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List of Minerals and Their Largest Producing Countries

Name of Mineral	Largest Producer	Second Largest Producer
Coal	China	United States
Natural Gas	United States	Russia
Petroleum	United States	Saudi Arabia
Uranium	Kazakhstan	Canada
Flourite	China	Mexico
Diamond	Russia	Botswana
Aluminium	China	Russia
Bauxite	Australia	China
Bismuth	China	Mexico
Copper	Chile	China
Gold	China	Australia
Iron Ore	China	Australia
Lithium	Australia	Chile
Manganese	South Africa	China

Nickel	Philippines	Russia
Palladium	Russia	South Africa
Platinum	South Africa	Russia
Silver	Mexico	China
Tin	China	Indonesia
Titanium	Australia	South Africa
Zinc	China	Australia

10 Pros and Cons of GST's 4 Slab Tax System

GST (goods and services tax) is an indirect tax, which will simplify the current system of taxation. However, there are many pros and cons in this tax reform.

Pros of implementing GST are:

1. GST reduces various indirect taxes running in the current regime, which will make the process of tax collection transparent and easy.
2. Some indirect taxes are again taxed on the tax account; this cascading effect is reduced with the implementation of GST, which would reduce the hidden costs of doing business.
3. It also fulfil the dream of making one nation one tax.
4. By implementing GST, inflation will be under control.
5. By making a common market, it will remove the state trade barrier.
6. GST will reduce operational costs, prices of production or services that will directly benefit the consumers.
7. It will let the work equitably divided between manufacturing and services.
8. With the implementation of single taxation system, there will be a firm a concrete taxation infrastructure, which will be transparent, and corruption less.
9. GST reduces the transaction costs of doing business, which improve the competitiveness for the trade and industry.
10. It decrease the cost of collection of tax revenues of the government and lead to higher revenue effectiveness.

Cons of implementing GST are:

1. For GST, service tends to be more expensive.
2. People might hesitate to adapt the change for new tax system.
3. Businessmen will have to change their strategy.
4. For manufacturing state, there will be a loss of revenue.
5. For some retail products where the tax rate is only 4% for the GST, it will be costlier.
6. If the cascading effect benefits not passed to the consumers, businessmen can raise their profit margins.
7. GST may have a negative impact on retail market.
8. For GST, implementation tax burden will be higher for Small businesses in the manufacturing sectors.
9. Businesses will have to register in all the state; they are operate which increase the burden of compliance.
10. Inflation may increases initially.

List of Important Books Released in 2017

Name of the book	Author	About the book
Khullam Khulla uncensored	Rishi Kapoor and Meena Iyer	reveals some interesting facts about the actors life
Jinnah often came to our house	Kiran Doshi (Hindu Prize 2016 Winner)	is a work of historical fiction which serves as a testimony to the Indian independence struggle, with accurate references to events from 1900- 1948
The Adivasi Will Not Dance:	Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar About:	political book of stories
The People's	Author : SM Khan	Acquaints us with lesser known

President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam		facts and stories which went towards making the great Dr Kalam the 'People's President'
Kalkatta	Kunal basu	
Half of What I Say	Anil Menon	General fiction
The Island of lost girls	Manjula Padmanabhan	sequel to the feminist dystopia introduced in Escape (2008)
Gandhi in Champaran	Dinanath Gopal Tendulkar	
Home of the Brave	Nitin A Gokhale & Brig S K Chatterji	Home of the Brave traces the early history of the RR, its organization, including its raising and subsequent deployment in Punjab, the North East and in Jammu & Kashmir.
The Rise of Sivagami	Anand Neelakantan	Aprequel to the blockbuster Baahubali,
Indian Railway- The weaving of a National Tapestry	Shri Bibek Debroy (Member, NITI Aayog) Shri Sanjay Chadha (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce) & Ms. Vidya Krishnamurthi.	
Hope in a challenged democracy; An Indian narrative'	Shri Ashwini Kumar About :	It provides a statesman's perspective on addressing challenges and optimizing responses with a view to

		transforming our democracy as a true reflection of the collective conscience of the nation.
Flaming Tresses of Draupadi	M Veerappa Moily (SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER) About: -	An English translation by D A Shankar of Moily's original work in Kannada.
Matoshree	Sumitra Mahajan (Lok Sabha Speaker)	Based on life of Maratha Queen Ahilyabai Holkar
Number Do Lie	Former India cricketer Aakash Chopra co written with Jaideep Varma,	The book titled "Numbers Do Lie" delves into the stories of several players whose performances often did not receive the adulation they deserved.
Rekha: The Untold Story	Yasser Usman	
My Story	An autobiography of Michael Clarke (former international cricketer and captain of Australia)	
Thamel: Dark Star of Kathmandu	Rabi Thapa	Thamel: Dark Star of Kathmandu suggests that the world needs to get to know Thamel's residents – both Nepali and those visitors that arrived but never left.
First philosophical novel for God titled	IAS officer Haulianlal Guite	

"Confessions of a dying mind: the blind faith of atheism		
Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl	Ram Kamal Mukherjee.	
Goras and Desis: Managing Agencies and the Making of Corporate India	Omkar Goswami	An insightful view on the origin and evolution of Indian corporates'
Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand	retired police officer K. Vijay Kumar About:	It is part-autobiography and part-biography, as much about Veerappan as it is about the author himself
The Golden House,	Salman Rushdie	It tells the story of a wealthy family from Mumbai desperately seeking to forget the tragedy of 26/11 as they try to reinvent themselves in New York City.
Conflicts of Interest: My Journey through India's Green Movement	Sunita Narains	She talks about how corporate lobbies and political interests often scuttle effective resolution of environmental research undertaken by her, along with her team at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
Death Under The Deodars: The Adventures of Miss	Ruskin Bond	Author brings to life a mystery and murder featuring the elderly Miss

Ripley-Bean		Ripley-Bean and her friends
The Room on the Roof	Ruskin Bond	
The Blue Umbrella	Ruskin Bond	The story is about a little girl who trades her old leopard claw necklace for a pretty, frilly blue umbrella. Set in a small village in Himachal Pradesh
A Flight of Pigeons	Ruskin Bond	
"Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra	Ruskin Bond Sahitya Akademi award in 1996	
An Era of Darkness : The British empire in India	Shashi Tharoor	
The Adivasi Will Not Dance	Hansda Shekhar	
The Sleepwalker's Dream	Dhrubajyoti Borah About:	Through the novel, the readers peep into Bhutan's beautiful valley of lush green forest
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness	Arundhati Roy	
The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy (debut novel) Won booker prize	

Modi's midas touch in foreign policy	Surendra kumar	
Son of the Thundercloud –	Easterine Kire	
From Mumbai to Durban: India's Greatest Tests,	S Giridhar and VJ Raghunath	
The Untold Vajpayee: Politician and Paradox	Ullekh N P	
Front Page Murders	Puja Changoiwala	
My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man behind the Mangalyaan Mission	Koppillil Radhakrishnan	
Faith, Unity and Discipline: The ISI of Pakistan'	Hein G Kiessling largely about the first story but what also becomes clear is that the ISI's two functions, ultimately, are the sides of a single coin.	There are two stories about the Inter-Services Intelligence of the Pakistan military. One is about its support for various jihadi groups which it then throws against India, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The other is the ISI's role as an instrument used by the Pakistani military to keep their country's civil society under its thumb. This book is
A Full Night's Thievery: Stories	Mitra Phukan	

The Sellout	Paul Beatty MAN BOOKER PRIZE WINNER 2016	The novel concerns a narrator, referred to only by his last name, "Me", who attempts to reintroduce slavery and segregation in his Los Angeles neighborhood, Dickens. This attempt leads to a Supreme Court case, Me Vs. The United States of America.
A Life in Science	Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao (CNR Rao	How and why he took up science as a career.
The Pigeon Tunnel	John Le Carre	
Pakistan - Courting the Abyss'	Tilak Devasher	Courting the Abyss is a comprehensive and clinical survey of a deeply troubled country which has become a centre of extremist ideologies and terrorist violence; consequently, a threat to many of its own nationals as also to countries in its neighbourhood and beyond.
An Unsuitable Boy	Karan Johar co- authored by Poonam Saxena (autobiography)	
Akhada: The Authorized Biography of Mahavir Singh Phogat	Saurabh Duggal	It tells the story of a man of tremendous fortitude, of a father who fought against all odds to give his daughters - Olympians Geeta Phogat and Babita Kumari -- a future they could not have dreamed for themselves, says publisher

		Hachette India.
"Winning like Virat: Think & Succeed like Kohli"	Abhirup Bhattacharya	
Marching with a Billion- Analysing Narendra Modi's Government at Midterm	Uday Mahurkar	It analyses the monumental changes that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has brought on multiple fronts as Prime Minister on India's governance landscape
'Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio	Rajesh Jain	It is a compilation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's addresses to the nation on radio every month under the programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.
Metaphysics, Morals and Politics	Prof. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay	
M.S. Swaminathan: The Quest for a world without hunger	M.S. Swaminathan	
India's Indira: A Centennial Tribute"		Senior leader Anand Sharma has edited the book.

List of Ports in India With Key Facts

Introduction

India has about 7516.6 kilometres of seashore & it is one of the biggest peninsulas in the world. It has 12 major ports & around 200 notified minor & intermediate ports. Maharashtra with 48 docks has the maximum number of non-major ports trailed by Gujarat with 42 docks & Andaman & Nicobar Islands with 23 docks.

The Central government's shipping ministry will take care of all the major ports. The Minor & Intermediate ports will be taken care by the relevant departments in the coastal states.

MAJOR PORTS:

PORT NAME	STATE	BUILT IN	COAST
Kandla	Gujarat	1950	Western
Mumbai	Maharashtra	1870	Western
Jawaharlal Nehru	Maharashtra	1989	Western
Mormugoa	Goa	1888	Western
Mangalore	Karnataka	1974	Western
Cochin	Kerala	1926	Western
Haldia	West Bengal	1967	Eastern
Paradip	Odisha	1962	Eastern
Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	1933	Eastern
Chennai	Tamil Nadu	1881	Eastern
Ennore	Tamil Nadu	2001	Eastern
Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	1974	Eastern

SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

- **Kandla Port** is situated on the Gulf of Kutch. It is the biggest port of India by volume of freight handled.
- **Mormugoa port** is the foremost iron ore exporting port.
- **Panambur** is the location of sea port called New Mangalore Port. It is an all-season port.
- **Paradip port** is an artificial & deep water port.
- **Ennore Port** is also known as Kamarajar Port Limited & is the only major port registered as a company.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru** port is previously known as Nhava Sheva Port & is the largest container port in India.

- **Tuticorin** or Thoothukudi Port is an artificial deep-sea dock & is officially known as VO Chidambaranar Port

List of Popular Awards in Various Fields

National Awards	
Award	Field
Dada Saheb Phalke Award	Performance in films.
Shankar Award:.	Contribution in Indian Philosophy, Culture and Art
Kabir Samman	For Socio – communal Harmony
International Gandhi Peace Prize	For economic, social and political contribution by following methods of Gandhi.
Bharat Ratna	Highest civilian award given to the person who serves the nation.
Padma Bhushan	It is the third-highest civilian award, third in rank in the country.
Padma Vibhushan	It is the second highest award in the country. It is awarded to people from fields including Govt. service to distinguish extraordinary service for the nation.
Padma Shri:	For people who have made contribution in Industry, Social Service, Education, Literature, Arts, Science, Medicine, Sports and Public Affairs.
Dronacharya Award	For brilliance in sports coaching
Dhyan Chand Award	Lifetime achievement award in sports in the country.
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna	Highest honour given for accomplishment in sports
Jnanpith Award	For Literature
Vyas Samman	For literature in Hindi language.
Saraswati Samman	For literary works (prose and poetry) in any Indian language which is listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution.
Param Vir Chakra	Highest decoration Awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or prominent act of valor. It may also be awarded for self-sacrifice on land, air or sea.

Maha Vir Chakra	It is awarded for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, air or sea.
Vir Chakra	It is the third in the order of awards for acts of gallantry in the face of the enemy on land, air or sea.
Ashok Chakra	Awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring act of valor or self-sacrifice on land, air or sea
Arjun Awards	In the field of Sports.
Kalinga Award	In the field of Science
Dhanwantri Award	In the field of Medical Science.
Bhatnagar:	In the field of Science.
Vachspati Samman	In the field of Sanskrit Literature.
International Awards	
Academy (Oscar) Awards	In the field of movies and films (From 1929).
Grammy Award	In the field of Music (From 1958)
Ramon Magsaysay Award	n the field of Govt. (Public) Service, Social Service, Journalism, Literature and communication (From 1957).
Borlaug Award	In the field of Agriculture (From 1992).
Pulitzer	In the field of Journalism and Literature.
Bowelay	In the field of Agriculture
Nobel Prize	In the field of Peace, Literature, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Medical Science.
Abel	In the field of Maths
Merlin	In the field of Magic
Man Booker	In the field of Literature

List of Sports Stadiums in World

Sri Lanka

R.Premadasa Stadium-	Colombo	Cricket
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Sinhalese Sports Club Ground- Colombo (Cricket)	Colombo	Cricket
Colombo Cricket Club Ground- Colombo (Cricket)	Colombo	Cricket
Galle International Stadium- Galle (Cricket)	Galle	Cricket
P.Saravanamuttu Stadium- Colombo (Multipurpose)	Colombo	Multipurpose
Bangladesh		
Chittagong Stadium	Chittagong (Cricket)	Cricket
Bangabandhu National Stadium	Dhaka	Multipurpose
Pakistan		
Ayub National Stadium-	Quetta	Multipurpose
Gaddafi Stadium-	Lahore	Cricket
Australia		
Manuka Oval-	Canberra	Cricket
Marrara Cricket Ground-	Darwin	Cricket
Melbourne Cricket Ground-	Melbourne	Cricket
Adelaide Oval-	Adelaide	Cricket
Bundaberg Rum Stadium-	Cairns	Multipurpose
Telstra Dome-	Melbourne	Multipurpose
Sydney Cricket Ground-	Sydney	Cricket

W.A.C.A. Ground-	Perth	Cricket
New Zealand		
Jade Stadium-	Christchurch	Rugby
John Davies Oval	Queenstown	Multipurpose
McLean Park-	Napier	Cricket
Basin Reserve-	Wellington	Cricket
Eden Park-	Auckland	Multipurpose
England		
Lord's- L	London	Cricket
Etihad Stadium-	Manchester	Football
St Lawrence Ground-	Canterbury	Cricket
The Brit Oval-	London	Cricket
Old Trafford-	Manchester	Football
Sophia Gardens-	Cardiff	Cricket
Trent Bridge-	Nottingham	(Cricket)
Edgbaston- Birmingham (Cricket)	Birmingham	Cricket
Headingley-	Leeds	Cricket
Stamford Bridge	Chelsea	Football

South Africa

Newlands-	Cape Town	Rugby
St George's Park	Port Elizabeth	Cricket
Kingsmead	Durban	Cricket
New Wanderers Stadium	Johannesburg	Cricket
Centurion Supersport Park-	Pretoria	Cricket

West Indies

Guyana Cricket Stadium Georgetown-	Guyana	Cricket
Kensington Oval Bridgetown	Barbados	Cricket
Mindoo Phillip Park Castries-	St Lucia	Multipurpose
Sabina Park Kingston-	Jamaica	Cricket
Antigua Recreation Ground St John's	Antigua	Cricket and Football
Albion Sports Complex Berbice-	Guyana	Cricket

Zimbabwe

Kwekwe Sports Club-	Kwekwe	Cricket
Queens Sports Club-	Bulawayo	Cricket
Bulawayo Athletic Club-	Bulawayo	Cricket
Harare Sports Club-	Harare	Multipurpose

United Arab Emirates

Sheikh Zayed Stadium	Abu Dhabi	Cricket
Sharjah Cricket Stadium-	Sharjah	Cricket

State Animals, Birds, Trees and Flowers of India (PDF Version)

State Animals, Birds, Trees and Flowers of India

State/UT	Animal	Bird	Tree	Flower
Andhra Pradesh	Blackbuck	Indian Roller	Neem	Lotus
Arunachal Pradesh	Mithun	Great Hornbill	Hollong	Lady Slipper Orchid
Assam	One-horned Rhinoceros	White-winged Wood Duck	Hollong	Fox Tail Orchids
Bihar	Ox	House Sparrow	Peepal	Kachnar
Chhattisgarh	Wild Buffalo	Hill Myna	Sal	Jasmine
Goa	Gaur	Ruby Throated Yellow Bulbul	Matti	-
Gujarat	Asiatic Lion	Greater Flamingo	Mango	Marigold
Haryana	Black Buck Antelop	Black Francolin	Peepul	Lotus
Himachal Pradesh	Snow Leopard	Western Tragopan	Himalayan Ceder	Pink Rhododendron

Jammu & Kashmir	Hangul	Black Necked Crane	Chinar	Lotus
Jharkhand	Elephant	Koel	Sal	Palash
Karnataka	Indian Elephant	Indian Roller	Sandal	Lotus
Kerala	Elephant	Great Hornbill	Coconut	Golden Shower Tree
Madhya Pradesh	Swamp Deer	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	Banyan	Parrot Tree
Maharashtra	Indian Giant Squirrel	Green Pigeon	Mango	Tamhan/Jarul
Manipur	Sangai	Nongyeen	Unigthou	Shirui Llily
Meghalaya	Clouded Leopard	Hill Myna	White Teak	Lady Slipper Orchid
Mizoram	Serow	Hume's Bartailed Pheasant	Mesual Ferrea/Nahar	Red Vanda
Nagaland	Mithun	Tragopan Blythii	Alder	Rhododendron
Odisha	Sambar	Indian Roller	Aswattha	Asoka
Punjab	Black Buck	Baj/Northern Goshawk	Sheesham	Lilium candidum
Rajasthan	Camel	Great Indian Bustard	Khejri	Rohida
Sikkim	Red Panda	Blood Pheasant	Rhododendron	Noble Orchid

