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International

Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and Kuwait

- **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** notifies the Protocol amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and Kuwait.

Crown prince	Nawaf Ahmad al-Sabah
Prime Minister	Jaber Mubarak al-Sabah
Capital	Kuwait City
Currency	Kuwaiti dinar

Futuristic telecommunications infrastructure (FTI) programme.

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a Rs 945-crore deal with the Harris Corporation of the US for development of its futuristic telecommunications infrastructure (FTI) programme.
- The 15-year contract was signed at the sixth edition of the US-India aviation summit.

President	Donald Trump
Vice President	Mike Pence
Capital	Washington, D.C.
Currency	US Dollar

Gujarat-Poland MoU

- Gujarat-Poland sign MoU on organising independence centenary events Ahmedabad. The department of youth and cultural affairs of the Gujarat government will be co-organisers for the centenary celebrations to mark independence of Poland in Delhi and other parts of the world.

President	Warsaw
Prime Minister	Mateusz Morawiecki
Capital	Warsaw
Currency	Andrzej Duda

India signs 7 MoUs with Myanmar

- Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj and Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi witnessed signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Myanmar's Nay Pyi Taw on Friday. India and Myanmar signed seven Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs)
- India and Myanmar also concluded the Agreement on Land Border Crossing, which will allow people from both sides to cross the border with passport and visa for health and educational needs and tourism.

President	Win Myint
State Counsellor	Aung San Suu Kyi
Capital	Naypyidaw
Currency	Kyat

Peru and India sign MoU for cooperation in Renewable Energy Sector

- Top leadership of Peru has acknowledged that their country has a lot to learn and benefit from the success story of India and resolved with India to significantly enhance trade relations as the two countries celebrated 55 years of diplomatic ties in Lima on May 11, 2018. India and Peru signed an Agreement on Cooperation in New and Renewable Energy.
- Peru is a founder member of the International Solar Alliance, established with India taking the initiative.

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

Punjab signs MoU with UK firm for biogas plants to tackle paddy straw

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed for setting up of biogas and bio-CNG plants in the state to tackle the problem of paddy straw burning. The daily capacity of each plant will be around 100 MT of paddy straw intake.

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

MoU between India and France

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Railways and SNCF Mobilites (a company owned by the French State) on Technical Cooperation in the field of Railways. The MoUs provide a platform for Indian Railways to interact and share the latest developments and knowledge in the railway sector.
- To identify research/ demonstration/ pilot project between National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) in the field of Renewable Energy.

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

India and Indonesia to promote bilateral cooperation in maritime & infrastructure sector

- Developing collaboration in Maritime Training & Education between India & Indonesia, both the ministers were keen to draw up an MOU between Indian Maritime University & Indonesian institutes for maritime studies.

President	Joko Widodo
Vice President	Jusuf Kalla
Capital	Jakarta
Currency	Indonesian rupiah

BCCI goes ‘green’ by joining hands with United Nations

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and UN Environment signed an agreement to promote ‘green’ cricket in India. The partnership will also focus on phasing out single-use plastic across stadiums in the country.

Organization	Headquarters	President/Head
Board of Control for Cricket in India	Mumbai	C K Khanna
United Nations	New York City	Antonio Guterres

Government of India and World Bank signs for PMGSY

- The Government of India and the World Bank signed a \$500 million loan agreement to provide additional financing for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Rural Roads Project, implemented by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, which will build 7,000 km of climate resilient roads, out of which 3,500 km will be constructed using green technologies.

Organization	Headquarters	President/Head
World Bank	Washington, D.C. United States	Jim Yong Kim

Other MoUs:

S. No	MoU Between	Fields	Country Details
1	India and Morocco	Law and Legislation, Mining and Geology, New and renewable energy	President - Mohammed VI
			Prime Minister - Saadeddine Othmani
			Capital - Rabat
			Currency - Moroccan dirham
2	India and Swaziland	Health and Medicine	King - Mswati III
			Prime Minister - Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini

			Capital - Mbabane
			Currency - South African rand
3	India and Suriname	Organizational and technical development of electoral process, electoral management and administration	President - Desi Bouterse
			Vice President - Ashwin Adhin
			Capital - Paramaribo
			Currency - Surinamese dollar
4	India and Equatorial Guinea	Traditional Systems of Medicine, Medicinal Plants between India and Equatorial Guinea	President - Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo
			Prime Minister - Francisco Pascual Obama Asue
			Capital - Malabo
			Currency - Central African CFA franc
5	India and Colombia	Traditional Systems of Medicine of India	President - Juan Manuel Santos
			Vice President - Oscar Naranjo
			Capital - Bogota
			Currency - Peso
6	India and Brunei Darussalam	Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to Taxes	Sultan and Yang di-Pertuan - Hassanal Bolkiah
			Crown Prince - Al-Muhtadee Billah
			Capital - Bandar Seri Begawan
			Currency - Brunei dollar
7	India and Angola	Electronics and Information Technology in the areas of e-Governance, HRD for IT education, Information	President - Joao Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço
			Vice President - Bornito de Sousa
			Capital - Luanda

