techniques for cleaning of sewerage systems. The objective is eliminating human entry into septic tanks and manholes.

‘One farmer one transformer’ scheme

- To reduce electricity losses, the Maharashtra government will launch a new scheme allocating “one transformer per farmer”.
- Two lakh farmers will be given electricity connection for high voltage distribution line which will ensure uninterrupted power supply.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018

- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation launches the Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG 2018) in the New Delhi. A nationwide survey of rural India to rank the cleanest and dirtiest States and districts on the basis of qualitative and quantitative evaluation.

Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao: MP Government to appoint girls as district Brand Ambassador

- In Madhya Pradesh, in a first of its kind initiative, the state government will appoint girls as a district Brand Ambassador who has recorded significant achievements in any field under the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao scheme.

Bharatmala project

- Under Bharatmala project, about 2,520 Km of roads amounting to Rs 44 thousand crore have been envisaged in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Sagarmala initiative

- The Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS), a well-funded startup in skill development for maritime and shipbuilding sector has announced that it's hi tech labs at Visakhapatnam are ready for starting orientation programmes for trainees.

'I am not afraid of English' programme

- Haryana launches 'I am not afraid of English' programme for primary school students. The initiative aims at capacity building of teachers to enable them help students to read, write and speak in English right from class 1.

India BPO Promotion Scheme

- Under the Centre's India BPO Promotion Scheme Information Technology major Wipro is expected to start its BPO operations in Mysuru soon.

Amendments Proposed to Central Motor Vehicles Rules

- Fastags and Vehicle Tracking System to be Made Mandatory for All National Permit Commercial Vehicles. Driving License and Other Certificates to be allowed in Digital form. No Fitness Certificate Required for Registering New Vehicles.

Steel CPSE Employees Pension Scheme Announced

- Ministry of Steel has agreed to the proposal received from various CPSEs under its control to introduce the pension scheme with effect from 1st January 2007 in case of executives and 1st January 2012 in case of non-executives or from a subsequent date as decided by the company.

“Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan”

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is running “Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan” in five main stem Ganga basin states – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. The drive was launched on the 9th of this month, and the week upto 15th July was observed as ‘Shubharambh Saptah’.

Student Police Cadet Programme

- The Student Police Cadet (SPC) Programme is scheduled to be launched nationally on the 21st July, 2018 by the Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh. The programme seeks to build bridge between Police and the larger community.

Emergency talk back system

- On trial basis, Emergency Talk Back System has been provided in 06 ladies coaches of two Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) rakes (03 coaches each) in Mumbai Suburban. The year 2018 has been declared by the Ministry of Railways as the year of women security.

KHELO INDIA TALENT DEVELOPMENT Scheme

- Sports Authority of India took significant step towards the development of sports, cleared 734 players for a scholarship programme under Khelo India Talent Identification Development scheme.

Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor

- The master planning of two nodes of Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) is under way namely (i) Visakhapatnam and (ii) Yerpedu-Srikalahasti.

SevaBhojYojna

- The ‘SevaBhojYojna’ is a Central Sector Scheme under which Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government’s share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) paid by Charitable Religious Institutions on purchase of specific raw food items shall be reimbursed to them as financial assistance by the Government of India.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0

- The Government has successfully launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0. The UBA 2.0 was officially launched on 25th April, 2018 in AICTE, Vasantkunj with the vision of transformational change in rural development processes.

Nutrient Based Subsidy and City Compost Scheme

- Government to continue Nutrient Based Subsidy and City Compost Scheme till 2019-20.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen

- The Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG 2018) announced by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation on July 13th, 2018, was launched in UP, Jharkhand and Maharashtra

Scheme to compensate victims of sexual assaults should include children

- The Supreme Court suggested that the Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/Survivors of Sexual Assault/Other Crimes-2018, proposed by the National Legal Services Authority, should include child victims of sexual assault.

Samagra Siksha

- The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha – an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19.

“Mission Satyanishtha”

- “Mission Satyanishtha” launched on 27th July 2018 aims at sensitizing all railway employees about the need to adhere to good ethics and to maintain high standards of integrity at work.

National Viral Hepatitis Control Program

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the National Viral Hepatitis Control Program to mark the World Hepatitis Day, 2018.

States agree to supply milk under Mid-Day Meal, Anganwadi schemes

- Most states, including Rajasthan, have agreed to supply milk for two days a week through Mid-Day Meal and Anganwadi schemes in order to absorb surplus stock and ensure better prices to farmers, Animal Husbandry and Dairy.

Swachh Bharat Internship

- Government of India launched a “Swachh Bharat Summer Internship- 100 hours of Swachhta” programme for the students of Universities and Higher Education Institutions.

“Awareness-Cum-Health Camp for Safai Karamcharis of NDMC”

- National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) in collaboration with the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC), organised an Awareness-cum-Health Camp for Safai Karamcharis of NDMC in New Delhi.

Swachhta Pakhwada

- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG), Oil & Gas CPSEs celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada fortnight with full zeal and enthusiasm from 01st to 15th July, 2018.
- Main Theme – “Innovation” and “Sustainability”.

7. Economic Affairs

NIIT opens digital center in Bengaluru

- NIIT Technologies, a BSE-listed technology company, has opened a centre of excellence here to serve its existing digital customers and rope in additional clients, according to a company statement. The Bengaluru centre will act as the central hub for all cognitive BPM solutions and innovations hub.

Tariffs cut on Asian imports under APTA

- The Centre has implemented the tariff concessions agreed to under the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement by cutting duties on the import of 3,142 items from the signatories to the accord, including China.

2021 census data to be stored electronically

- The data collected during the 2021 Census will be stored electronically, the first time since the decennial exercise was conducted in 1951 in Independent India.

Nasscom unveils centre for data, AI

- The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), India's premier software lobby, opened a Center of Excellence (CoE) for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in Bengaluru.

USG Boral to set up unit in A.P.'s Sri City

- USG Boral, a leader in building products technology, is setting up a plasterboard manufacturing unit at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh by investing \$39 million.

China lodges tariff case at WTO against the U.S.

- China has lodged a case against the United States over slapping import duties to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

World's largest mobile manufacturing plant in Noida

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in inaugurated Samsung's mobile manufacturing plant, touted as the biggest in the world, in Noida.

Rs.809 crore French loan for 15 Smart Cities projects

- Agence française de développement (AFD), the French development bank, signed a €100 million loan agreement for Smart Cities Mission, the Centre has announced a new challenge process to select 15 projects for the funding.

Google to mentor local AI start-ups

- Google's 'Launch pad Accelerator India,' a mentorship program that would aim to support Indian start-ups that deploy artificial intelligence and machine learning to build solutions for local needs.

Tata Motors' to launch new SUV called 'Harrier'

- Tata Motors said its much-awaited compact sports utility vehicle (SUV) will be called 'Harrier', which is being developed in collaboration with its marque British arm Jaguar Land Rover. The commercial launch will take place in the first quarter of 2019.

Aurobindo Pharma gets USFDA nod for Azithromycin tablets

- Aurobindo Pharma has received final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture Azithromycin tablets 250 mg and 500 mg.
- Azithromycin tablets are an AB-rated generic equivalent of Pfizer's Zithromax tablets and are indicated for the treatment of mild to moderate infections.

L&T to build 'tallest' govt. office building

- Engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has bagged an engineering, procurement and construction project to build Head of Department (HoD) office buildings at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

PhonePe buys Zopper Retail

- Flipkart-owned digital payments start-up PhonePe has acquired Zopper Retail, a hyper local point-of-sale platform for small and medium businesses.

Govt. doubles duty on over 50 textile items

- The government has doubled import duty on more than 50 textile products such as jackets, suits and carpets to 20%, a move that is aimed at promoting domestic manufacturing.

Google hit with record € 4.34 bn EU fine over ‘illegal’ Android strategy

- The EU had slapped a record € 4.34-billion (\$5.04 billion) antitrust fine on Google for illegally using its Android operating system to strengthen the dominance of its search engine.

Mahindra plans to unveil electric auto rickshaw

- Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) plans to unveil its e-auto rickshaw by the fourth quarter of this financial year.

Canada’s biggest public pension fund to step up investment in India

- Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) is looking for opportunities to invest in Indian infrastructure, power and real estate projects.

Volkswagen to set up design centre in Pune

- German auto major Volkswagen (VW) Group is planning to expand production capacity and set up a design centre in Chakan near Pune.