Tamil Nadu	Nilgiri Tahr	Emerald Dove	Palmyra Palm	Kandhal
Telangana	Deer	Indian Roller	Jammi	Tangedu
Tripura	Phayre's Langur	Green Imperial Pigeon	Agar	Nageswar
Uttarakhand	Musk Deer	Himalayan Monal	Burans	Brahm Kamal
Uttar Pradesh	Swamp Deer	Saras Crane	Ashok	Palash
West Bengal	Fishing Cat	White Throated Kingfisher	Chatian	Shephali

State/UT	Animal	Bird	Tree	Flower
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Sea Cow	Andaman Wood Pigeon	Andaman Padauk	Pyinma
Chandigarh	Indian Grey Mongoose	Indian Grey Hornbill	Mango Tree	Dhak Flower
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-	-
Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-
Delhi	Nilgai	House Sparrow	-	-
Lakshadweep	Butterfly Fish	Sooty Tern	Bread Fruit	-
Puducherry	Squirrel	Asian Koel	Vilva Tree	Cannonball

Important Deserts of the World (PDF Version)

Important Deserts of the World

Continent	Desert Name	Type of Desert	Position	Surface Area	Remarks
Antarctica	Antarctic	Polar	South Pole	1,38,29,430 square km	Largest Desert and Cold Desert in the World
Asia, Europe & North America	Arctic	Polar	North Pole	1,37,26,937 square km	Second Largest Desert on the World
Asia	Kara Kum	Cold Winter	Central Asia	3,50,000 square km	
	Kyzyl Kum	Cold Winter	Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan	3,00,000 square km	
	Gobi	Cold Winter	Mongolia	1,300,000 square km	
	Taklamakan	Cold Winter	China	2,70,000 square km	
	Thar-Cholistan	Subtropical	India and Pakistan	2,00,000 square km	
Africa	Kalahari	Subtropical	Southern Africa	9,00,000 square km	
	Namib	Cool Coastal	Southern Africa	81,000 square km	

	Sahara	Subtropical	Northern Africa	94,00,000 square km	Largest Hot Desert in the World
Australia	Gibson	Subtropical	Central Australia	1,56,000 square km	
	Great Sandy	Subtropical	North-Western Australia	4,00,000 square km	
	Great Victoria	Subtropical	Central Australia	6,47,000 square km	
	Simpson	Subtropical	Central Australia	1,45,000 square km	
	Tanami	Subtropical	Northern Australia	184,500 square km	
Europe	Arabian	Subtropical	Arabian Peninsula	23,30,000 square km	
	Dasht-e Kavir	Subtropical	Central Iran	77,000 square km	
	Dasht-e Lut	Subtropical	Southeastern Iran	52,000 square km	
North America	Chihuahuan	Subtropical	North America	4,50,000 square km	
	Great Basin	Cold Winter	US	4,92,000 square km	
	Mojave	Subtropical	US	1,24,000 square	

				km	
	Sonoran	Subtropical	North America	3,10,000 square km	
South America	Atacama	Cool Coastal	Chile	1,40,000 square km	The Driest Desert on the Earth
	Patagonian	Cold Winter	Southern Part of South America	6,73,000 square km	



Important Ranges, Volcanoes, Deserts & Lakes in the World

Important Mountain Ranges:

- Andes : South America
- Himalayas : Karakoram :Hindukush :South Central Asia
- Rockies : North America
- Great Dividing Range : East Australia
- Western Ghats : Western India
- Caucasus Europe : Asia
- Alaska : USA
- Alps : Europe
- Apennines : Europe
- Ural : Asia
- Pennines : Europe
- Pyrenees : Europe
- Appalachian : North America
- Atlas : Africa
- Kilimancharo : Africa

- Appalechian : America
- Ural : Europe
- Alps : Europe
- Karpathyan : Europe
- Mount Eribus : Antartica

Important Volcanos:

- Vezuvias : Italy
- Etna : Italy
- Stromboli : Italy
- Barren : India (Andaman Nicobar)
- Kilimancharo : Tanzania
- Krakathove : Indonesia
- Pina thubo : Philippense
- Ring of fire : Pacific
- Lighthouse of the Pacific : Ezalko
- Lighthouse of the Mediteranian : Stromboli

Important Deserts:

- Fozil desert : Kalahari
- Little Sahara : Australia
- Death desert : Thakkala Makkan
- Painted desert : North America
- Coldest desert : Gobi
- Warmest desert : Sahara
- Driest desert : Attakkama
- Great Indian desert : Thar
- Roob Asavali : Asia
- Attakkama : South America
- Sahara : Africa
- Kalahari : Africa
- Nameeb : Nameebia
- Great Sandy : Australia
- Great Victoria : Australia
- Thakkala Makkan : China
- Sahel : China
- Thar : India

Important Lakes:

- Superior : North America
- Ladol : Europe
- Caspian : Asia
- Victoria : Africa
- Ayar : Australia
- Marakkoiba : South America
- Vozthok : Antartica
- Azad : Syria
- Nazar : Egypt
- Land of ten thousand lakes : Minazotta
- Land of thousand lakes : Finland
- Oldest lake, Deepest lake : Baikkal (Russia)
- Largest Island Lake : Manitollin
- Largest freshwater lake : Superior
- Largest salt water lake : Caspian sea
- Largest artificial lake : Volta (Ghana)

State-wise List of Important Dams in India



Name of The Dam	River	Power Generation Capacity
Andhra Pradesh		
Nizam Sagar Dam	Manjira	815.6 MW
Somasila Dam	Pennar	
Srisailam Dam	Krishna	770MW
Singur Dam	Manjira	
Ramagundam Dam	Godavari	
Dummaguden Dam	Godavari	
Arunachal Pradesh		

Subansiri Lower HE (Nhpc) Dam	Subansiri	2,000 MW
Bihar		
Nagi Dam	Nagi	
Chhattisgarh		
Minimata (Hasdeo) Bango Dam	Hasdeo	
Gujrat		
Ukai Dam	Tapti	300 MW.
Dharoi	Sabarmati river	
Kadana	Mahi	240 MW
Dantiwada	West Banas River	
Himachal Pradesh		
Pandoh	Beas	990 MW
Bhakra Nangal	Sutlej	1325 MW
Nathpa Jhakri Dam	Sutlej	1,500 MW
Chamera Dam	Ravi	540 MW
Pong Dam	Beas	360 MW
J & K		
Bagihar Dam	Chenab	900 MW

Dumkhar Dam	Indus	45 MW
Uri Dam	Jhelam	480 MW
Pakal Dul Dam	Marusudar	1,000 MW
Jharkhand		
Maithon Dam	Maithon	60 MW
Chandil Dam	Subarnarekha River	
Konar Dam	Konar	
Panchet Dam	Damodar	80MW
Tenughat Dam	Damodar	
Tilaiya Dam	Barakar River,	4 MW
Karnataka		
Linganamakki Dam	Sharavathi river	55 MW
Kadra Dam	Kalinadi River	
Supa Dam	Kalinadi	100 MW
Krishna Raja Sagara Dam	Kaveri	
Harangi Dam	Harangi	
Narayanpur Dam	Krishna River	
Kodasalli Dam	Kali River	

Basava Sagara	Krishna River	
Tunga Bhadra Dam	Tungabhadra River,	127MW
Alamatti Dam	Krishna River	290 MW
Kerala		
Malampuzha Dam	Malampuzha River	
Peechi Dam	Manali River	
Idukki Dam	Periyar River	780 MW
Kundala Dam		
Parambikulam Dam	Parambikulam River	
Walayar Dam	Walayar River	
Mullaperiyar Dam	Periyar River	180 MW
Neyyar Dam	Neyyar River	
Madhya Pradesh		
Rajghat Dam	Betwa River	45 MW
Barna Dam	Barna River	
Bargi Dam	Narmada River	100 MW
Bansagar Dam	Sone River	435 MW
Gandhi Sagar Dam	Chambal River .	115 MW

Indira Sagar	Narmada River	1,000 MW
Maharashtra		
Yeldari Dam	Purna river	
Ujjani Dam	Bhima River	12 MW
Mulshi Dam	Mula river	25MW
Koyna Dam	Koyna River	1,920 MW
Jayakwadi Dam	Godavari river	12 MW
Bhatsa Dam	Bhatsa river	
Wilson Dam	Tennessee River	
Tansa Dam	Tansa river	
Panshet Dam	Ambi river	
Mula Dam	Mula river	
Kolkewadi Dam	Vashishti River	320 MW
Girna Dam	Girna river	
Vaitarna Dam	Vaitarna river	
Radhanagari Dam	Bhogawati river	
Manair Dam	Manair River	
Khadakwasla Dam	Mutha River	

Gangapur Dam	Godavari river	
Odisha		
Jalaput Dam	Machkund River	120 MW
Indravati Dam	Indravati River	600 MW .
Hirakud Dam	Mahanadi River	347.5 MW
Punjab		
Damsal Dam	Damsal River	
Ranjit Sagar Dam	Ravi River	
Sikkim		
Rangit III Dam	Ranjit River	60 MW (
Teesta Dam-III, IV V	Teesta River	
Tamil Nadu		
Sholayar Dam	Chalakkudi River	
Pillur Dam		
Upper Kodayar Dam		
Upper Aliyar Dam		
Upper Bhavani Dam		
Peruchani Dam	Paralayar River,	

Mettur Dam	Kaveri River	
Uttar Pradesh		
Rihand Dam	Rihand River	
Patharai Dam		
Rajghat Dam	Betwa River	5 MW
Maudaha (Swami Brahmanand) Dam	Birma	
Uttrakhand		
Tehri Dam (Highest dam in India)	Bhagirathi River	600 MW
Maneri Dam	Bhagirathi River	90 MW
Koteshwar Dam	Bhagirathi River	400 MW
Kishau Dam	Tons River	660 MW
Ranganga Dam	Ranganga River	198 MW
West Bengal		
Mukutmonipur Dam	Kangsabati River	
Bindu Dam	Jaldhaka River.	

List of Mountain Ranges In The World

Name	Location	Elevation	Highest Peak
Andes	Peru, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia	6,961 m	Aconcagua
Himalayas	Asia	8,848 m	Mount Everest
Hindukush	South-Central Asia	7,690 m	Tirich Mir
Rockies	British Columbia; Alberta; Idaho; Montana; Wyoming; Utah; Colorado; New Mexico	4,401 m	Mount Elbert
Great Dividing Range	Australia	2,228 m	Mount Kosciuszko
Sierra Nevada	United States	4,421 m	Mount Whitney
Caucasus	Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Abkhazia	5,642 m	Mount Elbrus
Alaska	USA	6,190 m	Denali
Alps	Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia	4,810 m	Mont Blanc
Apennines	Italy	2,912 m	Corno Grande
Ural	Russia	1,895 m	Mount Narodnaya
Pennines	UK	893 m	Cross Fell
Pyrenees	France, Spain	3,404 m	Aneto
Appalachian	North America	2,037 m	Mount Mitchell

Atlas	Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia	4,167 m	Toubkal
Carpathian	Romania, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Serbia	2,655 m	Gerlachovský štít
Karakoram	Gilgit-Baltistan, Ladakh, Xinjiang and Badakhshan	8,611 m	K2
Tian Shan	China	7,439 m	Jengish Chokusu
Eastern Ghats	Eastern India	1,680 m	Jindhagada Peak
Western Ghats	Western India and Southern India	2,695 m	Anamudi

List of Volcanos In The World

Name	Location	Elevation	Last Date of Eruption
Mount Vesuvius	Italy	1,281 m	March 1944
Krakatoa	Indonesia	813 m	31 March 2014
Mount Etna	Italy	3,350 m	16 March 2017
Mount St. Helens	Washington	2,550 m	10 July 2008
Mauna Loa	Hawaii	4,169 m	15 April 1984
Kīlauea	Hawaii	1,247 m	January 3, 1983
Popocatépetl	Mexico	5,426 m	2005 to 2016 (ongoing)

Mount Tambora	Indonesia	2,850 m	1967
Mount Pinatubo	Philippines	1,486 m	1993
Mayon	Philippines	2,463 m	18 September 2014
Sakurajima	Japan	1,117 m	5 February 2016
Mount Fuji	Japan	3,776 m	16 December 1707
Taal Volcano	Philippines	311 m	1977
Mount Merapi	Indonesia	2,930 m	10 March 2014
Mount Nyiragongo	Democratic Republic of the Congo	3,470 m	2016
Mount Pelée	Martinique	1,397 m	1932
Cotopaxi	Ecuador	5,897 m	August 2015
Eyjafjallajökull	Iceland	1,666 m	April 2010
Santa María	Guatemala	3,772 m	22 August 2013
Mount Kilimanjaro	Tanzania	5,895 m	Between 150,000 and 200,000 years ago

List of Lakes In The World

Name	Location	Area	Fish
Lake Baikal	Siberia, Russia	31,722	Omul, Arctic grayling, Baikal sturgeon

		km ²	
Lake Superior	North America	82,103 km ²	Burbot, Trout, Northern pike, Muskellunge, Walleye
Lake Huron	North America	59,600 km ²	Northern pike, Walleye, Smallmouth bass, Lake trout
Lake Tanganyika	Bujumbura, Kigoma, Kalemie	32,900 km ²	Lamprichthys, Lake Tanganyika sardine, Tanganyika lates
Caspian Sea	Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Georgia, Armenia	371,000 km ²	Caspian kutum, Round goby, Brown trout, Wels catfish, Alosa braschnikowi
Lake Malawi	Africa	29,600 km ²	Kampango, Redbreast tilapia
Great Bear Lake	Northwest Territories	31,153 km ²	Arctic char, Trout, Lake trout, Arctic grayling, Lake whitefish
Lake Michigan	Chicago, Milwaukee, Traverse City, Ludington, Holland	58,000 km ²	Bowfin, Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, Lake trout, Yellow perch
Great Slave Lake	Northwest Territories	27,200 km ²	Northern pike, Lake trout, Arctic grayling, Lake whitefish
Crater Lake	United States	53.35 km ²	Rainbow trout, Sockeye salmon
Lake Victoria	East Africa	68,800 km ²	Nile perch, Nile tilapia
Lake Titicaca	Puno, Copacabana	8,372 km ²	Titicaca orestias
Lake Erie	North America	25,744	Rainbow trout, Smallmouth bass,

		km ²	Walleye, Common carp, Brown trout, Yellow perch, Alewife, White perch, Rainbow smelt
Peyto Lake	Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada	5.2 km ²	---
Aral Sea	Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan, Central Asia	17,160 km ²	Common carp, Zander, Common bream, Ide
Lake Tahoe	The Sierra Nevada of the U.S, along the state border of California and Nevada	496.2 km ²	Mosquitofish, Rainbow trout, Brown trout, Largemouth bass
Dead Sea	Israel; Jordan; Palestine	605 km ²	None
Great Salt Lake	Utah, United States	4,400 km ²	Brine Shrimp
Lake Ontario	North America	18,960 km ²	Chinook salmon, Walleye, Coho salmon
Lake of the Woods	North America	4,349 km ²	Walleye, Northern pike, Muskellunge, Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, Lake trout, Lake sturgeon

State-Wise List of Museums in India

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Anthropological Museum-

Port Blair

Samudrika (Naval Marine Museum

Delanipur

Andhra Pradesh

Bhagwan Mahavir Government Museum	Kadapa
INS Kursura	Visakhapatnam
Victoria Jubilee Museum	Vijayawada
Visakha Museum(Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Museum)	Visakhapatnam
Salar Jung Museum-	Darushifa
Birla Science Museum	Hyderabad
Nizam Museum	Hyderabad
AP State Archaeology Museum or Hyderabad Museum	Hyderabad
Arunachal Pradesh	
Jawaharlal Nehru Museum	Itanagar
Assam	
Assam State Museum	Guwahati
Mayong Central Museum and Emporium	Mayong
Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra	Guwahati
Bihar	
Patna Museum	Patna
Bihar Museum	Patna
Gandhi Smriti Sangrahalaya	Bhitiharwa

Gaya Museum	Gaya
Maharaja Lakshmeshwar Singh Museum	Darbhanga
Chandra Shekhar Singh Museum	Jamui
Srikrishna Science Centre	Patna
Bihar Police Museum	Patna
Rajendra Smriti Sangrahalaya (Rajendra Memorial Museum	Patna
Chandigarh	
Government Museum and Art Gallery-	Chandigarh
International Dolls Museum	Chandigarh
Museum of Evolution of Life	Chandigarh
National Capital Territory of Delhi	
Indian Air Force Museum	Palam, Delhi
Eternal Gandhi Multimedia Museum	New Delhi
National Gandhi Museum	New Delhi
National Gallery of Modern Art	New Delhi
National Handicrafts and Handlooms Museum	New Delhi
National Museum	New Delhi
National Museum of Natural History-	New Delhi

National Science Centre	New Delhi
Nehru Memorial Museum & Library	New Delhi
Parliament Museum	New Delhi
Teen Murti Bhavan	New Delhi
Sanskriti Kendra Museum	New Delhi
Shankar's International Dolls Museum	New Delhi
Goa	
Goa Chitra Museum	Benaulim
Goa Science Centre	Panaji
Goa State Museum	Panaji
Naval Aviation Museum	Vasco da Gama
Gujarat	
Baroda Museum & Picture Gallery-	Vadodara
Calico Museum of Textiles	Ahmedabad
Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya	Ahmedabad
Gujarat Science City	Ahmedabad
Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Museum	Ahmedabad
Kaba Gandhi No Delo	Rajkot

Kirti Mandir	Porbandar
Kutch Museum	Bhuj
Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum	Vadodara
Sabarmati Ashram	Ahmedabad
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Memorial	Ahmedabad
Swaminarayan Museum	Ahmedabad
Watson Museum	Rajkot
Haryana	
Dharohar Museum	Kurukshetra University
Himachal Pradesh	
Library of Tibetan Works and Archives-	Dharamsala
Shivalik Fossil Park	Saketi
Jammu and Kashmir	
Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian and -	Kargil
Kargil Trade Artifacts- Dogra Art Museum	Jammu
Jharkhand	
Ranchi Science Centre-	Ranchi
State Museum	Jharkhand

