

SHANKAR IAS ACADEMY

ENGLISH
CURRENT AFFAIRS
July to December 2017

TNPSC BITS

- **Doklam Plateau** called Donglang is the tri-junction of Bhutan, China and India and disputed territory claimed by both Bhutan and China.
- **'Despacito'**- declared as the most streamed song in the world
- Sanjay Kothari, IAS (retd) appointed as Secretary to the President approved by Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.
- The central government launched a portal e-Rashtriya Kisan Agri Mandi (e-RaKAM) which will provide a platform to sell agricultural produce
- World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge opened in Switzerland
- Summer Olympics: Los Angeles to host 2028 Games and Paris gets 2024
- The Punjab government has recently announced the launch of its flagship 'Apni Gaddi Apna Rozgar' scheme by flagging off over 100 uber MOTO bikes.
- Canara Bank launched 'CANDI' - its first digital branch in Bengaluru
- V.K. Jeyakodi IAS was Appointed as New TN State Vigilance Commissioner.
- SEBI has approved the appointment of Dharendra Swarup as the chairman of the board of directors of the BSE.
- Usain Bolt was beaten by Justin Gatlin and in 100m race final at IAAF World Championships in London. First three places,
 - ❖ Gold-Justin Gatlin (U.S.) (9.92seconds)
 - ❖ Silver-Christian Coleman (U.S.) (9.94seconds)
 - ❖ Bronze-Usain Bolt (Jamaica) (9.95seconds)
- Facebook launches YouTube competitor called "Watch", a redesigned video platform for creators and publishers.
- Retired IAS officer I V Subba Rao was appointed as the secretary to Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.
- Odisha Government will launch "Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran" (DAMON), a special program to prevent the spread of malaria in remote areas of Ganjam district.
- The Sadbhavana Diwas or Harmony Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary (August 20) of Rajiv Gandhi.
- **24x7 helpline '181' for women welfare in telangana.** The helpline will respond to calls on dowry harassment cases, stalking, domestic violence, sale of girl child and immoral trafficking.

- India's first-ever railways disaster management centre is expected to come up near Bengaluru (32 square kilometre village of Hejjala, 25 kilometre from Bengaluru)
- India's First-ever Aviation university. The Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU), will soon be inaugurated at Fursatganj in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh.
- Harvey is a tropical cyclone that recently made landfall in Texas with powerful winds of up to 130 miles per hour.
- Manipur's Nungthang Tampak has become India's second 100 percent computer literate village. It is the North east's First 100 percent computer literate village.
- Kerala's Chamravattom village is the country's first 100 percent computer literate village.
- The Forest Department under the banner 'Pulikutties' has started conducting coaching classes for tribal students at their hamlets by roping in the local teachers in the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) .
- Operation Sagar Kavach' coastal security exercise begins in Tamilnadu.
- The government of India has appointed Rajnish Kumar as chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The Supreme Court of India has appointed Amrender Sharan as amicus curiae on petition seeking reprobe into assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The Union Government has made linking Aadhaar mandatory for Public Provident Fund, National Savings Certificate and Kisan Vikas Patra schemes.
- Chief Minister of Tamilnadu inaugurated a newly-constructed Rs. 360 crore footwear manufacturing unit at Bargur in Krishnagiri district.
- Mr.Gauatam Bambawale, currently serving as High Commissioner to Pakistan, was appointed as new ambassador to China.
- The union government appointed senior IPS officer of the Gujarat cadre Rakesh Asthana as the special director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Shri Sibi George, presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland.
- Suresh Sethi was appointed as new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).
- Anna, meaning elder brother in Tamil and Telugu, has finally found recognition in the Oxford English Dictionary (OED).

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri Alok Kumar Pateria, IPS as Additional Director General, CISF.
- Saudi Arabia is the first country to grant citizenship to a robot named 'Sophia'. It is a humanoid robot developed by Hanson Robotics.
- Y.C. Modi, a IPS officer, took over anti-terror organisation, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) — as its new Director-General.
- IAS officer Satya Gopal has been appointed as a chief secretary of Arunchal Pradesh.
- Neelmani N. Raju was appointed as Karnataka's first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG and IGP).
- Mass attacks of ransomware called "Bad Rabbit" were observed recently in Russia
- Border Roads Organisation constructed the world's highest motorable road going through a pass at a height of over 19,300 feet, connecting Chisumle and Demchok villages.
- The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has named M.C. Mary Kom the AIBA Ambassador for the Women's Youth World Championships in Guwahati.
- Tropical storm has intensified into a typhoon (cyclone) named 'Damrey' over the South China Sea.
- 'Fake news', a term popularised by U.S. President Donald Trump, has been named the word of the year by Collins dictionary.
- The government appointed Hasmukh Adhia IAS officer, as the Finance Secretary.
- The 23rd conference of the UNFCCC (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) in Bonn, the India Pavilion at COP 23 was inaugurated by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, at Bonn in Germany. India's theme for COP 23 "Conserving Now, Preserving Future".
- Twitter has increased the number of characters in tweets from 140 to 280 for the majority of users.
- Indian short film 'The School Bag', has won the Best Short Film Award at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM) in Canada.
- Recently China commemorated the 151st birth anniversary of Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the Republic of China.
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has launched three new apps - Mycall app, MySpeed app and Do not disturb (DND).
- MyCall app - crowdsourced voice call quality monitoring
- MySpeed app - to obtain test-data from users in all service areas

- 'Do not disturb (DND 2.0) app - to avoid unsolicited commercial communication/telemarketing calls/SMS, the sector regulator.
- Ministry of Power launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – 'Saubhagya' Web Portal (<http://saubhagya.gov.in>). The web portal aims to ensure transparency as well as accelerate household electrification in rural as well as urban areas in the country.
- Nagaland became the first among the North Eastern states to launch Point of Sale (PoS) for electricity bill payment.
- Emmerson Mnangagwa is to be sworn in as Zimbabwe's President.
- India has sent a proposal to the United Nations (UN) for declaring the year 2018 as 'International Year of Millets'.
- India's biggest oil refinery is proposed on the western coastline near Rajapur tehsil of the Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra.
- The world's biggest nuclear power project, the proposed 9900 MW Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project (JNPP) is on the way of construction in Rathnagiri district of Maharashtra.
- K. M. Cherian, chairman of Frontier Lifeline Hospital and Dr. KM Cherian Heart Foundation, was honoured with the 'Best Transplant Expert Award' by Chief Minister of TN for contribution to organ transplant.
- Judge Shatrughan Pujari was sworn in as Judge of the Madras High Court.
- Pradeep Singh Kharola, a senior IAS officer has been appointed as the new chairman of Air India.
- Bangladesh government has inaugurated construction work on the much-awaited Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in Ishwardi, located in the western part of the country.
- The word 'populism' has been announced as Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2017.
- Salil S Parekh has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Infosys.
- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has announced the creation of a new virtual currency named Petro to combat a US-led financial "blockade" and to ease the country's economic crisis.
- Founder and CEO of Paytm, Vijay Shekhar Sharma has been named the UN Environment's 'Patron for Clean Air' to help drive greater environmental action and awareness, and to advocate for the goals of UN Environment's global Breathe Life campaign.

- Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district was included in the National Capital Region (NCR), making it the 23rd district to be included in the region.
- Inspired by a dual citizenship crisis plaguing politics in Australia "Kwaussie", a term that refers to a person who is both Australian and a New Zealander has been named as Australia's word of the year.
- **OP Sahayam** is an Indian Navy exercise for undertaking Search and Rescue (SAR) and providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster relief (HADR), over Southeast Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep & Minicoy islands in the aftermath of Cyclonic Storm 'OCKHI'.
- Writer Bhagyam Ramaswamy, creator of the comic characters Appusami and Seethapatti passed away.
- Australia will become the 26th country in the world to allow same-sex marriages.
- Retired bureaucrat, M Sheela Priya (1977-IAS) officer has become the next State Chief Information Commissioner for Tamil Nadu.
- A six-foot-high burial urn, **Mudhumakkal Thazhi**, made of clay, and pieces of pots were unearthed at Old Pallavaram.
- Uttar Pradesh has become the **first State to endorse** the Central government's draft bill that makes **instant triple talaq** a cognisable and non-bailable offence.
- Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi was elected unopposed as 16th president of the Indian National Congress in New Delhi.
- The Saudi Arabian regime plans to open movie theaters to the public in early 2018, reversing a 35-year ban.
- The Bihar government has introduced a "safe city surveillance" system across the state to check sexual harassment and crime.
- Jammu and Kashmir Bank launched a finance scheme- **"J-K Bank sahafat finance scheme"** wherein a loan of up to Rs.3 lakhs can be availed by journalists and employees of media houses in the state.
- Philippines was hard hit by tropical storm Kai-Tak with strong winds upto 80 kmph.
- Jokapath village, a tribal village in Balrampur district of Chhattisgarh, got electricity connection for the first time since India got its Independence.
- Birmingham has been selected to host the Commonwealth Games in 2022.
- Prof Dharendra Pal Singh, serving as director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council, has been appointed as chairperson of University Grants Commission (UGC)

- M. Subbarayudu, (IFS: 1994), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Peru.
- A book named **The Way I See It — a Gauri Lankesh Reader** containing selected writings by late journalist Gauri Lankesh was launched at the Mumbai Press Club.
- Former India wicketkeeper Saba Karim who has played Bihar and Bengal was appointed as General Manager (Cricket Operations) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- The Centre has recognised Odisha as a ‘Champion State’ for recording the highest growth in exports during 2016-17.
- senior IPS officer Abhay, presently working in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), appointed as new Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
- The Assam government has altered the office timings for its staff from 10 am to 5 pm to 9.30 am to 5 pm. The new timings will be followed January 1, 2018, onwards.
- China’s largest social media network, WeChat, is set to become an official electronic personal identification system in the country.
- Telangana government has announced free 24-hour electricity supply to their farmers from January 1.
- The Tamilnadu based Self Help Group (SHG) has detrats ‘The Tamil Nadu Sanitary Napkin Producers Federation’ to ensure availability of sanitary napkins free of cost in to hospitals and prisons across the State.
- Sumita Misra, a 1990 batch IAS officer of Haryana cadre, has been appointed to the post in PM’s economic advisory council for five years.

TAMIL NADU

Madurai: TN's first ever park for special children inaugurated

- The State's first 'Disabled Friendly Park' was opened as part of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) to increase green cover on Alagar Kovil Road.

Kamaraj Award for students

- The Department of School Education has announced a total 1.45 crore rupees worth of prize and Kamaraj Award for 960 Tamil medium students, who secure good marks in 10th and 12th board examinations.

National Banana Festival in Madurai

- The National Banana Festival 2017 is held at the Agricultural College and Research Institute.

Tamilnadu government announces Singaravelar award for writers

- Tamilnadu Government has introduced 'Singaravelar Award', which will be awarded annually for best writers in Tamil language on behalf of Tamil Development Department

M. Singaravelu

- For his commendable works in spreading communist thoughts in tamilnadu, he was called "Sindhanai Sirppi" (Sculptor of thoughts).

Tamil Cultural Heritage Museum at Madurai

- A Tamil Cultural Heritage Museum would be set up in Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs 50 crore, said TN Chief Minister.

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has raised the salary of the members of the Legislative Assembly from 55,000 INR to 1,05,000 INR

- As per the salary hike breakup provided, the salary will be increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 30,000.

PM Modi inaugurated Dr APJ Abdul Kalam memorial in Rameshwaram

- PM Modi inaugurated Dr APJ Abdul Kalam memorial at Pei Karumbu near Rameswaram. The task of building the 15 crore worth of memorial was taken up by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Deep-sea fishing Project

- Prime Minister on 27.07.2017, formally launched the project to promote deep-sea fishing among Ramanathapuram fishermen in Tamil Nadu.

Committee on Corporate Governance

- SEBI has appointed a committee headed by Uday Kotak, Chief of Kotak Mahindra Bank to help improve the standards of corporate governance of listed companies in India.

Jiyo Parsi

- The main objective of the “Jiyo Parsi” scheme is to reverse the declining trend of Parsi population, stabilize their population and increase the population of Parsis in India.

Mahila Coir Yojana

- The Coir Board is implementing Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY) exclusively for empowering women in the country by giving training and distribution of coir processing equipment.

Supreme court has banned 5 chemicals in firecrackers

- The substances barred are lithium, antimony, mercury, arsenic and lead.

Tamilnadu succeeds in cage-farming of sought-after fish species

- The Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture (CIBA) has achieved a breakthrough in three tier model cage-farming of sea bass, commercially one of the most sought-after fish species, in the backwaters of Vennangapattu near Kancheepuram.

Oil balls in drainage channels to control mosquito menace

- Vellore Municipal Corporation has introduced the idea of destroying mosquito breeds by using oil balls.

Tamil Nadu State Awards

Award	Awardee	Field of excellency
<i>Kalpana Chawla award</i>	Preethi Srinivasan	The youngest to play in the Tamil Nadu women's cricket team at the age of 18. Preethi set up “Soul Free”, a public charitable trust to help the severely disabled to live a life of dignity and purpose.

<i>A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Award</i>	S.P.Thyagarajan	former Vice-Chancellor at the University of Madras. discovered a drug for treating chronic hepatitis B under the brand name ViroHep, it is manufactured using Keezhanelli (Phyllanthus amarus) herb.
	Dr K. Narayanasamy	Head of the department of hepatology at Madras Medical College, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for setting up the first of its kind liver clinic in Tamil Nadu.
	K.Sathyagopal	Principal secretary, Commissioner of Revenue Administration was honoured with award for his innovative process of watering roots of the trees directly while growing them.
	Dr V. M. Sankaran	Ophthalmic surgeon was awarded the state award for the Best Doctor for conducting free 900 cataract surgeries and 310 corneal transplants
	V.P.Elayapari	Best Social Worker and founder of Cure Trust and Research Centre, Madurai

<i>Good Governance Awards</i>	MedIndia Charitable Trust	Best Institution
	Organisation for Rehabilitation of the Blind in Tiruchy (ORBIT)	Best Private Employer
	Salem District Central Cooperative Bank	best district central cooperative bank
<i>Women Empowerment</i>	Krishnammal Jagannathan	outstanding work done for women. She has been serving the Adi Dravidas for sustainable development.
	Tirunelveli corporation	best municipal corporation in the state
	Satyamangalam municipality in Erode and Ponnampatti town panchayat in Tiruchy.	bagged the best awards in the local bodies' category
<i>Local Body Governance Award</i>	Irugur town panchayat	the second best town panchayats
	Nambiyur town panchayat	the third best town panchayats.
	A.K.Padmanaban	organizer of “No Food Waste” and web based assistance scheme “Ethu Dharma” received the award.
	K.Umaiyingam	Belongs to Virudhunagar district and received the award for women empowerment. He has been making efforts to

<i>State Youth Awards</i>		recover women working in dangerous cracker manufacturing industries, and helping them become entrepreneurs.
	U.Sripathy thangam	Belongs to Thirunelveli district and for his efforts in sanitary works and elimination of environmentally damaging Prosopis juliflora (Seemai Karuvelai) trees.

500 Generic Medicines Sales centers

- The Centre Government has announced that it would open 500 generic medicines sales centers in Tamil Nadu.

Drug Research Institute in Madurai

- The Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) will be established at Madurai soon.

Injectable contraceptive launched

- The Tamil Nadu Health and Family Welfare Department launched 'Antara', an injectable contraceptive, which will be made available at all government hospitals and medical colleges in the State.

NHM to set up five mental health care and recovery centres

- The National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu, is setting up five emergency care and recovery centres for the mentally ill and homeless people across the State
 - ✓ Vellore
 - ✓ Tiruppur
 - ✓ Tiruvannamalai
 - ✓ Theni
 - ✓ Villupuram

Tamilnadu Electoral roll

- The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Tamilnadu Mr.Rajesh Lakkani has announced that total number of electors in Tamilnadu is 5.95 crore people.

Banwarilal Purohit sworn in as Governor of Tamil Nadu

- Banwarilal Purohit(previously the Governor of Assam) was sworn in as the 25th Governor of Tamil Nadu The Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Justice Indira Banerjee administered the oath of office to Purohit.

Tamil Nadu Cabinet approves 7th Pay Commission

- The present pay had been increased by 2.57 % for Tamilnadu Government employees after receiving a report from a high-level committee headed by Finance Secretary K Shanmugan.