Israel-made TaxiBots will assist taxiing, help reduce carbon emission

- New Delhi and Mumbai airports will soon get environmentally friendly TaxiBots to help reduce carbon emissions.

Iran becomes India's No. 2 oil supplier

- Iran was the second-biggest oil supplier to Indian state refiners between April and June, replacing Saudi Arabia as companies took advantage of steeper discounts offered by Tehran.

India extends \$200 million credit lines to Rwanda

- India extended \$200 million lines of credit to Rwanda to boost the bilateral strategic ties by strengthening cooperation in trade and agriculture sectors.
- Rwanda President – Paul Kagame

Railways' global tender for supply of long rails to open

- The Indian Railways' global tender worth Rs.2,500 crore for the supply of long rails will open to meet the shortfall of supply from the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- This is the first time in three decades that rail procurement has been opened for the private sector.

SEBI proposes using UPI to reduce public issue timeline

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed allowing investors to use the unified payments interface (UPI) while bidding for shares in an initial public offer (IPO) to reduce the public issue timeline.

DoT clears Vodafone, Idea merger

- The Department of Telecommunications gave its final approval to the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular.

Sensex touches 37,000

- Sensex crossed above the 37,000-mark for the first time ever.

Hindalco unit to buy Aleris for \$2.6 bn

- Hindalco Industries has agreed to acquire U.S. based Aleris Corporation for an enterprise value of \$2.58 billion in a move that will help Hindalco become a global leader in aluminium excluding China.

NTT to set up 2 India data centres

- Japan's NTT Communications Corporation announced that the company will set up two new data centres in Mumbai and Bangalore, through Netmagic, a subsidiary.

Hyundai to increase production capacity

- Hyundai Motor India Ltd., the country's second largest car manufacturer, announced that it would increase production capacity by 37,000 units during 2019.

State miner NMDC won race for Indian gold mine

- Indian state-owned miner NMDC is the highest bidder in a government e-auction for a gold mine in the southern State of Andhra Pradesh is expected to invest about \$58.3 million in the project.

Aurobindo Pharma gets USFDA nod for anticoagulant

- Aurobindo Pharma said it had received final nod from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture and market Bivalirudin injection, 250 mg/vial.

Symantec opens Security Operations Centre

- Cyber security firm Symantec Corporation has opened a Security Operations Center (SOC) in Chennai.

Centre imposes 25% safeguard duty on import of solar cells

- The Centre issued a notification putting into effect a safeguard duty of 25% on import of solar cells from China and Malaysia between July 30, 2018, and July 29, 2019.

7.1 Banking Affairs**Initial RBI nod for Bank of China**

- Bank of China one of the four biggest state-run Chinese lenders has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open branches in India.

RBI makes it compulsory to incorporate purchaser's name on the face of payment instrumentalities

- The Reserve Bank has now made it compulsory to incorporate the purchaser's name on the face of demand draft, pay order, banker's cheques and other instruments to address the concerns arising out of the anonymity and to prevent money laundering.

RBI to issue new lavender colour smaller Rs.100 note

- The Reserve Bank of India will issue new Rs.100 notes, which would be smaller in size than the present ones. "The new denomination has Motif of Rani ki Vav on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage".



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8. Mou /Agreement

International

MoU between India and United Kingdom

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and United Kingdom regarding cooperation between both countries in the sphere of Law & Justice and to set up a Joint Consultative Committee.

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

MoU between India and South Korea

- India and South Korea signed five MoUs in the field of Science & Technology. Both Agreed to establish Indo-Korean Center for Research and Innovation (IKCRI) in India.
- India and South Korea signed a joint statement agreeing to discuss an ‘early harvest’ package for the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) aimed at identifying key areas for enhanced trade between the two countries.

President	Moon Jae-in
Prime Minister	Lee Nak-yeon
Capital	Seoul
Currency	South Korean won

MoU signed for enhancing bilateral cooperation in legal affairs between India and UK

- The Ministers of two countries signed a MoU for enhancing bilateral cooperation in legal affairs which, inter alia, provides a framework for promoting greater co-operation between the judicial and legal professionals in both countries through exchange of expertise and training; exchanging information regarding current issues of international significance.

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

Memorandum of Cooperation signed between National Police Academy and Bangladesh Police Academy

- A Memorandum of Cooperation signed between Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad and the Bangladesh Police Academy, Sardah, Rajshahi to establish mutual cooperation in the sphere of training, management and exchange of trainers and trainees between two Police Academies.

President	Abdul Hamid
Prime Minister	Sheikh Hasina
Capital	Dhaka
Currency	Taka

Memorandum of Understanding amongst BRICS Nations

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) amongst BRICS Nations on the Regional Aviation Partnership Cooperation viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

BRICS Countries	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
Founded Year	June 2006

MoU between India and Cuba

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Cuba on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

President	Miguel Díaz-Canel
Vice President	Salvador Valdés Mesa
Capital	Havana
Currency	Peso (CUP)

MoU with UK for Improving Public Transport System

- The Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United Kingdom for seeking help in improving overall public transport system in the country.

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

MoU Signed between Invest India and Business France

- Invest India and Business France has signed a MoU to promote investment facilitation and cooperation between startups of India and France.

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

India signed MoU with Bangladesh in warship design

- Garden Reach Ship Builders (GRSE) of Kolkata, a defence public sector undertaking, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Khulna Shipyard Limited (KSY) of Bangladesh to help the country in design and construction of warships.

President	Abdul Hamid
Prime Minister	Sheikh Hasina
Capital	Dhaka
Currency	Taka

Invest India and UAE Ministry sign MoU for technological cooperation

- Invest India and the UAE Minister for Artificial Intelligence (AI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for India – UAE Artificial Intelligence Bridge in New Delhi.

President	Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Prime Minister	Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Capital	Abu Dhabi
Currency	UAE dirham

National:**MoU signed for disaster management**

- The Odisha government will collaborate with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES), based in Thailand, to manage all kinds of disasters.
- The Odisha State Disaster Management Authority on Friday signed a MoU with RIMES to enhance the early warning system for effective management of all disasters in the state.

Agreement signed on repatriation of Bru persons to Mizoram

- An agreement has been signed by Government of India, Governments of Mizoram and Tripura and Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum (MBDPF) on repatriation of displaced Bru persons from Mizoram since 1997.

Transfer of Sashastra Seema Bal's land to the Arunachal Pradesh

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Transfer of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)'s land measuring 5.99 acres at Tawang to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for construction of a Mega-Festival-Cum-Multipurpose Ground.

Accession to WIPO Copyright Treaty, Performance and Phonograms Treaty

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal submitted by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry regarding accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performers and Phonograms Treaty which extends coverage of copyright to the internet and digital environment.

NSG signs pact with IRCTC

- National Security Guard (NSG) is the first paramilitary force to opt for e-ticketing in lieu of Railway Warrants.

Rajasthan signs MoU with Microsoft

- Rajasthan has emerged as the first State to sign a memorandum of understanding with Microsoft to provide digital training to 9,500 students of government colleges. It will also train 500 faculty members.

MoU between Indian Army and State Bank of India

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army and SBI on the Defence Salary Package on 12 July 2018.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh to sign MoU on “revised travel arrangements”

- India will sign a pact with Bangladesh to ease visa restrictions for citizens from the neighbouring country.

Airbus units partner with Indian start-ups

- European aircraft-maker Airbus said its subsidiaries Navblue and Aerial have signed contracts with three Indian start-ups that were accelerated at Airbus Bizlab India.

MoU with Mahametro for MRTS in Nagpur

- Indian Railways signed MoU with Mahametro for introducing Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Nagpur.

MoU signed between AIIA and IIT Delhi

- Signing of a MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda and Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

Special remission for prisoners approved by the Union cabinet

- The Union Cabinet approved the Women and transgender convicts above 55 & male convicts over 60 who have completed half of their prison sentences will be released under an amnesty scheme during the year-long celebrations to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, beginning October 2.

Cabinet relaxes NELP, pre-NELP pact rules

- The Union Cabinet approved the policy framework to streamline production sharing contracts signed in the pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and NELP periods.

MoU signed between CSIR-NPL and HPCL

- CSIR- National Physical laboratory (NPL) has signed a MoU with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for indigenous development of petroleum certified reference materials (CRMs) under trade name of Bhartiya Niredeshak Dravyas (BNDTM).