Karnataka	
Government Museum	Bangalore
Kempegowda Museum	- Bangalore
Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum-	Bangalore
HAL heritage and Aerospace Museum-	Bangalore
Law Museum-	Bangalore
Regional Museum of Natural History-	Mysore
Folklore Museum	Mysore
Jayachamarajendra Museum	Mysore
Mysore Rail Museum	Mysore
-Government Museum(Shivappa Nayaka Palace)	Shivamogga
Kerala	
Arakkal Museum-	Ayikkara
Teak Museum-	Nilambur
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Police Museum-	Kollam
Krishnapuram Palace	Kayamkulam
Indo-Portuguese Museum-	Kochi
Vallathol Museum	- Thrissur

Mural Art Museum	- Thrissur
Archaeological Museum-	Thrissur
Vaidyaratnam Ayurveda Museum-	Thrissur
Indian Business Museum-	Kozhikode
Kerala Soil Museum-	Thiruvananthapuram
Napier Museum-	Thiruvananthapuram
Pazhassi Raja Archaeological Museum	Kozhikode
Wayanad Heritage Museum-	Ambalavayal
Hill Palace-	Thrippunithura
Madhya Pradesh	
Bharat Bhavan	Bhopal
Regional Science Centre	Bhopal
Remember Bhopal Museum	Bhopal
Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya-	Bhopal
Central Museum-	Indore
Maharaja Chhatrasal Museum-	Dhubela
Rani Durgavati Museum	Jabalpur
Maharashtra	

Prince of Wales Museum (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya)	Mumbai
National Gallery of Modern Art- Mumbai	Mumbai
Siddhagiri Gramjivan Museum (Kaneri Math)-	Kolhapur
Shree Chhatrapati Shahu Museum-	Kolhapur
National Maritime Museum- Mumbai	Mumbai
Raman Science Centre-	Nagpur
Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum-	Pune
Nagpur Central Museum-	Nagpur
Mani Bhavan- Mumbai	Mumbai
Mahatma Phule Museum	Pune
Joshi's Museum of Miniature Railway-	Pune
Darshan Museum	Pune
Cowasji Jehangir Hall	Mumbai
Coin Museum	Nasik
Cavalry Tank Museum-	Ahmednagar
Nehru Planetarium	Mumbai
Nehru Science Center	Mumbai
Ballard Bunder Gatehouse	Mumbai

Bhau Daji Lad Museum	Mumbai
Manipur	
Manipur State Museum	Imphal
Sekta Archaeological Living Museum-	Imphal
Mizoram	
Mizoram State Museum -	Aizawl
Odisha	
Odisha State Museum-	Bhubaneswar
Regional Museum of Natural History-	Bhubaneswar
Punjab	
Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports(National Institute of Sports)-	Patiala
Sanghol Museum	Sanghol
Sikh Ajaibghar	Balongi
Virasat E Khalsa	Rupnagar
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Museum	Amritsar
Punjab Agricultural University Museum	Ludhiana
The Partition Museum	Amritsar
Maharaja Ranjit Singh War Museum	(Ludhiana

Punjab Rural Heritage Museum	Ludhiana
Shaheed-E-Azam Museum	Jalandhar
Sardar Bhagat Singh Museum	Khatkar Kalan
Punjab State War Heroes Memorial & Museum	Amritsar
Rajasthan	
City Palace Museum-	Jaipur
Albert Hall Museum- Jaipur	Jaipur
Umaid Bhavan Palace Museum-	Jodhpur
Mehrangarh Museum-	Jodhpur
Govt. Museum-	Jodhpur
Govt. Museum-	Alwar
Govt. Museum,Bharatpur-	Bharatpur
Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum-	Udaipur
Govt. Museum-	Ajmer
Archaeological Museum- J	Jaipur
Sikkim	
Namgyal Institute of Tibetology-	Gangtok
Tamil Nadu	

Gandhi Memorial Museum-	Madurai
Gass Forest Museum	Coimbatore
Government Museum(Madras Museum)	- Chennai
Government Museum-	Karur
Government Museum	- Cuddalore
Government Museum-	Pudukkottai
Mahakavi Bharathi Memorial Library-	Erode
Regional Railway Museum-	Chennai
Railway Heritage Centre -	Tiruchirappalli
Government Museum	Tiruchirappalli
Telangana	
AP State Archeology Museum(Hyderabad Museum)-	Hyderabad
Birla Science Museum	Hyderabad
Salar Jung Museum-	Darushifa
Tripura	
Tripura Government Museum-	Agartala
Uttar Pradesh	
Allahabad Museum-	Allahabad

Kanpur Sangrahalaya(Kanpur Museum)-	Kanpur
Government Museum(Mathura museum)-	Mathura
Sarnath Museum-	Varanasi
Jhansi Museum-	Jhansi
Anand Bhavan-	Allahabad
West Bengal	
Birla Industrial & Technological Museum-	Kolkata
Gurusaday Museum- Kolkata	Kolkata
Indian Museum -Kolkata	Kolkata
Malda Museum -	English Bazar
Rabindra Museum-	Kalimpong
National Museum	Kolkata
Netaji Museum	Kolkata

List of First in India

Field	Name
Governor General of Independent India	Lord Lewis Mountbatten
Indian Governor General of Independent India	Chakravarti Rajagopalachari

Commander in Chief	General K.M. Cariappa,1949
Field Marshall	General S.H.F.J. Manekshaw
Speaker of Lok Sabha	G.V Mavalankar(1952 to 56)
President	Dr. Rajendra Prasad(26-Jan-1950)
Vice President	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (13-may-1952)
Prime Minister	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru
Home Minister	Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel
Finance Minister	R.K Shanmukham Chetty
Auditor-General	V. Narahari Rao
Director of CBI	DP Kohli
National Security Adviser	Brijesh Mishra
Governor of RBI	Sir Osborne Smith
British Governor General of Bengal	Warren Hastings
Space Traveller	Squadron Leader Mr. Rakesh Sharma
Woman IAS	Anna Ranjan George,1950
Indian Civil Service	Satendra Nath Tagore
Sports Person to receive Bharat Ratna	Sachin Tendulkar
Swimmer who crossed English channel by swimming	Mihir Sen

Woman to swim across English Channel	Arati Saha
Raman-Magsaysay Awardee	Acharya Vinoba Bhave
Nobel Prize winner	Rabindra Nath Tagore
Nobel Prize in Physics	Sir C.V Raman
Woman Chief Minister	Sucheta Kriplani
Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha	Smt. Meira Kumar
Chief Election Commissioner	Sukumar Sen
Indian Chairman in International Court	Justice Dr. Nagendra Singh
Bharat Ratna to Foreigner	Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan
Leader of Indian Antarctica Mission	Dr. Syed Zahuv Quasim
Chief Justice of Supreme Court	Justice Hiralal J. Kaniya
Awarded with Bharat Ratna	Dr. S Radhakrishnan, C Rajagopalachari & Sir C.V Raman
Woman Awarded with Bharat Ratna	Indira Gandhi
Commandeur of the order of Arts & Letters	Mrinal Sen
Chevalier of the order of Arts & Letters	Sivaji Ganeshan
Posthumous Bharat Ratna Awardee	Lal Bahadur Shastri
Bharatiya Gyan Peeth Puraskar	G. Shankar Kurup(Malayalam-1965)
Woman Gyan Peeth Puraskar	Ashapura Devi,1976

Woman Sahitya Akademi Award winner	Amrita Pritam
Woman Honours Graduate	Kamini Roy
Woman DGP	Kanchan C Bhattacharya
Woman Noble Prize Awardee	Mother Teresa
Woman Governor	Sarojini Naidu
Licensed Pilot	J R D Tata
Woman Air Pilot	Durba Banerjee
Woman Teacher	Savitribai Phule
Grammy Award	Pt. Ravi Shankar
Person delivered lecture in Hindi in U.N.O	Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1977)
Indian Member in British House of Commons	Dada Bhai Naoroji (1892)
Vyas Samman Awardee	Ramvilas Sharma
Indian MD of World Bank	Gautam Kazi
Player awarded 'Padma Bhushan'	C.K Naidu
Actress to win 'Padma Shri' Award	Nargis Dutt
Scientist Elected for Lok Sabha	Dr. Meghnad Saha
Lenin Peace Prize Awardee	Dr. Safuddin Kichlu
Woman Chief Justice of High Court	Leila Seth, Himachal Pradesh, 1991

High Court Judge during British Rule	Ram Prasad Ram
Chairman of Finance Commission	K.C Niogi
Woman IPS	Kiran Bedi
Woman Supreme Court Judge	Kumari Fathima Beevi
Person to reach North Pole	Squadron Leader Sanjay Thapar
Person to reach South Pole	Col. Jatinder Kumar Bajaj
Miss World	Reita Faria, 1966
Miss Asia Pacific	Zeenat Aman, 1970
Miss Universe	Sushmita Sen, 1994
Miss Earth	Nicole Faria, 2010
Place to get Electricity	Darjeeling, 1897
Sound Film	Alam Ara, 1931
Colour Film	Kisan Kanya, 1937
Oscar Winner	Bhanu Athaiya for Best costume design for Gandhi(film) in 1982
Dadasaheb Phalke Award	Devika Rani, 1969
Test Tube Baby	Durga Agarwal, 1978
News Paper	Hickey's Bengal Gazette,1760
First Lady Doctor	Anandibai Joshi

Satellite	Aryabhata, 19-Apr-1975
Man to climb Mt. Everest	Tenzing Norgay
Man to climb Mt. Everest without oxygen	Phu Dorjee, 1984
Woman to climb Mt. Everest	Bachendri Pal
Grandmaster	Viswanathan Anand
Woman Grandmaster	Koneru Humpy
Fellow of Trinity college, Cambridge	Srinivasa Ramanujan
Fellow of Royal Society	Ardaseer Cursetjee
Woman External Affairs Minister	Smt. Sushma Swaraj
Won gold medal in Olympic games	Abhinav Bindra

State-wise List of Lakes in India

Andhra Pradesh

Kolleru Lake

Pulicat Lake

Assam

Chandubi Lake

Chapanala Lake

Haflong Lake

Son Beel Lake

Bihar

Kanwar Lake

Gujrat

Hamirsar Lake

Kankaria Lake

Lakhota Lake

Sursagar Lake

Thol Lake

Vastrapur Lake

Himachal Pradesh

Brighu Lake

Dashair and Dhankar Lake

Kareri and Kumarwah lake

Khajjiar Lake

Macchial Lake



Manimahesh Lake

Nako Lake

Pandoh Lake

Prashar Lake

Renuka Lake

Rewalsar Lake

Seruvalsar and Manimahesh Lake

Haryana

Badkhal Lake

Beauty lake

Blue Bird Lake

Brahma Sarovar

Current lake

Karna Lake

Sannihit Sarovar

Surajkund

Tilyar Lake

Jammu & Kashmir

Dal Lake
Manasbal Lake
Mansar Lake
Pangong Tso
Sheshnag Lake
Tso Moriri
Wular Lake
Karnataka
Agara Lake
Bellandur Lake
Byrasandra Lake
Hebbal Lake
Kempambudhi Lake
Lalbagh Lake
Madiwala Lake
Puttenahalli Lake
Sankey Lake
Ulsoor Lake

Dalavai Lake
Devanoor Lake
Karanji lake
Kukkarahalli lake
Lingambudhi Lake
Honnamana Kere
Pampa Sarovar
Kerala
Ashtamudi Lake
Kuttanad Lake
Maanaanchira
Manakody
Padinjarechira
Paravur Kayal
Punnamada Lake
Shasthamkotta lake
Vadakkechira
Vanchikulam

Vellayani Lake

Vembanad Lake

Madhya Pradesh

Bhoj Wetland

Lower Lake

Moti lake

Sarang pani lake

Shahpura lake

Tawa Reservoir

Upper Lake

Maharashtra

Gorewada Lake

Khindsi Lake

Lonar Lake

Mehrun Lake

Pashan Lake

Powai Lake

Rankala Lake



Salim Ali Lake

Shivasagar lake

Talao Pali

Upvan Lake

Venna Lake

Meghalaya

Umiam Lake

Manipur

Loktak Lake

Mizoram

Palak dil

Tam Dil

Orissa

Anshupa Lake

Chilika Lake

Kanjia lake

Punjab

Harike Lake

Kanjli Lake

Ropar Lake

Rajasthan

Ana Sagar Lake

Balsamand lake

Dhebar Lake

Jaisamand Lake

Jal Mahal, Man Sagar lake

Kaylana Lake

Nakki Lake

Pushkar Lake

Rajsamand Lake

Ramgarh Lake

Talwara Lake

Sambhar Salt Lake

Fateh Sagar Lake

Rangsagar lake

Uday sagar Lake



Sikkim

Gurudongmar Lake

Khecheopalri Lake

Lake Tsongmo

Lake Cholamu

Telangana

Alwal Cheruvu Lake

Durgam Cheruvu (Secret Lake)

Himayat Sagar

Hussain Sagar

Osman Sagar

Safilguda Lake

Saroornagar Lake

Shamirpet Lake

Tamil Nadu

Berijam Lake

Chembarambakkam Lake

Kaliveli Lake

Kaveripakkam Lake
Kodaikanal Lake
Ooty Lake
Perumal Eri
Red Hills Lake
Sholavaram Lake
Singanallur Lake
Veeranam Lake
Uttar Pradesh
Amakhera Lake
Barua Sagar Tal
Belasagar Lake
Bhadi Tal
Chando Tal Lake
Keetham Lake
Nachan Tal
Ramgarh Tal Lake
Sheikha Jheel

Uttarakhand

Skeleton Lake (Roopkund Lake)

Bhimtal Lake

Dodital

Nainital Lake

Naukuchiatal

Sat Tal

West Bengal

Debar Lake

East Calcutta Wetlands

Jore Pokhri

Mirik Lake

Rabindra Sarobar

Rasikbil

Santragachhi Lake

Senchal Lake

List of International Organizations and Their Headquarters

Organizations	Headquarters	Country
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	Beijing	China
New Development Bank	Shanghai	China
Asian Development Bank	Manila	Philippines
International Monetary Fund	Washington DC	USA
World Bank	Washington DC	USA
United Nations' Organization	New York	USA
UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)	New York	USA
UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activities)	New York	USA
UN Conference on Trade and Development	Geneva	Switzerland
World Health Organization	Geneva	Switzerland
World Economic Forum	Geneva	Switzerland
International Labour Organization	Geneva	Switzerland
World Trade Organization	Geneva	Switzerland
World Meteorological Organization	Geneva	Switzerland
World Intellectual Property Organization	Geneva	Switzerland

International Committee of Red Cross	Geneva	Switzerland
UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)	Paris	France
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	Paris	France
United nations Industrial Development Organization	Vienna	Austria
International Atomic Agency	Vienna	Austria
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries	Vienna	Austria
Amnesty International	London	UK
International Maritime Organization	London	UK
Commonwealth of Nations	London	UK
SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	Kathmandu	Nepal
ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations)	Jakarta	Indonesia
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation	Singapore	Singapore
North Atlantic Treaty Organization	Brussels	Belgium
International Cricket Council	Dubai	UAE
Food and Agriculture Organization	Rome	Italy
International Court of Justice	The Hague	Netherland
International Olympic Committee	Lausanne	Switzerland
FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association)	Zurich	Switzerland

World Wide Fund for Nature	Gland	Switzerland
Organization for the prohibition of Chemical Weapons	The Hague	Netherland
IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)	Gland	Switzerland
International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry	Zurich	Switzerland
South Asian Wildlife Enforcement Network	Kathmandu	Nepal
International Organization for Standardization	Geneva	Switzerland
Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation	Ebene	Mauritius
International Shooting Sports Federation	Munich	Germany
World Chess Federation	Athens	Greece
International Hockey Federation	Lausanne	Switzerland
IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations)	Monaco	Europe
International Hydrographic Organization	Monaco	Europe
ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites)	Paris	France

International Financial Organizations: Headquarters & Functions

World Bank Group (WBG)	
Formed in	1945
Member countries	189 countries (India is also a member)
Headquarters	Washington, DC
President:	Jim Yong Kim

<p>The World Bank Group (WBG) is a family of five international organizations as follows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), ▪ International Finance Corporation (IFC) ▪ International Development Association (IDA), ▪ International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), ▪ Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
<p>Functions:</p>	<p>The World Bank focuses on developing countries, in fields such as human development, agriculture and rural development, environmental protection, infrastructure, large industrial construction projects, and governance.</p>
<p>International Monetary Fund (IMF)</p>	
<p>Formed on</p>	<p>27 December 1945</p>
<p>Member countries</p>	<p>189 countries (India is also a member)</p>
<p>Headquarters</p>	<p>Washington, DC</p>
<p>Managing Director</p>	<p>Christine Lagarde</p>
<p>Functions</p>	<p>It works for global growth and economic stability by providing policy, advice and financing to members, by working with developing nations to help them achieve macroeconomic stability and reduce poverty. The IMF provides alternate sources of financing.</p>
<p>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</p>	
<p>Formed in</p>	<p>December 2015</p>
<p>Member countries</p>	<p>50 countries (India is also a member)</p>
<p>Headquarters</p>	<p>Beijing, China</p>
<p>President</p>	<p>Jin Liqun</p>
<p>Functions</p>	<p>Its function is to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. The bank has 50 member states (all "Founding Members") and was proposed as an initiative by the government of China.</p>
<p>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p>	
<p>Formed in</p>	<p>1966</p>
<p>Member countries</p>	<p>67 countries (India is also a member)</p>
<p>Headquarters</p>	<p>Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines</p>

President	Takehiko Nakao
Functions	This organisation works on reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration. This is carried out through investments in the form of loans, grants and information sharing.
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	
Formed in	1991
Member countries	67 countries (India is not a member)
Headquarters	London
President	Sir Suma Chakrabarti
Functions	It offers project financing for banks, industries and businesses, for new ventures or existing companies. It works with publicly owned companies to support their privatization, as advocated by the WTO since the 1980 and in the improvement of municipal services.
European Investment Bank (EIB)	
Formed in	1958
Member countries	28 member states of the EU (India is not a member)
Headquarters	Luxembourg
President	Werner Hoyer
Functions	It is a nonprofit long-term lending institution. It supports for small and medium sized enterprises to attain environmental sustainability and in development of Trans-European Networks of transport and energy and for many others purposes.
Islamic Development Bank (IDB)	
Formed in	1975
Member countries	57 countries (India is not a member)
Headquarters	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
President	Ahamad Mohamed Ali Al Madani
Functions	This is a multilateral development financing institution which helps in the development of member states. The basic condition for membership is that the prospective member country should be a member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

African Development Bank	
Formed in	1964
Member countries	78 countries (India is also a member)
Headquarters	Abidjan, Ivory Coast
President	Akinwumi Adesina
Functions	It is established to contribute to the economic development and social progress of African countries. The primary function is to provide loans and equity investments for the socio-economic advancement, Technical assistance for development projects, and assists in organizing the development policies.