Integrated management system at VOC

- Thoothukudi VOC Port has become the first major port in India to implement Integrated Management System (IMS).

Umaru Pulavar birth anniversary celebrated

- The birth anniversary of Tamil poet Umaru Pulavar was celebrated as a government function for the first time at Ettayapuram in the Tuticorin district.

TN government announces fund for setting up Tamil Chair in Harvard

- Tamil Nadu government announced a sum of ₹10 crores to set up a Chair for Tamil studies at the prestigious Harvard University, towards the plan mooted by two United States-based Tamil enthusiasts.

L&T hands over offshore patrol vessel to Coast Guard

- Larsen and Toubro (L&T) handed over the offshore patrol vessel (OPV) named “Vikram”(country's first-ever defence craft to be built in a private kattupalli shipyard ennore of chennai) to the Indian Coast Guard.

Video piracy cell renamed

- The TN government has re-designated the Video Piracy Cell as Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell (IPREC).

Tamil Nadu police to get 3 transgender constables

- Dhakshayini of Cuddalore, Prabha Mohan of Krishnagiri and Jagadeeswaran alias Nazriya of Ramanathapuram qualified to join the police force after Tamil Nadu Police started the process of including the third gender into the force.

Animal Ambulance for Elephants in Tamilnadu for the first time in India

- A specially designed hydraulic wildlife ambulance with medical facilities has been introduced at the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) to rescue and provide the treatment for the wild animals including harmed elephants.

Mobile app for better ambulance services launched

- Aiming at improving the response time of 108 ambulances in the state, the Tamilnadu government unveiled a mobile-based app, 'Avasaram 108'.

Ordinance enabling single-window nod for industries promulgated

- Chief Minister of Tamilnadu launched the portal "www.easybusiness.tn.gov.in" at the secretariat, that would integrate 11 departments and offer 37 services online.

GIS based drone mapping

- The Chennai Corporation started a project for mapping of utilities and private properties using drones based on a Geographical Information System (GIS).

First digital village in Tamil Nadu

- Ammanur, a village located in the district of Kanchipuram, has become the 1st digital village of the state of Tamil Nadu with over 1000 residents availing the Wi-Fi facility(BSNL) in the village.

Mamallapuram stone sculptures get GI tag

The Geographical Indication (GI) Registry has presented the Geographical Indication Tag status to Mamallapuram hand crafted stone sculptures of kancheepuram.

GI tags

- ❖ Tamil Nadu is first among the states in India with regard to the number of GI tags for its products, while Uttar Pradesh comes second.
- ❖ Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get a Geographical Indication.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has submitted 50 products of which 24 have been approved by the registry and the most famous among these is the Kanchipuram silk.
- ❖ It is notable that Dindigul Lockers has not yet got its GI so far.

Chennai in UNESCO's Creative Cities list

- Chennai is the 3rd Indian city on the list of UNESCO Creative Cities list for its musical tradition after Jaipur (added as City of Crafts and Folk Art) and Varanasi (added as City of Music) were added last year.

India's first wave-powered navigational buoy

- India's first wave-powered navigational buoy, developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), was launched in Chennai.

New rice variety- MGR 100

- The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has released a new rice variety 'MGR 100', developed by the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU) in memory of M.G. Ramachandran.

Centre names two prabhari officers

- The Centre has appointed Praveen Kumar and S. Gopalakrishnan, both IAS officers as 'prabhari' officers for Virudhunagar and Ramanathapuram (backward districts).

India, Israel to open centre for floriculture in Tamil Nadu

- India and Israel have jointly set up a centre for excellence in floriculture at Thally in Krishnagiri district of Tamil Nadu.

Solar park in Ramnad

- The Centre has given its nod to Tangedco to set up a 500MW solar park at Naripaiyur village in Kadaladi (Ramanathapuram district).

Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi project

- This project links the Handri river originating from Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh to the Neeva river in Chittoor district through Anantapur and Kadapa districts.

NATIONAL NEWS

Digital Evolution Index

- The five top scoring countries in the DEI 2017 ranking — Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, and Finland. India is in the 17th position.

KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters)

- KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) for the period 2016-20

Cabinet approves modified BharatNet strategy

- BharatNet is Centre's rural internet connectivity programme which aims to provide Broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) by March 2019.

Government launched Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana for senior citizens

- Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), is a pension scheme for senior citizens aged 60 years and above in which senior citizens will get a guaranteed interest of 8% for 10 years depending upon the investment made by them.

Bengaluru Declaration

- The declaration has been adopted by the recently (23/07/17) held Dr.B.R.Ambedkar International Conference 2017 which as the theme of "Quest for Equity".

INS Vagli

- It is a Submarine designed by Russia and commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1974 and decommissioned in 2010.

Aarambh

- Union Ministry of Rural Development has launched Aarambh - a mobile App for Rural road maintenance.

Ramnath Kovind sworn in as 14th President of India

- Ramnath Kovind (71) became the 14th President of the country over the opposition candidate Meira Kumar with 65% vote share. Former Chief Justice JS Khehar administered him the oath of office.

Government approves affordable houses on private land in Maharashtra

- The ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs approved construction of 30,000 affordable houses for urban poor on private land in Maharashtra, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

HamariDharohar Scheme

- It was launched by Ministry of Minority affairs for preservation of rich heritage and culture of minority communities of India.

NaiRoshni Scheme

- It is the Scheme for leadership development among Minority Women with objective to empower and instil confidence among minority women.

Jute – ICARE

- It is an initiative of the Ministry of Textiles to double the income of jute farmers.

SONA

It is a microbial consortium developed by Central Research Institute for Research in Jute and Allied Fibres (CRIJAF).

SHe-box Portal

- It is an online platform launched to enable women employees of the central government to file complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace.

GAIL (India) launches a Start-up initiative 'Pankh'

- GAIL (India) has launched a Start-up initiative titled 'Pankh' to identify and promote innovative ventures.

Odisha formally named Wheeler Island after APJ Abdul Kalam

Former President of India, A.P.J.Abdul Kalam's Death Anniversary: July 27 Odisha government has formally named the Wheeler island in Bhadrak district as 'APJ Abdul Kalam Island'.

Nirbhaya Fund

- Government of India has set up a dedicated fund called Nirbhaya Fund for implementation of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and security of women in the country.

Swadhar Greh Scheme (A Scheme for Women in Difficult Circumstances)

- The Scheme is for the victims of difficult circumstances who are in need of institutional support for rehabilitation are being given help so that they could lead their life with dignity.

Bharatmala Project

- It is an umbrella project under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways that will subsume unfinished parts of National Highway Development Program (NHDP).

AGRI UDAAN- Food and Agribusiness Accelerator 2.0

- AGRI UDAAN is a unique initiative for upliftment of Agri start-ups. It is implemented by Indian Council of Agriculture Research in collaboration with IIM-Ahmadabad.

SAMVAD

- SAMVAD is a Global Initiative on Conflict Avoidance and Environment Consciousness is being organised in Yangon, Myanmar.

Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata

- It is the scheme launched by the Ministry of Textiles for handloom weavers. The scheme aims to improve earnings of the handlooms weavers.

Aadhar for cattle scheme

The Central Government has introduced Aadhaar-like unique identity system for cows. Under the first phase unique Identification Cards were issued to cows in Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.

Justice DipakMisra as Chief Justice of India

- Justice DipakMisra took over Justice Jagdish Singh Khekar as the 45th Chief Justice of India.

NEET to include Urdu from next academic session

E -Shakti

- E - Shakti is a pilot project of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) which aims at digitisation of Self Help Groups (SHGs).

VenkaiahNaidu sworn in as the vice-president of India

- Venkaiya Naidu (68) was sworn as the country's 15th vice president in Durbar Hall of RashtrapatiBhawan. President Ram NathKovind administered the oath of office to Mr. Naidu.

Sankalp Se Siddhi (The New India Movement 2017-2022)

- The New India Movement 2017-2022 envisages an India free of Poverty, Corruption, Terrorism, Communalism,asteism and Un-cleanliness. Which is initiated by the Prime Minister of India.

Bharat Ke Veer portal

- Bharat Ke Veer portal, facilitates online donation directly to the families of CAPF Martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country in line of duty from January 1, 2016.

The 2nd World Congress of Optometry held in Hyderabad

- World Council of Optometry is a partnership initiative with members of Asia Pacific Council of Optometry and the India Vision Institute with theme 'Accessible, quality vision and eye health'.

KarurVysya Bank inaugurates AADHAAR enrolment centre

- AadhaarEnrollment Centre was rolled out at KVB Nelson Manickam Road Branch in Chennai.KVB is the first private sector bank to provide this service in India.

GeMSamvaad

- Government eMarketplace (GeM) to promote participative and collaborative approach for promoting Indian industry and entrepreneurship.

Nari Shakti

- In consonance with the National policy to empower women to attain their full potential, the expedition aims to showcase 'Nari Shakti' on the world platform.

Buddhist tourismcentre in Ghantasala

- The government has cleared the proposal of developing Ghantasala village in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh as one of the prime Buddhist tourist spots.

SwasthBachche, Swasth Bharat

- The initiative was taken by KendriyaVidyalayaSangathan to prepare a physical Health and Fitness Profile Card for KendriyaVidyalaya students.

OBC creamy layer ceiling raised to Rs 8 lakh

- The Union Cabinet has increased the creamy layer ceiling for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category to 8 lakhs per annum from the existing 6 lakh for Central government jobs.

NITI Aayog launched "Mentor India" Campaign

- "Mentor India" Campaign,a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can guide and mentor students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs, established across the country as a part of the Atal Innovation Mission.

Atal Tinkering Labs

- Atal Tinkering Labs are dedicated works spaces where students from Class 6th to Class 12th learn innovation skills and develop ideas that will go on to transform India.

India largest seafood exporter in 2016

According to Globefish's latest report, India is the largest sea food exporter in 2016.

India's first VideshBhavan inaugurated at Mumbai

- The Union External Affairs Minister, inaugurated India's first VideshBhavan on August 27, 2017 at the BandraKurla Complex (BKC) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Government to hold Pan India Handloom and Handicraft Camps

- The Ministry of Textiles proposes to organize Pan India camps in handlooms and handicrafts clusters, under the initiative "Hastkala Sahyog Shivir".

'YUVA' – a skill development programme

- The YUVA is a Delhi Police initiative(skill development programme)under Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana.

RajaswaGyan Sangam

- It is a two-day conclave of tax officer and inaugurated by Prime Minister held in new delhi.The focus of the discussion will be on GST as well as on unearthing black money.

Reshuffle of Union Council of Ministers

Minister	Charge
Nirmala Sitharaman	Defence
Piyush Goyal	Railways; and Coal.
Suresh Prabhu	Commerce and Industry.
Dharmendra Pradhan	Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Road Transport and Highways; Shipping; and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Independent Charge)	Youth Affairs and Sports; and Information and Broadcasting

- Nirmala Sitharaman is the first "full time" woman Defence Minister and the second woman next to Indra Gandhi to hold the prestigious post.

President lays foundation stone for Link-4 of SAUNI scheme

- President Ramnath Kovind laid the foundation stone of the second phase of link-4 pipeline canal of Saurashtra Narmada Avataram Irrigation (SAUNI) Scheme in Rajkot district of Gujarat.

Social media campaign to promote Geographical Indications (GI)

- 'Let's Talk IP' is social media campaign to promote GI. Darjeeling Tea, Mahabaleshwar Strawberry, Blue Pottery of Jaipur, Banaras Sarees and Tirupati Laddus are some of the GIs.

NITI Aayog launches the National Nutrition Strategy

- NITI Aayog launched the National Nutrition Strategy. Under this strategy the problem of Malnutrition will be eradicated in a phased manner.

Exercise Yudh Abhyas – 2017

- Exercise Yudh Abhyas (13th edition) is military training and defence cooperation between India and USA.

Bharat Petroleum upgraded as 8th Maharatna Company

- Government running Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) is all set to become a Maharatna company. The oil marketing company is at present a Navaratna firm.

Army to induct women into military police

- The government has decided to recruit women jawans into the Army's Corps of Military Police (CMP) for investigating gender specific crimes.

India-Sri Lanka joint maritime naval exercise- SLINEX 2017

- The 7th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint maritime naval exercise SLINEX 2017 was held near Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) in Bay of Bengal.

DIKSHA portal - National Digital Infrastructure for Teachers

- The Union Ministry of Human Resource and Development (HRD) have launched DIKSHA Portal (diksha.gov.in) for providing digital platform to teachers.

FSSAI launches online platform for food inspection, sampling

- To bring in transparency in food safety inspection and sampling, FSSAI launched an online platform named as FoSCoRIS (Food Safety Compliance Through Regular Inspections and Sampling).

Indian Citizenship- Chakmas and Hajongs

- Indian government has decided to give Indian citizenship to Hajong refugees (Hindu religion) and Chakmas (Buddhist religion).

India – Japan Annual Summit

- PM Narendra Modi addressed the 12th India-Japan Annual Summit in Gandhinagar Gujarat with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe by his side after launching the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project.

Sardar Sarovar Dam – India’s largest dam

- Sardar Sarovar Dam on the river Narmada –is the world's 2nd biggest concrete gravity dam after America's Grand Coulee is spread 214 kilometers upstream in the Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

Indian start-up Kheyti wins prestigious award in Israel

- Indian startup 'Kheyti,' that provides technological solutions to farmers, has won the MassChallenge Israel – a global competition that promotes and accelerates high-impact, early-stage entrepreneurs.

Google Tez payment service

- Google has launched a new mobile application called 'Tez' based on NPCI's UPI platform for electronic cash transactions. The Hindi term 'Tez' means 'Speed'.

Cabinet approves Revamped Khelo India Programme

- Khelo programme aims at mainstreaming sport as a tool for individual development, community development, economic development and national development.

“Hunar Haat” to be organised in Puducherry

- “Hunar Haat” at Puducherry, is one of renowned centre of art & culture.It aims to provide market and opportunity to master artisans belonging to the Minority communities.

Scorpene submarine delivered

- The states owned Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL) of Mumbai handed over the first of the indigenously built Scorpene submarines, Kalvari, to the Navy.

First LPG Panchayat launched in Gujarat

- Ministry for Petroleum and Natural Gas has launched the Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat initiative in Gujarat.It aims to make 1 lakh LPG panchayat across India

Char Dham Highway Project

- Char Dham highway development project is an initiative to improve connectivity to the Char Dham pilgrimage centres in the Himalayas i.e., Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath.

VASTRA 2017

- VASTRA 2017 is an international textiles and apparel fair organized by the Union Ministry of Textiles in Jaipur.

Rajiv Mehrishi takes over as CAG

- Rajiv Mehrishi took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.

PM launches Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har GharYojana

- “Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har GharYojana” (Saubhagya) is to provide last mile electricity connectivity to all rural and urban households. The government has set the target of providing 24X7 power for all by 2019.

Indian Coast Guard’s interceptor boat launched

- Indian Coast Guard’s (ICG) new interceptor boat V-409 was launched in Mangaluru, Karnataka by Bharathi Defence and Infrastructure Limited (BDIL).

Brahmaputra’sfloating lab

- Central Biotechnology department planned to setup a Floating lab Called as B-4 (Brahmaputra Biodiversity and Biology Boat) in the Brahmaputra River.

Indian Navy Commissions Water Jet Fast Attack Craft

- INS Tarasa, a Water Jet Fast Attack Craft was commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Mazagon Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

Government launches Divyang Sarathi Mobile Application

- The beta version of ‘Divyang Sarathi’-is launched for accessible and comprehensive mobile application for easy dissemination of information to ‘Divyangjans’

Home Ministry launches PENCIL

- PENCIL - (Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour) to create a robust implementing and monitoring mechanism for enforcement of the legislative provisions of National Child Labour Project. (NCLP).

President inaugurates Shirdi airport

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the newly-built international airport at Shirdi in Maharashtra’s Ahmednagar district.

Government announces Swacchhata awards

- Winners of Swacchhata Awards:
 - i. Delhi-based Facebook citizen group — ‘My Delhi Keep It Clean’ – was awarded for promoting efforts to clean public places.
 - ii. Fertiliser Cooperative KRIBHCO was conferred the Swacchhata Award for marketing of compost made from municipal solid waste.
 - iii. In schools and colleges category, the award was given to Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasiya Vidyalaya, Ambikar.

