

Mou and Agreements
International MoUs and Agreements:

Countries	Details of MoU/ Agreement	Country Details
India and the USA	Bilateral Agreement for Exchange of Country-by-Country (CbC) Reports between India and the USA signed.	President - Donald Trump
		Vice President - Mike Pence
National Crime Record Bureau, India and the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC, USA	To access tipline reports on Missing and Exploited Children (more than one lakh tipline reports available with NCMEC, USA and enable law enforcement agencies in India)	Capital - Washington, D.C.
		Currency - US dollar
India and World Bank	A loan agreement for 96 Million US dollars for additional financing of Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project. The World Bank has been supporting the State Government since 2014 to restore housing and rural connectivity and to build the resilience of communities.	President - Jim Yong Kim
		Headquarters - Washington, D.C., United States
		CEO - Kristalina Georgieva
		Membership - 189 countries (IBRD); 173 countries (IDA)
India and ADB	The Centre and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 26 million dollar loan agreement to provide additional financing for improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam.	President - Takehiko Nakao
		Formation - 19 December 1966
		Head Quarters - Manila, Philippines
		Membership - 67 countries
India and Nepal	The Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee has been appointed to carry out post-earthquake reconstruction of 72 educational facilities in Nepal. An agreement in this regard was signed between Embassy of India and CBRI in Kathmandu.	President - Bidhya Devi Bhandari
		PM - Khadga Prasad Oli
		Capital - Kathmandu
		Currency - Nepalese rupee
India and Paraguay	To identify sectors of mutual interest to promote bilateral investment and decided to explore new areas of collaboration, including Information and Communication Technology, space and biotechnology.	President - Mario Abdo Benítez
		Vice President - Hugo Velázquez
		Capital - Asunción
		Currency - Paraguayan guaraní
India and Maldives	The new liberal visa policy for Maldivians seeking medical treatment as well as education and business opportunities in India, development cooperation and enhancing people to people contact, visa facilitation for diplomatic and official passport holders,	President - Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
		Vice President - Mohamed Jameel Ahmed
		Capital - Malé
		Currency - Maldivian rufiyaa

	development cooperation and renewable energy.	
Italy and China	Italy has signed a non-binding protocol with China to take part in Beijing's new Silk Road of transport and trade links stretching from Asia to Europe. Italy became the first G7 country to sign up for the project.	
Oman and USA	Oman has signed an agreement with the United States that allow American ships and warplanes to take advantage of his ports and airports. Duqm port is located in southern Oman on the Arabian Sea and around 500 kilometres from the Strait of Hormuz. At the mouth of the Gulf, the strait is crucial to global energy supplies.	Oman President - Qaboos bin Said al Said
		Oman Deputy PM - Fahd bin Mahmoud al Said
		Oman Capital - Muscat
		Oman Currency - Rial
India and Croatia	India and Croatia signed key agreements in the fields of sports, tourism and also Establishment of the Hindi and Sanskrit Chair at University of Zagreb	President - Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
		Vice President - Andrej Plenković
		Capital - Zagreb
		Currency - Croatian kuna
India-African Union	An agreement has been signed between India and the African Union to establish an India-Africa health sciences collaborative platform. The MoU will pave the way for cooperation in research and development, capacity building, health services, pharmaceutical trade and manufacturing capabilities for drugs and diagnostics.	President - HE. Paul Kagame
		Head Quarters - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
		Membership Countries - 54 Countries
India & Bolivia	India and Bolivia have signed eight MoUs in the fields of culture, Visa waiver arrangement for diplomats, the exchange between diplomatic academies, mining, space, traditional medicine, establishment of Centre of Excellence in IT and Bi-Oceanic Railway project.	President - Evo Morales
		Vice President - Álvaro García Linera
		Capital - Sucre
		Currency - Bolivian boliviano

National Agreements:

Cabinet approves railway zone at Vishakhapatnam

- Union Cabinet approved setting up of a Railway Zone at Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and a new division with headquarter at Rayagada in Odisha by reorganizing the existing South Central Railway and East Coast Railway.