Effects and Implications of GST bill

"GST has been positioned as a comprehensive indirect tax on the sale, manufacture, and consumption of different kinds of goods and services throughout India and thus the GST will have far-reaching implications through uniformity in the tax rates across various States and Union Territories."

Introduction:

Implementation of the GST bill is round the corner – although the word "GST" has been repeatedly been used for the last more than 11 years. The rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is now more or less certain from July 01, 2017 as proposed by the Union Finance Ministry. With the rollout of the GST, a whole lot of duties will be replaced, by the GST. The four Bills that would operationalize the rolling out of the GST were tabled in the Lok Sabha on March 27, 2017. These four bills are: a) Central Goods and Service Tax Bill 2017; b) Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017; c) Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017; and d) Goods and Services Tax Bill (Compensation to States) 2017. These four bills would be taken up on Wednesday, the 29th March, 2017 for consideration and passing.

Passing of the GST: .

Since the GST is a 'Money Bill', its status as a 'money bill limits the intervention of Rajya Sabha. The decision of passing of the GST Bill is solely in the hands of the Lok Sabha. Rajya Sabha may make some 'suggestions' if it so desires; which may or may not be implemented by the Union Government. In case the Rajya Sabha does not revert back the bill since its placement in the Rajya Sabha, it will be assumed as having been passed by it.

Effects of the GST:

The foremost effect of GST is that it is expected to bring uniformity and simplicity in the tax regime. Once GST is implemented it is going to make things more efficient. GST will lead to increased tax

compliance. GST will boost growth rate and curb corruption as well as curbing black money generation. Once implemented, GST, billed as India's most ambitious reforms move, will stitch together a common national market, dismantle fiscal barriers among states and consolidate a patchwork of various state and central duties such as VAT and Excise into a single tax.

Importance of the GST:

The introduction of the GST would mark a watershed moment in the tax reform landscape of the country. The GST has so far been hailed as a singular decisive reform which will remove inter-state tax barriers and rid the economy of the burden of cascading tax, integrating national trade and altering prices of goods and services favorably.

Pre-Implementation Implications of the GST:

The implications immediately to be faced by the GST Council – headed by the Union Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley is going to be the fitment of thousands of commodities and services into the five GST rate slabs (0% i.e. fully exempt slab, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%). This fitment could prove to be among the trickiest jobs for the Council to handle. The rate fitment process is going to be more susceptible to lobbying not just from different sections of industry, but also from various State Governments that would like a favourable tax treatment for them. GST Council is going to have many sittings during the month of April 2017 for this very purpose. The rate fitment process is certainly to have implications for the various supply chains, pricing strategies and accounting systems, and all this resultantly could lead to a messy start of the GSP Act w.e.f. July 1.

The next impediment is that most of the small businessmen do not understand the new set of rules through GST. But the Union Finance Minister has himself assured, "Government will extensively support industry and the trading fraternity in understanding and implementing the new rules, during the three-month gap between the passage and nation-wide roll-out of GST."

Implications of the GST:

Some of the salient features of the GST and the implications through the implementation of the GST are listed hereunder:

- The foremost implication of the GST is that it is going to add up to 2% to India's economic growth. This may be a big gain in terms of revenue collections, improved GDP figures.
- The GST may accelerate the inflation rate upwards and the increased inflation rate may become a big headache for not only the RBI and the Union Finance Ministry but also for Narendra Modi Government.
- GST will help to attract more foreign direct investments across various sectors due to tax transparency and ease of doing business.
- According to Pullela Nageswara Rao, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax, Kerala, "Implementation of GST will help trade and industry and there is no need to have any room of concern about its implementation, and GST is indeed a good tax,"
- Investors will have to shell out more for buying mutual fund products after the implementation of the GST.

- Chartered Accountants in India will have huge opportunities and challenges before them when the GST is implemented and the CAs would have to play a vital role in addressing issues such as curbing black money.
- Hospitality and luxury industry experts have said implementation of the GST will benefit the Hospitality Sector by lowering costs for consumers and facilitating seamless movement of the products across the country.

Special Note # 1:

The word "GST" (Goods and Services Tax) was first of all used in his Budget Speech in 2006-07 by the then Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram in Lok Sabha on February 28, 2006.

Special Note # 2:

Jammu and Kashmir Government is unlikely to implement the GST regime as it will take away the state's authority of legislating on taxes as GST compromises with its special position granted to the state under Article 370 of the Constitution of India. J&K is the only state in India that has the authority to legislate on all the taxes.

List of International Boundary Lines between Countries

- **17th Parallel** is the boundary between North Vietnam and South Vietnam before the two were united.
- **24th Parallel** is the line which according to Pakistan is the boundary between India and Pakistan. This, however, is not recognised by India.
- **26th Parallel south** is latitude which crosses through Africa, Australia and South America.
- **30th Parallel north** stands one-third of the way between the equator and the North Pole.
- **33rd Parallel north** cuts through the southern United States, parts of North Africa, parts of the Middle East and China.
- **35th Parallel north** forms the boundary between the State of North Carolina and the State of Georgia, the State of Tennessee and the State of Georgia the State of Alabama.
- **36030' Parallel north** is the boundary between the Tennessee and Commonwealth of Kentucky between the Tennessee River and the Mississippi.
- **37th Parallel north** formed the southern boundary of the historic and extralegal Territory of Jefferson.
- **38th Parallel** is the parallel of latitude which separates North Korea and South Korea.
- **39th Parallel north** is an imaginary circle of latitude that is 39 degrees north of the Earth's equatorial plane.
- **40th Parallel north** is the boundary of the British Colony of Maryland.
- **41th Parallel north** is the boundary between Nebraska and Wyoming and the southern boundary of Wyoming with Colorado and Utah.
- **42nd Parallel north** is at the New York - Pennsylvanian Border.
- **43rd Parallel north** lies between the State of Nebraska and the State of South Dakota.
- **The Parallel 440** north is 44 degrees north of the equatorial plane.
- **45th Parallel north** also called the halfway point between the Equator and the North Pole.

- **45th parallel** is the boundary between Wyoming and Montana.
- **49th Parallel** is the boundary between USA and Canada.
- **Radcliffe Line** was drawn by Sir Radcliffe. It marked the boundary between India and Pakistan.
- **Marginal Line** was the 320 km line of fortification built by France along its border with Germany before World War II, to protect its boundary from German attack.
- **Mannerheim Line** is the line of fortification on the Russia Finland border. Drawn up by General Mannerheim.
- **Medicine Line** is the border between United States and Canada.
- **Hindenburg Line** is the boundary dividing Germany and Poland.
- **Mason-dixon** Line is a line of demarcation between four states in the United States.
- **Order-neisse Line** is the border between Poland and Germany, running along the Oder&Beisse rivers, adopted at the poland Conference (August 1945).
- **Siegfried Line** is the line of fortification drawn up by Germany on its border with France.
- **Durand Line** is the boundary line between Afghanistan and Pakistan. It was drawn up in 1896 by Sir Mortimer Durand.
- **Macmahon Line** was drawn up by Sir. Henry MacMahon, demarcating the frontier of India&China. China did not recognize the MacMahon line and crossed it in 1962.

List of Important Vaccines And Their Inventors

Diseases	Bacteria/Virus	Vaccines	Inventor
Bacterial Diseases			
Cholera	Vibrio Cholerae	1) Monovalent vaccine based on formalin 2) Bivalent vaccine based on V. cholerae serogroups O1	Louis Pasteur
Pneumococcal Pneumonia	Streptococcus pneumoniae	1) Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines 2) Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine	William Osler
Typhoid Fever	Salmonella typhi	1) Injectable polysaccharide vaccine based on the purified Vi antigen for persons aged two years and above 2) Live attenuated oral Ty21a vaccine in capsule formulation for those over	Almroth Edward Wright

		five years of age	
Meningococcal meningitis	Neisseria meningitidis	1) Polysaccharide vaccines are available in bivalent (A, C), trivalent (A, C, W135), & quadrivalent (A, C, W135, Y) formulations 2) Conjugate vaccines are available in monovalent (A or C), quadrivalent (A, C, W135, Y), or combination (serogroup C and Haemophilus influenzae type b) formulations.	Vieusseux
Tuberculosis	Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	Bacillus Calmette–Guerin (BCG)	Albert Calmette and Camille Guerin
Epiglottitis, meningitis , pneumonia	Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib)	Hib Vaccine	David Smith
Q Fever	Coxiella burnetii	Q fever vaccine(doxycycline, tetracycline, chloramphenicol, ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin & hydroxychloroquine)	H.R. Cox and Gordon Davis
Diphtheria	Corynebacterium diphtheriae	DTP vaccine or pentavalent vaccine	Behring
Tetanus	Clostridium tetani	tetanus-toxoid-containing vaccines (TTCV)	Emil von Behring
Whooping Cough	Bordetella pertussis	DPT Vaccine	Jules Bordet and Octave Gengou

Anthrax	Bacillus anthracis	Anthrax Vaccines	Louis Pasteur
Leprosy	Bacterium Mycobacterium leprae	Dapsone, rifampicin	Guy Henry Faget
Viral Diseases			
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis A vaccine (Such as Havrix, Avaxim etc.,)	Steven M. Feinstone
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B Vaccine (such as Sci-B-vac, Pentabio.etc,)	Dr. Blumberg won
Hepatitis E	Hepatitis E	Hepatitis E Vaccine (such as Hecolin)	-
Cervical cancer, Genital warts, anogenital cancers	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Bivalent & Quadrivalent vaccine	Ian Frazer
Influenza	Influenza Virus	Influenza Vaccine (such as Flumist, Flubio etc.,)	Jonas Salk & Thomas Francis
Japanese encephalitis	Japanese encephalitis virus	1) Inactivated mouse brain-based vaccines 2) Inactivated cell-based vaccines 3) Live attenuated vaccines & 4) Live recombinant vaccines.	-
Measles	Measles virus	measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) Vaccine, measles-mumps-rubella- varicella (MMRV) Vaccine	Maurice Hilleman
Mumps	Mumps Virus	measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) Vaccine, measles-mumps-rubella-	Maurice Hilleman

		varicella (MMRV) Vaccine	
Poliomyelitis	Polio virus	1) Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) 2) Trivalent oral polio vaccine (tOPV) 3) Bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) 4) Monovalent oral polio vaccines (mOPV1, mOPV2 and mOPV3)	Dr. Jonas Salk
Rabies	Rabies Virus	Human diploid cell rabies vaccine (H.D.C.V.)	Louis Pasteur & Emile Roux
Rota viral gastroenteritis	Rotavirus	Rotavirus Vaccine (RotaTeg, Rotarix)	Paul A. Offit
Rubella	Rubella virus	measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) Vaccine, measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) Vaccine	Maurice Hilleman
Tick-borne encephalitis	Tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV)	1) FSME-Immun 2) Encepur 3) TBE-Moscow & 4) EnceVir	-
Chicken pox, Shingles	Varicella zoster virus	1) Varicella vaccine 2) Shingles vaccine 3) MMRV vaccine	Michiaki Takahashi
Small pox	Variola Virus	Smallpox Vaccine (Dryvax, Imvanex)	Edward Jenner
Yellow Fever	Yellow Fever Virus	Yellow Fever Vaccine (YF-VAX)	Max Theiler

List of MoUs Signed by India in October 2017: Week 1

1. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for the signing and ratification of the **Extradition Treaty between India and Lithuania.**

The Treaty would provide a legal framework for seeking extradition of terrorists, economic offenders and other criminals from and to Lithuania

It will bring the criminals to justice, with a view to ensure peace and tranquillity to the public at large.

2. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of the **Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between the India and Belarus** on Investments. The Treaty is likely to increase investment flows between the two countries.

3. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways, Government of India and the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Swiss Confederation on Technical Cooperation in Rail Sector.

4. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday gave ex-post facto approval to an MoU between **India and Myanmar on the upgradation of the Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar.**

The MoU covers upgradation of the Yamethin Women's Police Training Centre to further augment the capabilities of the Myanmar government to build capacities of its police force with technical and financial assistance from the Indian government, an official statement said. This MoU was signed during Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to Myanmar.

5. List of Agreements signed during 14th India-EU Summit in New Delhi

- Implementing Arrangement between the European Commission and the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) for Indian Researchers hosted by the European Research Council grantees in Europe
- Finance Contract of Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase-2-Line R6 for Euro 300 million out of total loan of Euro 500 million.
- Joint Declaration between the Interim Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance and the European Investment Bank.

6. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to sign the Agreement between **India and Ethiopia** on "Cooperation in the field of Information, Communication and Media".

It aims to harness the growing power of Information, Communication and Media for information dissemination and enhancing outreach between the two countries for inclusive development. It will also enhance people to people contact through exchange programmes

Other information:

i. Capital of Lithuania- Vilnius

ii. Capital of Switzerland- Bern

iii. **Bilateral investment Treaties (BITs)** or Bilateral Investment Protection Agreements (BIPAs) are agreements between two countries for the reciprocal promotion and protection of investments in

each other's territories by individuals and companies situated in either State. They provide treaty based protection to foreign investment.

The BITs are thus bilateral agreements by countries to protect the investment by each country's investors in the other country. Though they are signed by governments, their beneficiaries are business entities.

iv. The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** is an alliance of more than 121 countries, most of them being sunshine countries, which come either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The alliance's primary objective is work for efficient exploitation of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. This initiative was first proposed by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India & France jointly launched this program.

v. **Capital of Ethiopia:** Addis Ababa

vi. **Extradition** refers to the surrender of a criminal to one country by another. The process of extradition is regulated by treaties between the two countries. Extradition is important because it helps to maintain the sanctity of the penal code of one country or territory. The penal code says that it shouldn't apply its criminal law to a person who committed an offence outside its territories except when the crime is related to the country's national interest.

India's Defence Relations With Other Countries

Defence for any country is important to maintain its sovereignty as well to protect itself from the other nations. In the context of India, Defence includes Army, Navy and Airforce. Since the independence, India maintains strong defence relations with many countries.

Some of the Major Defence partner countries of India are

1. Russia
2. USA
3. ISRAEL
4. JAPAN

Which are explained as follows

Russia:

- Defence cooperation is an important pillar of the India-Russia strategic partnership. The defence relation between Indian and Russia is guided by the Programme for Military-Technical Cooperation signed between the two countries which is valid till 2020.
- The Apex structure in this mechanism is India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC), which was set up in 2000. Under it, the two Defence Ministers meet annually, alternately in Russia and India, to discuss and review the status of ongoing projects and other issues of military-technical cooperation
- From the time independence, Russia plays crucial role in the defence needs of the country.

Some of the contribution of Russia to Indian defence are

1. Brahmos Missile: Brahmos supersonic cruise missile has been designed and developed by India (DRDO) & Russia. It has top supersonic speed of Mach 2. It is two-stage missile, the first one being solid and the second one ramjet liquid propellant. It is capable of carrying a warhead of 300 kilograms, both conventional and nuclear. Brahmos missile stands as an important landmark in the defence relations between India and Russia

2. INS Vikramaditya: It is India's first aircraft carrier

3. Akula class nuclear submarines- Recently India signed to lease Akula class-II submarines from Russia

4. In 2016 India has signed a defence deal with Russia to purchase five state of art S-400 'Triumf' air defence systems. S-400 'Triumf' long-range air defence missile system is one of the most advanced long-range defence systems in the world. It has capability to destroy incoming all airborne targets at ranges of up to 400 km. Another important feature of S-400 Triumf is its capability of firing three types of missiles

5. Kamov 226-T helicopters: Kamov 226T is a light multipurpose helicopter designed for work in difficult conditions like high mountains, hot climate and marine areas. Another important aspect of Kamov 226-T is it is made in India under Make in India initiative

6. The two countries are also engaged in joint design and development of the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft and Multi-Role Transport Aircraft.

Every year Joint exercises between the two Armed Forces are held under the title "INDRA". From 2017 onwards both countries decided to conduct trilateral exercises in the name of INDRA. It will be India's first bilateral military exercise with any country involving all three services

Defence relations with USA:

- Till the end of cold war in 1991, most of the defence needs of India are catered by Russia. India's formal cooperation with US in the area of defence started 1995.

US defence relations with any country is guided by four agreements. They are

1. General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), was signed by India and the U.S. in 2002. The agreement enables the sharing of military intelligence between the two countries

2. The second agreement, the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), was signed by the two countries in 2016. The LEMOA permits the military of either country to use the others' bases for re-supplying or carrying out repairs.

3. The Other two agreements that have not yet been signed are the Communications and Information

Security Memorandum of Agreement (CISMOA) and the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) for Geospatial Intelligence.

One of the important contribution to India by US in the field of defence is M-777 Ultra-Light Howitzers

Recent Changes: The years 2016 and 2017 are landmarks in the defence history of India and US because LEMOA agreement was signed in 2016. Recently, The US House of Representatives has passed National defence authorization act, which designates India as Major defence Partner. It puts India on a par with the closest allies and partners of the US. The designation of this status is unique to India, a non-NATO ally of US. It will facilitate US to transfer of advanced defence technology to India. It will also strengthen institutional effectiveness of US-India Defence Trade and Technology Initiative (DTII)

Another significant feature in India-US defence relationship is Exercise Malabar. It is joint trilateral navel exercise between India, Japan and US

Israel:

- India has established full diplomatic ties with Israel from 1992. Though before 1992 India had defence relations with Israel it gained further momentum from 1992. The rise of Islamic extremist terrorism in both nations has generated a strong strategic alliance between the two
- Now, Israel became the second-largest source of defence equipment for India, after Russia.
- **From the defence point of view, Israel is an important country for India**
- **Recent Visit of PM Modi to Israel (first PM to visit Israel) has opened a new chapter in the history of India-Israel defence relations**

Some of the important defence contribution to India by Israel are

1. LR-SAM Barak-8: India and Israel jointly developed most advanced Long Range Surface-to-air missile Barak-8. It has the capability to identify and neutralize various forms of aerial threats like rockets, UAVs (Unmanned aerial vehicles) etc.
2. Israel is the largest supplier of Drones and UAVs to India
3. Indian Govt brought Advanced Israeli Phalcon AWACS which Detects Hostile aircraft, Cruise missiles even before radars.