- iv. In self-help group category, Swacch Ambikapur Sahakari Samiti was chosen for the award for women empowerment and livelihood generation by converting garbage into wealth.
- v. In the category of religious institutions, Pemayangste Monastery in Sikkim was felicitated for being a Zero-waste institution.

First woman chief justice of Delhi high court to head panel on OBC sub-categorisation

- Justice (Retd.) G. Rohini is appointed as chairman to examine the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes

'Paryatan Parv' launched.

- As part of Centre's special drive to promote tourism, a 21-day 'Paryatan Parv' was launched, reinforcing the principle of "Tourism for All".

Pradhanmantri Grameen Digital Saksharata Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)

- It is the new scheme launched by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, envisage to make 6 crore citizens digitally literate in rural India by 2019.

First ASEAN India Music Festival held at Purana Qila in New Delhi

- ASEAN-India Music Festival held at Purana Quila in New Delhi with the theme "Shared Values, Common Destiny"

RashtriyaSanskritiMahotsav (RSM) 2017

- RSM-2017 held in Ahmadabad, India's 1st World Heritage City by the Ministry of Culture.

'Mission rice' to conserve indigenous seeds

- Mission rice is organised under the Kudumbasree mission in Kerala which aims to conserve and propagate seven vanishing indigenous rice seeds of Wayanad District.

World Dental Show 2017

- The 'World Dental Show 2017', was held in Mumbai, to showcase evolving global technologies and techniques, hosted by the Indian Dental Association (IDA).

PM Launches Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)

- Indradhanush- to reach each and every child under 2 years of age and all those pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the routine immunisation programme should be covered at least 90% by 2020.

Women fighter pilots on MiG-21 Bisons

- The three women pilots — AvaniChaturvedi, BhawanaKanth and Mohana Singh set to fly the MiG-21 Bison jets, one of the potent combat aircraft in the IAF's armoury.

Government launches sovereign gold bond scheme (2017-18) – Series-III

- The Union Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched Sovereign Gold Bonds 2017-18 – Series-III.

NMCG Approves Eight Projects under NamamiGange Programme

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved eight projects under Namami Gange programme for cleaning ganga.

India water Week-2017

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated India Water Week-2017 (October 10, 2017) in New Delhi. Theme - "Water and Energy for Inclusive Growth".

Third International Conference on yoga

- The Vice President of India inaugurated the 3rd International Conference on Yoga in New Delhi. Theme - "Yoga for Wellness".

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Week (9th to 14th Oct)

It is celebrated in view of the International Girl Child Day on 11th October, 2017.

The theme of the program will be "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Week- The Daughters of New India".

Cabinet approves SANKALP & STRIVE Schemes

- Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) aimed at providing market relevant training to youths across the country.
- Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) aimed at improving the quality and the market relevance of vocational training provided in ITIs.

Mobile Health App 'Med Watch'.

- Indian Air Force (IAF) has launched an innovative mobile health App named 'MedWatch' for the three Armed Services.

Global Hunger Index 2017

- India ranked 100th position among 119 countries on Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2017 report released by the Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

Life Insurance Schemes

- Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana- To Provide Postal Department's Life Insurance Service to the Rural areas of the Country.

India-Japan Joint Exercise

- Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Kadmatt participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Japanese Marine Self Defence Force (JMSDF) held at Sasebo, Japan.

Mithra Sakthi

- The fifth India-Sri Lanka Joint Training Exercise Mitra Shakti 2017 was held at Aundh Military Station, Pune.

INS Kiltan

- INS Kiltan is an indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette that was commissioned into the Indian Navy on October 16th. It is 3rd of the four Kamorta-class corvettes being built under Project 28.

Top Ranked Airports

- Jaipur and Srinagar airports have been ranked among the best aerodromes in the world in the traffic volume of 2-5 million passengers per annum category by the Airport Council International (ACI).

INDRA-2017

- Indra is the joint exercise of India and Russia is Tri Service Exercise conducted in Vladivostok of Russia and the main focus of the joint exercise will be counter-terrorism.

Project CHAMAN

- It is a pioneer project to provide strategic development to the horticulture sector, so as to increase farmers' income.

Ministry WCD launches campaign on 'women for women': #IamThatWoman

- The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has launched online campaign #IamThatWoman in an attempt to end Gender bias in women against women.

Ro-Ro' ferry service in Gujarat

- PM has inaugurated the first phase of the 'roll-on-roll-off' (RORO) ferry service between Ghogha in Saurashtra and Dahej in south Gujarat in the Gulf of Khambhat region.

BharatMala Pariyojana

- It is the first phase of new umbrella programme BharatMala Pariyojana that involves construction of 34,800 km highways by 2022.

Indian Railways' first set of solar plants launched

- The Railway's first set of solar plants with a total capacity of 5 megawatt peak (MWp) launched by the Railway Minister Piyush Goyal

Programme on dangers of Blue Whale game

- Declaring the Blue Whale online game, a threat to life, the Supreme Court directed Doordarshan (DD) to conceive and air a cautionary and educational programme on the dangers of Blue Whale online game.

3rd Global Investors' India Forum

- The 3rd Global Investors' India Forum held at Delhi with a theme "Ideate, Innovate, Implement and Invest in India".

Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 4th November, 2017 .

- The Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated Vigilance Awareness Week in New Delhi with a theme "My Vision-Corruption-free India".

'Sagar Vani' System

- 'Sagar Vani' system is to communicate and help the coastal community, especially fishermen, with advisories and warnings related to the safety at sea.

New Free Contraceptive Medicine under Parivar Vikas Scheme – Central Government

- To fulfill the needs of population control for the Public, two free contraceptive medicines namely Anthara and Chhaya has introduced. Anthara has to be injected through syringe while Chhaya has to be taken in the form of Pills.

Rashtriya Ekta Shivir (National Integration Camp)

- Rashtriya Ekta Shivir (National Integration Camp) was organized recently as part of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and objective is to target and promote unity in diversity of nation.

Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan

- Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) is a nationwide science talent search examination organized by Vigyan Prasar.

President of India inaugurates Global Clubfoot Conference

- Global Clubfoot Conference(November 1, 2017) being organized by the CURE India in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, held in New Delhi.

Exercise Blue Flag

- Blue Flag is a bi-annual multilateral exercise(India-Israel) which aims to strengthen military cooperation amongst the participating nations.

21st World Congress of Mental Health(Nov 2, 2017)

- 21st World Congress of Mental Health is organised by the World Federation for Mental Health in partnership with Caring Foundation and other institutions in New Delhi.

Indo – Kazakhstan Joint Exercise “Prabal Dostyk 2017”

- The bilateral military exercise “Prabal Dostyk – 2017” between India and Kazakhstan held at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. ‘Prabal Dostyk’ meaning ‘Robust Friendship’.

Maximum age of joining NPS

- The maximum age of joining the National Pension System (NPS) increased from 60 years to 65 years.

World Food India Congress 2017-WFI (3rd Nov 2017)

- World Food India 2017, held at Vigyan Bhavan on 3rd Nov 2017 in New Delhi organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries with the theme of “Transforming the Food Economy”.

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana

- Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana is to increase the reach of Philately. SPARSH - Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby.

U.S. aircraft launch system in INS Vishal

- India Navy is going to launch 2nd indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC-II) - INS Vishal, using US based advanced catapult-based aircraft launch mechanisms (CATOBAR).

HRD Ministries Initiatives

‘Chintan Shivir’

- ❖ A two-day National Workshop ‘Chintan Shivir’ held at New Delhi with objective to provide holistic education relevant for 21st century India.

‘Shaala Sarathi’

- ❖ A State-NGO-CSR Portal – ‘Shaala Sarathi’ to aid the collaboration among the stakeholders in sharing innovative practices in various schools.

Shaala Siddhi

- ❖ Shaala Siddhi - A comprehensive school evaluation system focused on well-defined quality based parameters.

World's highest bridge on Chenab

- The Indian Railways has launched the main arch of the world's highest bridge on the River Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

SHe-box Portal

- SHe-Box (sexual harassment e-box) is online complaint Management System for women to lodge complaints of sexual harassment at workplace.

CIL launches ‘Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran App’

- ‘Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran App’ is for smooth delivery of coal through road for benefiting customers.

Kolkata-Khulna Train service flagged off

- The second Cross Border Train between India & Bangladesh, the Kolkata-Khulna Bandhan Express service has been launched.

IEA Ministerial Meeting 2017

- The 2017 IEA(International Energy Agency) Ministerial Meeting was recently held in Paris and the focus of the meeting was on global energy challenges and how they can be overcome.

Agriculture Hackathon

- Vishakhapatnam will host the first-ever agriculture hackathon with delegates from all over the world participating to showcase the latest agriculture technologies and products of companies.

National Testing Agency

- Union Cabinet has recently approved creation of National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational institutions.

Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, approved an MoU between India and the Philippines in agriculture and related fields.

Child Rights Week - Hausala 2017

- It is being celebrated every year by the Ministry of Women and Child Development from 14th to 20th November, 2017.

Project Saksham

- The country's largest time-bound "upskilling" exercise named Project Saksham which aims to upgrade the skillsets of its 13 lakh-strong workforce with a single drive spanning nine months is launched.

India Youth Development Index and Report 2017

- The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, an Institute of National Importance has come out with Youth Development Index and Report 2017.

Aadi Mahotsav

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs, organized "AADI MAHOTSAV" with the theme "A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Culture, Cuisine and Commerce".

37th India International Trade Fair-2017

- The 37th India International Trade Fair (IITF) -2017 held on November 14, 2017 in New Delhi organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).

Joint Training Doctrine Indian Armed Forces – 2017'

- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba released 'Joint Training Doctrine Indian Armed Forces – 2017' to promote 'Synergy' and 'Integration' amongst the three Services

Training to IT officers for dealing with cyber security challenges

- 'Cyber Surakshit Bharat Programme',-In which chief information security officers and IT officers and PSUs will be trained over a period of one year.

India's 1st Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit

- India's first Global Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit organised at Dantewada district in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh organized by NITI Aayog.

Sagar Kavach

- The governments of Odisha and West Bengal organised a joint security exercise named as 'Sagar Kavach'. to check the efficacy of the security parameters and preparedness of various security forces.

'India's first' e-vehicle charging unit

- State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has set up 'India's first e-vehicle charging unit' in Nagpur.

Solar Parks Project

- India and the World Bank has signed an agreement for "Shared Infrastructure for Solar Parks Project" in which first two solar parks are in the Rewa and Mandasaur districts of Madhya Pradesh.

42nd International Congress of Military Medicine

- The 42nd World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) was held in New Delhi with a theme of 'Military Medicine in Transition: Looking Ahead'.

Vasectomy Fortnight

- The government observed 'Vasectomy Fortnight' from Nov21 to Dec4 to raise awareness about male sterilization and to promote the participation of men in family planning.

BrahMos cruise missile successfully test-fired from Sukhoi jet

- The world's fastest supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was successfully test fired from Indian Air Force's (IAF) Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jet.

5th global conference on cyber space

- PM inaugurated 5th Global Conference on 'Cyber Space', in New Delhi with the theme Cyber4All: A Secure and Inclusive Cyberspace for Sustainable Development.

Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX-17)

- The Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX) was conducted under the aegis of Andaman & Nicobar Command.

Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra

- It is aimed at empowering rural women through community participation to create an environment in which they realize their full potential.

12th meeting of Standing Committee of Inter-State Council

- The 12th meeting of Standing Committee of Inter-State Council held in New Delhi to discuss the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission on Centre-state relations.

International Gita Mahotsav 2017

- President inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav 2017 in Kurukshetra, Haryana with the objective to spread the message of Gita to world.

Transformation of 115 backward districts - 2022

- In line with PM's vision to create a "New India" over the next five years, the government has selected 115 backward districts for rapid transformation by 2022.

Open sky agreement

- India and Greece signed an air services agreement and MoU on cooperation in the field of new and renewable energy.

Project Swarn

- Project Swarn was launched by the Railway Ministry to renovate India's premium trains including Rajdhani and Shatabdi.

'Ajeya Warrior-2017'

- 'Ajeya Warrior- 2017' is a Military exercise between India and the United Kingdom began at the Mahajan Field Firing Range near Bikaner, Rajasthan.

National Nutrition Mission (NNM)

- NNM is to address serious incidence of malnutrition and stunting among infants in the country by 2% each year that is 38.4 % now to 25 % by 2022.

22nd meeting of SFAC

- Union Minister Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh chaired the 22nd meeting of Board of Management of Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) in, New Delhi.

Shared Value Summit 2017

- The Shared Value Summit 2017 was held in New Delhi on December 1. The theme of the summit was "Equity and Empowerment".

National Strategic Plan 2017-24 and Mission SAMPARK

- National Strategic Plan 2017-24 aims at eradicating HIV/AIDS by 2030. Mission SAMPARK aims to trace those who are left to follow up and are to be brought under Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) services.

AROGYA 2017

- The First Ever International Conference on AYUSH and Wellness 'Arogya 2017' was inaugurated at New Delhi. With theme 'Enhancing the global potential of AYUSH'

Akash Missile-Test

- India successfully test-fired Akash its supersonic surface-to-air missile with indigenous radio frequency seeker from at Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Odisha.

22nd conference of Asian Harmonisation Working Party (AHWP)

- AHWP held in Delhi aims to develop and recommend approaches for the convergence and harmonisation of medical devices regulation in Asia.

International conference on Ground water

- The 7th International conference on the Ground water issues is organized in New Delhi with a theme of “Groundwater Vision 2030- Water Security, Challenges, and Climate Change Adaptation”.

SAICON 2017

- SAICON 2017 held at New Delhi to promote scientific temperament in the country and inspire students, researchers and educationists to take up sports science and research to the next level.

India declared free from Trachoma

- India is now declared free from Trachoma according to the National Trachoma Survey Report (2014-17).

Bodhi Parva: BIMSTEC Festival of Buddhist Heritage

- India hosted "Bodhi Parva: BIMSTEC Festival of Buddhist Heritage" at the India Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

India's first-ever mobile food testing laboratory

- Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar launched country's first-ever mobile food testing laboratory to check the standards of food and water across state

Public Procurement Portal for MSMEs

- The Ministry of MSME launched 'MSME Sambandh' in New Delhi to monitor the implementation of the Public Procurement from MSMEs by Central Public Sector Enterprises.

15th Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of RIC

- The 15th Russia, India, China (RIC) Foreign Ministerial meeting was held in New Delhi focusing on regional security, issues affecting Asia-Pacific region, counter-terror efforts and coordination at regional forums.

Laqshya Initiative

- Laqshya - Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative, a mobile Application was launched for health workers who manage normal and complicated deliveries in the peripheral areas.

Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of AIIB

- India hosts the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) at Mumbai with the Theme- “Mobilizing Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration”.

New bridges inaugurated in eastern Arunachal Pradesh

- Injupani and Deopani/Eze bridges in eastern Arunachal Pradesh have been built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

First Scorpene-class submarines

- Prime Minister of India has commissioned India's first indigenous Scorpene-class submarine Kalvari into the Navy at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard.

India-Maldives -‘EKUVERIN 2017’

- The eight edition of India, Maldives bilateral military exercise EKUVERIN 2017 was held in India at Belagavi, Karnataka.

UIDAI suspends Airtel’s eKYC license

- Bharti Airtel and Airtel Payments Bank have temporarily lost their licenses to conduct Aadhaar-based eKYC SIM verification of mobile customers.

India, Oman conducts naval exercise

- The 11th edition of Naseem-Al-Bahr (Sea Breeze) 2017 Naval exercise between India and Oman was held at Said Bin Sultan Naval Base, Wudam in Oman.

Sixth Offshore Patrol Vessel ‘Sujay’

- The Indian Coast Guard Ship ‘Sujay’, Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) was commissioned into service in Goa. ‘Sujay’ means ‘Great Victory’

'Ganga Gram' project

- Ganga Gram project is an integrated approach for the holistic development of villages situated on the banks of the holy river for Open Defecation-Free (ODF).

SAMEEP – Taking Indian foreign policy across the country

- SAMEEP which stands for Students and MEA Engagement Programme with objective to take Indian foreign policy and its global engagements to students across the country.