Fugitive offenders Bill passed

- The Lok Sabha passed the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, which will now replace the Ordinance by the same name promulgated by the President in April.

Greenko's 1550 MW renewable energy project cleared

- The Andhra Pradesh State government approved the proposal of Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL) for the establishment of India's largest Integrated Renewable Energy Project (IREP) at Pinnapuram village in Panyam mandal of Kurnool district.
- The project comprises 1000 MW solar and 550 MW wind energy plants and 1200 MW standalone pumped storage facility.

NITI Aayog signs SoI with Lupin Foundation

- A Statement of Intent (SoI) was signed between NITI Aayog and Lupin Foundation to collaborate in Aspirational Districts Programme.

NCTE amendment Bill passed

- The Lok Sabha passed the National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill to grant retrospective recognition to Central/State institutions that are conducting teacher education courses without NCTE approval.

Lok Sabha passes anti-graft amendment Bill

- The Lok Sabha passed the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2018 that seeks to punish bribe-givers and bribe-takers.
- The Bill provides for jail terms of three to seven years, besides fine, to those convicted of taking or giving bribes to public officials.

Lok Sabha passes Anti-Trafficking Bill

- The Lok Sabha passed the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018. The Bill lays down a stringent punishment of 10 years to life imprisonment for aggravated forms of trafficking.

MoU between IOCL & ALMICO

- UPSO-II (IOCL) dedicates Rs. 1 crore for the benefit of Divyangjans by under CSR scheme. The objective of the UPSO-II's CSR project is to empower the Disabled.

Indian firm Ashok Leyland to supply heavy vehicles to Army

- For the first time, an Indian vehicle manufacturer, Ashok Leyland will deliver heavy duty, high mobility vehicles for the Army's Russian-built Smerch Multi-Barrel Rocket launchers (MBRL).

LS passes Bill on rape of girls

- The Lok Sabha passed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018, that provides for the death sentence for raping a girl under 12 years and enhances the minimum punishment for rape of a woman from seven to 10 years.

Health Ministry signs MoU with MeitY

- Health Ministry signs MoU with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to facilitate access of Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) to the last mile.



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9. Indian Forces (Defence)

Golden Globe Race

- Commander Abhilash Tomy of the Indian Navy, a well-known sailor, is participating in the historic Golden Globe Race (GGR), which commenced from the Les Sables d'Olonne harbour in western France.

India's most potent missile Agni-V to be inducted soon

- India's longest-range ballistic missile, Agni-V, will be inducted into the nuclear arsenal very soon. Agni-V is an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) with a range of over 5,000 km and can reach most parts of China.

Indian Army Motorcycle Expedition to Commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas

- A motorcycle expedition comprising of 'SHWET ASHW' the elite Motorcycle Display Team of the Corps of Military Police, was flagged off on 02 July 2018 to commemorate the victory of Indian Army in Operation Vijay 1999.

Thai SEAL and elite foreign divers extracted the trapped boys & Coach

- All 12 boys and their football coach, who were trapped in a flooded Thailand Tham Luang cave more than a fortnight, have been rescued by the country's Navy SEAL, completing an astonishing against-the-odds rescue mission that has captivated the world.

India, Indonesia discuss Indo-Pacific cooperation

- Indonesia has recently agreed to give India access to its port for operational turnaround which will increase the Navy's footprint in the region.
- In a first, Indian ship INS Sumitra berthed at Sabang Port close to the Malacca Strait for operational turnaround.

Shwet Ashwa Drass Expedition

- Shwet Ashwa, the elite motorcycle display team of the Corps of Military Police, commenced a motor cycle expedition from Bengaluru to Drass on 2nd July 2018 as a tribute to the soldiers who laid down their lives during the Kargil war.

Tall Ship Races – 2018

- INS Tarangini arrived at her seventh port, Sunderland in the UK, during her #Lokayan-18 voyage and also to participate in the prestigious ‘tall ship races – 2018’.

Successful Test Firing of Brahmos to Validate Service Life Extension

- BrahMos, the supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Balasore, Odisha.

Chief of the Naval Staff, Nigerian Navy visiting India

- Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas, Chief of the Naval Staff, Nigerian Navy is visiting India from 16 to 19 July 2018 along with a four member Nigerian Navy delegation.

Republic of Singapore Navy Visits INS Teg at Djibouti

- A delegation led by the Commander Combined Task Force (CTF 151), Rear Admiral Saw Shi Tat, Republic of Singapore Navy, visited INS Teg (presently berthed at Djibouti harbour) on 16 Jul 18.

Annual Aerospace Safety Council Meeting

- Maintenance Command, Indian Air Force organized its Annual Aerospace Safety Council Meeting on 19 Jul 18 at 7 Base Repair Depot, Air Force Station Tughlakabad.

‘Sagarmatha Friendship-2’

- The second edition of the ‘Sagarmatha Friendship-2’, 10-day Nepal-China joint military exercise will be held at Chengdu, the capital of China’s southwestern Sichuan Province.

Exercise Pitch Black – 18

- Indian Air Force Participates for the First Time in Exercise Pitch Black – 18 with Royal Australian Air Force

Air Defence India – 2018 Seminar

- Raksha Rajya Mantri (RRM) Dr. Subhash Bhamre inaugurated a two-day Air Defence India – 2018 Seminar & Exhibition, organised by Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).

Curtain Raiser: Unified Commanders’ Conference – 2018

- The two day Unified Commanders’ Conference (UCC) for the year 2018 will be held on 30th & 31st Jul 2018 at New Delhi.

Private sector participation in domestic defence manufacturing

- In a major step towards boosting private sector participation in domestic defence manufacturing, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the implementation of Strategic Partnership guidelines.

STA-1 status to India from U.S.

- India has welcomed the decision of the U.S. government to grant it the status of a trading partner equivalent to its closest allies in the NATO. This decision is likely to boost India’s defence trade with the U.S.



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10. Awards and Achievement

International

S.No	Awardee Name	Award
1	Angela Ponce	First-ever transgender woman crowned Miss Universe Spain
2	The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)	Champion of Earth Prize-2018 (The highest environmental honour instituted by the United Nations)
	3rd BRICS Film Festival	
3	Bhanita Das, Village Rockstars	Best Actress (Awards won by Indian films in the 3rd BRICS Film Festival, Durban, South Africa)
4	Newton by Amit Masurkar	Best Film
5	Village Rockstars by Rima Das	Special Jury Award

National

S.No	Awardee Name	Awards
1	Southern Railway Golden Rock Workshop in Trichy	GreenCo Gold Certification by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) - For energy conservation efforts taken by industries
2	Maharashtra's Palghar fisherman Milan Shankar Tare	National Maritime Search and Rescue Award
3	Industrial Clusters, NSIC, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), DC(MSME), Coir Board	Swachhata Awards 2018 - MSME Ministry
4	H. Vinayakram ('Vikku' Vinayakram)	Special Lifetime Achievement Award (Award for ghatam maestro by the Music Academy)
5	T.K Chand	Knowledge Excellence Award for Outstanding Contribution in Aluminium Knowledge domain
6	Public Sector: (i) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Karnataka; (ii) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Maharashtra; and (iii) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.	'Institutions of Eminence' (Government declares 6 educational 'Institutions of Eminence')

7	Private Sector: (i) Jio Institute (Reliance Foundation), Pune under Green Field Category; (ii) Birla Institute of Technology & Sciences, Pilani, Rajasthan; and (iii) Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka.	
8	Ciby Kallingal of Pananchery and T.V. Rajanarayanan of Thiruvilwamala, farmers from Thrissur district	Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Awards, 2017 - Instituted by the ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)
9	Balharshah & Chandrapur (Central Railway)	Beautification competition in Rail Bhawan
10	Madhubani (East Central Railway) & Madurai (Southern Railway)	
11	Gandhidham (Western Railway), Kota (West Central Railway) & Secunderabad (South Central Railway)	
12	Kerala's Health Minister K.K. Shylaja	Leadership Award 2018
13	'Up, Down and Sideways'	Best Long Documentary award (11th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK))
14	John Gregory [Chennaiyin FC head coach]	ISL Coach of the Year award - Association of Indian Football Coaches (AIFC)
15	Mohammed Ayazuddin Patel	Senior Fellowship Award for 2016-17 (Centre for Cultural Resources and Training Centre)
16	Shanta Devi	Malati Chandur Award on novelist and short story writer
17	The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	"Project award in social aspects for outstanding achievement in implementing smart campus"
18	Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi	Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award (For promoting communal harmony and peace)

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11. National Affairs

IIT Roorkee develops technology for railway track health monitoring using drones

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, have developed computer vision approach for the monitoring of railway tracks using drones and satellite data.