Defence relations with France:

- Under Project 75, six Scorpene submarines are being built with assistance and technology transfer from DCNS of France Kalvari, first of the Indian Navy's Scorpene class stealth submarines built under the Project 75, under collaboration with France
- Recently India and France signed have signed an agreement to purchase 36 Rafael fighter jets. This is the first fighter aircraft deal signed by India with other countries since the purchase of Sukhoi aircraft from Russia in the late 1990's. These aircrafts is capable of carrying out all combat missions such as interception, air defence, in-depth strikes, ground support etc.
- Exercise Shakti is the joint military exercise between Indian and French armies

Defence relations with Japan:

- India and Japan have close military ties particularly with regard to security in Indian Ocean
- India is planning to buy the US-2 ShinMaywa aircraft from Japan for its navy. India is also negotiating to purchase US-2 amphibious aircraft for the Indian Navy
- The Malabar trilateral exercise between Japan, the U.S. and India
- Recently, India and Japan agreed to setup Defence cooperation which is an important milestone in India-Japan defence relations

Defence relations with Bhutan:

- Virtually All the defence related matter of Bhutan is overseen by India. Under the 2007 India-Bhutan Friendship Treaty, both countries have agreed to cooperate closely with each other on issues relating to their national interests. The Indian Military Training Team (IMTRAT), headed by a Major General also plays a critical role in training Bhutanese security personnel.
- Moreover, the Eastern Army Command and the Eastern Air Command of India have integrated protection of Bhutan into their role.
- Recent Doklam issue once again highlighted the defence relations between India and Bhutan

Questions based on India defence relations:

Question 1.

Which of the following country is the World's largest importer of arms?

- USA
- China
- India
- Russia

Ans: India

Explanation: As per recent report of SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) India remains as World's largest importer of arms accounting 14% of global arms imports, followed by China 4.7%

Question 2.

Project 75 is the joint venture between India and

- Japan
- France
- Russia
- USA

Ans: France

Explanation: Under Project 75 India will construct 6 Scorpene class submarines with Air Independent Propulsion System for Indian navy by 2022 with the assistance of technology transfer from France

Question 3.

The name of Second Scorpene class submarine that is built under Project 75 is

- a. INS Kalvari
- b. INS Khanderi
- c. INS Virat

Ans: INS Khanderi

Explanation: INS Kalavari is the first Scorpene class submarine that is built under project 75

Question 4.

Long Range Surface to Air missile BARAK-8 was jointly developed by India and

- a. Israel
- b. USA
- c. Russia
- d. France

Ans: Israel

Question 5.

Which is the only country that India conducts tri-services military exercise

- a. Russia
- b. Israel
- c. Japan

Ans: Russia

Explanation: India and Russia for first time are going to conduct tri-services exercise known as INDRA, involving their armies, navies and the air forces in October 2017. Before this Exercise, INDRA is only a naval exercise between India and Russia

Question 6.

Which of the following option correct about Exercise MALABAR

- a. It is a joint exercise between India, US and Israel
- b. It is a joint exercise between India, US and Japan
- c. It is a joint exercise between India, China and Israel
- d. It is a joint exercise between India, Russia and Israel

Ans: b

Question 7.

Recently M777 ultra-light howitzer artillery guns are in news, which of the following that supply M777 guns to India

- a. Russia
- b. France
- c. US
- d. Japan

Ans: C

Explanation: Indian Army will get its first artillery guns called M777 nearly after 30 years from the induction of Swedish Bofors guns. It will be deployed in high altitudinal ranges in Ladakh

Question 8.

Which is the largest defence partner of India?

- a. USA
- b. Russia
- c. Israel
- d. Japan

Ans: Russia

Explanation: Despite India expanding its military ties with the US, Europe and Israel, Russia remains India's number one defence partner. Russia supplies 68% of India's arms import while US supplies 14%

Question 9.

Recent Doklam issue is in between which countries?

- a. India, China and Pakistan
- b. India, Bhutan and Myanmar
- c. India, China and Bhutan

Ans: C

Explanation: Doko La (Doklam) is a strategical tri-junction of India, Bhutan and China

Question 10.

Which of the following is the largest exercise in terms of troop's participation in series of military training exercises undertaken by India with various countries

- a. Hand in Hand
- b. Surya Kiran
- c. Shakti

Ans: b

Explanation: Surya Kiran is the series of bilateral military exercises between India and Nepal

Most common facts for Indian defence relations with other countries:

1. Exercises:

Name of the Exercise	Countries involved
SIMBEX	India and Singapore Navy
AUSINDEX	Indian and Australian Navy
Mithra Shakti	India and Srilanka armies
Nomadic Elephant	India and Mongolian army
Garuda	Indian France Air Exercises
TROPEX	Inter service military exercise involving all the services Of Indian armed forces (army, navy and air force)
Hand in Hand	India and China
KONKAN	Indian and Brittan
Surya Kiran	India and Nepal

2. Indian famous defence deals with other countries:

Name of the defence equipment	Name of the country involved
Rafael fighter jets	France

Brahmos missiles and Akula class submarines	Russia
LRSAM-BARAK, Armed UAVs	Israel
Scorpene class submarines/ Project 75	France
Kamov helicopters	Russia
S-400 Triumf air defence systems	Russia
Aircraft Gripen (Yet to finalize the deal)	Sweden

Complete List of Heads of National Organisations

S.No	Head	Organisation
1.	M. Venkaiah Naidu	Chairman, Rajya Sabha
2.	Sumitra Mahajan	Chairperson of Lok Sabha
3.	Narendra D Modi	Chairperson, NITI Aayog
4.	Rajiv Kumar	Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog
5.	Mr. Achal Kumar Joti	Chief Election Commissioner
6.	Om Prakash Rawat	Election Commissioner
7.	Sunil Arora	Election Commissioner

8.	K V Chowdary	Central Vigilance Commissioner
9.	S.Jai Shankar	Foreign Secretary
10.	Shashi Kant Sharma	Comptroller & Auditor General of India
12.	J.S.Sharma	Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
13.	Alok Kumar Verma	CBI Director
14.	Nand Kumar Sai	Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
15.	Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi	Chairperson, National Commission for Minorities
16.	David R Syiemlieh	Chairman, UPSC
17.	Sharad Kumar	Director General, National Investigation Agency
18.	V.S.Chauhan	Chairman, UGC
19.	A.S.Kiran Kumar	Chairman, Space Commission and ISRO
20.	Sekhar Basu	Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Sec. Dept. of Atomic Energy
21.	Aashim Kurana	Chairman, SSC
22.	Justice H L Dattu	Chairman, Human Rights Commission
23.	Shri Sailesh	Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner

24.	Sushil Chandra	Central Board of Direct Taxes
25.	T.S. Vijayan	Chairman, Insurance Regulatory Development Authority
26.	Ajay Tyagi	Chairman, Securities & Exchange Board of India
29.	Syed Akbaruddin	India's permanent representative in UNO
31.	Lalitha Kumaramangalam	Chairperson of National Commission for Women
32.	Y.V. Reddy	Chairman, 14 th Finance Commission
33.	Devender Kumar Sikri	Chairman, Competition Commission of India
34.	Prasoon Joshi	Chairperson, Central Board of Film Certification
35.	Sandeep Jajodia	President, ASSOCHAM
36.	Raman Roy	Chairman, NASSCOM
37.	Anil Dhasmana	Director General, RAW
38.	K N Vyas	Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Center
39.	Shobana Kamineni	President, Confederation of Indian Industries
40.	Pankaj R Patel	President, FICCI
41.	Sam Pitroda	Chairman, National Knowledge Commission

42.	A. Surya Prakash	Chairperson, Prasar Bharati
43.	S Christopher	Chairman DRDO
44.	Radha Krishna Mathur	Chief Information Commissioner
45.	Hrushikesh Senapathy	Director, NCERT
46.	Ajit Doval KC	National Security Advisor

Highlights of Economic Survey 2016-17- Volume 2

Introduction

Economic Survey 2016-17 Volume 2 was presented in the Parliament on August 11, 2017. Various highlights of the survey are as follows:

Regarding the Outlook for Growth 2017-18, Survey (Volume I) forecasted the real GDP growth of 6.75 percent to 7.5 percent for FY 2018.

For Outlook for Prices & Inflation 2017-18, the Survey notes that the inflation in the near-term will be determined by certain factors, including:

- the outlook and policy in advanced economies, especially the US;
- the recent nominal exchange rate appreciation;
- the monsoon;
- the introduction of the GST
- the 7th Pay Commission awards;
- likely farm loan waivers; and
- the output gap

As the current inflation is running below the 4 percent target, it suggests that inflation by March 2018 is likely to be below the RBI's medium term target of 4 percent.

Fiscal Developments

1. The fiscal outcome of the Central Government in 2016-17 was due to:

strong growth in tax revenue,
 maintenance of capital spending
 consolidation of non-salary/pension revenue expenditure.

These reasons allowed the Government to hold the fiscal deficit to 3.5 per cent of GDP in 2016-17.

2. The Union Budget for 2017-18 opted for a gradual fiscal consolidation path:

the fiscal deficit is expected to decline to 3.2 percent of GDP in 2017-2018 and deficit of 3 percent is projected to be achieved in 2018-2019.

3. The Budget for 2017-18 introduced a number of reforms:

Integrated Railway Budget with the Union Budget;

Advanced the date of the Union Budget by a month; (To Feb 1)

Eliminated classification of expenditure into 'plan' and 'non-plan';

Restructured the Medium Term Expenditure Framework Statement with projected expenditures.

4. The important fiscal policy initiative is the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax with effect from the 1st day of July 2017.

Monetary Management and Financial Intermediation

i. As of August 2017 Repo rate stood at 6.00 per cent and reverse repo rate at 5.75 per cent

ii. As of 31st March 2017, currency in circulation contracted by 19.7 per cent whereas reserve money contracted by 12.9 per cent.

iii. The average gross bank credit to industry contracted by 0.2 per cent in the FY 2016-17.

iv. The gross non-performing advances (GNPAs) ratio of SCBs, Scheduled commercial Banks rose from 9.2 per cent in September 2016 to 9.5 per cent in March 2017.

v. Zero balance accounts under PMJDY declined consistently from nearly 58 per cent in March 2015 to around 24 per cent as of December 2016.

Prices and Inflation

i. CPI inflation fell to a series low of 1.5 percent in June 2017.

ii. There was a decline in all commodity groups during 2016-17, especially in food.

iii. Most States/UTs witnessed a sharp decline in CPI inflation in 2016-17 as compared to the previous year.

iv. Both rural and urban inflation has declined in 2016-17 and the gap between rural and urban inflation has narrowed down in recent months.

Complete List of Important Inventions-PDF

INVENTIONS	INVENTOR	YEAR	COUNTRY
Printing Press	Johannes Gutenberg	1440	Germany

Pocket Watch	Peter Henlein	1510	Germany
Microscope	Zacharis Janssen	1590	Netherlands
Logarithms, Napier Bones & decimal point	John Napier	1590s	Scotland
Automatic Calculator	Wilhelm Schickard	1623	Germany
Adding Machine	Blaise Pascal	1642	France
Barometer	Evangelista Torricelli	1643	Italy
Air Pump	Otto Von Guericke	1650	Germany
Bacteria	Antonie Van Leeuwenhoek	1665	Netherlands
Pendulum Clock	Christian Huygens	1657	Netherlands
Gravity & Reflecting telescope	Isaac Newton	1668	England
Clarinet	Johann Christoph Denner	1690	Germany
Steam Engine	Thomas Savery	1698	UK
Piano	Bartolomeo Cristofori	1700	Italy
Centigrade Scale	Anders Celsius	1742	Sweden
Electroscope	Jean Nollet	1748	France
Lightning Conductor	Benjamin Franklin	1752	USA
Hydrogen	Henry Cavendish	1766	England

Chlorine	Karl Wilhelm Scheele	1774	Sweden
Ship (Steam)	J.C Perier	1775	France
Oxygen	Antoine Laurent Lavoisier	1775	France
Submarine	David Bushnell	1776	USA
Hot Air Balloon	Josef & Etienne Montgolfier	1783	France
Tungsten	Juan José Elhuyar Lubize & Fausto de Elhuyar	1783	Spain
Bifocal Lens	Benjamin Franklin	1784	USA
Parachute	Jean Pierre Blanchard	1785	France
Steam Boat	John Fitch	1786	USA
Guillotin	Dr. Joseph-Ignace Guillotin	1790s	France
Watch (Self Winding)	Abraham-Louis Breguet	1791	France
Milling machine & cotton gin	Eli Whitney	1793	USA
Small Pox Vaccine	Edward Jenner	1796	England
Vaccination			
Electric Battery	Volta	1800	Italian
Locomotive	Richard Trevithick	1804	England
Stethoscope	Rene Laennec	1816	France
Dental Plate	Anthony A.Plantson	1817	USA

Cadmium	Friedrich Stromeyer	1817	Germany
Cement	Joseph Aspdin	1824	England
Electromagnet	William Sturgeon	1824	England
Photography (on metal)	Joseph Nicéphore Niepce	1826	France
Braille	Louis Braille	1829	France
Electromagnetic Induction	Michael Faraday	1831	UK
Electric Generator			
Revolver	Samuel Colt	1835	USA
Photography (on paper)	W. H. Fox Talbot	1835	England
Telegraph	William Cook & Charles Wheatstone	1837	England
Telegraph code	Samuel Morse	1837	USA
Ozone	Christian Schonbein	1839	Germany
Typewriter	Peter Mitterhofer	1841	Austria
Transformer (Induction coil)	William Stanley .Jr	1842	US
Saxophone	Adolphe Sax	1846	Belgium
Sewing Machine	Elias Howe	1846	USA
Motorcycle	Edward Butler	1848	England
Bullet	Claude Minie	1849	France

Safety Pin	William Hunt	1849	US
Burglar Alarm	Edwin T. Holmes	1851	US
Refrigerator	James Harrison	1851	Australia
Elevator	Elisha G. Otis	1852	USA
Steam-Powered Airship	Henri Giffard	1852	France
Light Bulb	Heinrich Goebel	1854	Germany
Generator	Piciontti	1860	Italy
Machine Gun	Richard Gaffing	1861	USA
Typewriter	Peter Mitterhofer	1864	Austria
Antiseptic	Dr. Joseph Lister	1867	England
Dynamite	Alfred B. Nobel	1867	Sweden
Helium	William Ramsay	1868	Great Britain
Vacuum Cleaner	Ives McGuffey	1869	USA
Electric Motor (DC)	Zenobe Gramme	1873	Belgium
Barbed Wire	Joseph F. Glidden	1873	US
Telephone	Graham Bell	1874	Canada
Microphone	Alexander Graham Bell	1876	US
Carburetor	Gottlieb Daimler	1876	Germany

Phonograph	Thomas Edison	1877	USA
Welder (Electric Welding)	Elisha Thompson	1877	US
Gramophone	Thomas Edison	1878	USA
Cash Register	James Ritty	1879	USA
Arc Lamp	C. F. Brush	1879	Ohio
Electric Lamp	Thomas Alva Edison	1879	USA
Electromagnetic theory of light & electromagnetic waves, Radio and electrical frequencies (Hz)	Heinrich Rudolph Hertz	1880	Germany
AC motor and transformer, vacuum tube amplifier, Tesla coil, X-Ray technology	Nikola Tesla	1880s	USA
Electric Fan	Wheeler	1882	USA
Fountain Pen	Lewis Edson Waterman	1884	USA
Fluorine	Ferdinand Frederick Henri Moissan	1886	France
Ball Point Pen	John Loud	1888	USA
Bicycle Tyres	John Boyd Dunlop	1888	Scotland
Photography (on film)	John Carbutt	1888	US
Time Recorder	Harlow Bundy	1890	USA

Animation	Emile Reynaud	1892	France
Cinema	Lumiere brothers	1894	France
Argon	William Ramsay & Baron Ray Leigh	1894	UK
Radio	Guglielmo Marconi	1894	Italy
Ship (Turbine)	Charles Parsons	1894	England
Diesel Engine	Rudolf Diesel	1895	Germany
X-ray	Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen	1895	Germany
Electric stove/cooker	William S. Hadaway	1896	USA
Aspirin	Dr. Felix Hoffman	1899	Germany
Cellophane	I.E. Brandenberger	1900	Switzerland
Tractor (Caterpillar)	Benjamin Holt	1900	US
Disc Brake	Dr. F. Lanchester	1902	England
Windshield wipers	Mary Anderson	1903	USA
Airplanes	Wilber and Orville Wright	1903	USA
Silicones	F.S Kipping	1904	England
Bakelite	H. Backland	1907	Belgium/US
Gyrocompass	Elmer A. Sperry	1908	U.S
Vitamin A	Elmer V. McCollum & M. Davis	1913	USA

Air Conditioner	Willis Carrier	1914	USA
Neon Lamp	Georges Claude	1915	France
Vitamin B	Elmer V. McCollum	1916	US
Motor Scooter	Greville Bradshaw	1919	England
Vitamin C	Albert Szent-Györgyi & Charles Glen King	1920	USA
Vitamin D	Edward Mellanby	1920	USA
Band Aid	Earle Dickson	1920	USA
Crescograph	Jagadish Chandra Bose	1920s	India
Insulin	Frederick Banting & Charles H. Best	1921	Canada
Radar	Dr. Albert H. Taylor & Leo C. Young	1922	US
Vitamin E	Herbert McLean Evans	1922	USA
Film (Musical)	Warner Bros	1923	US
Adhesive tape	Richard G. Drew	1923	USA
Loud Speaker	Chester W. Rice and Edward W. Kellogg	1924	US
Film (Talking)	Warner Bros	1926	US
Rocket Engine	Robert H. Goddard	1926	USA