		Security, Electronics Hardware manufacturing, IT embedded Software industry, Telemedicine etc.	Currency –Kwanza
8	India and Denmark	areas of food safety	Prime Minister -Lars Løkke Rasmussen
			Monarch - Margrethe II
			Capital - Copenhagen
			Currency -Danish krone
9	India and Singapore	Personnel Management and Public Administration	Prime Minister -Halimah Yacob
			President - Lee Hsien Loong
			Capital - Singapore (city-state)
			Currency -Singapore dollar
10	India and Turkey	Trade in poppy seeds to ensure quick and transparent processing for import of poppy seeds from Turkey	Prime Minister -Binali Yıldırım
			President - Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
			Capital - Ankara
			Currency -Turkish lira

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CBDT achieves another milestone

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has entered into one Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreement (UAPA) during the month of April, 2018. With the signing of this Agreement, the **CBDT** has achieved **another milestone** of having **signed its 200thUAPA**.

NITI Aayog to Collaborate with IBM to develop Precision Agriculture using Artificial Intelligence

- NITI Aayog and IBM signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) today to develop a crop yield prediction model using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to provide real time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.

NMDC, NLC to ink R&D pact

- NMDC Limited and NLC India Limited (formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation) may invest over USD 26 million for setting up an R&D facility with **Australian Environmental Clean Technologies (ECT) Limited** for developing innovative technologies in iron and steel making.
- The project is aimed at diversifying the use of lignite (brown coal) in the generation of electricity and production of steel at lower cost with significantly lower CO2 emissions.

Reliance Power quits Tilaiya project

- Reliance Power Limited has pulled out of the special purpose vehicle set up to develop an ultra mega power project at Tilaiya in Jharkhand.

NTPC inks pact with Bihar

- NTPC inked a pact with Bihar and its power utilities to acquire their entire stake in two joint ventures at Nabinagar and Kanti, and to buy Barauni thermal plant.

Kerala and NTPC sign MoU for increasing solar power generation

- The Kerala State Electricity Board has signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Thermal Power Corporation for increasing solar power generation in the state.
- The MoU also includes an agreement to set up a 15 MW solar power unit at the NTPC complex in Kayamkulam.

Maharashtra signs MoU with GRIHA council for green buildings

- Maharashtra government the first state to sign an MoU with the Centers Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) Council to train state PWD officials to rate government buildings.
- To construct government complexes as green buildings this would minimize the use of electricity while optimizing the use of natural light and non-conventional energy.

NITI Aayog and Google sign SoI to help grow AI ecosystem in India

- Aiming to foster growth for India's nascent artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) ecosystem, NITI Aayog and Google have come together to work on a range of initiatives to help build the AI ecosystem across the country.

SIDBI to extend direct funding facility to Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in CSCs

- CSC SPV (Special purpose vehicle) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an MoU for providing financial support to Common Services Centers (CSCs) across the country, with minimum one year of operation, under the Direct Financing Window of SIDBI.

Haryana signs 2 MoUs for revival of Sarasvati

- Memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for investigation into the palaeochannel and the study of hydrological aspects relating to the Sarasvati rejuvenation and heritage development projects.

IIT-M inks pact with AAI for research in air navigation systems

- The Indian Institute of Technology – Madras has signed an MoU with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for research on air navigation systems & will address aviation infrastructure and air traffic management challenges across 125 airports in the country.

MOU to develop prototypes for self-piloted vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft

- IIT-Kanpur to develop vertical take-off and landing aircraft prototypes
- The VTOL technology equips the aircraft to perform manoeuvres that are impossible with traditional aircraft, and also comes across as a big advantage for air combat and rescue.

Tata Trusts signs MoU with govt to provide development support in Naxal-hit districts

- The Tata Trusts has joined hands with the government to help it in development initiatives in eight worst Naxal-affected districts in Chhattisgarh, which were covered under the “transformation of aspirational” districts programme.

Ministry of Women and Child Development signs an MoU with Government of Uttar Pradesh

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, in New Delhi for management of Home of Widows at Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has constructed this shelter home for widows with a capacity of 1000 inmates.

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