Agartala Airport to be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore

- The Union Cabinet decided to name the Agartala airport in Tripura after Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore, the erstwhile ruler of the state.

EC launches Braille-enabled Voter IDs

- The Election Commission launched voter identity cards with Braille label to ensure greater participation of persons with visual impairment in the electoral process.

India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) and Internship (ISCI) Program

- India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) and Internship (ISCI) Program Launched To Provide Opportunity to Youth to Work In the Domain of Urban Planning and Governance.

Rajya Sabha members can use all 22 scheduled languages

- Rajya Sabha members can speak in any of the 22 scheduled languages from the monsoon session of Parliament beginning on July 18.

Platinum jubilee celebrations of Institute of Cost Accountants of India

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the platinum jubilee celebrations of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India in New Delhi.
- India has invited US President Donald Trump to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations next year.

India Tourism Mart

- The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism, Shri. K. J. Alphons announced that the Tourism Ministry in partnership with the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) and with the support of State /UT Governments will organize the ‘first ever’ India Tourism Mart (ITM) from 16th to 18th September, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

90th Foundation day of Indian Council of Agricultural Research

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh congratulated scientists and officials of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) along with farmers from across India on ICAR’s 90th Foundation day and award ceremony function in New Delhi.

Seven new members take oath in Rajya Sabha

- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh ideologue Rakesh Sinha, classical dancer Sonal Mansingh and sculptor Raghunath Mohapatra were among the seven new members of Rajya Sabha who took oath of office.

WCD ministry set to move cabinet to make child marriages invalid

- The Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry is set to move the cabinet to make all child marriages invalid. According to a study based on Census 2011, there are 2.3 crore child brides in the country.

Prime Minister visit to Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will pay a State Visit to Republic of Rwanda (23-24 July), Republic of Uganda (24-25 July) and Republic of South Africa (25-27 July). This will be the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Rwanda and the first visit by our Prime Minister to Uganda in over 20 years.

First heritage run coming to city with 163-year-old loco

- The Southern Railways has transported the Steam Loco EIR 21, built in England in 1855 and which served the Indian Railways for over five decades, to Puducherry for a maiden heritage ride sometime next week.

JEE (Main) and NEET exam to be conducted twice a year by the National Testing Agency

- The Union Cabinet approved JEE (Main) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-UG twice a year in order to give adequate opportunity to candidates to bring out their best.

KVIC Launches Exclusive Western and Ethnic Designer Wear

- Union Minister of State (I/C) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Giriraj Singh launched Western and Ethnic Designer Wear collections at Khadi Bhawan at Connaught Place, New Delhi.

Books and Authors:

- Booklets of NALCO and HCL on ‘Aluminium –the future metal’ and ‘from waste to secondary resources’ – authored by Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand & released by the Minister of Mines, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

Technology Challenge Launched for Promoting Suitable Techniques for Cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, which was entrusted with the task, has now launched the “Technology Challenge: Identifying solutions for cleaning of Sewerage Systems and Septic Tanks”.
- Elimination of Human Entry into Sewer Drains and Cleaning of Septic Tanks is the Ultimate Goal of this Challenge



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ANDHRA PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Hyderabad (Amaravati)	N. Chandrababu Naidu	E. S. L. Narasimhan

Visakhapatnam to host Pro Masters Badminton League

- The three-day tournament for master players, aged 35 or above, will begin on July 30 and witness more than 100 matches. More than 96 shuttlers including former national and international players and Arjuna awardees from across the country in six teams will compete for the Pro Masters Badminton League (PMBL) title in Visakhapatnam.

UNESCO to Soon Set Up Gaming University in Andhra Pradesh

- Visakhapatnam will soon have a Design university for gaming which will be set up by UNESCO, specialised agency of United Nations.
- The UNESCO delegation on July 4 entered into an agreement with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board for the establishment of a gaming digital learning hub.

Incubation centre to come up in Rajamahendravaram

- In a leap for the Information Technology sector in East Godavari district, an incubation centre to support startups would come up in Rajamahendravaram.

100 Anna Canteens opened across Andhra Pradesh

- The long-awaited Anna Canteens offering subsidized food for the poor were launched in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Andhra Pradesh. About 100 canteens were opened in 35 ULBs in the first phase. They would serve breakfast, lunch and dinner for just ₹ 5 a plate on week days.

Centre plans to build port in Andhra Pradesh

- Union Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that Centre plans to build a port at Vadarevu in Andhra Pradesh's Prakasam district.

Prehistoric rock art found in Madanapalle

- A rare rock art pertaining to the prehistoric period has been found on a boulder in the Noorukuppalakonda reserve forest of Madanapalle revenue division, which opens new vistas for research in the western belt of Chittoor district.

Industries summit in Tirupati soon

- The State government will hold an industries summit in Tirupati to mobilise medium to large-scale investments.

Andhra Pradesh gears up to tap benefits of Salicornia plant

- The State government has intensified the efforts to tap commercial benefits from the Salicornia, a plant that grows in salty marshes in the mangrove wetlands through cultivation as well as extraction of the substitute to salt with low sodium content.

Tirumala route gets eco-friendly buses

- The APSRTC introduced eco-friendly buses on the Tirupati-Tirumala ghat route which adhere to the BS IV (Bharat Stage IV) emission norms.

Atal Tinkering Lab now in remote model school

- Under the NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), the tinkering labs are dedicated workspaces in schools aimed at nurturing innovation skills and creative ideas in children studying from classes VI to XII.

ASSAM

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Dispur	Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi

NRL 1st oil PSU to introduce online legal compliance

- Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam has become the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing 'Legatrix'.
- 'Legatrix' is a onestop solution for effectively managing the organizations legal and regulatory compliances through monitoring control at different levels.

Assam to get its first transgender judge on July 14

- Assam's first transgender judge Swati Bidhan Roy will begin work at the Lok Adalat, making the northeastern state the third one in the country, after West Bengal and Maharashtra.

BIHAR

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Patna	Nitish Kumar	Satya Pal Malik

Bihar govt. to grant quota in promotions to SC, ST

- The Bihar government has decided to grant reservation in promotions to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes personnel.

Bihar government approves amendments in stringent provisions of Prohibition & Excise Act 2016

- A Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar approved scrapping of harsh provisions to confiscate property including house, land and vehicle in case of recovery of liquor.

DELHI

Chief Minister	Lieutenant Governor
Arvind Kejriwal	Anil Baijal

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the platinum jubilee celebrations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in New Delhi (July 1, 2018).

WAPCOS celebrates 50th foundation day

- WAPCOS, was incorporated as a Public Sector Enterprise in 1969 by the Government of India. It is a techno-commercial organization under the aegis of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari will be the chief guest at the 50th Foundation Day celebration of Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS), being organized at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi.

MAIDS ranked ‘best dental college’ in India

- The Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS) under the Government of NCT of Delhi has been ranked the “Best Dental College in India” for the seventh year in a row.

Cyber Safety and Digital awareness programme for senior citizens

- Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir attends the Cyber Safety and Digital awareness programme for senior citizens.
- First Cyber Forensic van of Delhi Police launched.

India-Korea Technology Exchange Centre Inaugurated

- The India-Korea Technology Exchange Centre was inaugurated by the Minister of State (I/C) MSME Giriraj Singh and Minister of SMEs and Start-ups of Republic of Korea in New Delhi.

PM to inaugurate new ASI Headquarters in New Delhi

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, will inaugurate the new Headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), at Tilak Marg in New Delhi on July 12, 2018.

Inauguration of Dharohar Bhawan

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated Dharohar Bhawan – the new Headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), – at Tilak Marg in New Delhi.

Committee set up to synergise NCC and NSS

- Government has decided to set up a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Swarup, former Secretary, School Education to strengthen National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS).

Counter-drone strategy for airports ready

- The counter-drone plan prepared by a committee headed by Director General of BCAS (Bureau of Civil Aviation Security) Kumar Rajesh Chandra has proposed neutralising drones through a “soft kill” approach which will include entrapping or jamming drones instead of destroying them.

Railways to get first dedicated corridor for freight trains on August 15

- The 190-km railway line will be between Dadri in Uttar Pradesh and Phulera in Rajasthan, which fall under the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC).