Penicillin	Alexander Fleming	1928	England
Xerox Machine	Chester Carlson	1928	USA
Car Radio	William Lear & Elmer Wavering	1929	US
Vitamin K	Henrik Dam & Edward Adelbert Doisy	1929	Denmark & USA
Richter Scale	Charles Richter	1935	USA
Jet Engine	Hans Von Ohain	1936	Germany
Microscope(Electron)	Vladimir Kosme Sworykin	1939	Russia
Helicopter	Igor Sikorsky	1939	Russia
Atom Bomb	Julius Robert Oppenheimer	1945	USA
Microwave Oven	Percy Spencer	1947	USA
Transistors	John Bardeen, William Shockley & Walter Brattain	1948	US
Pacemaker	Dr. Paul Zoll	1952	USA
Electronic Calculator	IBM	1954	USA
Hovercraft	Christopher Cockerell	1959	England
Laser	Dr. Charles H. Townes	1960	US
Soft Contact lenses	Otto Wichterle	1961	Czech
Synthesizer	Dr. Robert Arthur Moog	1964	USA

Tricks to Remember International Organisations' Headquarters

TRICK 1:

Name which starts with World or International, ends with Organisation and Trade and development HQ in Geneva, Switzerland except International Maritime Organisation and International Hydrographical Organisation in Monaco

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International Organisation	HQ
World Health Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
World Intellectual property Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
World Meteorological Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
World Trade Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
International Labour Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
International Committee for Red Cross Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
International Standardization Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
United Nation Conference on Trade and Development	Geneva, Switzerland
World Economic Forum	Geneva, Switzerland

TRICK 2:

I am a common man in London

International Organisation	HQ
International Maritime Organisation	London
Amnesty International	London
Common Wealth of Nations	London
Common Wealth Tele communication Organisation	London

TRICK 3:

If any organisation is related to "Industrial development/Petroleum/Atomic Energy" HQ in Vienna, Austria

International Organisation	HQ
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation	Vienna, Austria
International Atomic Energy Agency	Vienna, Austria
Organisation of Petroleum Exporting countries	Vienna, Austria

TRICK 4:

If any organisation is related to "International money or monetary organisation and world Bank" HQ in Washington, DC

International Organisation	HQ
International monetary Organisation	Washington, DC
World Bank	Washington, DC

TRICK 5:

If any organisation is related to "UN Child development programme Population Emergency in New York"

International Organisation	HQ
United Nations Organisation	New York
United Nations International Children Emergency Fund	New York
UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activities)	New York

TRICK 6:

If any organisation is related to "Economic and Educational" HQ in Paris"

International Organisation	HQ
Organisation for Economic Co-operation development	Paris
United Nations Educational, Scientific and cultural Organisation	Paris

TRICK 7:

If any organisation is related to "Court, Criminal and Chemical Weapons HQ in The Hague, Netherlands"

International Organisation	HQ
International Court of Justice	The Hague, Netherlands
International Criminal Court	The Hague, Netherlands
Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical weapons	The Hague, Netherlands

TRICK 8:

Asian-manila

International Organisation	HQ
Asian development Bank	Manila, Philippines

TRICK 9:

ACE – JACK

International Organisation	HQ
ASEAN	Jakarta, Indonesia

TRICK 10:

FOOD – IDLY

International Organisation	HQ
Food and Agricultural Organisation	Rome, Italy

TRICK 11:

Asian Infrastructure in Beijing

International Organisation	HQ
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	Beijing, China

TRICK 12:

New Development in Shanghai, China

International Organisation	HQ
New Development Bank	Shanghai, China

TRICK 13:

Football and Hockey in Switzerland

International Organisation	HQ
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FIFA (Federation of International Football Association)	Zurich, Switzerland
International Hockey Federation	Lausanne, Switzerland

TRICK 14:

Shoot – Munich

International Organisation	HQ
International Shooting Sports Federation	Munich, Germany

TRICK 15:

Chess – Greece

International Organisation	HQ
World Chess Federation	Athens, Greece

Popular Books by Indian Politicians

Book	Author
Narendra Modi: A Political Biography	Andy Marino
My Unforgettable Memories	Mamta Banerjee
The Accidental Prime Minister: The making and unmaking of Manmohan Singh	Sanjaya Baru
My Years with Rajiv & Sonia	RD Pradhan

Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi: An Inside Job	Faraz Ahmad
India at Risk	Jaswant Singh
Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi years	Pranab Mukherjee
2014: The Election that changed India	Rajdeep Sardesai
Modi - Incredible emergence of a Star	Tarun Vijay
Indian Parliamentary Diplomacy Speaker's Perspective	Meira Kumar
Green Signals Ecology, Growth and Democracy in India	Jairam Ramesh
Public Issue before Parliament	Vijay Darda
Modinomics -	Sameer Kochar
India After Gandhi - History of the World's largest Democracy	Ramchandra Guha
The Annihilation of Caste	Dr. B R Ambedkar
Unreal Elections	C S Krishna
The Doctor and Saint: Caste, Race and Annihilation of Caste	Arundhati Roy
Debate Between B R Ambedkar and M K Gandhi	Arundhati Roy
The Audacity of opinion	Jaswant Singh
The Rebel: A biography of Ram Jethmalani	Sujan Adelman
A foreign policy for India -	I K Gujral
Jinnah vs Gandhi -	Roderick Matthews

The Great Indian Novel -	Shashi Tharoor
To the Brink and Back: India's 1991 story	Jairam Ramesh
The Discovery of India	Jawaharlal Nehru
My Experiments with Truth	M K Gandhi
The Broken Wings: Songs of Love, Death and Spring	Sarojini Naidu
Jinnah: India- Partition Independence -	Jaswant Singh
India 2020 - A Vision for New Millennium	A P J Abdul Kalam and YS Rajan
Glimpse of World History	Jawaharlal Nehru
My Truth -	Indira Gandhi
The Indian Struggle 1920 - 1942	Subash Chandra Bose
Golden Threshold	Sarojini Naidu
India Divided	Dr Rajendra Prasad
India wins Freedom -	Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad
Unhappy India	Lala Lajpat Rai
The Insider -	P.V Narasimha Rao
Governance for Growth in India -	A P J Abdul Kalam
A View from Outside -	P. Chidambaram
Saga of Struggle and Sacrifice	Pranab Mukherjee

List of Waterfalls in World With Country & Area

WATERFALL	CITY	COUNTRY NAME	AREA OR MEASUREMENT
Niagara falls	Ontario/ New York Between Border of two countries.	Canada/ USA.	Capacity of 7000 Cubic meters
Victoria falls	Zambia	Zimbabwe.	Height 108 metre
Kaieteur falls	Potaro	Guyana	741 ft tall & 370 ft wide.
Yosemite falls	National Park, California	USA	One of tallest in world 2425 ft.(739 m)
Angel falls	Canaima	Venezuela	-
Iguazu falls	Puerto	On border of Brazil & Argentina.	Height 979 metre
Kaieteur falls	Guyana	Guyana	Height 226 metre
Golden falls	Iceland	Iceland	-
Sutherland falls	Fiordland	New zealand	Height 580 metre
Nohkalikai falls	Cheerapunji	India	Height 335 metre

Ban gioc detain falls	-	On Border between China & vietnam.	Height 60 metre
Dudhsagar falls	Goa	India	Height 310 metre
Jog waterfalls	Karnatka	India	Height 259 metre
Nohsngithiang waterfall	Meghalaya	India	Height 315 metre
Thosegharh waterfall	Maharashtra	India	Height 500 metre
Athirappily falls	Kerla	India	Height 24 metre
Courtallam	Tamilnadhu	India	Height 160 metre
Talakona waterfalls	Sri Venkateswara, Andhra Pradesh.	India	Height 270 ft.
Khandadhar waterfalls	Orissa	India	Height 244 metre
Chitrakoot waterfalls	Chhattisgarh	India	Height 200 metre
Langshiang falls	Meghalaya	India	Height 340 metre
Thalaiyar falls	Tamilnadhu	India	Height 297 metre
Vantawng falls	Mizoram	India	-
Umbrella falls	Maharashtra	India	Height 45 metre
Hogenakkal fall	Tamilnadu	India	-
Colonial Creek falls	Washington	U.S.	Height 783 metre
Comet falls	Washington	U.S.	Height 116 metre

Feather falls	California	U.S.A.	Height 125 metre
Johannesburg falls	Washington	U.S.	Height 2400 ft.
Nachi falls	Nachikatsuura	Japan	Height 497 metre
Tugela falls	Kwazulu-Natal	South Africa	Height 948 metre
Vinnufossen falls	Romsdal	Norway	Height 860 metre
Haloku falls	Hawaii	U.S.	Height 719 metre
Mutarazi falls	Manicaland	Zimbabwe	Height 762 metre
Browne falls	South Island	New Zealand	Height 836 metre
Alferd creek falls	British Columbia	Canada	Height 700 metre
Spirefossen falls	Fjordane	Norway	Height 690 metre
Elephant waterfall	Shillong	India	Height 100 metre
Kemty waterfall	Masoorie	India	Height 1364 metre
Barron waterfall	Queensland	Australia	Height 125 metre
Blue Nile waterfall	Ethiopian Plateau	Ethiopia	Height 45 metre
Tres Hermanas waterfall	Junin	Peru	Height 914 metre
Mongefossen waterfall	Romsdal County	Norway	Height 773 metre
Havasu waterfall	-	U.S.A.	Height 30 metre
Bridalveil	California	U.S.A.	Height 188 metre

Seljalandsfoss	Selfoss	Iceland	Height 40 metre
Mcway waterfall	Julia Pfeiffer	U.S.A.	Height 24 metre
Cuquenán waterfall	-	Venezuela	Height 670 metre
Staubbach waterfall	Luterbrunnen	Switzerland	Height 297 metre
Multnomah waterfall	Corbett	U.S.A.	Height 189 metre
Baatara gorge waterfall	In between Laqlouq & Tannourine	Lebanon	Height 255 metre
Almere waterfall	California	U.S.A.	Height 12 metre
Palouse waterfall	Washington	U.S.A.	-
Cachoeira da pedra furada	Amazonas	Brazil	Height 30 metre
Gaping gill waterfall	North Yorkshire	England	Height 105 metre
Cascadas de agua azul	Tumbala	Mexico	-
Hanging lake waterfall	Colorado	U.S.A.	-
Plitvice waterfalls	-	Croatia	-
Salto del agrio water fall	Salto del Rio Agrio	Argentina	Height 60 metre
Magod falls	Karnataka	India	Height 650 ft

Complete List of Mountain Peaks in India

Highest Mountain Peak	State
Arama Konda	Andhra Pradesh
Kangto (divided with Tibet)	Arunachal Pradesh
Unnamed Peak near Laike	Assam
Bailadila Range	Chhattisgarh
Girnar	Gujarat
Reo Purgyl	Himachal Pradesh
K2	Jammu and Kashmir (claimed)
Saltoro Kangri	Jammu and Kashmir (Administered)
Parasnath	Jharkhand
Mulayyanagiri	Karnataka
Anamudi	Kerala
Dhupgarh	Madhya Pradesh
Kalsubai	Maharashtra
Phawngpui	Mizoram
Mount Saramati	Nagaland

Deomali	Odisha
Unnamed Point on the Naina Devi range	Punjab
Guru Shikhar	Rajasthan
Kangchenjunga	Sikkim
Doddabetta	Tamil Nadu
Betlingchhip	Tripura
Nanda Devi	Uttarakhand
Sandakphu	West Bengal
Kamet	Uttarakhand
Teram Kangri	Jammu and Kashmir
Jongsong Peak	Sikkim
Kabru	Sikkim
Ghent Kangri	Jammu and Kashmir
Rimo I	Jammu and Kashmir
Kirat Chuli	Sikkim
Apsarasas Kangri	Jammu and Kashmir
Chaukhamba	Uttarakhand
Hardeol	Uttarakhand

Nun Kun	Jammu and Kashmir
Pauhunri	Sikkim
Satopanth	Uttarakhand
Chong Kumdang Ri	Jammu and Kashmir
Dunagiri	Uttarakhand
Langpo	Sikkim
Kalanka	Uttarakhand
Kedarnath	Uttarakhand
Thalay Sagar	Uttarakhand
Nyegyri Kansang	Arunachal Pradesh



Railways Zones in India: Divisions & Headquarters

Name	Year of Establishment	Divisions	Headquarters
Central Railway	1951	Mumbai, Bhusawal, Pune, Solapur, Nagpur	Mumbai
East Central Railway	2001	Danapur, Dhanbad, Mughalsarai, Samastipur, Sonpur	Hajipur
East Coast Railway	2001	Khurda Road, Sambalpur, Visakhapatnam	Bhubaneswar

Eastern Railway	1952	Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, Malda	Kolkata
North Central Railway	2003	Allahabad, Agra, Jhansi	Allahabad
North Eastern Railway	1952	Izzatnagar, Lucknow, Varanasi	Gorakhpur
North Western Railway	2002	Jaipur, Ajmer, Bikaner, Jodhpur	Jaipur
Northeast Frontier Railway	1958	Alipurduar, Katihar, Rangia, Lumding, Tinsukia	Guwahati
Northern Railway	1952	Delhi, Ambala, Firozpur, Lucknow, Moradabad	Delhi
South Central Railway	1966	Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Guntakal, Guntur, Nanded, Vijayawada	Secunderabad
South East Central Railway	2003	Bilaspur, Raipur, Nagpur	Bilaspur
South Eastern Railway	1955	Adra, Chakradharpur, Kharagpur, Ranchi	Kolkata
South Western Railway	2003	Hubli, Bangalore, Mysore	Hubli
Southern Railway	1951	Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Palakkad, Salem, Thiruvananthapuram	Chennai
West Central Railway	2003	Jabalpur, Bhopal, Kota	Jabalpur

Western Railway	1951	Mumbai Central, Ratlam, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Vadodara	Mumbai
Kolkata Metro Railway	2009	Kolkata	Kolkata

Highlights of Government Schemes in News - 2017

1. Why was "Skill India Mission" in the News recently?

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) celebrated the second anniversary of Skill India Mission on the World Youth Skills day, which is on July 15.

(From 2015, July 15 of every year is celebrated as World Youth skills day to give global focus on improvement of skills of the youth. It was constituted by United Nations General Assembly.

What is Skill India Mission?

Launched on	July 15, 2015
Launched by	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Under Ministry of	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
Minister of State , MSDE	Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy

Mechanisms for achieving the objectives of the Skill India Mission have been divided into three tiers.

They are

- Governing Council for policy guidance at apex level (Chaired by the Prime Minister)
- A Steering Committee (Chaired by the Minister, MSDE)
- A Mission Directorate (along with an Executive Committee) as the executive arm of the Mission (Chaired by the Secretary, MSDE)

Mission Directorate will be supported by three other institutions. They are as follows:

National Skill Development Agency (NSDA),

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

Directorate General of Training (DGT)

Highlights of the second anniversary:

The Ministry launched some new schemes and training programmes on the day.

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS):

- Representatives of several companies participated in the event and more than 32000 companies nodded to support the apprenticeship training for Skill India Mission under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)
- MSDE also announced the launched of National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in BFSI (Banking, Financial services and Insurance) Sector.

GST training centres:

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced a national training Programme to certify GST practitioners under its flagship scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). A total of 100 GST training centres across the nation were launched along with the training curriculum.
- This would help the people to transit to the new tax system with ease.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK):

- It was proposed to open one PMKK in each district and additional 51 PMKKs were announced across India counting to 200 Kendras in total till date. MSDE also launched 100 yoga training centres on the occasion.

Takshashila

- MSDE also launched Takshashila - a portal for trainers and assessors that would support their training life-cycle and would function as the central repository of information regarding the development of their quality benchmarks in the Indian skill eco-system.
- To keep up with the changing and competitive world, new accreditation and affiliation guidelines for ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) were released by the guests of honour.
- An MoU was signed with Ministry for Water Resources and River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation to provide skilled work force to clean the river Ganges.
- The world's largest vocational skills competition is scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi from 14 to 19 October 2017.

2. Why was PMUY in news recently?

PMUY, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana reaches 2.5 Crore beneficiaries within a span of 14 months. The 2.5 crore LPG connection under PMUY, was distributed by the President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee in a programme organised at Jangipur, West Bengal.

What is Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana?

Launched on	May 1, 2016
Launched at	Ballia, Uttar Pradesh
Launched by	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Under Ministry of	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Minister of State ,Petroleum & Natural Gas	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
Objective	To provide LPG connections to women beneficiaries from below poverty line (BPL) households across the country
Fund allocated for implementation	Rs.8000 Crore
Duration	Financial year 2016-2019

Highlights of PMUY:

- As per a WHO report, smoke inhaled by women from unclean fuel is equivalent to burning 400 cigarettes in an hour . PMUY aims to safeguard the health of women & children by providing them a clean cooking fuel, LPG.
- This is the first time in the history of our country, that the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas implementing a welfare scheme to benefit women belonging to the BPL households.
- The scheme of providing clean cooking fuel has also reduced the hazardous effects of using unsafe fuel and also provides employment for rural youth in the supply chain of cooking gas.
- PMUY is proposed to result in an additional employment to around 1 Lakh people and provide business opportunity of at least Rs. 10,000 Cr. over the 3 Years to the Indian Industry.
- PMUY scheme provides assistance of Rs. 1600/- to the beneficiary women, comprising security deposit of a 14.2 Kg cylinder and domestic pressure regulator, domestic gas consumer card and installation charges.
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) aims to provide LPG connections to 5 Crore BPL households across the country ,by the end of the year 2019.

- The identification of BPL families was made on the basis of Social Economic Caste Census (SECC)- 2011 data.
- The scheme will be assisted by the money saved in LPG subsidy through the "Give-it-Up" campaign.
- A woman of a BPL household, who does not have LPG connection in her household, may apply for new LPG connections under Ujjwala Scheme by filling the prescribed KYC application and submitting it to the nearest distributor. While submitting the application form, the woman will submit Proof of Address, Aadhaar number and Jandhan /Bank Account.
- Till date, 2.5 crore connections are provided, out of which the largest number of connections (55 lakh) have been released in UP and the second largest number have been released in the state of West Bengal.
- In the financial year 2016-17, Oil Marketing Companies have provided 3.25 Crore new connections across the country. This is the highest ever LPG connections released in any year in the history of our country.
- The total number of active LPG consumers has gone to 20.7 Crores, after the implementation of this scheme.