First Runway On A 'Sea Bridge' At Lakshadweep's Agatti Airport

- This project is India’s first successful runway-on-sea bridge. Earlier projects, Juhu airport in Mumbai, Kullu were not found suitable for those places.

India's first air-conditioned suburban train service

- India's first broad gauge air-conditioned (AC) EMU suburban train was flagged off from Borivali station on western railway in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

e-HRMS

- e-HRMS is an online platform for central government employees to apply for leave and access their service-related information.

Ekuverin

- Ekuverin , the joint military exercise between Indian and Maldivian defence forces was held at Belagavi , Karnataka.

INTERNATIONAL

Indonesia renamed part of South China Sea

- Indonesia has renamed the northern reaches of its exclusive economic zone in the South China Sea as the “North Natuna Sea” on July 14, 2017.

Separatists in Ukraine declare creation of new 'state' Malorossiya

- Ukraine rebels announce new 'state' in eastern part under their control. Malorossiya, a tsarist-era name means "Little Russia".

Preet Kaur Gill: UK's first woman Sikh MP elected to key Parliament panel

- Preet Kaur Gill, who won the Edgbaston seat for the Labour party in the June 8, 2017 snap general election, was elected to the Home Affairs Select Committee in the UK Parliament.

India-Japan civil nuclear deal comes into force

- The India-Japan Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy entered into force on July 20.

Pant-Mirza Agreement

- It is an agreement between India and Pakistan under the ‘Bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines’ signed in 1974.

World’s first wind farm being built off coast of Scotland

- The world’s first full-scale floating wind farm known as Hywind is being built off the north east coast of Scotland.

Outer Space Treaty

- The Outer Space Treaty laid the foundation for an international space law, came into force in October 1967. It celebrates its 50th anniversary (2017).

UK to ban sale of petrol and diesel cars by 2040

- Britain said it will outlaw the sale of new diesel and petrol cars and vans from 2040, to control global warming.

BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers’ Meet in China

- Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, the Minister of Labour & Employment participated in this meet, held on 26-27th, July, 2017 at Chongqing, China.

Sri Lanka, China sign deal to develop Hambantota Port

- An agreement with 99 year validity, to develop Hambantota Port in southern Sri Lanka has been signed between Srilanka and China.

BRICS trade ministers meet

- BRICS countries Trade Minister's conference for year 2017 was held at Shanghai, China.

19th RCEP Meeting: HYDERABAD

- The 19th round of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) meetings and other related meetings were held from 17 to 28 July 2017 in Hyderabad, India.

US imposed sanctions on Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro

- The US government has frozen any assets held by Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro in the US, after he held a controversial poll.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi elected as Prime Minister Pakistan

Former petroleum minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi will be appointed as interim prime minister of Pakistan until Shahbaz Sharif.

Christopher Wray takes over as new FBI Director

- Christopher Wray was sworn in as the new FBI Director on August 03. He replaced James Comey.

Israel launches first environmental research satellite: Venus

Israel has launched its first environmental research satellite named as Venus (Vegetation and Environment Monitoring New Micro-Satellite).

8th Mekong – Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Ministerial Meeting: Manila, Philippines

- 8th Mekong – Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Ministerial Meeting was held at Manila, Philippines.

North Korea has threatened to launch a nuclear attack on Guam Island, a US territory

- North Korea succeeded in successfully testing an 'Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile - IRBM' known as 'Hwasong -12'. This brings the island of Guam within its range.

15th BIMSTEC Ministerial meeting: Kathmandu, Nepal

- The 15th BIMSTEC ministerial meeting was held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 11 August.

Mega War Game: India and Russia will hold integrated tri-services exercises

- Exercise INDRA – Joint Exercise conducted by both Armies(India,Russia)
- Exercise INDRA NAVY - Joint Exercise conducted by both Navies(India,Russia)

- Exercise AVIAINDRA - Joint Exercise conducted by both Air Forces. (India,Russia).

Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline

- The Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India Pipeline (TAPI), also known as Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline, is a natural gas pipeline being developed by the Asian Development Bank.

NASA successfully places next generation tracking and data relay satellite TDRS-M into orbit

China launched first cyber court for internet disputes

- It is specialized agency to handle internet-related cases in the e-commerce hub of Hangzhou.

India, Germany sign pact to improve grid integration of renewable energy

- India and Germany signed an agreement on technical cooperation under the Indo-German Energy Programme – Green Energy Corridors (IGEN-GEC).

World's first low Enriched Uranium bank

- The International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. global nuclear watchdog, opened a uranium bank in Kazakhstan.

Ninth BRICS Summit – Xiamen, China

- The 9th BRICS Summit happened in Xiamen, China on September 3,4 and 5 with the theme of ‘Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future’.

3rd Eastern Economic Forum meeting: Vladivostok, Russia

- The Third edition of Eastern Economic Forum meeting was held at Vladivostok, Russia. External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj attended the meeting.

India's UJALA scheme launched in Melaka, Malaysia

- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL),has launched UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable Lighting for All) Scheme in the State of Melaka, Malaysia.

Sahara Forest Project takes-off in Jordan.

- To turn the desert into a flourishing farmland, Jordan has launched Sahara forest project.

2nd Edition of India-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership Council Meeting

- The 2nd meeting of the Strategic Partnership Council between India and Afghanistan, set up under the bilateral Strategic Partnership Agreement 2011, was held in New Delhi.

First women president of Singapore

- Halimah Yacob is elected as a president of Singapore without opposition. She was former speaker of Singapore parliament

Proposed India-Russia new sea route from Chennai to Vladivostok of Russia

- India proposed new sea route to connect Russia with India. The proposed direct Sea route will take place between India's Chennai port to Russia's Vladivostok port.

New Jane Austen 10-pound notes in circulation in UK

- A new polymer 10-pound note featuring one of the world's most famous female novelists, Jane Austen, entered circulation in the UK.

NASA's Cassini spacecraft ends 20-year-long epic journey

- After 20 years in space, NASA's famed Cassini spacecraft made its final death plunge into Saturn on September 15.

India-Russia to collaborate on Bangladesh nuclear plant

- India is collaborating with Russia to build Rooppur nuclear power plant in Bangladesh.

Iran unveiled its ballistic missile

- Iran's Revolutionary Guard has unveiled its latest ballistic missile (Khorramshahr missile) capable of reaching much of the Middle East including Israel.

Pakistan Navy Successfully fires Anti-Ship Missile

- "Shaheen"-is the Joint Air Exercise of China and Pakistan Air Force in which Pakistan Navy has launched "AM-39 Exocet" Anti-Ship Missile successfully.

Merkel wins 4th term as Chancellor

- Germany's present Chancellor Angela Merkel clinched a fourth term in Germany's election

Pakistan, Russia hold joint military drill

- The joint exercise DRUZBA 2017 between special forces of Pakistan and Russia Armies held in Minralney Vody, Russia.

First non-white politician to lead a major party in Canada

- New Democratic party is a major National party in Canada. Jagmeet Singh, a Sikh lawyer was elected as the leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada.

World Space Week (October 4-10)

- The 2017 theme for the week is “Exploring New Worlds in Space”

World’s highest power pylon

- The world's highest pylon is a part of a new ultra-high voltage power line project between cities of Zhoushan and Ningbo of China.

First BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise (DMEx)-2017

- The first BIMSTEC(Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Disaster Management Exercise-2017 was held in New Delhi

Japan launches latest satellite of positioning system

- Japanese H-IIA rocket with the Michibiki-4 communications satellite (regional terrestrial positioning network system) has launched.

U.S. exits UNESCO

- U.S announced its withdrawal from the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), accusing it of “continuing Anti-Israel bias”.

HPCL-first Indian oil company to trade lubricants in Myanmar

- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), a public sector oil company became first Indian oil company to trade lubricants in Myanmar.

Gandhi museum inaugurated in South Africa

- Gandhi museum has been inaugurated on a small piece of land once owned by Mahatma Gandhi in the coastal city of Durban, South Africa.

New Zealand's youngest PM

- Jacinda Ardern will be the youngest Prime Minister of New Zealand in more than 150 years which had been ruled by the National Party for a decade.

OPV SURAKSHA

- Offshore Patrol Vessel CG 60, which the Indian Coast Guard had provided to the Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG), was commissioned as SLCG Suraksha at a ceremony held at Colombo Harbour

INS Sukanya reaches Indonesia for CORPAT joint maritime exercise

- INS Sukanya arrived at Belawan, Indonesia to participate in the 30th edition of CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol) and 3rd bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy.

Global Passport Power Rank 2017

- Singapore's passport has been announced as the most powerful in the world. India's passport was ranked at 75th place.

Australian court disqualifies deputy PM for dual citizenship

- Australia's High Court disqualified deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and four senators from sitting in Parliament for holding dual citizenship.

Burundi becomes first country to leave ICC

- Burundi has become the first country to withdraw from the International Criminal.

14th SAARCLAW Conference held in Sri Lanka

- The 14th South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW) Conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The Twelfth Session of the CMS COP

- 12th Session of CMS COP12 was held at Manila, the Philippines with the slogan- "Their Future is Our Future – Sustainable Development for Wildlife & People".

Space Kidz – India Russia joint satellite mission

- The director of the Russia's embassy Michael Corboda said that India – Russia joint satellite mission will be implemented with the science organization "Space Kids India".

International Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (IMMSAREX)

- IMMSAREX-2017 was held in Bangladesh from November 26 to 28 2017 under the aegis of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS).

Global Gender Gap Index 2017

- India was ranked low at 108th position out of 144 countries in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap index for the year 2017.

Magic Island Maker

- China has unveiled a massive ship described as a "Magic Island Maker" that is Asia's largest dredging vessel.

China launches 2 navigation satellites

- China launched BeiDou-3 M1 and BeiDou-3 M2 into space through a single carrier rocket Long March-3B from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwestern province of Sichuan.

Sampriti.

- The seventh edition of Indo-Bangladesh joint military training exercise 'SAMPRITI 2017' held in Meghalaya.

Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) 2017

- Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) 2017 summit was held in the city of Danang, Vietnam.

New Rice field laboratory Philippines

- PM inaugurated rice field laboratory named after International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Los Banos in Philippines.

EU Signs Historic Defense Pact PESCO

- 23 member states of European Union have signed a historic defence deal PESCO(Permanent Structured Cooperation) to cooperate more closely on defense except Britain, Denmark, Ireland, Portugal and Malta.

World's first fully electric cargo ship

- China launched the World's first fully electric cargo ship in Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong province.

UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial

- UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial (UNPKDM) was held at Vancouver, Canada.

Indian and Myanmar Army joint military exercise

- The first India-Myanmar bilateral military exercise 2017(IMBAX – 2017) held from November 20 to 25 in Joint Warfare Centre at Umroi near Shillong.

Hwasong-15

- North Korea successfully launched a new type of nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) named Hwasong-15.

Minamata Convention

- It is a global treaty established to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury 1st meeting was held at Geneva, Switzerland.

Chabahar Port(Iran)

- The first phase of the chabahar port project known as the “Shahid Beheshti port” transit route between Iran, India and Afghanistan, bypassing Pakistan.

USA's withdraw from UN's Global Compact on Migration

- The United States has pulled out of Global Compact on Migration.

UAE, UK, US and French Armies Hold Joint Exercises in Abu Dhabi

- UAE's Armed Forces with the UK, US and French armies are participating in joint exercises in Abu Dhabi.The drill code is named as “Flag 4”.

UNESCO recognises Kumbh Mela and Naples' pizza

- 'Kumbh Mela' -peaceful pilgrims which held in Allahabad, Haridwar, Ujjain and Nasik once in every 12 years and bart of pizza twirling from Naples, Italy joined in UNESCO's list of "intangible heritage".

U.S. recognition of Jerusalem

- U.S. President Donald Trump has officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, reversing decades of U.S. policy.

11 WTO Ministerial Conference

- The 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) will took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina which is chaired by Minister Susana Malcorra of Argentina.

Sri Lanka formally hands over Hambantota port to China

- Sri Lanka formally handed over the strategic southern port of Hambantota to China on a 99-year lease.

World's Biggest Floating Solar Power Project

- China is building a one billion yuan cost incurred floating solar power plant, the world's biggest, in the nation's eastern province of Anhui.

UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture

- The Second UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture is being held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Norway FM shuts down

- Norway became the world's first country to shut down national broadcasts of its FM network by completing its transition to digital radio.

Chile's New President - Sebastian Pinera

- Conservative Sebastian Pinera won Chile's presidential election.

Gabon as polio-free country

- WHO has declared Gabon a "polio-free country", given the lack of new reported or suspected cases in the central African country.

Global Innovation Index-2017

- India ranked 60th among 130 nations on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017, emerging as the top-ranked economy in Central and South Asia.

India, Sri Lanka complete 2nd phase of joint oceanographic survey

- The Indian Navy in collaboration with the Sri Lankan navy successfully completed the second phase of the joint oceanographic survey.

Forbes' list of best countries for business in 2018

- UK has topped Forbes' rankings of best countries in the world for business in 2018 and is followed by New Zealand and the Netherlands, while India was ranked 62nd on the list.

China launches land exploration satellite

- China has launched its second Land Surveying Satellite (LKW-2) into a preset orbit for remote sensing operations in China's Gansu Province.

World's Largest amphibious aircraft

- China's home-grown AG600 codenamed 'Kunlong', the world's largest amphibious aircraft in production took off from the southern city of Zhuhai

George Weah - Liberia President

- Former football star George Weah has won Liberia's presidential run-off with a projected 61.5 percent of the vote according to the country's election commission.

ECONOMY

SBI launches 'SBI Realty' portal for home buyers

- State bank of india launched SBI Realty, a dedicated portal that will help home buyers to choose flats from its 3,000 approved projects across the country.

Central Monitoring Committee to monitor the impact of GST

- The Government of India has setup a Central Monitoring Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary to monitor the impact of GST.

National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP)

- India's NTFAP aims to reduce cargo release time for exports and imports.

Bharat Bill Payment System: NPCI gets final nod from RBI

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) , has received approval from RBI to function as the Bharat Bill Payment Central Unit (BBPCU) and operate Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).

The Union Finance Minister Announces ETF: "BHARAT 22"

- The Union Finance Minister announced a new Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) by the name BHARAT 22.

India VIX

- India Volatility Index (VIX) is released by National Stock Exchange (NSE)to measure the degree of volatility that active traders expect in the 'Nifty50' over the next 30 days.

Anti-dumping duty imposed on tempered glass from China

- The Finance Ministry has imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain "textured toughened (tempered) glass" imports from China.

Five-year anti-dumping duty on sodium nitrite imports from China

- The Finance Ministry has imposed a five year anti-dumping duty on Sodium Nitrite imports from China.

NITI Aayog launched Ease of Doing Business Report

- NITI Aayog launched the Ease of Doing Business report based on an Enterprise Survey of 3,500 manufacturing firms across Indian states and union territories.

Government imposed Countervailing duty on some Chinese steel products

- The government has imposed countervailing duty for 5 years on imports of certain flat steel products from China to guard domestic players.

33rd India Economic Summit

- World Economic Forum's 33rd India Economic Summit is organised with the theme of 'Creating Indian Narratives on Global Challenges'.

IWAI's Fund Raising

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has raised Rs. 660 crores as "Government of India Fully Serviced Bonds".

Norms on appointing Independent Directors

- Kotak Committee on corporate governance constituted by the SEBI, has recently proposed a fresh set of norms for appointing directors.

Linking Aadhaar number to bank accounts is mandatory: RBI

- RBI clarifies that linking bank accounts to Aadhaar is mandatory under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017

- India has been ranked 28 out of the 30 countries under review in the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017, in which Denmark topped.

SBI ties up with Escorts Ltd to finance tractors purchase

- The State Bank of India (SBI), has signed an agreement with Escorts Ltd to finance farmers for purchase of Escorts tractors.

India slaps anti-dumping duty on stainless steel imports

- India imposed anti-dumping duty on some products of stainless steel from China, the US, South Korea and the European Union to curb the cheaper imports and help local producers.

Government launches MSME Delayed Payment Portal

- MSME Delayed Payment Portal – MSME Samadhaan launched for micro and small entrepreneurs to register their cases relating to delayed payments by central Ministries ,departments , CPSEs ,State Governments.

GOI and WB Loan Agreement for Assam

- The Government of India and World Bank have signed \$ 200 million Loan Agreement for Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project.