New cell to resolve child custody disputes

- A mediation cell would be set up under the apex child rights body, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), to resolve child custody disputes arising from cases of transnational marital discord.

The most advanced System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting (SAFAR)

- Harsh Vardhan inaugurates the most advanced System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting (SAFAR) at Chandni Chowk in Delhi.
- New system also to track UV-Index, PM1, Mercury and Black carbon in real time.

40% deficit rainfall in eastern India

- Bihar has recorded the highest monsoon deficiency of 48%, while eastern Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand have recorded 46% and 42% respectively – The India Meteorological Department data.

‘Turnitin’ software for all varsities to check plagiarism in research

- Union Minister of Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar said that the Turnitin software to detect plagiarism in research would be provided to all universities free of cost.

GUJARAT

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Gandhinagar	Vijay Rupani	Om Prakash Kohli

Double Stack Dwarf Container Service introduced by Indian Railways

- Indian Railways Introduces First Double Stack Dwarf Container Service in order to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo from Rajkot Division, Western Railway.

Jagannath Rath Yatra begins in Ahmedabad

- The 141st Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath commenced this morning in the Ahmedabad amid tight security as lakhs of devotees flocked to the 18km route to catch a glimpse of the deity.

Remote sensing instrument- LiDAR at Gujarat Coast

- National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), an autonomous institution under the Ministry has installed a remote sensing instrument- LiDAR for assessment of offshore wind resource at Gulf of Khambhat, off the Gujarat Coast.

HARYANA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Chandigarh	Manohar Lal Khattar	Kaptan Singh Solanki

Shiromani Kabir Prakat Diwas

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, graced and addressed the Shiromani Kabir Prakat Diwas (Kabir Jayanti) in Fatehabad, Haryana.

JHARKHAND

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Ranchi	Raghubar Das	Draupadi Murmu

India's first dedicated Khadi mall

- In an attempt to boost market for khadi and khadi made products, Jharkhand is setting up its first 'khadi mall' in the state.

Vocational Training Centres

- Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) have been established under the name ‘Kalyan Gurukul’ under Welfare Department, Government of Jharkhand.

KARNATAKA

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

Karnataka government urged to spend more on research on basic sciences

- The 11th Akhila Karnataka Vijnana Sammelana, a convention on science, concluded here on Sunday and saw the passing of a resolution demanding both the Union and State governments to promote study and research on basic sciences. The three-day event was organised by the Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat.

Latest dental implant technology in KBN institute

- For the first time in Hyderabad Karnataka region, the latest dental implant technology will be inaugurated at Khaja Bande Nawaz Institute of Medical Sciences in Kalaburagi.
- The new technology drastically reduces the duration of the treatment and helps avoid bone grafting procedures in case of severe bone loss.

Government plans to set up e-waste recycling unit in Bengaluru

- The central government’s Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry intends to set up India’s first-ever, state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit in Bengaluru. As India’s technology capital, Bengaluru produces an estimated one lakh tonne of electronic waste a year, according to an Economic Times report.

Information centre to create awareness on conservation

- A nature information centre established by the Nature Conservation Foundation focused on creating awareness among local communities that will benefit local communities, school & college students living on the fringes of the protected areas and forests, is set for inauguration at Yellemaala village of Kollegal taluk in Chamarajanagar district.

Aujas opens centre to help foil cyber attacks

- Aujas Networks, a cyber security firm has opened a ‘Security Operations Centre’ at Bengaluru that will help detect and respond to complex threats in real time.

1MW solar power plant at Hubballi Carriage Repair Workshop

- Hubballi Carriage Repair workshop has become the first location on Indian Railways where 1 MW power solar rooftop module has been commissioned at a single location other than station.

‘Train captains’ to ensure seamless on-board services

- The South Western Railway has introduced an integrated approach for delivery of services to passengers on long distance express and mail trains.

City police to groom children as ambassadors of traffic rules

- The police in Mysuru have embarked upon a new project to groom schoolchildren as ambassadors of traffic rules by renovating the Traffic Children’s Park on Mirza Road in Nazarbad and launching the ‘Awareness Through Little Hearts’ programme.

Incubation centre opened at KLE Technological University

- Minister for IT, BT, Science and Technology K.J. George inaugurated the ESDN/VLSI Incubation Centre at KLE Technological University.

Belagavi gets K-TECH Innovation Hub

- Minister for IT/BT and ST, Large and Medium Scale Industries, including Sugar, K.J. George inaugurated K-Tech Innovation Hub (K-TI Hubs) at Hanuman Nagar.

Inauguration of a new Manufacturing Facility for EVM Production

- Election Commissioner Shri Sunil Arora inaugurates a new Manufacturing Facility for EVM Production at Military communication Strategic Business Unit at Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore.
- Braille EPI Cards were also distributed for the First Time in Karnataka to Visually Impaired Voters.

Drone used to spray pesticide on areca farm

- A demonstration on the use of a drone to spray pesticide on an areca farm was held at Belegadde village in Koppa taluk.

A human face shaped museum

- A museum in the shape of a human face is coming up at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru to spread awareness on vocal and auditory functions, besides pathological/dysfunctional conditions, and preventive measures.

Mysuru's Trin Trin clocks over 10,000 registrations

- The country's first public bicycle sharing (PBS) system Trin Trin has clocked 10,000 registrations.

Karnataka sees 300% jump in FDI inflows

- Karnataka registered the biggest increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) last year, as inflows from overseas jumped 300% in the 12 months ended March 2018.

Taiwanese company to invest Rs.3,000 crore in State

- Taiwan-based company Wistron Technologies has come forward to invest Rs.3,000 crore in Narasapura industrial area of Kolar.

Mysuru gets hi-tech air quality monitoring station

- The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has now developed the hi-tech air quality monitoring station on its premises in Hebbal.

Ballari is set to become open defecation-free by August 15

- The Ballari Zilla Panchayat has taken up several programmes to ensure that the district is declared open defecation-free by August 15.

Deadline to mark Karnataka-A.P. boundary won't be extended: SC

- The Supreme Court has made it clear to the Survey of India (SoI) that the time granted by it for demarcation of the Inter-State Boundary (ISB) between Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh would not be extended beyond August 31.

KERALA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	P. Sathasivam

Fly Bus to operate from airports

- 'Fly Bus', the 42-seater air conditioned new bus service from the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) from Thiruvananthapuram, Cochin and Karipur International airports to the nearest cities, will commence operations from July 02.

Kerala to get official song, government sets up panel

- The Kerala government set up a panel comprising eminent writers and language experts to choose an official song ‘Kerala Ganam’ for the state.

Portable system to issue rail tickets

- A low-cost Portable Unreserved Ticketing System (P-UTS) has been developed by Southern Railway to eliminate printed card tickets and issue unreserved tickets.

EY plans business centre at Technopark

- Ernst & Young (EY) will set up a Global Managed Business Services Centre at Thiruvananthapuram Technopark campus.

Kerala poet invited to US varsity

- Chandramohan, a Dalit English poet from the State capital, has been invited to the 51st session of the International Writing Programme of the University of Iowa.

Jackfruit festival

- Jack Fest – 2018, the second edition of the International Jackfruit Festival, organized jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), began at the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS) at Ambalavayal in Wayanad district.

Indian Institute of Infrastructure and Construction (IIIC)

- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will dedicate the Indian Institute of Infrastructure and Construction (IIIC) at Chavara to the nation on July 23

Kannur panchayat to offer free medicines to kidney patients

- The district panchayat here is planning to start a pharmacy to offer free medicines to patients who have undergone kidney transplantation.

After 150 years, a fish gets a scientific name

- The species, found in the Cauvery river, was recently christened *Tor ramadevii*, after noted ichthyologist K. Remadevi of the Zoological Survey of India.

Industrial clearance system to go online

- An online system for expediting the issuance of industrial clearances, Kerala Single Window Interface for Fast and Transparent Clearance (K-SWIFT) will go on stream by September.

Cashew sector gets a boost

- By giving public sector cashew factories a modern makeover, the government aims to accelerate production and ensure maximum working days for the labourers.

Transgenders too can get driving licence

- Continuing with its transgender-friendly initiatives in the State, the Motor Vehicles Department has decided to make available all services offered to citizens to transgenders as well.

Central fellowship for shadow puppetry artist

- Puppeteer Rajeev Pulavar has bagged a fellowship from the Union Ministry of Culture to study the bond between the art form and the Bharathapuzha.