International Organizations - Headquarters, Chiefs and Purpose

List of important International Organizations with their headquarters, foundation years, heads and purpose.

Name	Headquarters	Heads	Foundation Year	Number of Members Countries	Purpose
International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)	Lyon, France	Mrs. Ballestrazzi	7 September, 1923	190	Connecting Police for a safer world
World Bank	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)	Jim Yong Kim	July, 1944	189	Crediting, Working for a world free of Poverty

IBRD	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)	Jim Yong Kim	1944	189	Development Assistance, Poverty Reduction
ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes)	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)	Jim Yong Kim	1957 (But operating starts in 1966)	159	International Arbitration
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)	Philippe Le Houérou	24 July, 1956	184	Private Sector Development, Poverty Reduction
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)	Keiko Honda	1988	181	Political Risk Insurance, Foreign Direct Investment
World Trade Organization (WTO)	Geneva, Switzerland	Roberto Azevedo	1 January, 1995	162	Regulate International Trade
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)	Christine Lagarde	27 December, 1945	189	To promotes international economic cooperation
Bank for International Settlements (BIS)	Basel, Switzerland	Jaime Caruana	17 May, 1930	60 Central Banks	Central Bank Cooperation

Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Metro Manila, Philippines	Takehiko Nakao	22 August, 1966	67	Crediting
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Geneva Switzerland	Francis Gurry	14 July, 1967	188	To promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world
World Health Organization (WHO)	Geneva Switzerland	Margaret Chan	7 April, 1948	193	Health For All
International Labour Organization (ILO)	Geneva Switzerland	Guy Ryder	1919	186	
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Rome, Italy	Kanayo F. Nwanze	1977	173	Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome Poverty
UNICEF	New York	Anthony Lake	11-Dec-1946	191	To provide food and healthcare to children of those countries which devastated by world war II.
UN International	Geneva	Nikhil Seth	1963	--	To achieve the major objectives

Training and Research Center (UNITAR)	Switzerland				of UN through training and research
UN Environmental Program (UNEP)	Nairobi, Kenya	Achim Steiner	5 June, 1972	193	Protect our environment and conserve our future
UN Development Program (UNDP)	New York	Helen Clark	1965	166	Overall development
UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	New York	Reuben Summerlin	1966	For 48 least developed countries	Eradicate extreme hunger poverty, Promotes equality, Ensures Environment Sustainability
International Cricket Council	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Zaheer Abbas	15 June, 1909	125	Great Sport, Great Spirit
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	Brussels, Belgium	Petr Pavel	4 April, 1949	28	A mind unfettered in deliberation

List of Renamed Govt. Schemes, Cities, Airports & Railway Stations

List of Renamed Government Schemes

Original Name:	New Name:
Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account	Jan Dhan Yojana
National Girl Child Day Program	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana
Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan	Swachh Bharat Mission
Rajiv Awas Yojana	Sardar Patel National Mission for Urban Housing
Indira Awaas Yojana	Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana
Swavalamban Yojana	Atal Pension Yojana
Rajiv Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana
Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission	Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility	Soil Health Card scheme
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana	Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
Direct Benefits Transfer for LPG	PAHAL
Jan Aushadhi scheme	Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana
National Manufacturing Policy	Make In India
National e-governance Plan	Digital India
National Skill Development Programme	Skill India
Universal Immunisation Programme	Mission Indradhanush
National Rural Livelihood Mission	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
National Optic Fibre Network	Bharat Net

List of Renamed Cities

Old Name of City	New Name of City	Name of the State	Changed Since
Jubbulpore	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	1947

Cawnpore	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	1948
Simla	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	1948
Tanjore	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu	1948
Calicut	Kozhikode	Kerala	1949
Benares	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	1956
Allepey	Alappuzha	Kerala	1957
Panjim	Panaji	Goa	1961
Trichinapoly	Tiruchirapalli	Tamil Nadu	1971
Baroda	Vadodara	Gujarat	1974
Poona	Pune	Maharashtra	1978
Gauhati	Guwahati	Assam	1983
Waltair	Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	1987
Trivandrum	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala	1991
Bombay	Mumbai	Maharashtra	1996
Madras	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	1996
Cochin	Kochi	Kerala	1996
Calcutta	Kolkata	West Bengal	2001
Pondicherry	Puducherry	Union Territory	2006
Bangalore	Bengaluru	Karnataka	2006
Belgaum	Belagavi	Karnataka	2014
Mysore	Mysuru	Karnataka	2014
Mangalore	Mangaluru	Karnataka	2014
Trichur	Thrissur	Kerala	2014
Tumkur	Tumakuru	Karnataka	2014
Hubali	Hubbali	Karnataka	2014
Bellary	Ballari	Karnataka	2014
Gulbarga	Kalaburagi	Karnataka	2014
Bijapur	Vijapura	Karnataka	2014

Gurgaon	Gurugram	Haryana	2016
Mewat	Nuh	Haryana	2016

List of Renamed Railway Stations

Old Name of Railway Station	New Name	Name of State	Changed Since
Bangalore City	Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna	Karnataka	2015
Oshiwara	Ram Mandir	Maharashtra	2016
Elphinstone Road	Prabha Devi	Maharashtra	2016

List of Renamed Airports

Old Name of Airport	New Name	Location	Changed Since
Bangalore International Airport (BIA)	Bengaluru Nadaprabhu Kempegowda International Airport.	Bengaluru, Karnataka	2013
Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	2016
Indian Air Force Airport, Gorakhpur	Mahayogi Gorakhnath Airport	Gorakhpur, U.P.	Proposed on 18.04.2017
Indian Air Force Airport, Agra	Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Airport	Agra, U.P.	Proposed on 18.04.2017

Things to Remember

- In the past, we also saw the iconic Connaught Place of New Delhi getting its name changed to Rajiv Chowk. and the
- Port Blair Airport of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands changing to Veer Savarkar International Airport.
- New Delhi's Aurangzeb Road was changed to "Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Road"
- Race Course Road got changed to "Lok Kalyan Marg".
- Gurgaon of the National Capital Region got changed to "Gurugram".
- India's Planning Commission became "NITI Aayog". 'NITI' is an acronym for "National Institution for Transforming India".

List of UN & WHO's Goodwill Ambassadors- 2017

A goodwill ambassador could be a one who advocates for a particular cause (e.g. a country or an organization) on the basis of their notability. Goodwill ambassadors usually deliver goodwill or promote ideals from one entity to another, or to a population.

The term ought to be distinguished from the associated perception of a brand ambassador, who plays a role in endorsing a company or product through personal interaction.

A varied range of organizations employ goodwill ambassadors to endorse their programs and reach out to others with programs that are based on good relations, from multinational groups such as the United Nations and United Nations Associations etc.,

List of UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors

- The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund was formed by the United Nations General Assembly on Dec-11-1946, to deliver emergency food and healthcare to children in nations that had been devastated by World War II. Danny Kaye was the first to hold the position, with the title of Ambassador-at-Large granted in 1954.
- The objective of the program is to allow celebrities with a demonstrated interest in UNICEF matters to use their fame to draw attention to important issues. This may take the form of public appearances and talks, visits to troubled regions, which draw attention from the media, and use of their political access to advocate UNICEF causes.
- **The UN children's agency UNICEF appointed its youngest goodwill ambassador — 19-year-old Syrian refugee and education activist Muzoon Almellehan.**

International Ambassadors & Advocates

PERSON	COUNTRY	APPOINTED YEAR
Lilly Singh	Canada	July-2017
NATIONAL AMBASSADORS		
Shahrukh Khan	India	Jan-2017

Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO)

The Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) Goodwill Ambassadors Programme was initiated in 1999. The main determination of the program is to increase public awareness and to broadcast information on issues related to food security, hunger, and poverty in the world.

Dee Dee Bridgewater was the first Goodwill Ambassador from USA & was appointed in the year 1999. His Majesty king Letsie III of Lesotho – Appointed in the year 2016.

United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Goodwill Ambassadors are celebrity advocates of UNESCO (not diplomatic ambassadors) who use their talent or fame to spread the UNESCO ideals, especially attracting media attention. Other particular categories of advocate include UNESCO Artist for Peace, UNESCO Champion for Sport and UNESCO Special Envoy.
- **Sheikh Ghassan I Sheikh** from Saudi Arabia was the first Goodwill Ambassador appointed in 1989.
- **Deeyah Khan** from Norway is the present Goodwill Ambassador since 17th -Nov-2016.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

- The Goodwill Ambassadors are famous Personality representatives of UNHCR, who use their talent & fame to advocate for refugees.
- **Barbara Hendricks** from the United States is the first Ambassador appointed in 1987. She was a Classical Singer.
- Present Goodwill Ambassadors are Cristina Marina from Romania, Kristin Davis from the United States & Praya Lundberg from Thailand appointed in 2017. Carlos Specialist, Actress, Actress & model are their fields of expertise respectively.

World Health Organization (WHO)

- The WHO Goodwill Ambassadors are famous Personality representatives, who use their talent & fame to advocate for health & well-being.
- Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra from Austria was appointed in 2005 as first WHO Goodwill Ambassador.

Present Goodwill Ambassadors:-

PERSON	COUNTRY	APPOINTED for
Amitabh Bachchan	India	Awareness of Hepatitis
Michael Bloomberg	USA	Global Ambassador for Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs)
James Chau	China	Sustainable Development Goals & Health
Peng Liyuan	China	Tuberculosis & HIV/AIDS
Yohei Sasakawa	Japan	Leprosy Elimination

List of Appointments in 2017- PDF

Designation	Person
SEBI Chairman	Ajay Tyagi
Chancellor of Nalanda University	Dr. Vijay Bhatkar
CBI director	Alok Verma
Executive director of RBI	Surekha Marandi
UPSC chairman	David R Syiemlieh
New Air Force chief	Birender Singh Dhanao
Governor of Delhi	Anil Bajjal
RBI Deputy Governor	Viral V Acharya
New chief of Research and Analysis Wing	Anil Dhasmana
New chief of Intelligence Bureau	Rajiv Jain
Chief Justice of India	Justice JS Khehar
Director of CBI	Rakesh Asthana
New DGMO	AK Bhatt
Pakistan Army chief	Qamar Bajwa
Director of LBSNAA	Upma Chowdhary

Chairman of NALSA	Jagdish Singh Khehar
CR, MD & CEO of CERSAI	Praveen Kumar
New Executive Director	M Rajeshwar Rao
New Delhi Police Chief	Amulya Kumar Patnaik
President of Table Tennis Federation of India	Dushyant Chautala
New UN Secretary General	Antonio Guterres
44 th Chief Justice of India	Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar
CEO Prasar Bhaarti	Rajeev Singh
Bharti AXA CEO	Sanjeev Srinivasan
Chairman of UPSC	David R Syiemlieh
Chief of Army Staff	Bipin Rawat
Executive Director of RBI	Surekha Marandi
Indian-origin Deputy Assistant to The President of United States and Deputy Communications and Research Director	Raj Shah
New President of European Parliament	Antonio Tajani
Distinguished Senior Fellow of Atlantic Council	Manish Tewari
UK's Ambassador to European Union	Tim Barrow
New CBI Director(former Delhi Police Commissioner)	Alok Kumar Verma

Director of Central Intelligence Agency	Mike Pompeo
New Secretary of Department of Food and PDS	Preeti Sudan
Nominated Chairman of BoD of Tata Power	S Padmanabhan
Will head Islamic Military Alliance to Fight Terrorism(Former Pakistan Chief)	Raheel Sharif
New CEO of Flipkart	Kalyan Krishnamurthy
SBI Pension Funds MD and CEO	Kumar Sharadindu
New president of BMW Group India	Vikram Pawah
J&K CM Mehbooba Mufti's brother inducted in PDP	Mufti Tassaduq Hussain
Chancellor of Nalanda University	Dr. Vijay Bhatkar
US envoy to United Nations	Nikki Haley
Appointed by UN as India Goodwill Ambassador for SDGs(Sustainable Development Goals)	Ashok Amritraj
President of Haiti	Jovenel Moise
First Non-Parsiand new chairman of TCS	N Chandrasekaran
New Governor of Tibet appointed by China	Qi Zhala
Chairman of African Union Commission	Moussa Faki Mahamat
Karnataka Lokayukta	P Vishwanath Shetty
Head of BCCI Administration Panel(Former CAG)	Vinod Rai

New Chairman of Snap Inc. after resigning from Sony Entertainment CEO Post	Michael Lynton
Assam Governor who got additional charge of Meghalaya	Banwarilal Purohit
Chairman of Eastern India Regional Council of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India(ICSI)	Siddhartha Murarka
Appointed member of FIFA Finance Committee	Praful Patel
Group President and COO of Baidu, leading Chinese ISP	Dr. Qi Lu
HR Head for Capgemini for India operations	Anil Jalali
IBM India chairman	Karan Bajwa
New National Intelligence Director of US	Dan Coats
Chairman of OERC(Odisha Electricity Regulatory mission)	UN Behera
Pakistan's first women foreign secretary to UN	Tehmina Janjua
US Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson
DGP of Karnataka	Rupak Kumar Dutta
Chairman and CEO of KMPG	Arun M Kumar
ED Director	Karnal Singh
President of Germany	Frank Walter Steinmeier
SEBI Chairman	Ajay Tyagi

New ASSOCHAM President	Sandeep Jajodia
First women IIM Director	Dr. Neelu Rohmetra
Ambassador of India to Philippines	Narinder Chauhan
LIC MD	Hemant Bhargava
Principle Economic Advisor in Finance Ministry	Sanjeev Sanyal
Director Commerical at NTPC	Anand Kumar Gupta
CEO and MD of NSE	Vikram Limaye
Top Indian reappointment to UN Joint Inspection Unit	Achamkulangare Gopinathan
Godrej Properties Chairman	Pirojsha Godrej
Chairman Emeritus position	Adi Godrej
Three whole time members in IBBI	Suman Saxena, Mukulita Vijaywargiya, Navrang Saini

Designation	Person Appointed
DGP of Karnataka	Rupak Kumar Dutta
Chairman & CEO of KPMG India	Arun M Kumar
US secretary of state	Rex Tillerson
Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED)	Karnal Singh

President of Germany	Frank-Walter Steinmeier
Pakistan's first woman foreign secretary to UN	Tehmina Janjua
Under Secretary General for UN's peacekeeping operations	France's Jean-Pierre Lacroix
Chief of Delhi & Districts Cricket Association (DDCA)	Justice Vikramajit Sen
High Commissioner of India to Canada	Vikas Swarup
US National Security Advisor	Lt-Gen HR McMaster
Chairman of Cauvery water Disputes Tribunal	Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre
Vice Chairman of Asian Hockey Federation (AHF)	Abhijit Sarkar
Chief Information Commissioner of J&K	Khursheed A Ganai
Spokesperson of MEA	Gopal Baglay
Brand Ambassador of Sight savers	Kabir Bedi
Director of SVP National Police Academy	D R Dooley Barman (IPS officer)
Chief Secretary of Maharashtra	Sumit Mullick (IAS officer)
Chairman of National commission for scheduled Tribes	Nand Kumar Sai
UN Deputy Secretary-General	Amina J Mohammed (Nigerian)
Chairman of SEBI	Ajay Tyagi
India's Ambassador to World Trade Organization	J S Deepak
Prime Minister of SUDAN	Hassan Saleh

Maharashtra's Chief Commissioner of RTS	Swadheen Kshatriya
Chairman & MD of MTNL	P K Purwar
Secretary General of SAARC	Amjad Hussain B Sial
Chief Advisor to Odisha Government	K Srinath Reddy
NSE MD & CEO	Vikram Limaye
Members of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)	Dr. Mukulita Vijayawargiya, Dr Navrang Saini and Ms Suman Saxena
MD, LIC	Hemant Bhargava
Union Mines Secretary	Arun Kumar (IAS officer)
Two new members to UPSC	Ms. Sujata Mehta (IFS officer), Air Marshal Ajit S Bhonsle
Deputy Director General (DDG), Narcotics Control Bureau	Mohammed Taj Hassan (IPS Officer)
Indian Ambassador to Nepal	Manjeev Singh Puri (IFS Officer)
Director (Finance), Power Finance Corporation	Naveen Bhushan Gupta
Additional charge of Dept of Telecommunication Secretary	P K Pujari

Designation	Person Appointed
President of European council	Donald Tusk (Poland)

Chairman of Central Water Commission	Narendra Kumar
Defence Minister	Arun Jaitley
Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High court	Hemant Gupta
Chief of centres for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Seema Verma
Chief Justice of Jharkhand High court	P K Mohanty
Chief Justice of Kerala High court	Navniti Prasad
Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High court	T B Radhakrishnan
Acting Chief Justice of J&K High court	Ramalingam Sudhakar
Director of National Intelligence, US	Dan Coats
US President's National Security Advisor	Lieutenant General HR McMaster
Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis	Manhar Valjibhai Zala
Deputy Governor of RBI	Bibhu Prasad Kanungo
Chief Secretary of Punjab	Karan Avtar Singh
Uttarakhand CM	Trivendra Singh Rawat
Uttar Pradesh CM	Yogi Adityanath
Member (Traction), Railway Board	Ghanshyam Singh
Chief Financial Officer of International Cricket Council (ICC)	Ankur Khanna
Interim Director General of International Solar Alliance (ISA)	Upendra Tripathy

Whole Time Member of SEBI	Madhabi Puri
Deputy speaker of Goa assembly	Michael Lobo
Director of AIIMS, New Delhi	Dr.Randeep Guleria
President of the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights	Vanita Gupta
Speaker of Punjab Legislative Assembly	Rana Kanwar Pal Singh
Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)	David Beasley
Chief Justice of Madras High Court	Indira Banerjee
President of Tamil Nadu Film Producers Council	Vishal
Consul General of Dubai	Vipul