World Bank's Ease of doing Business Report- 2018

- India ranks 100 among 190 countries in the World Banks recently released Ease of Doing Business (DB) Report, 2018.

Government extends period of Coastal Berth Scheme

- The Ministry of Shipping has extended the period of the Coastal Berth scheme of the flagship Sagarmala Programme for three years.

India slips to 7th position in business optimism ranking

- India has slipped in 'business optimism' index to the 7th position . Indonesia is at the top, followed by Finland (2nd), the Netherlands (3rd).

10th South Asia Economic Summit held in Nepal

- The 10th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES-2017) was held in Kathmandu, Nepal with the theme of "Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in South Asia".

India's first mega Coastal Economic Zone

- India's first mega coastal economic zone (CEZ) is to be setup at Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) in Maharashtra.

World Economic Outlook Report

- The report "World Economic Outlook" is published biannually by International Monetary Fund (IMF). India ranked 126th in terms of per capita GDP of countries and Qatar remains world richest .

World Talent Ranking 2017

- Switzerland-based Institute for Management Development (IMD) released World Talent Ranking 2017 and India ranked 51st among 63 countries.

Logistics sector gets infrastructure status

- The union Finance Ministry has granted infrastructure status to the logistics sector.

Maruti Suzuki - 6th most valuable Indian firm

- India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki became India's sixth most valued firm, crossing India's largest lender SBI.

India Ranks 100 in Global Prosperity Index 2017

- India was ranked 100th among 149 countries on the list of prosperous countries released as part of the Legatum Prosperity Index 2017 which is topped by Norway and followed by New Zealand, Finland.

Cashless payments on e-NAM

DARPAN - financial inclusion of rural population

- Ministry of communications has launched DARPAN (Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for A New India) aimed at realising financial inclusion of un-banked rural population.

First home-grown high purity gold reference standard

- **India's first** home-grown high purity gold reference standard - the **Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravya (BND-4201)** - was launched at the India Government

100th Indian Economic Association conference

- President of India inaugurated the 100th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association at Acharya Nagarjuna University in Guntur of Andhra Pradesh.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Russia launches 73 satellites into orbit

- Russia launched Soyuz 2-1A rocket with 73 satellites and successfully placed them in orbit.

Tata Motors develops country's first Bio-CNG (Bio-methane) bus

- Tata Motors has developed country's first Bio-CNG (bio-methane) bus which was unveiled recently at a bio-energy programme, 'Urja Utsav'.

Albertavenator curriei:71 million-year-old bird-like dinosaur the size of a HUMAN is found in Canada

- Albertavenator curriei or Currie's Alberta hunter was found in a fossil collection. Its remains had been dug up over the years in what is now Red Deer River Valley

World's 1st Laser Weapon

- US has launched the world's first laser weapon known as the Laser Weapons System (LaWS) is currently deployed aboard the USS Ponce, an amphibious transport ship, in the Persian Gulf.

UIDAI mAadhaar app launched

- mAadhaar, a new app for syncing Aadhaar data with on mobile phones, has been launched by the UIDAI.

LinkedIn Lite app: first being rolled out in India

- LinkedIn, one of the world's largest professional networks, announced the introduction of the 'LinkedIn Lite,' an Android app which was a faster and lighter version of its flagship app.

India to host global conference on cyber space in November

- India will host 5th Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) 2017, the world's largest conference on cyber space held on November 23 - 24 in new delhi.

Phobos

- Phobos is one of the smallest moons(natural satellite) in the solar system orbiting around the Mars that circles its planet in a time shorter than the parent planet's day.

BillionAbles app will help find accessible places for disabled people

- BillionAbles has announced the launch of a new app called BillionAbles, aimed at finding accessible places across India for people with disabilities. It serve as "India's first Access Guide for persons with special needs.

High Altitude Cloud Observatory

- A high altitude cloud physics observatory has been established at Munnar (Kerala), in Western Ghats.

Reliance Defence launches first two Navy ships Shachi and Shruti

- Reliance Defence and Engineering Limited (RDEL) launched the first two Naval Offshore Patrol Vessels (NOPVs) under the P-21 project — Shachi and Shruti at their shipyard in Pipavav, Gujarat.

'Made in India' Microsoft 'Kaizala' app to boost productivity

- Microsoft India officially launched 'Kaizala -- a 'made in India' app that has been designed for large group communications and work management, even for remote locations with 2G optimization.

China produces gas from 'flammable ice' under South China Sea

- China has successfully produced natural gas from methane hydrate, also known as "flammable ice", in an experimental project in the South China Sea.

DRDO develops India's first unmanned tank, Muntra; rolls it out of Chennai lab

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed India's first unmanned tank, called Muntra (Mission Unmanned TRAcked) and has been rolled out of the Chennai lab.

Humraazapp: Army launches app for soldiers

- Indian Army has developed a mobile application called Humraaz, through which serving soldiers can track details like postings and promotions, monthly salary slips and the Form 16 and also download them.

Government launches e-RaKAM portal

- The government launched a portal, bringing together the farmers, FPOs, PSUs, civil supplies and buyers on a single platform e-RaKAM, to sell agricultural produce.

NISAR-Joint Project between NASA and ISRO

- ISRO and NASA are working towards realisation of NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission by 2021.

Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Shaurya' commissioned in Goa

- Indian Coast Guard ship "Shaurya", the fifth in the series of six 105-metre offshore patrol vessels (OPVs), was commissioned in Goa.

Japanese Encephalitis Disease

- Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is a flavivirus related to dengue, yellow fever and West Nile viruses. It is a mosquito-borne viral infection of the brain.

MyFASTag, FASTag Partner apps launched by NHAI

- National Highways Authority of India has launched two mobile Apps, MyFASTag and FASTag Partner. These mobile apps will help in the availability of FASTags for Electronic Toll Collection.

Kala Azar or Dum-Dum fever or Black fever

- Visceral leishmaniasis (VL), also known as kala-azar, is the most severe form of leishmaniasis which is caused by the protozoan Leishmania parasites and transmitted to humans through infected female sandflies.

UK scientists create world's smallest surgical robot: Versius

- Scientists in the UK have developed the world's smallest surgical robot with low-cost technology used in mobile phones and space industries called Versius.

Project Varshadhari: Cloud seeding project by Karnataka Govt

- Karnataka Government has launched clouding seeding Project Varshadhari in Bengaluru under which an aircraft will spray chemicals to induce rainfall.

Microsoft launches Project Brainwave

- Microsoft launches Project Brainwave for real-time Artificial Intelligence, which means the system processes requests as fast as it receives them, with ultra-low latency.

IRNSS-1H launch unsuccessful

- ISRO's launch of the much-anticipated IRNSS-1H satellite failed on August 31. The navigation satellite was launched on the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle C-39 (PSLV C-39).

World's biggest and powerful X-ray laser gun unveiled in Germany

- The world's largest and powerful X-ray laser- European X-ray Free Electron Laser (XFEL) unveiled in Hamburg, Germany.

CSIR scientists developed artificial leaf create hydrogen fuel from sunlight, water

- CSIR Scientists have developed an artificial leaf that absorbs sunlight to generate hydrogen fuel from water, an advance that may provide clean energy for powering eco-friendly cars in the future.

CERT-In issues alert on ‘Locky Ransomware’

- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issued an alert about spread of a new malicious software ‘Locky’, which is spreaded through spam messages that can lock computers and demand ransom.

DRDO successfully tests air-to-air missile Astra

- India’s indigenously developed Astra Missile was successfully field tested. The missile was jointly developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force(IAF).

India’s First Electric Bus

- India’s First Electric bus service has started in Rohtang, tourist spot in Himachal Pradesh.

“Piperazine” – A New drug for Chikungunya

- Researchers from IIT Roorkee used an existing anti-viral drug Piperazine for the cure of chikungunya.

First upper arm double hand transplant

- Asia’s first upper arm double hand transplant was conducted at the Amrita Institute of Medical Science (AIMS), Kochi.

India's First Online Property Bidding Platform

- Magicbricks announced the launch of India's first online bidding platform for residential and commercial properties and tied-up with developer M3M.

IIT teams use plant extract, heat to kill skin cancer cells

- Nanoparticle formulation of a chlorophyll-rich biomolecular extract of an Indian medicinal plant Anthocephalus cadamba (Kadamba Tree) combined with a near-infrared dye has been found to selectively kill skin cancer cells.

Scientists link new virus to kala-azar

- Scientists have recently identified an unknown virus Lepsey NLV1 that may be responsible for the persistence of kala-azar.

CRISPR

- scientists in the US have successfully used gene-editing tools on human embryos to correct defective DNA that cause inherited diseases with gene-editing technique CRISPR

Indigenous Glide Bomb

- India successfully tested a new generation Glide Bomb - SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon) from a fighter aircraft of Indian Airforce at Chandipur in Odisha.

NIRBHAY-Test

- DRDO has successfully tested Nirbhay Cruise Missile recently from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha.

Proxima Centauri may host planetary system

- Scientists have detected dust belts around Proxima Centauri, the closest star to Sun observations were made from Atacama Large Millimetre Array (ALMA) observatory in Chile.

15th Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team Conference

- The 15th Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) Conference was held in New Delhi and the theme of conference was “Building Trust in the Digital Economy”.

Joint Polar Satellite System-1

- NASA launched a next-generation satellite called the Joint Polar Satellite System-1 (JPSS-1) by United Launch Alliance-built Delta II rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

Supersonic Parachute - Mars 2020 mission

- NASA successfully tested supersonic landing parachute that will be deployed in its Mars rover mission set to launch in 2020.

UMANG app for government services

- UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) will allow citizens to access government services on a single platform.

SBI to launch YONO

- SBI will soon launch the country's first integrated lifestyle and banking digital service platform YONO (You only need one).

World's first AI politician

- Scientists from New Zealand have developed world's first artificial intelligence politician named SAM created by entrepreneur Nick Gerritsen.

Aditya Mission

- ISRO is planning to launch Aditya-L1, India's maiden mission to the Sun, in 2019 by the launch vehicle PSLV-XL with six payloads from Sriharikota.

IL-78 Refueller Aircraft

- For the first time, an IL-78 refueller aircraft designed by Russia has recently carried out air-to-air refuelling of the Embraer aircraft.

Solar-wind hybrid project with battery back-up

- Andhra Pradesh is planning to develop a 160 MW solar-wind hybrid project with battery back-up facility in Anantapur district.

New form of matter - excitonium

- Scientists have proven the existence of new form of matter called **Excitonium** - which was first theorised almost 50 years ago.

Chandigarh launches smart city cards

- Chandigarh has launched smart city cards for facilitating payments for various government and commercial utilities in the Union Territory.

Eighth planet in Kepler-90 solar system

- NASA has discovered eighth planet circling Kepler-90 a Sun-like star which is 2545 light-years far from Earth known as Kepler-90i

India's first bitcoin trading app

- Dubai based "Pluto Exchange" has launched the India's first Bitcoin trading app for transacting in virtual currencies

Mobile app forewarning of livestock diseases

- The Union Ministry of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched Livestock Disease Forewarning –Mobile Application (LDF-Mobile App) in New Delhi.

First Photovoltaic road - China

- China successfully tested its first photovoltaic highway based on home-grown technology in the country's eastern Shandong province.

ENVIRONMENT

Eco-bridges for the movement of tigers

- Telangana State will have eco-friendly bridges across the tiger corridor linking the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR).

Northern River Terrapin

- The northern river terrapin (Batagur baska) is a species of riverine turtle native to Southeast Asia is classified as “Critically Endangered” by the IUCN.

A biodiversity conservation zone in Coimbatore

- The Singanallur lake has been declared the urban biodiversity conservation zone, the first of its kind in the state.

National Level Tiger Census to be released next year

- The Tiger Census, which is going to be released mentioned that Tamil Nadu was ranked fourth in the number of Tigers. There were 229 tigers in Tamil Nadu.

National Green Tribunal bans use of non-biodegradable plastic bags in Delhi

- NGT imposed an interim ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns in the national capital.

‘Gaj Yatra’ campaign to Protect Elephants

- ‘Gaj Yatra’ is a nationwide campaign to protect elephants on the occasion of World Elephant Day (August 12).

North Koel reservoir project

- It aims to provide irrigation for Palamu&Garhwa districts in Jharkhand and Aurangabad & Gaya districts in Bihar.It envisages building a dam named “Mandal dam” in Jharkhand.

Environment Ministry Launches “Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali” Campaign

- “Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali” is a campaign to make awareness to the children about the importance of their contribution towards reducing pollution by not bursting harmful fire crackers during Diwali.

2 New Earthworm Species Found in Kerala

- Scientist have named the new earthworm species Drawidapolydiverticulata and Drawidathomasi which found in the Western Ghats mountain ranges in Kerala.

Nasikabatrachus bhupathi: A New species of the genus Nasikabatrachus

- A new species of the endemic frog genus *Nasikabatrachus* has been discovered from the eastern slopes of the Western Ghats.

Labeo filiferus -New species of edible fish found in Pampa river, Kerala

- A new species of edible freshwater fish in Pampa river in Pathanamthitta, Kerala was discovered and named as *Labeo filiferus* and belongs to *Labeo* genus.

Smart-E transport service launched

- E-rickshaws under the brand name of “SmartE” were launched in Gurugram, Haryana by Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.

Environment Ministry launches “Wood is Good” Campaign

- “Wood is Good” campaign is to promote wood as climate-friendly resource and substitute to materials like steel and plastic as it is carbon neutral.

Mouse deer reintroduced into Amrabad forest, Telengana

- Telengana Forest Department re-introduced the ‘mouse deer’(Spotted Chevrotain) into the forests of Nallamalla in Amrabad Tiger Reserve.

Snow leopard upgraded to ‘vulnerable’ status

- The elusive snow leopard long considered an “endangered” species has been upgraded to “vulnerable” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Lakshadweep island Parali I vanished completely

- Parali I island one of the uninhabited islands that is a part of Lakshadweep has vanished due to coastal erosion.

Turtle Sanctuary to be set up in Allahabad

- Turtle sanctuary in Allahabad along with a River Biodiversity Park at Sangam is to setup under Namami Gange programme.

Sawfish more threatened than tigers- Scientists

- A statement issued by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI-Kochi) said the sawfish may be the most endangered fish species in India.

World’s deepest lake in peril

- Lake Baikal in Russia, is undergoing Explosion of rotten algal blooms which is unnatural and commercial fishing has led to decline of Omul fish.

New species of large gecko discovered from Eastern Ghats

- Researchers have discovered new species of gecko(*Hemidactylus kangerensis*) at Chhattisgarh’s Kanger Ghati National Park in Eastern Ghats.

Butterfly Region

- According to the study by Zoological Survey of India, Singur in West Bengal's Hoogly district is home to at least 69 species of Butterflies.

First Jurassic-era 'fish lizard' fossil found in India

- A 150 million-year-old fossil of Ichthyosaur, an extinct marine reptile were discovered at Kutch in Gujarat.

India's first Blackbuck conservation reserve

- State cabinet of UP has approved a Blackbuck Conservation Reserve in the Meja forest division in the trans-Yamuna region of Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.

Hotspots of rattan found in Western Ghats

- Agastyamalai Biosphere Reserve, Silent Valley-Mukurthi National Parks and Coorg-Wayanad in the Western Ghats are hotspots of rattan or cane species.

New species of Orangutan identified

- A new species of orangutan named Pongo tapanuliensis was identified in the Batang Toru forest in the Tapanuli districts of North Sumatra.

New ant species discovered in the Western Ghats

- New species of ant discovered in the Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala in Western Ghats and named Tyrannomyrmex alii (T. alii), after myrmecologist Musthak Ali(India's 'ant man').

New species of wild banana

- Botanists have discovered new species of wild banana named Musa paramjitiana in Andaman and Nicobar Islands(Krishnapuri forest).

Mass Nesting of Olive Ridley Begins in Odisha

- Olive Ridley turtles started arriving at Gahirmatha beach in Odisha's Kendrapara district(world's largest rookery of olive ridley species) for breeding season.

Scientists discover new parasitic plant in Nagaland

- A new parasitic flowering plant named Gleadovia konyakianorum found in Nagaland.

M-STRiPES

- M-STRiPES (Monitoring System For Tigers-Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) is an app developed by Wildlife Institute of India.