New forensic tool to crack wildlife crime

- The government is preparing to introduce a new forensic technology to help enforcement agencies crack wildlife crimes and detect food adulteration.

First woman police battalion ready for service

- The Kerala Police will soon have an all-woman battalion.

MADHYA PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Bhopal	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Anandiben Patel

Madhya Pradesh Leg of Startup India Yatra begins on July 16th, 2018

- The Startup India Yatra van will travel to 10 cities of Madhya Pradesh, starting from the capital Bhopal, to spread awareness about Startup India and Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy. The vehicle, with experts on board, will provide an opportunity for entrepreneurial talents to pitch an idea and get incubated, scaling it from idea to enterprise.

Foundation for National Highways projects

- Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation inaugurated/ laid the foundation for National Highways projects worth Rs 5485 Crores in Madhya Pradesh.

MAHARASHTRA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Mumbai	Devendra Fadnavis	Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

Nagpur set to host Maharashtra Legislature monsoon session after 47 years

- Nagpur, the second capital of Maharashtra, is set to host the Monsoon session of the state Legislature after a gap of 47 years.
- This will be the fourth time that the monsoon session of the state Legislature, normally held in Mumbai, will take place in Nagpur, which has been hosting the winter session.

“Pandharichi Wari”

- “Pandharichi Wari” is Maharashtra’s 700 years old tradition in which devotees of Lord Vitthala called Varkari trace the route to Pandharpur. For this holy function, devotees from all over state gather in Dehu and Alandi.

Bombay High Court declines to relax ban on thermocol for Ganesh festival

- Bombay High Court declined to relax the ban on the sale of decoration items made of thermocol for use in the forthcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Maharashtra.

Outside Food items allowed into movie theatres from August 1

- The Maharashtra Food and Civil Supplies Minister Ravindra Chavan announced that food items from outside will be allowed in multiplexes from August 1.

Inauguration of the MAHAGENCO Pipe Conveyor System

- The Union Minister of Railways, Finance, Corporate Affairs and Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the MAHAGENCO Pipe Conveyor System for coal transportation from cluster of mines of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL).

MEGHALAYA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Shillong	Conrad Sangma	Ganga Prasad

Behdienkhlam Festival

- The Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), Dr. Jitendra Singh attended the famous 4-day Meghalaya Annual Cultural Festival, “Behdienkhlam”, held every year at the small peripheral town of Jowai, Meghalaya.

Meghalaya Milk Mission

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh said that Meghalaya Milk Mission will facilitate in achieving the Centre's goal of doubling farmer's income by 2022 through promotion of milk business in the state.

2nd Phase of Construction of North East Institute of Ayurveda & Homeopathy

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik laid the foundation stone of the 2nd Phase of Construction of North East Institute of Ayurveda & Homeopathy (NEIAH) at NEIAH Campus, Mawdiangdiang, Shillong.

ODISHA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Bhubaneswar	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal

Largest habitat of endangered estuarine crocodiles

- The Bhitarkanika National Park has become the largest habitat of endangered estuarine crocodiles in the country with a record number of their nesting sites spotted.

To ban plastic starting from Gandhi Jayanti

- The Odisha government ordered a ban on the use of plastic bags, polythene and single-use plastic in the State starting from Gandhi Jayanti in October.

Highest ever Limited Height Subways

- East Coast Railway launches highest ever 06 Limited Height Subways (LHS) between two stations in Sambalpur Division in one day.
- Sambalpur Division becomes the first to eliminate all unmanned Level Crossing Gates in Indian Railways.

Odisha govt., Tata Trust unveil Rs.1,000 -cr. cancer care plan

- The Odisha government and Tata Trust will jointly spend Rs.1,000 crore for development of cancer care facilities in the State over the next five years.

Law books in Braille for administrators

- For the first time, all law books required by visually impaired administrative officials in Odisha are being printed in Braille format.

Heritage Cabinet to preserve the history and culture of Odisha

- The State Government constituted Heritage Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to preserve the history and culture of Odisha.

PUNJAB

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

Punjab seeks special category status

- As Punjab struggles to check the menace of drugs, the State government has asked the Centre to grant it special category status under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission.

NSTI for Women and PMKK for differently abled

- The Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, laid the foundation stone for permanent campus of National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) for Women and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) for differently abled at Mohali, Punjab under “Skill India” initiative of the Government of India.

RAJASTHAN

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Jaipur	Vasundhara Raje	Kalyan Singh

Jaipur to have WIPO support centre

- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) would soon open a Technology Innovation Support Centres (TISCs) in Jaipur to train people on accessing the patent database.

Urban infrastructure projects

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed a public meeting in Jaipur and he unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of foundation stone of 13 Urban Infrastructure projects for the State of Rajasthan.

Rajasthan Cabinet clears loan guarantee to farmers

- The Rajasthan Cabinet has decided to take a loan worth Rs.5,000 crore from the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for funding the State government's crop loan waiver scheme for farmers. The Cabinet has also relaxed the two-child norm for government employees.

UNESCO World Heritage recognition

- "The Walled City of Jaipur, Rajasthan, India" is the next proposed site for UNESCO World Heritage recognition.

TAMILNADU

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Chennai	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit

TN Bar Council gets its first transperson member

- Satyashri Sharmila is the first transperson from Tamil Nadu to enrol in the Bar Council.

Area around Mudumalai to be declared an eco-sensitive zone

- In a move that would prohibit construction and commercial mining activities and restrict hotels and resorts near the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change issued a draft notification declaring 438 sq. km. of area around the reserve as an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ).

Tamil Nadu finally set to get Lokayukta

- A day before the expiry of the Supreme Court-set deadline for establishing the Lokayukta in the State, the Tamil Nadu Assembly adopted legislation for constituting the anti-corruption panel.

Chennai to host village food festival

- ‘Village Ticket to Uzhavar, Unavu and Unarvu’, the event will see participation of chefs from all the districts in Tamil Nadu who will make over 300-plus varieties of food.

ASI to upgrade seven monuments in Tamil Nadu

- The Archaeological Survey of India will upgrade the infrastructural and tourist-friendly facilities at seven sites in Tamil Nadu and work is already on at the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram.
- The Adarsh Monuments proposed to be upgraded by the Ministry of Culture include the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram, Vellore Fort, Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, Kailasanathar Temple in Kancheepuram, Sittannavasal Caves, Gingee Fort and Moovar Koil in Kodumbalur.

Online bill passing system from October

- The Commissionerate of Treasuries and Accounts, Government of Tamil Nadu, will be rolling out the Online Bill Passing System and e-SR (service record digitalization) as a part of the Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System, this October.

TN government sets up 24-hour helpline for inter-caste couples

- The Tamil Nadu government has informed the Madras High Court that a 24-hour helpline has been set up to investigate issues faced by inter-caste couples and offer them necessary assistance and protection.

A robot to clean manholes

- Kumbakonam became the first town in the State to acquire the Bandicoot Robotic Scavenger, developed by Genrobotics, a start-up promoted by a group of engineers from Kerala, would clear over 5,300 manholes of the underground sewer system.

Stanley reservoir reaches capacity

- The Stanley Reservoir in Mettur achieved its full reservoir level (FRL) of 120 ft, marking the 39th time the water level at the dam has reached full capacity in its 85-year history. The last time this happened was in August 2013.

TELANGANA

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

Special laddus to students in Hyderabad's government-run schools

- Girls in Hyderabad's government-run schools are in for a healthy treat from mid-July a special laddu made of ragi, ghee, jaggery, dry fruits and nuts.
- This will make Hyderabad the first city to implement the mandate of providing additional nutritional support under the Centre's Beti Bachao Beti Padoos scheme.

10 gates of Babli barrage opened

- Out of 12 flood gates of the Babli project, built across the Godavari river, in Dharmabad taluq of Nanded district in Maharashtra 10 were opened in the presence of the engineering authorities of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Central Water Commission.

AAI to set up Civil Aviation Research Organization

- State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) said that it will set up a Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) aimed at "finding indigenous solutions" to meet the challenges posed by the growing air traffic at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.

Haritha Haram

- Telangana set for the launch of fourth phase of Haritha Haram in the district on July 21. 2 lakh saplings to be planted in a single day.

Eye check-up scheme launch on Aug. 15

- The Kanti Velugu programme of the State government to check up the eyes of every citizen for ailments will be launched across Telangana on August 15.

