

Important Mou /Agreement Current Affairs – October 2018
International MoUs and Agreements:

| S. No | Mou Between | Fields | Country Details |
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| 1 | ADB and India | Sign \$150 Million Loan to Improve Regional Connectivity.sign \$ 150 Million Loan Agreement to support India’s First Global Skills Park in State of Madhya Pradesh.Sign \$240 Million Loan to Provide Safe Drinking Water Service in 3 West Bengal Districts.Signs \$110 Million Loan to Improve Rural Connectivity in Madhya Pradesh. | President - Takehiko Nakao Formation -19 December 1966 Head Quarters -Manila, Philippines Membership -67 countries |
| 2 | India and Russia | Bilateral Cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Road Transport and Road Industry.sign \$5.43 billion missile deal, agreements on cooperation in space, agriculture, nuclear sectors.Mou was exchanged between India’s Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and the Russian Federation’s SIRIUS Educational Foundation in New Delhi. | President - Vladimir Putin Prime Minister - Dmitry Medvedev Capital - Moscow Currency - Russian ruble |
| 3 | India and Singapore. | Cabinet approves Second Protocol amending the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Singapore on the constitution of a Joint Working Group (JWG) on FinTech | President - Halimah Yacob Prime Minister -Lee Hsien Loong Capital -Singapore Currency - Singapore dollar |
| 4 | India and Finland | Memorandum of Cooperation between India and Finland on Environmental Cooperation. | President - Sauli Niinistö Prime Minister - Juha Sipilä Capital -Helsinki Currency - Euro |
| 5 | India and Sri Lanka | Signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) for construction of 1200 houses through 50 model villages, using Indian grant assistance of 60 crore Srilankan rupees. | President - Maithripala Sirisena Prime Minister -Mahinda Rajapaksa Capital -Colombo Currency - Sri Lankan rupee |
| 6 | India and China | Security cooperation in the first India-China high-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation held in New Delhi. | President - Xi Jinping Premier-Li Keqiang Capital - Beijing Currency -Renminbi |

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| 7 | India and BRICS nations | Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China, South Africa, regarding Cooperation in the Social and Labour Sphere and on on Environmental Cooperation | BRICS Countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. |
| | | | Founded Year - June 2006 |
| | | | First summit - Russia ,2009 |
| | | | 10th summit 2018 - South Africa |
| 8 | India and Bangladesh | Signed several agreements for enhancing inland and coastal waterways connectivity for trade and cruise movements. | President - Abdul Hamid |
| | | | Prime Minister - Sheikh Hasina |
| | | | Capital - Dhaka |
| | | | Currency -Taka |
| 9 | India and European Commission | Cooperation on Digital communications & economy discussed between India and European Commission | President - Jean-Claude Juncker |
| | | | Formation -16 January 1958 |
| | | | Head Quarters -Brussels, Belgium; Luxembourg City |
| | | | Membership -28 countries |
| 10 | India and Japan | Signed six agreements and made two key announcements on defence and development projects, following the 13th Annual Bilateral Summit led by Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Shinzo Abe in Tokyo. | Crown Prince -Naruhito |
| | | | Prime Minister - Shinzō Abe |
| | | | Capital - Tokyo |
| | | | Currency -Yen |
| 11 | India and Afghanistan | Mutual co-operation framework in the areas of Capacity Building of “Afghanistan Accountancy Board (AAB)”, strengthening the IT Capacity and Quality Assurance in Afghanistan through facilitating Knowledge Transfer; Students and Members Exchange Programs; Conduct of Seminars, Conferences and Joint Activities mutually beneficial to both the parties. | President - Ashraf Ghani |
| | | | Chief Executive Officer - Abdullah Abdullah |
| | | | Capital - Kabul |
| | | | Currency -Afghani |

Other MOU / Agreements:

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| 1 | India and Uzbekistan | Signed 17 MoUs in various fields including agriculture, Tourism, combating illicit trafficking, health and medical science and pharmaceuticals. | President -Shavkat Mirziyoyev |
| | | | Prime Minister - Abdulla Aripov |
| | | | Capital - Tashkent |
| | | | Currency - Uzbek som |
| 2 | India and Kazakhstan | To boost Defence and Military Technical Cooperation. | President -Nursultan Nazarbayev |
| | | | Prime Minister - Kokhir Rasulzoda |
| | | | Capital - Astana |
| | | | Currency - Tenge |
| 3 | India and Tajikistan | Signed MoUs in various fields including political relations, strategic research, agriculture, renewable energy, traditional medicine, space technology, youth affairs, Culture and Disaster Management. | President -Emomali Rahmon |
| | | | Prime Minister - Abdulla Aripov |
| | | | Capital - Dushanbe |
| | | | Currency - Somoni |
| 4 | India and Lebanon | MoU between India and Lebanon for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors | President - Michel Aoun |
| | | | Prime Minister - Saad Hariri |
| | | | Capital - Beirut |
| | | | Currency - Lebanese pound |
| 5 | India and Romania | Memorandum of Understanding between India and Romania in the field of tourism. | President -Klaus Iohannis |
| | | | Prime Minister - Viorica Dăncilă |
| | | | Capital - Bucharest |
| | | | Currency - Romanian Leu |
| 6 | India and Azerbaijan | Sign protocol on trade and economic, science and technology cooperation. | President - Ilham Aliyev |
| | | | Prime Minister - Novruz Mammadov |
| | | | Capital - Baku |
| | | | Currency - Manat |
| 7 | India and Tanzania | Signed two MoUs between Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relation, Tanzania and National Research Development Corporation and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Corporation. | President - John Magufuli |
| | | | Prime Minister -Kassim Majaliwa |
| | | | Capital - Dodoma |
| | | | Currency - Tanzanian shilling |

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| 8 | India and Croatia | Signed two agreements to strengthen cultural and diplomatic cooperation between the two countries. | President - Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović |
| | | | Prime Minister - Andrej Plenković |
| | | | Capital - Zagreb |
| | | | Currency - Kuna |
| 9 | India and Malawi | Signing and ratification of the Extradition Treaty between India and Malawi. The Treaty would provide a legal framework for seeking extradition of terrorists, economic offenders and other criminals from and to Malawi. | President - Peter Mutharika |
| | | | Vice President - Saulos Chilima |
| | | | Capital - Lilongwe |
| | | | Currency - Kwacha |
| 10 | India and Qatar | To establish a joint commission to strengthen their relations in various fields with a view to furthering the common interest of the people of the two countries. | Emir - Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani |
| | | | Prime Minister - Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani |
| | | | Capital - Doha |
| | | | Currency - Riyal |
| 11 | Russia and Egypt | signed a strategic co-operation treaty. The treaty, designed to increase trade, military and other ties, was signed by the two leaders in Sochi. | President - Abdel Fattah el-Sisi |
| | | | Prime Minister - Mostafa Madbouly |
| | | | Capital - Cairo |
| | | | Currency - Egyptian pound |

National Agreements:

Cabinet approved to give bonus for non-gazetted railway employees

- Cabinet approved Railway ministry proposal to give bonus to nearly 12 lakh non-gazetted railway employees.

Cabinet decides to set up National Council for Vocational Education and training [NCVET]

- Cabinet has decided to set up National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) by merger of the National Council for Vocational Training and the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) into NCVET.

550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev next year with events across the globe

- The Government will commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev next year with events across the globe. The decision was taken at a high-level meeting of the National Implementation Committee chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi

Special package for footwear and leather sector

- The Central Government has approved a special package for employment generation in leather and footwear sector. Centre has approved four projects worth over 105 crore rupees to promote leather industry in Tamil Nadu.

Cabinet approves Scheme for setting up of Indian Institute of Skills at different locations

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the for setting up of Indian Institute of Skills(IISs) at different locations across the country in Public Private Partnership (PPP), which will be explored for promotion of IIS at select locations based on demand and available infrastructure.

SC rules out sale and registration of BS-IV vehicle from 1st April, 2020

- The Supreme Court has said, no Bharat Stage, BS-IV vehicle would be sold or registered in the country from 1st April, 2020. BS emission norms are standards instituted by the government to regulate output of air pollutants from motor vehicles.
- The BS-IV norms have been enforced across the country since April last year. In 2016, the Centre had announced the country would skip the BS-V norms altogether and adopt BS-VI norms by 2020.

DAC approves upgrade of 17 Dornier aircrafts of Indian Coast Guard

- The Defence Acquisition Council on Saturday approved the Mid Life Upgrade of 17 Dornier Aircraft of Indian Coast Guard at an approximate cost of Rs 950 crore.
- The upgrades will be carried out by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Governors' panel submits 21 recommendations to President for doubling farmers' income

- A committee of governors set up by President Ram Nath Kovind submitted a report on approach to agriculture for doubling the income of farmers in the country which made 21 major recommendations. Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik headed the panel.

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