Bonn UN Climate Change Conference

- The UNFCCC Climate Change Conference (COP23) was held in Bonn, Germany and was presided over by Government of Fiji.

New species of gecko

- A new species of gecko (lizards) belonging to the genus Hemidactylus was recently discovered from Mahendragiri hills in Andhra-Odisha border.

Clean Sea- 2017

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise 'Clean Sea - 2017' at sea off Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Operation Save Kurma

- The operation was conducted to combat the illegal trade of live turtles and its parts from the country to destinations abroad.

NGT bans plastic items in towns located along banks of Ganga

- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a complete **ban on plastic items** located on the banks of the River Ganga like Haridwar and Rishikesh.

Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project gets environmental clearance

- Kaleshwaram irrigation project, in Telangana is being built across Godavari River to provide drinking water facility for Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

New frog species identified in Arunachal

- A new frog species at the Talle Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh. Which is named as **Odorrana arunachalensis**. Was discovered.

New scorpion species in Tripura

- Scientists have discovered new scorpion species named **Schaller's wood scorpion (*Liocheles schalleri*)** from at Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Tripura.

Environment ministry launches pilot project 'Blue Flag'

- The environment ministry has launched a pilot project 'Blue Flag' to enhance standards of cleanliness, upkeep and basic amenities at beaches.

STATES

MAHARASHTRA

Pune: Gopal Krishna Gokhale's house to become a Museum

- A museum, dedicated to Gopal Krishna Gokhale, will come up on the campus of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE).

NAGALAND

TR Zeliang sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Nagaland

- Naga People's Front leader and ruling DAN chairman TR Zeliang was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland.

ODISHA

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the longest bridge in Odisha

- The 2081-kilometer-long bridge which is built on Kathajodi river connects Odisha's capital Bhubaneswar with Cuttack. Bridge is named as 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Setu'.

Meghalaya

Behdienkhlam Festival: Jowai (HQ of West Jaintia Hills)

(June / July, every year)

- Behdienkhlam Festival is the most celebrated Cultural festival among the Pnars.

Jammu and Kashmir

J & K govt bans sale of e-cigarettes

- The Jammu and Kashmir government (on 24/07/17) banned the sale of e-cigarettes in the State with immediate effect.

'Indira Canteen Scheme'

- 'Indira Canteen Scheme' was launched in Bengaluru- aimed at providing food at low cost to the urban poor.

Haryana banned mixing of liquid nitrogen with any drink

- The Haryana food and drugs administration department has banned flushing/mixing of liquid nitrogen with any drink or food article.

Coconut palm declared as State tree of Goa

- The cabinet has declared the coconut tree as the "state tree".

MahaDBT, MahaVASTU online portals launched by Maharashtra govt

- Maharashtra Government has launched two online portals MahaDBT and MahaVASTU to streamline the process of direct benefit transfer and to bring in transparency in construction sectors.

Spice Park

- The Telangana Government is setting up a Spices Park in Nizamabad for turmeric.

Punjab has launched “Care Companion programme”

- Punjab government has launched health scheme “Care Companion Programme (CCP)” to educate family members of patient about taking better care of patients.

Mumbai Metro introduces India's first Mobile Ticketing System

- Mumbai Metro will launch the India’s first Mobile Ticketing System ‘OnGo’ which will help commuters pass the Automated Fare Collection (AFC) gates using their mobile phones.

India’s first helicopter-taxi (heli-taxi) service will be started in Bengaluru

- India’s first helicopter-taxi (heli-taxi) service will be started in Bengaluru. Kempegowda International Airport will become the first airport in India to have this facility.

Chhattisgarh: India's first micro forest being built in Raipur

- India’s first micro forest will be built in Raipur, Chattisgarh.

Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra launched by UP government

- The Uttar Pradesh Government has launched Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra, an awareness drive along banks of Ganga River to maintain cleanliness.

Bihar Government launched mobile therapy van for elderly people

- Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, has recently flagged off mobile therapy vans which would provide basic medical assistance to elderly people, widows and other section who requires social security.

Odisha govt and Facebook launches 'She Means Business' programme

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'She Means Business' programme of Facebook for women entrepreneurs in Odisha.

Maharashtra: Namo Yuva Rojgar Kendra

- Devendra Fadnavis, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, has launched ‘Namo Yuva Rojgar Kendra’ on August 14, 2017 to provide job opportunities to unemployed youth in Mumbai.

Uttar Pradesh launched Chief Minister’s Helpline

- UP state government has proposed to operationalise a 1,000-seater grievance cell in Lucknow to be christened ‘Chief Minister’s Helpline’

Kerala Launched a new 'E-Waste Disposal' scheme

- The Kerala government has recently launched a new 'E-Waste Disposal' scheme in its state schools with an aim to process the electronic waste in the IT labs, offices and stores.

West Bengal's Gobindobhog rice gets Geographical Indication status

- Gobindobhog rice, a specialty from Burdwan district of West Bengal, has got the geographical indication (GI) status.

Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed for Smart City project

- The Puducherry government has formed a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named "Puducherry Smart City Development Limited" to implement the Smart City project.

Operation "ZUBAIDA"

- Rajasthan Anti-Terrorism Squad has busted the most powerful illegal arms cartel.

India's first Hyperloop project to come up in Andhra Pradesh

- India's first Hyperloop project will come up in Andhra Pradesh, connecting its city centres, Vijayawada and Amaravati.

Kolkata hosted international puppet festival

- Kolkata hosted such a festival for the first time and the six-day long festival which ended on October 31 in Mohorkunj.

Mukhyamantri Samoohik Vivaah Yojana

- Uttar Pradesh government has launched 'Mukhya mantri SamoohikVivaah Yojana', a mass marriage scheme.

Chhattisgarh bans use of PVC

- Chhattisgarh Government has banned use of chlorinated plastic and Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC).

Uttarakhand government has launched "Solar Briefcase"

- The Uttarakhand Government launched 'Solar Briefcase' in Kedarnath Dham at Uttarakhand to provide electricity to far flung areas in the hill state.

Skill development programme in higher education

- Rajasthan has become the India's first state to incorporate skill development programme in higher education curriculum.

Jagdish Mukhi sworn in as new Governor of Assam

- Jagdish Mukhi sworn in as new Governor of Assam. He was administered oath of office by Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Ajit Singh.

Puducherry included in the 15th Finance Commission

- The Centre has included Puducherry under the terms and reference of the 15th Finance Commission on the devolution of tax revenue between the Union and the States.

Bihar cabinet approves reservation for 'Divyangs' in govt jobs

- The Bihar cabinet has approved reservations for persons with disabilities in government jobs and educational institutions.

'Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna' by Madhya Pradesh government.

- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, has launched the ambitious 'Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna' for the farmers of the state as a guarantee to ensure reasonable prices to the farmers for their agriculture produces.

Golden Peacock Award to AP CM Chandrababu Naidu

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has received the Golden Peacock Award under the category - Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation at the 17th London Global Convention in London.

Artificial Intelligence for digital agriculture

- Microsoft in collaboration with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has deployed a Sowing Advisory Service in the kharif season under the "Bhoochetana" project.

Urdu becomes Telangana's second official language

- Telangana CM K. Chandrashekar Rao has declared that Urdu will become the second official language of the state.

Haryana - first state to treat Hepatitis-C patients with oral medicine

- Haryana has become the first state in the country to treat Hepatitis-C patients of all categories through oral medicine.

Kakatiya era temple Excavated

- Department of Archaeology and Museums (DAM) has excavated the parts of the Sri Kasi Visweswara Temple that remained buried at Medak district in Telangana.

West Bengal granted GI tag for Rosogolla

- The Union ministry of commerce and industry has recognised Banglar Rosogolla, the iconic sweet, by giving geographical indication (GI) to the West Bengal.

Jharkhand celebrates 17th statehood day- 15 November

- Jharkhand celebrated its 17th Statehood day (foundation day) on the occasion of the birth anniversary of tribal leader Birsa Munda.

Namami Barak festival

- The first ever Namami Barak festival was inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal held at Silchar in Assam.

First North East Development Summit

- President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the first ever North East Development Summit (NEDS) 2017 was held in Imphal, Manipur.

INSPIRE 2017 kicked off in Jaipur

- The first edition of the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) was kicked off in Jaipur.

New Chief Secretary of Karnataka

- Additional Chief Secretary Ratna Prabha is the new Chief Secretary of Karnataka. She will head the State administrative machinery till March 2018.

Hornbill-Nagaland

- President of India has inaugurated the 18th edition of the Hornbill Festival at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, Nagaland.

Reservation for Kapu's

- Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly has unanimously passed Kapu Reservation Bill, 2017 to provide 5% quota in education and employment for kapu, Telaga, Balija and ontari communities under the new category 'F'

Floating Solar Power Plant

- India's largest floating solar power plant project at the Banasura Sagar Dam in Wayanad district is completed and going to be commissioned soon.

World's first IT Campus for differently-abled persons

- The Telangana State Government will set up the world's first IT Campus for differently-abled persons.

The 6th International Tourism Mart 2017- in Assam

- The 6th 'International Tourism Mart' (ITM) was inaugurated at Guwahati, Assam which aims at creating awareness about the rich and varied tourism products of the North Eastern region.

Kacheguda becomes first energy-efficient rail station

- Kacheguda in Telangana has earned the distinction of being the first energy-efficient 'A1 Category' railway station in India.

Email service in Hindi – Rajasthan

- Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to offer free email addresses to its residents in Hindi.

Rajasthan - 'Loktantra Sainani'

- The state government of Rajasthan has decided to recognise political prisoners held in jails during the emergency period (1975-77) as 'Loktantra Sainani'.

The third World Telugu Conference

- The **third World Telugu Conference** inaugurated by vice president in Hyderabad is to promote Telugu and its literature besides helping the present generation learn more about Telugu language.

Gita Research Institute to be set up in Mathura

- A research institute for the study of the 'Bhagavad Gita' will be soon set up by the Uttar Pradesh government in Mathura town.

PM to dedicate 60 MW Tuitial Hydro Power Project

- Prime Minister has formally dedicated the **60 MW Tuitial Hydro Electric Power Project (HEPP)** in **Mizoram** to the nation.

Meghalaya launches India's first social audit law

- Meghalaya became the first state in India to operationalise '**The Meghalaya Community Participation and Public Services Social Audit Act, 2017**', at a national convention in Shillong.

Eastern India's first CNG station – Bhubaneswar

- First Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations at Chandrasekharpur and Patia in Bhubaneswar city under Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga programme has been launched.

Losar Festival celebrated in Ladakh

- The traditional festival of Losar was celebrated in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir to mark the beginning of New Year in this Himalayan region.

Hamesha Vijayee Military Exercise

- Southern Command conducts an exercise called 'Hamesha Vijayee' in the deserts of Rajasthan which aims at assessing the strengths and capabilities of the armed forces to strike into enemy territories.

India's First Design University in Haryana

- India's first and only Design University, '**World University of Design**' opened its campus in Sonapat, Haryana.

Maharashtra, UP tops in GST collection in first 5 months

- Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are the top contributors among states and Union Territories in the first five months since the rollout of the GST regime.

Bengaluru becomes first city to get its own logo

- Bengaluru has become the first Indian city to get its own logo to give the city its own identity and highlight its global image with a tagline 'Bengaluru Be U'

'Prakash Hai to Vikas Hai' scheme-U.P

- The UP government has launched a free household power connection scheme 'Prakash hai to vikas hai' for the poor in the state to mark Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday.

President inaugurates Andhra Pradesh Fibre Grid Project

- President inaugurates the Andhra Pradesh Fibre Grid Project at Amaravathy to provide high speed internet facility in across state.

'Harivaranam' award- K S Chitra

- Singer KS Chitra has been selected for this year's prestigious 'Harivaranam' award, instituted by the Kerala government.

Rooftop solar plant - Uttar Pradesh

- State-owned gas utility GAIL India Ltd has commissioned the country's second largest rooftop solar power plant.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Fields Medal Winner Mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani died

- An Iranian-born mathematician who was the first woman to win the coveted Fields Medal, has died in U.S.

Sangita Kalanidhi award for Chitraveena maestro Ravikiran

- Chitraveena maestro N. Ravikiran has been selected for Sangita Kalanidhi award by the Madras Music Academy.

Indian-origin Canadian YouTube star Lilly Singh appointed UNICEF's newest Goodwill Ambassador

- Actress, comedian, and author Lilly Singh known by her digital alias Superwoman was appointed UNICEF's newest Goodwill Ambassador.

Umesh Yadav lands RBI assistant manager's job in Nagpur

- Umesh Yadav, the fast bowler of the Indian cricket team, has been appointed as Assistant Manager of Nagpur Branch of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

'FIRST Global' Robotics Challenge

- 'FIRST Global Challenge 2017' organised in Washington D.C. was the inaugural edition of this robotics Olympiad in which 157 countries participated.

Vice President Hamid Ansari releases a book 'Isthmus of Time'

- Vice President, Hamid Ansari released a book 'Isthmus of Time'. The book, which is a collection of poetry authored by Anshuman Gaur, an Officer of the Indian Foreign Service.

India to host 8th Edition of Theatre Olympics in 2018

- India for the first time will host 8th International Theatre Olympics, the biggest carnival of theatre in the world in 2018. Theme -“Flag of Friendship”

Google CEO Sundar Pichai joins Alphabet board of directors

- Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai (45) has been appointed to the board of directors of 'Alphabet', the parent company of Google.

Ramon Magsaysay Award

- Ramon Magsaysay Awards is regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize.

S.No	Name of honorees (age)	Country	Purpose
1.	Gethsie Shanmugam (82)	Srilanka	Counselled war widows and orphans to overcome their nightmares
2.	Yoshiaki Ishizawa (79)	Japan	Devoted 50 years of his life to help preserve Cambodia's Angkor Wat temple
3.	Tony Tay (70)	Singapore	Leads the cooking of 6,000 meals a day for the destitute (elderly, migrant workers and low-income families)
4.	Abdon Nababan (53)	Indonesia	Effort to return state-controlled forest land to indigenous communities
5.	Lilia de Lima (76)	Philippines	Opening of hundreds of job-generating export processing zones across the country as head of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority
6.	Philippine Educational Theatre Association	Philippines	Artistic platform for protest when dictator Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law

Former Minister Ashwani Kumar named for Japanese honour

- Japan has named former Union Minister Ashwani Kumar for its prestigious 'Order of the Rising Sun' award for his contribution to fostering Japan-India ties.

S. Aparna appointed as Executive Director, World Bank

- S. Aparna, an IAS officer from Gujarat cadre has been appointed as Executive Director, World Bank to represent the constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for three years.

Rajiv Kumar as the new vice chairman of NitiAayog

Economist Dr Rajiv Kumar was named as the new Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, he succeeded Arvind Panagariya.

Milkha Singh appointed WHO's ambassador for physical activity

- Sprint legend Milkha Singh has been appointed as the WHO's goodwill ambassador for physical activity in South-East Asia Region (SEAR)

Ashwani Lohani takes charge as new Railway Board Chairman

- Ashwani Lohani, was appointed as the Chairman of the Railway Board as Incumbent Chairman A.K.Mital tendered his resignation following back-to-back train accidents.

National Agriculture Leadership Award-2017

- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has been selected for the prestigious National Agriculture Leadership Award-2017 by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)

Justice Dipak Misra sworn in as 45th Chief Justice of India

- Justice Dipak Misra was sworn on 28.08.17 as the 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He succeeded Chief Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar.

Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Comptroller and Auditor General of India

- Senior IAS officer Rajiv Mehrishi was appointed as the 13th Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. He succeeded Shashi Kant Sharma .

Sunil Arora to be new the Election Commissioner

- Former IAS officer Sunil Arora to take charge as the Chief Election Commissioner of India. He succeeded Nasim Zaidi.

Konkani author Mahabaleshwar Sail gets Saraswati Samman award

- Eminent Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail has been honored with the Saraswati Samman 2016 for his novel Hawthian.

Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017- New Delhi

- Rajaswa Gyan Sangam-2017 a joint Conference of -The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) was held at New Delhi.

Ahmedabad gets India's first World Heritage City certificate

- Ahmedabad in Gujarat was formally accorded the status of India's first World Heritage City with UNESCO during the 41st Session of World Heritage Committee.

