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International MoUs and Agreements:

S.No	India with country	Field	Country Details
1	India and World Bank	The Government of India, the Government of Jharkhand and the World Bank, signed a \$147 Million Loan Agreement to provide basic urban services to the people of Jharkhand and help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in the State.	President - Jim Yong Kim Headquarters - Washington, D.C., United States CEO - Kristalina Georgieva Membership -189 countries (IBRD); 173 countries (IDA)
2	Indian Railway and French National Railways	AFD a French agency, has agreed to provide in-kind grant financing up to 7,00,000 EURO, through French National Railways (SNCF)-Hubs and Connexions as a Technical Partner to IRSDC to support the Railway Station Development Program in India. This will impose no financial liability on IRSDC or Indian Railways.	President - Emmanuel Macron Prime Minister - Edouard Philippe Capital - Paris Currency - Euro, CFP franc
3	India and Kyrgyzstan	The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Collaboration, MoC between India and Kyrgyzstan for collaborative research work on High Altitude Biology and Medicine. The MoC will help in understanding the physical and mental picture of soldiers at high altitude and mitigate the related maladies by using Yoga practice, herbals and neutraceuticals.	President - Sooronbay Jeenbekov Prime Minister - Muhammetkaliy Abulgazyev Capital - Bishkek Currency - Som

4	India and Bolivia	The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between India and Bolivia on cooperation regarding Bioceanic Railway Integration Corridor Project. The MoU will facilitate exchange of information, expert meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects.	President - Evo Morales
			Vice President- Álvaro García Linera
			Capital - Sucre
			Currency -Boliviano
5	India and Thailand	The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between India and Thailand in the field of Astronomy / Astrophysics / Atmospheric ScienceThe MoU will lead to new scientific results, human resource development through increased scientific interaction and training, joint use of scientific infrastructure etc.	Monarch - Maha Vajiralongkorn
			Prime Minister - Prayut Chan-o-cha
			Capital - Bangkok
			Currency - Baht
6	India and Russia	The Union Cabinet was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between Research Designs and Standards Organisation, under the Ministry of Railways, India and Railway Research Institute, Russia and Research and Design Institute for Information Technology, Signalling and Telecommunication on Railway Transport, Russia.The MoU will facilitate exchange of information, expert meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects.	President - Vladimir Putin
			Prime Minister - Dmitry Medvedev
			Capital - Moscow
			Currency - Russian ruble
7	India and Finland	The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation in the area of Cyber Security between India and Finland. The MoU intends to promote closer cooperation for exchange of knowledge and experience in detection, resolution and prevention of security related incidents between India and Finland.	President - Sauli Niinistö
			Prime Minister - Juha Sipilä
			Capital -Helsinki
			Currency - Euro

8	India and World Bank	The Government of India, the Government of Uttarakhand and the World Bank signed a Loan Agreement of \$31.58 million for the Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project that will help improve the State's ability to manage its Financial Systems and lead to Better Utilization of Development Resources. The Government of India, the Government of Kerala and the World Bank signed here a Loan Agreement of USD 250 million for the First Resilient Kerala Program to enhance the State's resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change.	President - Jim Yong Kim
			Headquarters - Washington, D.C., United States
			CEO - Kristalina Georgieva
			Membership -189 countries (IBRD); 173 countries (IDA)

National Agreements:

MoA signed to set up Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime Technology

- A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the Ministry of Shipping and IIT, Kharagpur for setting up the Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology. The Centre will focus on indigenisation of ship designing, building and testing.

MoU between The North Eastern Council (NEC) and the National Productivity Council (NPC)

- The North Eastern Council (NEC) and the National Productivity Council (NPC) have agreed on a tie-up venture in the area of capacity building and evaluation of projects. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to train officials in the area of project implementation and management including third-party evaluation of projects, energy auditing, and digitization for smart governance .

4 Plastic Parks approved for implementation in Phase-I

- Shri Gowda stated that in phase-I of the scheme, four Plastic parks in the States of Assam (Tinsukia), Madhya Pradesh (Raisen), Odisha (Jagatsinghpur) & Tamil Nadu (Thiruvallur) are approved for implementation till 2019-20.

NSIC signs MoU with Common Service Centres– eGovernance Services India

- The National Small Industries Corporation signed an MoU with Common Service Centres (CSC) e-Governance Services India in New Delhi, for enhancing new offerings for the MSME sector by synergizing each others' This MoU will have special focus on providing services to village level entrepreneurs (VLEs) and would lead to exponential growth of Village Entrepreneurs in the country. The MoU will also enable CSCs to utilize plethora of NSIC offerings through the NSIC portal www.msmemart.com .

Punjab to prepare water management plan with Israel

- Punjab Minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria met a team of experts from Israel in Chandigarh to prepare a comprehensive water management master plan for the state. Earlier, the Israeli team visited various parts of the state to assess the present situation and the challenges in the water sector in the State. The National Water company of Israel M/s Mekorot and Punjab Government had signed an agreement in April 2019 after the visit of Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh to Israel in October 2018.

Shri RK Singh approves Dispute Resolution Mechanism for solar/wind sector

- In a major decision to facilitate the solar and wind energy projects, Shri RK Singh, Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (IC) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has approved a proposal to set up a Dispute Resolution Committee to consider the unforeseen disputes between solar/wind power developers and SECI/NTPC, beyond contractual agreement

Cabinet approves the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved to introduce a Bill, namely, the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019 that is the Bill to replace the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 (12 of 2019). After the amendment of sub-section (v) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, a trust or any entity notified by the Central Government will be eligible to be considered for grant of permission to set up a unit in Special Economic Zones.

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin inks MoU with Central Warehousing Corporation

- The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for facilitating Direct Port Entry (DPE) of e-sealed factory stuffed export container to the port under 'Ease of Doing Business'.
- The Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility would enable direct movement of containers from factories without intermediate handling requirement at any Container Freight Station on 24*7 basis.

Cabinet approves the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 by replacing the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Second Ordinance, 2019 (Ord.4 of 2019).
- The Bill would ensure gender equality and gender justice to Muslim women. The Bill would also help in protecting the rights of married Muslim women and prevent divorce by practice of 'talaq-e-biddat' by their husbands.

Centre approves setting up of e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam

- The Centre has approved setting up of e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam. The CEO of e-FT Mission Anand Prakash Tiwari said that the proposed integrated e-FT IT system will be implemented across the state for effective monitoring and resolution of cases registered with Foreigner Tribunal.
- The main objective of the project is to maintain a statewide bio-metric and biographic data, to capture the illegal migrants' data to computerize data flow for all the stakeholders. It will also help in the legalization of eligible beneficiaries for welfare schemes.

DGT, Cisco and Accenture sign MoU

- Directorate General of Training under the aegis of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry has joined hands with Cisco and Accenture to skill the youth for the digital economy through its Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Nearly 15 lakh students across all the ITIs in India can access the digital learning module via the Bharat Skills portal. This programme will equip students enrolled in ITIs across India with skills for the digital economy over the next two years.

India signs USD 400M loan agreement with World Bank to eliminate TB

- India has signed a loan agreement worth 400 million dollar with the World Bank to help treat and eliminate Tuberculosis from the country. In India, around five lakh people died every year due to Tuberculosis. Finance Ministry said the World Bank supported program will cover nine States and it will support the government's National Strategic Plan to end TB in India by 2025.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approves Cancer Institute at GMC Jammu

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has formally approved 120 crore rupee Cancer Institute at Government Medical College, Jammu for strengthening the tertiary level cancer services in the

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