Cabinet approves conversion of AIIMS, Delhi into world class Medical University

- Cabinet has approved the implementation of Master Plan to convert AIIMS, New Delhi into a world class Medical University. The Cabinet also approved setting up of new AIIMS at Manethi, Haryana at a cost of 1299 crore rupees.

Government bans Jamat-e-Islami J&K for 5 years

- The Centre has banned the Jamat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir for five years under anti-terror law on grounds that it is in close touch with terror outfits and is expected to escalate secessionist movement in the state.

Cabinet approves 10% reservation for general category poor in J&K

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Amendment Order, 2019.

Uttar Pradesh cabinet approves Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System, aimed at providing a speedy and pollution free transit system. The project would be completed by 2024.

President gives assent to Ordinance allowing voluntary use of Aadhaar

- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to an ordinance that allows voluntary use of Aadhaar as ID proof for obtaining mobile SIM cards and opening bank accounts.

NITTTRC Bhopal, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University sign MoU

- National Institute of Technical Teacher's Training and Research (NITTTRC), Bhopal and Shri Vishwakarma Skill University Gurugram signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further strengthen the skill development facilities provided to the youth.

CCEA approves additional funds to Sugar Mills

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved additional funds to Sugar Mills amounting to two thousand 790 crore rupees.

CCEA approves investment approval for 1320 megawatt Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has approved the investment approval for a 1320 megawatt Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (STPP) in Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh.

New NCLT benches

- The Government has approved establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), one at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Indore in Madhya Pradesh.

Mou between Ministry of WCD and Skill Development

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at improving women livelihood and empowering them through skill development.

Govt reduces price of 390 anti-cancer drugs upto 87 pc

- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers put out the list of 390 anti-cancer non-scheduled medicines with Maximum Retail Price reduction up to 87 per cent. This move is expected to benefit 22 lakh cancer patients in the country and will result in annual savings of nearly 800 crore rupees to the consumers.

SC appoints three-member mediation panel in Ayodhya land dispute case

- Supreme Court appoints three-member mediation panel in Ayodhya land dispute case. Former apex court judge Justice (retd) F M Kallifulla will head a panel of mediators in the case. Other members of the panel of mediators include spiritual guru Shri Shri Ravi Shankar and senior advocate Sriram Panchu.

Centre approves two corridors of Surat Metro project

- The Centre has approved two corridors of the Surat Metro project to be executed at an estimated cost of around 12,000 crore rupees. The length of the first corridor – Sarthana to Dream City line – will be 21.61 kilometers and the second – Bhesan to Saroli – will be 18.74 kilometres.
- The project will be financed mainly through equity from the Centre and state government on 50-50 basis.

Cabinet approves the General Elections to the Lok Sabha 2019

- The Union Cabinet has approved the General Elections to the Lok Sabha 2019 for issuance of statutory notifications under sub-section (2) of Section 14 of the Representation of the People Act.

DGCA decides to ground Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation, DGCA has decided to ground Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft with immediate effect. The decision comes in the wake of Ethiopian Airlines crash in Addis Ababa killing all 157 people on board.

Cabinet approved the proposal for Accession to the Nice, Vienna and Locarno Agreements

- **Nice Agreement** – concerning the International classification of Goods and Services for the purposes of registration of marks.
- **Vienna Agreement** – establishing an International Classification of the figurative elements of marks.
- **Locarno Agreement** – establishing an International classification for industrial designs.

MoU between IBBI and SEBI

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) aims to promote entrepreneurship and debt market.

Centre justifies its law granting 10-per cent quota for EWS

- The Centre has justified its law granting 10-per cent quota for Economically Weaker Section (EWS), saying it has been brought to promote social equality.

Government notifies Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules 2019

- Health and Family Welfare Ministry have notified the Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 with an aim to promote clinical research in the country. The new rules will change the regulatory landscape for the approval of new drugs and conduct of clinical trials in the country.

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