New chairman of Press Trust of India- Viveck Goenka

- Viveck Goenka, chairman and managing director of Express Group was elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI). N Ravi, former editor-in-chief of The Hindu was elected vice-chairman.

Smart Agriculture Conclave - New Delhi

- Department of Bio-Technology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology organised 'Smart Agriculture Conclave' at New Delhi.

UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2017

1. The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize

2017 winners:

- Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance – Canada
- We Love Reading – Jordan

2. The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy

2017 winners:

- AdulTICo Program –Colombia
- The Citizens Foundation- Pakistan
- FunDza – South Africa

Surya Kiran-2017: Indo-Nepal joint Military exercise

- The 12th edition of India-Nepal joint military exercise- Surya Kiran initiated at Nepal Army Battle School (NABS) in Saljhandi, Nepal.

10th Global Agriculture Leadership Summit: New Delhi

- 10th Global Agriculture Leadership summit was held at New Delhi organised by ICFA (Indian Council for Food and Agriculture) which focusses on recent issues faced by the agriculture sector.

Y.C.modi – Director General of NIA

- Y.C. Modi, a senior IPS officer is appointed as Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

CNR Rao selected for 2017 Von Hippel Award

- Eminent Scientist and Bharat Ratna Prof C.N.R. Rao was awarded 2017 Von Hippel Award.

Scientists awarded Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize

- The winners of the annual Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, India's highest science award are,

Biological Sciences

- Deepak Nair, Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad.

- Sanjeev Das, National Institute of Immunology, Delhi.

Chemical Sciences

- Naresh Patwari, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.

Earth Sciences

- Suresh Babu, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

Engineering Services

- Alope Paul and Neelesh Mehta, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

Medical Sciences

- Amit Dutt, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai.
- Deepak Gaur, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Physical Sciences

- Nissim Kanekar, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Pune.
- Vinay Gupta, National Physical Laboratory, Delhi.

Pluto Mountains named after Tenzing Norgay, Edmund Hillary

- Two mountain ranges on Pluto have been named after Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary respectively by the International Astronomical Union.

Swachh Iconic Place (Cleanest Iconic Place) - Madurai's

Meenakshi Temple:

- Meenakshi Temple of Madurai was awarded the best 'Swachh Iconic Place' (Cleanest Iconic Place) in India.

Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, 2017

- Scientists Jeffrey Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael Young won the 2017 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling human biological clocks.

Winner of 2017 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize - Maryna Viazovska

- Maryna Viazovska of Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland, will receive 2017 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for her contribution to number theory.

The 2017 Nobel Physics Prize

- The 2017 Nobel Physics Prize has been awarded "for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves" to Rainer Weiss, Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne.

Soumya Swaminathan becomes WHO's Deputy Director General

- India's Soumya Swaminathan becomes WHO's Deputy Director General.

Gauri Lankesh honoured

- Prominent journalist and activist Gauri Lankesh has been posthumously awarded the 2017 Anna Politkovskaya Award.

Noble for Literature

- Kazuo Ishiguro, British writer of Japanese origin was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for his novel named "THE BURRIED GIANT"

Nobel Peace Prize 2017

- The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences-2017

- American economist Richard H. Thaler has won 2017 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his contributions to **Behavioural economics**.

2017 Vayoshreshtha Samman

- The President of India presented the Vayoshreshtha Samman – a scheme of National Awards for senior citizens at a function held in New Delhi.

International Advertising Association (IAA) Leadership Awards 2017

- The award winners for the year are,
 - ✓ Mukesh Ambani – IAA Business leader of the Year
 - ✓ Rajan Anandhan – IAA Media Leader Award
 - ✓ Vikram Sakhuja – Media Agency Leader Accolade

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award

- The President of India presented the 18th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for the year 2017 to Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak.

International Conference on Dialogue of Civilizations – IV

- The International conference on "Dialogue of Civilizations – IV" was organized by the Ministry of Culture in New Delhi.

Anupam Kher appointed as Chairman of FTII

- Versatile actor Anupam Kher has been appointed as Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in Pune and succeeded Gajendra Chauhan.

New Chief for UNESCO

- UNESCO's executive board chose former French Cultural Minister Audrey Azoulay to be the new chief of UNESCO

India's new ambassador to People Republic of China

- Gautam H Bambawale has been officially appointed as India's new ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Mathrubhumi award

- Eminent critic, biographer and orator M K Sanu has been chosen for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2017 in recognition of his rich contribution to the Malayalam literature.

Chennai Students Create Guinness World Record with World's Largest Biology Class

- Day two of the India International Science Festival (IISF) in Anna University campus at Chennai saw the making of a new Guinness World Record for the Largest Biology Lesson.
- One thousand forty-nine (1049) students participated in this "Largest Biology Lesson" which is about Cell Biology, followed by a demonstration of the process of isolation of DNA from papaya fruits.

Eminent poet Prabha Varma chosen for Padma Prabha Puraskaram

- Eminent poet, lyricist and journalist Prabha Varma has been selected for the Padma Prabha Puraskaram for the year 2017.

2017 Man Booker prize

- US author George Saunders won the 2017 Man Booker Prize, a high-profile literary award for his first full-length novel "Lincoln in the Bardo".

Google honours astrophysicist Chandrasekhar

- Google made a special doodle to mark the 107th birth anniversary of India-born scientist Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar

4th World Tamils Economic Conference in Durban, South Africa

- The 4th World Tamils Economic conference held at Durban, South Africa.

Tamil boy nominated for International Children's Peace Prize

- Twelve-year-old Sakthi from Tamil Nadu has been nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize 2017.

Best FIFA Men's Player 2017

- Cristiano Ronaldo has been awarded Best FIFA Men's Player 2017, for the second consecutive year.

Indian-origin South African couple receives top US award

- A South African couple of Indian origin, Prof. Quarraisha Abdool Karim and Prof. Salim Abdool Karim, received a prominent lifetime achievement award

from Institute of Human Virology, US for their exceptional contributions to the field of HIV/AIDS.

Javed Akhtar receives the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award

- Veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar has been honoured with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.

Writer Melanmai Ponnusamy passed away

- Sahitya Academi Award winner, writer melanmai ponnusamy passed away due to ill-health in chennai.

India's next high commissioner to Pakistan

- Ajay Bisaria takes over as India's high commissioner to Pakistan from Gautam Bambawale, who was appointed India's ambassador to China.

UNESCO award for Srirangam Temple

- Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam has become the first temple in Tamil Nadu to won UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017 for cultural heritage conservation.

Etikoppaka toys from Andhra Pradesh get GI tag

- The Geographical Indication Registry has given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the traditional Etikoppaka toys (Etikoppaka Bommalu) from Andhra Pradesh.
- Geographical indicators registered in 2016-17 are,
 1. Durgi stone carving - Andhra Pradesh
 2. Tulaipanji rice - West Bengal
 3. Kangra painting - Himachal Pradesh
 4. Gobindo Bhog rice - West Bengal
 5. Kashmir Pashmina shawl
 6. Nagpur orange
 7. Banganappalli mango- Andhra Pradesh
 8. Tiruppathi laddu- Andhra Pradesh
 9. Darjiling tea- West Bengal
 10. Chakhesang shawl - Nagaland
 11. Pochampalli Ikat saree – Telangana

Jnanpith Award 2017

- Renowned Hindi Litterateur Krishna Sobti (92) has been chosen for 53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017 for her path-breaking contribution to Indian literature.

Israel honors Natalie Portman with ‘Jewish Nobel Prize’

- Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman has been awarded Israel’s 2018 Genesis Prize (Jewish Nobel prize).

UNHCR to get Mother Teresa Award 2017 for social justice

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has been named as the recipient of the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice, 2017 as an acknowledgement of its exceptional work worldwide.

Kevin Lilliana-Miss International 2017

- Indonesia's Kevin Lilliana was crowned Miss International 2017 at an event held at the Tokyo Dome City Hall.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2017.

Manushi Chhillar - Miss World 2017

- India’s Manushi Chhillar from Haryana was crowned the coveted Miss World crown for the year 2017.

First Indian woman physician gets Google Doodle

- Google India paid homage to Rukhmabai (first Indian woman to practice medicine in colonial India) on her 153rd birth anniversary of Rukhmabai Raut with a doodle.

First female pilot - Indian Navy

- Bareilly's Shubhangi Swaroop became the first-ever female pilot to be inducted into the Indian Navy.

India to host 36th International Geological Congress in 2020

- India is going to host 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in 2020 in NCR New Delhi.

Kathakar

- 7th edition of three days ‘Kathakar: International Storytellers Festival’ was recently inaugurated at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

Surya Prakash - Prasar Bharati

- Former journalist A. Surya Prakash has been appointed as the chairman of the public broadcaster Prasar Bharati for a second term.

Miss Supranational 2017

- Jenny Kim, a South Korean has been crowned as a Miss Supranational 2017. India's Peden Ongmu Namgyal was placed 15th place.

Child rights activist -National award

- Chezian Ramu, a social worker and child rights activist based in Tiruvannamalai district, was awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award by President of India.

Time's Person of the Year for 2017

- Time magazine has named "the Silence Breakers" as its "Person of the Year"

International Children's Peace Prize

- Sixteen-year-old Mohamad Al Jounde from Syria was awarded the International Children's Peace Prize for his efforts to ensure the rights of Syrian refugee children.

5th Ballon d'Or Award - Cristiano Ronaldo

- Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) has won the Ballon d'Or award, 2017.

Sarvesh Tiwari appointed as President Para Sports Foundation

- Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari, was appointed as the President of Para-Sports Foundation (PSF), India.

India's first woman photo journalist

- Search engine giant, Google, paid homage to India's first woman photojournalist, Homai Vyrawalla, with a doodle on her 104th birth anniversary.

'Yeraringar' Award - M.S. Swaminathan

- The Vice President of India conferred 'YERARIGNAR' Award to Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, in Chennai.

Father of DNA fingerprinting in India passes away

- Eminent scientist and 'father of DNA fingerprinting in India Lalji Singh died following a heart attack.

Priyanka Chopra - Mother Teresa Memorial award

- Priyanka Chopra was honoured with the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice for her work in helping refugees with food, shelter and education.

Francois Gabart completes solo navigation around the world

- A sailing prodigy, Frenchman Francois Gabart made the world record for the fastest non-stop solo navigation of the world on his first attempt.

BBC's Sports Personality of the Year - Mo Farah

- Sir Mo Farah was named the winner of the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year award.

National Design Award

- G. Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri and Director General, Missiles and Strategic Systems, has been conferred with the prestigious National Design Award.

Joy Goswami - Moortidevi Award 2017

- Eminent Bengali poet Joy Goswami will be honoured with the 31st Moortidevi Award for the year 2017.

Sahitya Akademi Awards

- The Tamil Poet Inquilab has been selected posthumously for the Sahitya Akademi award for 2017 for "Gaandhaal Naatkal", a compilation of Inquilab's poems.

Director General of NCC

- Lieutenant General B S Sahrawat took over the reins of National Cadet Corps as its Director General.

Golden Peacock award for 2017

- Cholamandalam MS General Insurance, a Murugappa Group company, has bagged the Golden Peacock award for risk management for the year 2017.

Indian History Congress

- The three-day long 78th session of the Indian History Congress was held at the Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

SPORTS

Wimbledon

- Garbiñe Muguruza of Spain won Women's Singles title in Wimbledon defeating Venus Williams of America. This is Muguruza's second Grand Slam.

Sundar Singh Gurjar becomes first Indian para-athlete to win gold

- India's Sundar Singh Gurjar claimed gold medal in men's javelin throw event at the World Para Athletic Championships in London.

Wimbledon 2017: Roger Federer wins historic eighth Wimbledon title

- Roger Federer of Switzerland won the championship for the 8th time in gentlemen's singles of the Wimbledon tennis tournament against Marin Čilić of Croatia.

Senior Wimbledon player

- At his 35 years of age, Roger Federer became the senior most player to win Wimbledon Champion in "Open Era".

Harinder Pal Sandhu clinches Victoria open squash title

- Indian squash player Harinder Pal Sandhu won Victoria Open Squash tournament and also won Australian Open Squash Championship held in South Australia.

Women's World Cup Cricket

- Women's World Cup Cricket Tournament was held in England and Wales. In the final match, England defeated India led by Mithali Raj.

India to host 2018 Women's World Boxing Championship and men's edition in 2021

- India will host the men's World Championship for the first time in 2021, also host the women's World Championship in 2018.

Shiva Thapa and Manoj Kumar won Gold for India at International Boxing Event in Czech Republic

- World Championships bronze-medalist Shiva Thapa (60kg), former Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Manoj Kumar (69kg), Amit Phangal (52kg), Gaurav Bidhuri (56kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg) claimed gold medals

National Sports Awards – 2017

(i) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	discipline
1.	Shri Devendra	Para Athlete
2.	Shri Sardar Singh	Hockey

(ii) Dronacharya Awards 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	Discipline
1.	Late Dr. R. Gandhi	Athletics
2.	Mr. Heera Nand Kataria	Kabaddi
3.	Mr. G.S.S.V. Prasad	Badminton (Lifetime)
4.	Mr. Brij Bhushan Mohanty	Boxing (Lifetime)
5.	Mr. P.A. Raphel	Hockey (Lifetime)
6.	Mr. Sanjoy Chakraverthy	Shooting (Lifetime)
7.	Mr. Roshan Lal	Wrestling (Lifetime)

(iii) Arjuna Awards 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardees	Discipline
1.	Ms. V.J. Surekha	Archery
2.	Ms. Khushbir Kaur	Athletics
3.	Mr. Arokia Rajiv	Athletics
4.	Ms. Prasanthi Singh	Basketball
5.	Sub. Laishram Debendro Singh	Boxing
6.	Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara	Cricket
7.	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur	Cricket
8.	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi	Football
9.	Mr. S.S.P. Chawrasia	Golf
10.	Mr. S.V. Sunil	Hockey
11.	Mr. Jasvir Singh	Kabaddi
12.	Mr. P. N. Prakash	Shooting
13.	Mr. A. Amalraj	Table Tennis
14.	Mr. Saketh Myneni	Tennis

15.	Mr. Satyawart Kadian	Wrestling
16.	Mr. Mariyappan	Para-Athlete
17.	Mr. Varun Singh Bhati	Para-Athlete

(iv) Dhyan Chand Award

S. No.	Name (S/Shri)	Discipline
1 .	Mr. Bhupender Singh	Athletics
2.	Mr. Syed Shahid Hakim	Football
3.	Ms. Sumarai Tete	Hockey

National Sports Museum to be established in New Delhi

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is going to establish National Sports Museum, first of its kind, at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.

First edition of Grameen Khel Mahotsav

- The first edition of Rural Games or Grameen Khel Mahotsav kick-started in Delhi and will take place between 28th August to 3rd September 2017.

World Badminton - Sindhu won silver

- India's P.V.Sindhu won silver medal in women's single title in World Badminton Championship.

US Open 2017

Men Singles - Rafael Nadal won championship

- Rafel Nadal won the US Open Men singles championship by defeating South Africa's Kevin Anderson in the Finals.

Women Singles - Stephens won championship

- USA's Sloane Stephens won the championship title by defeating her counterpart Madison Keys in the US Open Women's singles final.

Life Time Achievement Award for Prakash Padukone

- Indian Badminton Association has announced Life Time Achievement Award for badminton legend Prakash Padukone in recognition of the contributions he made to the badminton sport.

Los Angeles gets official go-ahead to host 2028 Olympics

- Los Angeles has received its formal go-ahead to host the 2028 Olympic Games, while 2024 Olympic Games has been awarded to Paris.

Korea Open Super Series: PV Sindhu wins title

- P.V.Sindhu beat Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in the women's singles final at Korea Open Super series in Seoul.

Chitra and Lakshmanan bag gold

- Asian champions G. Lakshmanan and P.U. Chitra won gold in the athletics events of the fifth Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.

Ajay Kumar Saroj won the men's 1,500m gold

- Asian champion Ajay Kumar Saroj won the men's 1,500m gold in the fifth Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, held at Turkmenistan.

57th National Open athletics championships

- Sarita P. Singh won the gold in women's hammer throw competition
- Tejinder Pal won the first place in the men's shot put
- G. Lakshmanan of Services won the men's 5000m gold
- L. Surya (Railways) won the women's 5000m gold

First time female assistant referees in men's game

- FIFA has decided to employ female assistant referees in the upcoming U-17 FIFA world cup which is going to be held in India.