Telangana contingent to take part in I-Day parade

- Chief Minister N.Chandrababu Naidu will hoist the national flag and witness the independence day parade, which will include the neighbouring State's troops for the first time since bifurcation.

150-ft monumental flag pole

- Karimnagar, Telangana to have 150-ft State's second highest monumental flag pole.

Sixty Mee Seva centres to dispense cash

- The Telangana Government is set to introduce the first-of-its-kind Aadhaar-enabled Payment System in Mee Seva centres.

UTTARAKHAND

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Dehradun	Trivendra Singh Rawat	Krishan Kant Paul

Uttarakhand HC declares animals to be 'legal persons'

- The entire animal kingdom, including avian and aquatic ones, are declared as legal entities having a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person.

Foundation stone of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology

- Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Ananthkumar will be inaugurating the CIPET: Centre for Skilling & Technical Support (CSTS) at ITI Building and laying the foundation stone of new Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) Building at Doiwala, Dehradun

UTTAR PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Lucknow	Yogi Adityanath	Ram Naik

Foundation Stone for various development projects in Varanasi

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Varanasi City Gas Distribution Project, the Varanasi-Ballia MEMU train, Panchkoshi Parikrama Marg, an International Convention Centre in Varanasi and several projects under the Smart City Mission and Namaami Gange. Poorvanchal Expressway in Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh.

Bansagar Canal Project

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated the Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur. This project will provide a big boost to irrigation in the region, and will be greatly beneficial for the farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh. He also laid the Foundation Stone of the Mirzapur Medical College. He inaugurated 100 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the State

U.P. police to set up ‘Digital Armies’

- To curb incidents of lynching and violence due to fake news on social media, the Uttar Pradesh police will set up ‘Digital Armies’ of prominent residents to keep a vigil on inflammatory posts and rumour-mongering.

WEST BENGAL

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Kolkata	Mamta Benerjee	Keshari Nath Tripathi

A world class exhibition on four eminent personalities of Bengal

- A world class exhibition on four eminent personalities of Bengal, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subha Chandra Bose, Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee would be organized very soon at National Library in Kolkata at permanent basis.

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13. International Affairs

Indian-origin entrepreneur to swim across English Channel

- An Indian-origin woman entrepreneur Leah Chowdhry in the UK is training to swim across the English Channel to raise funds to combat child trafficking in India.

Japan to buy advanced US radar for missile defence system

- Japan will pick US-made advanced radar for its multibillion-dollar missile defence system, an upgrade that could help ease trade friction with Washington and provide cutting-edge protection against the arsenals of North Korea and China.

UN declares Colombia's Chiribiquete park world heritage site

- The United Nations has placed Colombia's Chiribiquete national park on its list of world heritage sites.

World's first digital art museum in Tokyo

- The world's first digital art museum opened in Tokyo, Japan. The installation is located in the Digital Art Museum: teamLab Borderless in Tokyo's Mori Building and is collaboration between Japanese art collective teamLab and Tokyo-based urban developer Mori Building.

India to operate "world's emptiest airport" in Sri Lanka

- India has agreed to form a joint venture with Sri Lanka to operate the country's loss-making Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota.

First from the minority community to contest elections

- Sunita Parmar, a Hindu woman in Pakistan’s Sindh province, has created history by becoming the first from the minority community to contest the provincial assembly elections to be held on July 25.

Ethiopia, Eritrea sign statement that war ‘has come to an end’

- Ethiopia and Eritrea are no longer at war; a day after their leaders held a historic meeting and signed “Joint Declaration of Peace and Friendship” by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki at state house in Asmara.

Tesla plant in Shanghai

- Tesla Inc. Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk landed a deal with Chinese authorities to build a new auto plant in Shanghai, its first factory outside the United States that would double the size of the electric car maker’s global manufacturing.

Sri Lanka to restore capital punishment for drug offences

- The Sri Lankan Cabinet has unanimously approved a move to bring back capital punishment for drug-related crimes.

Brave Kids International Festival

- Indian students represented our country at “The International Movement of Children & Their Friends” at the Brave Kids International Festival held in Ukraine and Poland under the patronage of UNESCO.

Canada will assume command of new NATO training & capacity building mission in Iraq

- Canadian troops will be deployed in the Baghdad region to help Iraq build a more effective national security structure and improve training for Iraqi security forces.

Portugal parliament approves new gender change law

- The Portuguese parliament approved a law that will allow citizens to change their gender and name from the age of 16 without a medical report showing “identity disruption”.
- Portugal joins Denmark, Malta, Sweden, Ireland and Norway to become “the sixth European country to grant the right to self-determination of transgender identity

UN Security Council imposes arms embargo on South Sudan

- The United Nations Security Council has imposed an arms embargo on South Sudan, almost five years after a ruinous civil war in the country started.

World Customs Organisation (WCO)

- India has become the Vice-Chair (Regional Head) of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for a period of two years, from July, 2018 to June, 2020. The WCO has divided its Membership into six Regions.

Iceland Fills US-Vacated Seat on UN Human Rights Council

- Members of the United Nations have unanimously elected Iceland to take a seat on the world body’s 47-member Human Rights Council.

India opens its largest visa centre in Bangladesh

- India inaugurated its largest visa centre in the world in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka to reduce the waiting time for applicants.

EU, Japan sign major trade deal

- Japan and the EU signed a sweeping free trade deal sending a “clear message” against protectionism, as Washington puts up barriers and threatens a trade war.

Google celebrated the 124th birth anniversary of Georges Lemaitre

- Google Doodle celebrated the 124th birth anniversary of Belgian astronomer Georges Lemaitre, the founder of the Big Bang theory.

Theresa May narrowly wins key Brexit vote

- British Prime Minister Theresa May narrowly survived another crunch Brexit vote in Parliament, as she struggles to unify her divided party around her strategy for leaving the European Union.

Mattis, Pompeo to travel to India in September for 2+2

- The first 2+2 dialogue between Defence and Foreign Ministers of India and the U.S. will take place in September first week in New Delhi.

BRICS news portal soon

- A decision to establish a BRICS Media Academy and a BRICS news portal were among those taken at the 2018 BRICS Media Forum at Cape Town in South Africa.

Russia tests new nuclear weapons

- Russia's military is testing an array of new nuclear and other weapons, from a high-powered laser weapon system to a nuclear-powered cruise missile with "unlimited" range.

First women to join nuclear-powered fleet crew

- France has become just the third country to bring women onboard its nuclear-powered subs, which operate much longer and isolated missions than traditional vessels, after the U.S. and Britain.

Japanese start-up to deliver 'meteor showers' on demand

- A Japanese start-up developing "shooting stars on demand" says it will be ready to deliver the world's first artificial meteor shower in a spectacular show over Hiroshima in early 2020.

Expansion of Emergency Ambulance Service

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, delivered an address over live video link, on the occasion of the expansion of Emergency Ambulance Service over the entire island in Sri Lanka, with Indian Assistance.

China offers fresh grant of \$295 mn to Sri Lanka

- Chinese President Xi Jinping has offered Sri Lanka a fresh grant of two billion yuan (\$295 million), as Beijing tries to expand its influence in the island-nation.

UN urges Myanmar to create conditions for Rohingya return

- The UN Security Council has urged Myanmar's government to step-up efforts to create conditions that will allow Rohingya Muslims who fled a violent crackdown to safely return to the country from neighbouring Bangladesh.

Prime Minister addressed the Ugandan Parliament

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Uganda's capital Kampala as part of a two-day visit to the country – the first bilateral tour by an Indian prime minister since 1997.

Imran Khan declares victory in Pakistan election

- Pakistan's cricket star-turned politician Imran Khan declared victory for his party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party (PTI), in the country's general election.

Imran Khan wins in Pakistan election but needs coalition to become PM

- Pakistan's Election Commission declared former cricket star Imran Khan's party the winner of Pakistan's historic third consecutive election of a civilian government, but he didn't win an outright majority and must form a coalition.

World's oldest person dies at 117

- The world's oldest person Chiyo Miyako, a 117-year-old Japanese woman, has died.

Modi meets South African President Cyril Ramaphosa

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and to expand the bilateral ties in a number of sectors, including trade and investment, information technology and defence.

Imran Khan to be sworn in as Pakistan PM

- Imran Khan will be sworn in as Pakistan's new Prime Minister before the country's Independence Day on August 14.