Boss GP Championship

- Mahaveer Raghunathan of Chennai became the first Indian to win a European racing championship in the Boss GP championship (Formula Class)

U-15 Asian Junior Championship

- Indian shuttler Samiya Imad Farooqui clinched the gold medal at the Under-15 women's singles competition at the Asian Junior Championship.

China Open

- Rafael Nadal won the China Open final to win his sixth ATP title of the year. France player Caroline Garcia won her China open title in the women's event.

World Youth Archery Championship

- In the World Youth Archery Championship Indian Team comprising Ankita Bhakat and N. Jemson Singh won gold medal in Junior Recurve Mixed Team event at Rosario, Argentina.

India's first ever goal in FIFA World Cup

- Jeakson Singh Thounaojam from Manipur became India's first World Cup goal scorer by scoring a goal in the second FIFA Under-17 World Cup match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at New Delhi.

Tianjin Open Tennis – Maria Sharapova wins title

- Five-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova has won the Tianjin Open title at Tianjin against Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka

India's first woman WWE wrestler

- Kavita Devi, became the first Indian woman to sign with the world's largest wrestling company, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

India won Asia Cup hockey

- India won the Asia Cup Hockey 2017 by defeating Malaysia in a final match held at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

ISSF World Cup shooting

- Heena Sidhu and Jeetu Rai won Gold in the 10m Mixed Team Air Pistol segment at the ISSF World Cup finals.

Denmark Open Super Series Premier 2017

- Indian Badminton Player Kidambi Srikanth, won Denmark Open Super Series Premier 2017 by defeating South Korea's Lee Hyun II.

European Open-2017

- Divij Sharan clinched the European Open trophy with American partner Scott Lipsky in Antwerp, Belgium.

Balkan International Boxing Championship

- India claimed eight medals, including four gold, in the Balkan International Boxing Championship held at Sofia, Bulgaria.

Tamil Nadu State 6-red snooker championship

- Defending champion J. Varun Kumar edged over Pranit Ramchandani and claimed the Tamil Nadu State 6-red snooker championship, held in Chennai.

FIBA U-16 Women's Asian Championship

- India quelled Malaysia's challenge to secure the Division-B title at the FIBA U-16 Women's Asian Championship in Bengaluru.

ISSF Shooting World Cup

- Indian shooter Sangram Dahiya won a silver medal in the final round of the men's double trap at the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) Shooting World Cup Final in Delhi.

FIFA Under-17 World Cup

- England won its maiden FIFA Under-17 World Cup crown defeating old rival Spain in the final at Kolkata.

Pro Kabaddi 2017

- Patna Pirates beat Gujarat Fortune giants to clinch its third straight title in the Pro Kabaddi league finals at Nehru Stadium in Chennai.

French Open Super Series

- India's Kidambi Srikanth beat the Japan's Kenta Nishimoto in straight games to win the French Open Super Series men's singles title, in Paris.

Bhullar won Macao Open

- Gaganjeet Bhullar got a victory at the Macao Open to bag his eighth Asian Tour title held at Macao in China.

Formula 1 Car Race: Lewis Hamilton champion for the Fourth Time.

- Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the championship for the fourth time in the F1 Race 2017 season.

Swiss Indoor – 8th Title for Roger Federer

- Roger Federer of Switzerland beat Argentina's Juan Martin del potro to win the championship title for the 8th time, held at Basel in Switzerland.

Commonwealth Shooting Championships

- Heena Sidhu won 10-metre air pistol gold medal at Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane.

Belgium Open 2017

- India's Achanta Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyam won a bronze medal each at the prestigious 2017 Challenge Belgium Open Table Tennis tournament in De Haan, Belgium.

Women's Asia Cup Hockey

- The Indian women's hockey team beat China in the finals to win the women's Asia Cup hockey title at kakamigahara in Japan.

Asian Women's Boxing Championships 2017

- bronze-medallist Mary Kom clinched her fifth gold medal in Asian Women's Boxing Championships in Light Flyweight (48 kg) category, held at Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.

82nd Senior National Badminton Championship 2017

- Saina Nehwal beat Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu to clinch the women's singles in the 82nd Senior National Badminton Championship in Nagpur.

World Billiards Championship 2017

- Pankaj Advani clinched his 17th world title after he thrashed his arch-rival Mike Russell of England in the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Doha.

Italy fail to qualify for 2018 FIFA World Cup

- Italy failed to qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup which is going to be held in Russia after being held to a 0-0 draw on play-off by a defiant Sweden.

Peru Qualifies for the world cup after 36 years

- Peru beat New Zealand 2-0 in the World Cup qualifiers second stage playoffs and qualified after 36 years.

61st National shotgun championship

- Olympian Shagun Chowdhary clinched the women's trap gold in the 61st National shotgun championship final at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi.

National wrestling championship 2017

- Sushil Kumar won the gold medal in the men's 74kg freestyle competition in the National Wrestling championship at the Abhay Prashal Indoor Stadium, Indore.

61st National shotgun championship

- Commonwealth Championship silver medallist Shreyasi Singh won gold in the double trap 61st National shotgun championship at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, New Delhi.

Afghanistan wins maiden Under-19 Asia Cup

- Afghanistan thrashed Pakistan in the final of the Under-19 Asia cricket Cup to register a historic triumph and lift their maiden title at Kuala Lumpur

Asian Marathon Championship

- Gopi Thonakal from Wayanad district of Kerala became the first Indian man to win Asian Marathon Championship.

Senior U-23 World Wrestling Championship

- Indian wrestler Ritu Phogat (48kg) clinched the silver medal in the U-23 Senior World Wrestling Championship at Poland.

Asian Kabaddi Championship 2017

- The Indian men's kabaddi team defeated Pakistan in the finals of the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2017 in Gorgan, Iran to win the gold medals.

Davis Cup 2017

- France defeated Belgium 3-2 to win Davis Cup.

Asian Archery Championships

- Indian archers grabbed three gold, four silver and two bronze medals at the Asian Championships held at Dhaka, Bangladesh. Abhishek Verma won the gold beating Korean Jongho Kim.

Shiva Keshavan wins Gold in Asian Championships

- India's veteran Winter Olympian Shiva Keshavan won a gold medal at the Asian Luge Championships at Altenberg, Germany.

Winter Olympics 2018

- Russia was banned from the 2018 Winter Games by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) over its state-orchestrated doping programme.

World Para-Swimming Championship

- Visually impaired swimmer Kanchanmala Pande of Nagpur became 1st Indian to win gold in at the World Para-Swimming Championships in Mexico.

Indonesia Open Aquatic Championship 2017.

- Indian Diving Team won 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals in **Indonesia Open Aquatic Championship 2017** held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Beijing unveils 2022 Winter Olympics emblems

- China unveiled emblems for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics inspired by Chinese calligraphy.

Commonwealth Wrestling Championships

- Sushil Kumar secured a gold medal at the Commonwealth Wrestling Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa.

PV Sindhu wins silver in World Superseries

- P.V. Sindhu won silver medal in Dubai World Superseries

Indian junior boxers claim six gold medals

- Bhavesh Kattamani (52kg) picked up the best boxer trophy along with his gold medal which is held in the German city of Schwerin.

9th International Youth Sailing Competition(Andhra Pradesh)

- Krishnapatnam Port in Nellore hosted the 9th edition of International Youth Sailing Competition of India 2017.

Sushil Kumar - Most Expensive Wrestler

- Double Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar was picked for a whopping Rs 55 lakh by the Delhi Sultans during the Pro Wrestling League auctions in New Delhi.

World Blitz & Rapid Championships 2017

- Viswanathan Anand of India defeated reigning champion Magnus Carlsen at the World Rapid Championship (WRC) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

61st National Shooting Championship

- Anisa Sayyed won the women's 25m pistol gold with a new record at the 1st National Shooting Championship Competitions (61st NSCC), in Trivandrum.

Important Days	Date/description
World Contraception Day	26 September - To promote family planning and ensuring access to preferred contraceptive methods for women.
National Nutrition Week	1st to 7th September Theme- "Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health".
World Mental Health Day 2017	October 10 Theme- "Mental health in the workplace".
Quami Ekta Week (National Integration Week) from 19th to 25th November, 2017	<p>November 19- National Integration Day</p> <p>November 20- Welfare of Minorities Day</p> <p>November 21- Linguistic Harmony Day</p> <p>November 22 -Weaker Sections Day</p> <p>November 23 -Cultural Unity Day</p> <p>November 24 -Women's Day</p> <p>November 25 - Conservation Day</p>
Income Tax Day	July 24
Kargil Vijay Diwas Day	July 26 It is named after the success of Operation Vijay.
World Hepatitis Day	July 28 ➤ 2017Theme-Eliminate Hepatitis
International Tiger Day	July 29
World Breastfeeding Week	August 1st to 7th ➤ 2017theme-"Sustaining Breastfeeding Together".
National Handloom Day	August 7
WORLD LION DAY	August 10
World Bio Fuel Day	August 10

World Elephant Day	August 12
International Youth Day	August 12 2017Theme-"Youth Building Peace"
World Humanitarian Day	August 19 2017 Theme- Not A Target
World Photography Day	August 19
National Sports Day	August 29 The National Sports Day is observed to birth anniversary of the legendary hockey player Dhyan Chand.
World Coconut Day	September 2
National Teacher's day	September 5
UN International Day for South-South Cooperation	September 12
National Hindi Divas	September 14
International Literacy Day	September 8 ➤ 2017Theme-Literacy in a digital world
International Day of Peace-	September 21 2017Theme- "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All"
World Tourism Day	September 27 2017Theme- "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All."
World Vegan Day 2017	November 1
World Tsunami Awareness Day 2017	November 5 2017Theme-'Reduce the number of affected People'.
World Usability Day	November 9
World Quality Day	November 9 ❖ 2017Theme-'Everyday Leadership'.
Legal Services Day	November 9

National Education Day	November 11 ❖ National Education Day is to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India.
World Pneumonia Day	November 12
World Kindness Day	November 13
World Diabetes Day	November 14 ❖ 2017Theme-“Women and diabetes – Our right to a healthy future’.
National Press Day	November 16
World Philosophy Day-	3rd Thursday of November
International Day for Tolerance	November 16
International day of Students	November 17
National Epilepsy Day	November 17
World Fisheries Day	November 21
World Toilet Day	November 19 2017Theme- “Wastewater
World Antibiotic Awareness Week	November 13-19
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	November 25 ❖ 2017Theme- ‘Leave no one behind: end violence against women and girls’.
National Milk day-NMD	November 26 ❖ National Milk day is to mark the birth anniversary of Father of the White Revolution Dr. Verghese Kurien.
National Constitution Day	November 26

MISCELLANEOUS

Customer Satisfaction Index Survey: Raipur Swami Vivekananda Airport ranked first

- Raipur's Swami Vivekananda Airport was ranked first in Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) Survey among 49 airports in the country, followed by Udaipur (2nd), Amritsar (3rd) and Dehradun.

MSDE celebrated Second Anniversary of Skill India Mission

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) celebrated the second anniversary of Skill India Mission (objective-to train over 40 crore people in different skills by 2022) on the World Youth Skills day.

Global Retirement Security Ranking 2017

- Norway has topped the ranking, followed by Switzerland, and Iceland. India ranked in 43rd place.

Books and Authors

Sl. No	Books	Author
1.	India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy (revised and expanded edition of 2007)	Ramachandra Guha
2.	Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister	Sagarika Ghose
3.	The Ministry of Utmost Happiness	Arundhati Roy
4.	Lone Fox Dancing: My Autobiography	Ruskin Bond
5.	How to Be a Bawse: A Guide to Conquering Life	Lilly Singh
6.	An Unsuitable Boy	Karan Johar
7.	Advice and Dissent: My Life in Public Service	Y.V. Reddy
8.	Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy	Shiv shankar Menon

August 15 to be celebrated as 'Sankalp Parva': Central Govt

- The Centre has decided to observe 2017 Independence Day as 'Sankalp Parva' and asked the people to dedicate themselves to social causes and share their ideas to make a new India.

India – ASEAN Youth summit, 2017 will be held in Bhopal:

- The 2017 India – ASEAN Youth summit held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from August 14 to 19, 2017. Theme: ‘Shared values, common destiny’

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition - August 23

- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, August 23 of each year, the day designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

India starts producing world’s most expensive luwark coffee

- The Civet coffee, also called as Luwark coffee, is expensive because of uncommon method of producing such a coffee. It is produced from the coffee beans digested by civet cat. The feces of this cat are collected, processed and sold.

Hurricane Irma hits Caribbean Islands

- The most powerful Hurricane Irma originated from Atlantic Ocean swept across the Caribbean islands at a wind speed of 185 mph.

First National Canine Seminar: Manesar (Gurugram), Haryana

- The first National Canine Seminar was held at Manesar (Gurugram), Haryana with the theme of ”Canine as Tactical Weapon in Fight against Terrorism”.

World Ozone Day observed at Vizag zoo

- Indira Gandhi Zoological Park observed the World Ozone Day with a series of programmes on 16 September.

Vandalur zoo turns home for 19 new animals

- Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur bringing in 19 animals from Nandankanan Zoological Park in Bhubaneswar. Animals like Water Monitors, Himalayan Black Bears will be new addition to the zoo.

Punjab National Bank, BSNL join hands for mobile wallet - Speedpay

- Punjab National Bank and state-run firm BSNL teamed up to roll out open mobile wallet “Speedpay”.

Valuable Nation Brand List 2017

- According to the recently released Nation Brands 2017 report, India was ranked 8th out of 100 countries on a list of most valuable nation brands.

Safe Cities Index 2017

- Tokyo has topped the list of The Economist's Safe Cities Index 2017 while Delhi and Mumbai ranked 43rd and 45th respectively.

Times Higher Education Rankings

- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay were ranked among world's top 200 institutions in Times Higher Education subject-wise rankings.

Gender Vulnerability Index

- Goa ranked top and Bihar featured at the lowest and highest ranking is Himachal Pradesh which is at the sixth position.

Tamil scholar and Periyarist Ma. Nannan passes away

- Ma. Nannan was famous for his classes in Doordarshan program 'Tamil Karpom'

Debjani Ghosh set to be first woman President of Nasscom

- The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has named Debjani Ghosh as its president

Google honours India's first woman advocate with doodle

- Google paid tribute to Cornelia Sorabji, the first Indian woman student in Britain and India's first woman lawyer, on her 151st birth anniversary with a special doodle.

The 8th edition of Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES)-2017 hosted by India

- (GES)-2017 is hosted by India on November 28, 2017 at Hyderabad. US President Donald trump's daughter Ivanka trump participated in this Summit.

Cyclone OCKHI

- Depression which had formed in the Bay of Bengal near Kanyakumari district, bordering Kerala, has intensified into a cyclone named OCKHI. Ockhi, name given by Bangladesh which in Bengali language means 'eye'.

Taj Mahal - 2nd best UNESCO world heritage site

- The Taj Mahal, is the second best UNESCO world heritage site in the world. Cambodia's Angkor Wat, a temple complex has bagged the first spot in the survey.

Mount Hope - UK's new highest mountain

- Britain has a new highest mountain (Mount Hope) after new satellite data revealed the peak was almost 400 metres taller than previously thought.

India ranked 109th in mobile internet speed

- India is ranked 109 out of 122 countries in terms of mobile internet speed (avg 8.80Mbps) and Norway has the fastest mobile networks in the world(avg 62.66Mbps).
- India is ranked 76 out of 133 countries for broadband speed. Singapore leads the way (avg153.85 Mbps).

New Island

- The world's newest island "Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai" was formed during a volcanic eruption in the remote Pacific three years ago.

'Youthquake' named word of the year by Oxford Dictionaries

- "Youthquake", defined as "a significant cultural, political, or social change arising from the actions or influence of young people", has been selected by Oxford Dictionaries as the 2017 word of the year.

CM designates for Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh

- Vijay Rupani, designated as Chief Minister of Gujarat.Jairam Thakur designated as 13th Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh

2017's top-grossing actor in Forbes list

- Vin Diesel has been named the top-grossing actor of 2017 by Forbes followed by Johnson 'The Rock', and 'Wonder Woman' actress Gal Gadot.