India to give flash flood warning to Asian nations

- India has been designated as a nodal centre for preparing flash-flood forecasts that can issue advance warning of floods in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Indo-Nepal Tourism Forum

- Indo-Nepal Tourism Forum to be set up for mutual consultation and promotion of tourism.
- Ramayana and Buddhist circuits to be promoted through common branding by India and Nepal.

Zimbabwe set for landmark election

- Voters in Zimbabwe are going to the polls in the country's first election without long-time leader Robert Mugabe's name on the ballot.

New Zealand to remove 'sexist' road signs

- New Zealand's transport authority said it would adopt gender-neutral signs.

14. Sports

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FOOT BALL

FIFA 2018

- Belgium beats England 2-0; finishes third in World Cup.

France win 2018 FIFA World Cup

- France beat Croatia 4-2 in the Fifa World Cup 2018 finals and lifts its second world cup after 20 years.

Goal of 2018 Fifa World Cup

- **Benjamin Pavard's [France]** goal against Argentina [first European player to win the award since its inauguration in 2006]
- **Juan Quintero's [Colombia]** goal against Japan
- **Luka Modric's [Croatia]** goal against Argentina

CRICKET

Finch sets highest individual score record in T20I

- Australia captain Aaron Finch smashed his own record for the highest individual score in a T20I, blasting 172 off 76 balls against Zimbabwe.

Third Indian cricketer to play 500 international matches

- Dhoni is now the ninth player in the history of cricket and only the third Indian player, after Sachin Tendulkar (664 matches) and Rahul Dravid (509), to complete 500 international games.

Tri-series trophy – Australia Vs Pakistan Vs Zimbabwe

- Pakistan defeated Australia by six wickets to lift the tri-series trophy at the Harare Sports Club in Zimbabwe.

Dhoni completes 10,000 ODI runs

- The former Indian captain M.S. Dhoni surpassed the 10,000 ODI runs milestone during the second one-day international match against England at Lords. He becomes the second wicket-keeper to complete 10,000 runs in ODIs and first Indian wicketkeeper to take 300 catches in ODIs.

India-Pakistan Cricket match on September 19

- Defending champion India will clash with Pakistan in the Asia Cup on September 19, a day after opening its campaign against a qualifier in Dubai, the ICC announced.

Bangladesh beats Windies in 3rd ODI, wins series

- Bangladesh beat the West Indies by 18 runs and won their one-day international series 2-1.

ICC congratulates England on their 1000th Test

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has congratulated the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as their men's team prepares for the 1000th Test match beginning at Edgbaston against India.

Smriti equals fastest T20 half-century

- India's star batswoman Smriti Mandhana equalled the record for the fastest half-century off 18 balls in women's T20 cricket during a Kia Super League.

TENNIS

11Sports Central Zone National-ranking table tennis tournament

- Manav Thakkar clinched his second double crown in as many weeks by winning the youth boys' and men's titles in the 11Sports Central Zone National-ranking table tennis tournament.

Wimbledon 2018

- Novak Djokovic wins fourth Wimbledon by beating Kevin Anderson. Angelique Kerber beats Serena Williams to win title.

Ramkumar Ramanathan enters his first ever ATP semifinals

- Ramkumar Ramanathan notched up a straight set win over Canada's Vasek Pospisil to reach his first ever ATP semi-finals.

Hall of Fame tennis tournament

- Davis Cupper Ramkumar Ramanathan powered into his maiden ATP Tour final as he beat Tim Smyczek of the US in the \$623,710 Hall of Fame tennis tournament.
- India's Ramkumar Ramanathan lost to American third seed Steve Johnson at the Hall of Fame Open in Newport, Rhode Island.

Isner wins fifth Atlanta Tennis title

- John Isner won the Atlanta Open Tennis beating Ryan Harrison for the fifth time.

HOCKEY

Australia wins Champions Trophy Hockey

- World Champions Australia defeated India 3-1 via shoot-off after both teams were locked at 1-1 in regulation time to clinch its second consecutive Champions Trophy hockey title.

World Cup Hockey

- Indian team is set to take on hosts England in its opening match of the Women's Hockey World Cup.

SHOOTING

28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes international competition

- Manu Bhaker and Anmol Jain provided a golden finish for India as the duo won the mixed air pistol team title in the 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes international competition.

Other Sports

Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix in Austria. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton retired from the race due to a mechanical issue in his car.

Tbilisi Grand Prix Wrestling

- Bajrang Punia emerged champion in the 65kg category and Deepak Punia clinched a bronze in the 86kg category at the Tbilisi Grand Prix, Georgia.

Dipika Pallikal to represent Asia in CGF AAC

- Squash player Dipika Pallikal has been appointed as Asia's representative in the prestigious Athletes Advisory Commission of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). The appointment was made by the CGF.

Dipa Karmakar wins gold at the Gymnastics World Cup

- Ace gymnast Dipa Karmakar took the women's vault gold medal and claimed the fourth place in balance beam in the Mersin World Challenge Cup.

Indian National motorcycle racing championship

- Rajiv Sethu of Honda Ten10 Racing emerged winner of the second race in the Super Sport 165 class on day two of the second round of the Indian National motorcycle racing championship.

India bag four medals at Asian Archery, finish third

- India bagged three silver medals and a bronze to finish joint third with Iran in the Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei.

Home Ministry has cleared Pakistan's participation at Asian Junior championship

- Home Ministry has cleared for participation of Pakistani grapplers at the Asian Junior Championship after Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) agreed to give an undertaking that the movement of the contingent from the neighbouring nation will be restricted to the competition venue.

India's first ever track gold at the IAAF World Championships

- The 18-year-old Hima Das from Assam won the women's 400m gold in 51.46s at the World under-20 athletics championships at Tampere, Finland.

Iniyan gets his final GM norm

- Fifteen-year-old P.Iniyan secured his third and final Grandmaster norm in the 41 Open International Barbera del Valles chess tournament.

Thailand Open World Tour Super 500 badminton tournament

- PV Sindhu loses to Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in final of Thailand Open.

Sahaj Grover retains SA Open title

- Defending champion Sahaj Grover retained the South Africa Open chess title.

Neeraj bags javelin gold at French meet

- With a best throw of 85.17m, India's javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra claimed gold at the Sotteville Athletics meet in France.

Junior Asian wrestling championships

- Viresh Kundo won bronze in the 97kg category at the junior Asian wrestling championships.
- India wins one silver (Divya Kakran) and two bronze medals, (Karuna, Reena) at the junior Asian wrestling championships.

Junior Asian Wrestling Championships

- Sachin Rathi & Deepak Punia won gold at the Junior Asian Wrestling Championships.

Lakshya wins Asian junior crown

- Lakshya Sen became only the third Indian shuttler to secure a gold medal at the Badminton Asia junior championships in Indonesia.

Mohit Kumar breaks decathlon record

- Haryana's Mohit Kumar broke the under-18 national decathlon record in the 15th National youth athletics championships at Vadodara, Gujarat.

Ajay crowned the champion

- Ajay Karthikeyan of Tamil Nadu was crowned the champion after he played out a draw against Sankalp Gupta of Maharashtra in the final round of the 44th National sub-junior (under-15) open chess at Kolkatta.

Takale set for WRC debut

- India's Sanjay Takale is all set to make his debut in the FIA World Rally Championship, Neste Rally Finland.

FIA European F3 race

- Jehan Daruvala won in race one of the FIA European F3 race at the famous F1 circuit of Spa - Francorchamps in Belgium.

Asia Pacific Senior 2018

- Kapil Dev, Rishi Narain and Amit Luthra to represent India at the Asia Pacific Senior 2018 to be held in Miyazaki, Japan from October 17 to 19.

Yasar Dogu International

- Bajrang Punia won gold, Pinki in women's competition won the gold medal while Sandeep Tomar won a silver medal at the Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul, Turkey.

Russia Open Tour Super 100 badminton tournament

- Former National champion Sourabh Verma beat Japan's Koki Watanabe at the Russia Open Tour Super 100 badminton tournament.

World Junior squash team title

- Egypt beat England to win World Junior squash team title.

Round-the-world yacht race

- Australia's Wendy Tuck became the first female skipper to win a round-the-world yacht race.

Johnson wins Canadian Open Golf

- Johnson wins Canadian Open Golf & this was the 19th title of his career.

Two Indians in a World Golf Championships field for first time

- Anirban Lahiri and Shubhankar Sharma's presence will make it the first time two Indians feature in the same WGC Championships.

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