Designation	Person Appointed
The country elected as president of UN-Habitat, an organ of UNO	India
Chairman of Tea Board of India	Prabhat Kamal Bezboruah
Chairman of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)	Braj Bihari
Chairman of Public Accounts Committee	Mallikarjun Kharge
Controller General of Accounts	Anthony Lianzuala
Director General of Central Reserve Police Force(CRPF)	Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar
Twitter's Country Director for India	Taranjeet Singh

Defence Secretary	Sanjay Mitra
Secretary of Department of Telecommunications	Aruna Sundararajan
WHO's Goodwill Ambassador for Hepatitis	Amitabh Bachchan
Chancellor of JNU	V K Saraswat
Deputy Executive Secretary of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Ovais Sarmad
Additional Charge of Environment Ministry	Dr.Harshvardhan
First African WHO Director -General	Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Vice-Chairman of National Commission for Minorities	George Kurian
Chairman of Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)	Rajan Anandan
President of Iran	Hassan Rouhani
Deputy chief of Integrated Defence Staff	Air Marshal P N Pradhan
Chairman of FIFA Governance Committee	Justice Mukul Mudgal
President of South Korea	Moon Jae-in
Member of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission(FERC), USA	Neil Chatterjee
President of France	Emmanuel Macron
Head of Allahabad Bank	Usha AnanthaSubramanian
Head of Syndicate Bank	Melwyn Rego
MD & CEO of Union Bank	Rajkiran Rai G

Head of Punjab National Bank	Sunil Mehta
MD & CEO of Bank of India	Dinabandhu Mohapatra
MD & CEO of Vijaya Bank	R A Sankara Narayanan

Designation	Person Appointed
Secretary of CBSE	Anurag Tripathy
Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University	Manipur Governor, Najma Heptulla
Public Policy Fellow to a top US-based Think-Tank	Nirupama Rao
CEO of Prasar Bharati	Shashi Shekar Vempati
Judge in US Court of Appeals	Amul Thapar
Prime Minister of Nepal	Sher Bahadur Deuba
Registrar of Copyrights office	Hoshiar Singh
FBI Director	Christopher Wray
First Indian woman Member of ITLOS(International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)	Neeru Chadha
Punjab Assembly Deputy Speaker	Ajaib Singh Bhatti
Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF	Muzoon Akmellehan (Syrian)
US Ambassador to India	Kenneth I Juster
Under Secretary General of UN Counter Terrorism office	Vladimir Voronkov

Union Home Secretary	Rajiv Gauba
President of International Economic Association	Kaushik Basu
President of India International Centre	Narinder Nath
DGP of Kerala	Loknath Behra
US Ambassador to Peru	Krishna R Urs
Secretary in I&B Ministry	Narendra Kumar Sinha
Attorney General of India	KK Venugopal
Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police	RK Pachnanda
Chief Election Commissioner	Achal Kumar Joti
Director General of National Disaster Response Force	Sanjay Kumar
Chairman of IIT- Kharagpur	Sanjiv Goenka
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Autism in South Asia	Saima Wazed Hossain
MD & CEO of National Stock Exchange(NSE)	Vikram Limaye
President of Serbia	Aleksander Vucic
First Turbaned judge in Canada	Palbinder Kaur
Economic Affairs Secretary	Tapan Ray
MD & CEO of IDFC Bank	Sunil Kakar
Part-Time chairman Lakshmi Vilas Bank	B K Manjunath

Executive Director of RBI	S Ganesh Kumar
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Designation	Person Appointed
Chairperson of Central Board of Film Certification	Prasoon Joshi
Deputy Comptroller for minority affairs in New York	Dilip Chauhan
45 th Chief Justice of India	Justice Dipak Misra
Executive Director at World Bank	Aparna, IAS Officer
Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog	Rajiv Kumar
Air Officer-in-charge, Administration of Indian Air Force	Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat
CMD of SIDBI	Mohammad Mustafa
Secretary General of FICCI	Sanjaya Baru
FBI Director	Christopher Wray
Chief of Eastern Command	Lt Gen Abhay Krishna
14 th President of India	Ramnath Kovind
Joint Secretary in PMO	Gopal Baglay
Secretary to New Indian President	Sanjay Kothari
Chairman of UK-India Business Council	Lord Mervyn Davies
Chief Minister of Nagaland	TR Zeliang

Additional charge as Information & Broadcasting Minister	Smriti Irani
Chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC)	Justice Vikramajit Sen
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Autism in South Asia	Saima Wazed Hossain
13 th Vice President of India	Venkaiah Naidu
Non-Executive chairman of Union Bank	Kewal Handa
MD & CEO of Syndicate Bank	Melwyn Rego
New Head Coach of Indian Cricket Team	Ravi Shastri
MD & CEO of Oriental Bank	Mukesh Kumar Jain
Additional charge as Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs	Narendra Tomar
UK Supreme Court's first female president	Brenda Hale
CEO of Janalakshmi Financial Services	Ajay Kanwal
CEO of Axis Bank	Shikha Sharma

Tricks To Learn Important Rivers in India

TRICK 1: Gango-ba

River Name	Starting point	Ending point
Ganga	Gangotri	Bay of Bengal

Ganga went to uttar bihar and Bengal via Jharkhand

River name	Passing states
Ganga	Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

TRICK 2:

Yamuno-ba

River Name	Starting point	Ending point
Yamuna	Yamunotri	Bay of Bengal

Yamuna went to Uttar Himachal and Delhi via Haryana

River name	Passing states
Yamuna	Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana

TRICK 3:

Brahma-manaso-ba

River Name	Starting point	Ending point
Brahmaputra	Manasarovar	Bay of Bengal

Brahma met Aruna in Assam to solve Tibet(Region) issues

River name	Passing states
Brahmaputra	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Tibet

TRICK 4:

Maha-amarko-ba

River Name	Starting point	Ending point
Mahanadi	Amarkantak hills	Bay of Bengal

Mahanadi went to his Garh (Chattisgarh) in Odisha

River name	Passing states
Mahanadi	Chattisgarh, Odisha

TRICK 5:

Godavari-nasiko-ba

River Name	Starting point	Ending point
Godavari	Nasik hills	Bay of Bengal

Godavari and Karna learnt Odia, Telugu and Marathi and went to their Madhya(middle) Garh(Chattisgarh)

River name	Passing states
Godavari	Karnataka, Maharashtra, telangana, AP, chattisgarh, Orissa and madya pradesh

TRICK 6:**Krishna-mahabalo-ba**

River Name	Starting point	Ending point
Krishna	Mahabaleshwar	Bay of Bengal

Krishna and karna listened to mahabaratham in telugu states

River name	Passing states
Krishna	Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and AP

Complete List of Geographical Epithets-PDF

EPITHETS	PLACE
Blue Mountains	Nilgiri Hills, India
City of Sky Scrapers	New York, USA
City of Golden Gate	San Francisco, USA
Windy City	Chicago, USA
America's motor city	Detroit
Britain of the south	New Zealand
City of Eternal Spires	Quito, South America

City of Flowers	Cape Town, South Africa
City of Golden gate	San Francisco ,USA
City of Magnificent Buildings	Washington, USA
City of Quiet thoroughfares	Venice
Emerald Island	Ireland
Big Apple	New York
Empire city	New York
Garden in the desert	Ethiopia
Garden of England	Kent
Golden city	Johannesburg, South Africa
Gift of Nile	Egypt
Hanging Valleys	Valley of Switzerland
Herring Pond	Atlantic Ocean
Holy Land	Palestine
Hermit Kingdom	Korea
Human Equator of the Earth	Himalayas
Islands of Sunshine	West Indies
Kashmir of Europe	Switzerland

Buffer state of Asia	Afghanistan
City of Angles	Bangkok
City of bazaars	Cairo
City of conference	Geneva
City of cosmonauts	Moscow
City of space flights	Cape Kennedy
Gateway of India	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Granary of South India	Tanjore, Tamil Nadu
Great Britain of the Pacific	Japan
Great White way	Broadway, New York
Horn of Africa	Somalia
Island Continent	Australia
Land of Golden Fleece	Australia
Land of Kangaroo	Australia
Land of contrasts	Colombia
Land of fertile fields	Algeria
Land of Five Seas	Southwest Asia
Land of golden fiber	Bangladesh

Land of Golden Pagoda	Myanmar
Land of Lakes	Scotland
Land of Lilies	Canada
Land of Maple	Canada
Land of Midnight Sun	Norway
Land of mighty rivers	Nigeria
Land of milk and honey	Lebanon
Land of Morning Calm	Korea
Land of mountain	Nepal
Land of Prophets	Palestine
Land of Setting Sun	United Kingdom
Land of Thousand Elephants	Laos
Land of Thousand Lakes	Finland
Land of Thunderbolt	Bhutan
Mosquito Coast	Nicaragua
Never Never Land	Prairies of N. Australia
Pearl of East	Penang
Pearl of the Pacific	Guayaquil Port of Ecuador

Playground of Europe	Switzerland
Playground of India	Kashmir
Pyramid city	Cairo
Quaker City	Philadelphia, USA
Queen of Arabian Sea	Kochi, Kerala
Remnant of mighty empire	Austria
River in the Sea	Gulf Stream
Roof of the World	The Pamirs, Tibet
The modern Babylon	London
Saint of the Gutters	Mother Teresa
Sickman of Europe	Turkey
Site of Ancient Civilization	Iraq
Switzerland of Africa	Swaziland
White City	Belgrade, Yugoslavia
Whiteman's Grave	Guinea Coast
Windy City	Chicago, USA
Workshop of Europe	Belgium
World's Loneliest Island	Tristan Da Cunha

World's Bread Basket	Prairies of N. America
World's chocolate capital	Hershey Pennsylvania
Lady with a Lamp	Florence Nightingale
City of Hopes	Rome, Italy
City of Seven Hills	
Eternal City	
City of Popes	
Copper country	Zambia, Southern Africa
City of Kings	Lima, Peru
City of Cycles	Beijing, China
City of Dreaming Spires	Oxford, England
Cockpit of Europe	Belgium
Dairy of Northern Europe	Denmark
China's Sorrow	Hwang-Ho
Bengal's Sorrow	Damodar River
Yellow River	Hwang-Ho
Dark Continent	Africa
Forbidden City	Zijincheng (Beijing), China

Gate of Tears	Bab-el-Mandeb, Jerusalem
Gateway to the Gulf	Abu Dhabi
Granite City	Aberdeen, Scotland
Great/Little Herring Pond	Massachusetts
Hermit Kingdom	Korea
Honeymoon Lake	Titicaca Lake in Andes
Island Continent	Australia
Land of Golden Fleece	Australia
Land of Eagles	Albania
Land of Perpetual Greenary	Natal, South Africa
Land of Windmills	Poland
Island of cloves	Zanjibar
Island of Pearls	Bahrain
Pearl Islands	Panama
Key to the Mediterranean	Gibraltar
Pink city	Jaipur
Queen of the Adriatic	Venice, Italy
Land of Midnight Sun	Norway

Land of Rising Sun	Japan
Land of White Elephants	Thailand
Pearl of Antilles	Cuba
Sugar Bowl of the world	Cuba
Pillars of Hercules	Strait of Gibraltar
Venice of the east	Alappuzha, Kerala, India
Venice of the North	Amsterdam, Netherlands
Earth of Five Rivers	Punjab
Manchester of India	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Silicon valley of India	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Electronic city of India	
Science city of India	
City of Lakes	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Temple city of India	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Detroit of Asia	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Scotland of India	Coorg, Karnataka
Queen of the Hills	Darjeeling, West Bengal
Green City	Gandhi nagar, Gujarat

HITECH city	Hyderabad, Telangana
City of Palaces	Jaipur, Rajasthan
Switzerland of India	Kashmir, J&K
Prince of Arabian Sea	Kollam, Kerala
Sleepless city	Madurai, Tamil Nadu
Gateway of Tamil Nadu	Tuticorin
Heritage city	Mysore, Karnataka
Spice Garden of India	Kerala
Royal city	Patiala, Punjab
City of Sages	Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
White city	Udaipur, Rajasthan
Land of warriors	Zunheboto, Nagaland
City of Destiny	Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Diamond city of India	Surat, Gujarat
Blue city, Sun city	Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Rome of the east	Mangalore, Karnataka
City of Ghats & Temples	Varanasi, UP
City of Golden Temple	Amritsar, Punjab

Garden city of India	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Poor Man's Ooty	Yeracud, Tamil Nadu
Little Tibet	Ladakh, J&K
Twin Cities	Hyderabad & Secunderabad
Bone Marrow of North India	River Ganga
Steel city	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
Sea-Son	Lakshadweep
City of Bridges	Srinagar
Black River	River Sharada
City of Festivals	Madurai, Tamil Nadu
Jewel of Karnataka	Mysore
Basket of Fruits	Himachal Pradesh
Basket of Rice	Chhattisgarh
Mini Switzerland of India	Khajjiyar, Himachal Pradesh
Ganga of South	River Kaveri
City of Magnificent Distance	Washington DC
Garden City	Chicago
Great Broadway	New York

Mysore Tiger	Tipu Sultan
Pearl of Antilles	Cuba
Paradise on Earth	Kashmir Valley, India

Enrolment and Implementation of GST

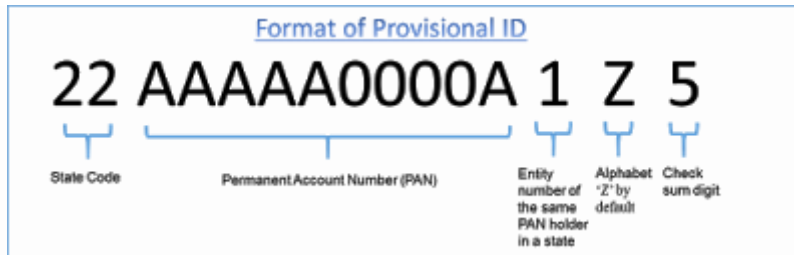
GST Enrolment App

To enrol in GST Network through mobile phones, taxpayers can download and install the GST Enrolment App on their mobile phones from Google Play Store. The only requirement in their mobile phones is Android version 4.4 or above.

The Icon of GST enrolment app:



- The Enrolment Application form can be filled in offline mode. Whereas to submit the Enrolment Application, it is mandatory to be connected to the internet. For submission, the users will be redirected to the GST Common Portal from their mobile device.
- When a taxpayer doing business registers under GST in the portal, he/ she is given a provisional GSTIN. This provisional ID and password are mandatory requirements to log in to the GST portal. After obtaining the provisional ID, in the second stage, the user has to log in to the GSTN portal and give details of the business, (the main place of business, additional place of business, directors and bank account details). This 15-digit provisional ID would work as the Goods and Services Taxpayer Identification Number (GSTIN) for the initial few months.



- An e-mail and SMS will be sent on the registered e-mail address and mobile number of the authorized signatory after submitting the data in the app. Users can always check the further status of the Enrolment Application in the GST Portal. (www.gst.gov.in)

Excel template

- In order to help the taxpayers in preparing and filing their monthly returns easier and cheaper, Goods and Services Network (GSTN) has unveiled a simple excel based template.
- This excel workbook template can be used to perform offlinedata entry before uploading on the GST portal on or before the 10th of the next month. It can be freely downloaded from the GST Common portal (www.gst.gov.in).
- In addition, This Excel template along with an offline tool will help to upload a large number of invoices easier and quicker. The offline tool is proposed to be released after July 15, 2017. Based on the data entered in the Excel sheet, the proposed offline tool will prepare a file which should be uploaded by the taxpayer on GST Portal. Only while uploading the file on the GST portal, Internet connectivity will be required.

Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN)

- To start issuing of registration certificate, called Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN), to taxpayers who have already been issued provisional ID for registration (PID) as well as to the new taxpayers, the rules related to Registration and Composition Scheme have been notified. These rules have been brought into effect from 22nd June, 2017.
- A person who has been granted PID and who chooses to enter composition scheme, should submit an intimation of option in a prescribed form on GSTN on or before 21st July, 2017.
- It is also announced that, a person seeking fresh registration can apply for registration within thirty days from the date on which he becomes liable for registration. They can also opt for composition scheme at the time of filing of a registration form.

Overview of Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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Launched On

A historic nation-wide tax reform, Goods and Services Tax (GST), came into effect from the midnight of 30th June-1st July 2017.

The President, The Vice President, The Prime Minister, The Speaker of Lok Sabha and The Union Finance Minister were present during the occasion held at the Central Hall of Parliament.

Bills Passed

On 29th March 2017, the Finance Minister of India presented four Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bills, for passage in the Lok Sabha.

- The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Bill, 2017
- The Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) Bill, 2017
- The Union Territories Goods and Services Tax (UTGST) Bill, 2017
- GST (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017.

They were passed by the Lok Sabha on 29th March, 2017 and by the Rajya Sabha on 6th April, 2017.

Introduction

- In the current system, the tax is levied at each stage separately by the Central government and the State Government at varying rates, on the full value of the goods. But under the GST system, tax will be levied only on the value added at each stage.
- Hence in the GST system, the final consumer will only bear the GST, which is charged by the last dealer in the supply chain.

CGST and SGST

- For transactions within a State, there will be two components of GST - Central GST (CGST), levied and collected by the Central government and State GST (SGST) by the state government - levied on the value of goods and services.
- In the case of Inter-State transactions, the Centre will levy and collect the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST). The IGST would be approximately equal to the total of CGST and SGST.

Final Structure of GST

- The threshold limit for exemption from GST is Rs. 20 lakh for the State and Rs 10 Lakh for the special category states.
- A four slab tax rate structure of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28% has been adopted for GST.
- A cess would be levied on certain goods such as luxury cars, aerated drinks, pan masala and tobacco products, in addition to the GST rate of 28% .This would be used for payment of compensation to the states. (A cess is a tax that is levied by the government to raise funds for a specific purpose)
- The threshold for availing the Composition scheme is Rs. 75 lakh. (Rs.50 lakh for special category states) and they are required to file quarterly returns only.
- Certain categories of manufacturers, service providers (except restaurants) can not avail the Composition Scheme.

GST Network (GSTN)

- GSTN has been created to function as a common Pass-through portal for taxpayers. On this common portal, taxpayers will submit their registration applications, file the returns, make their tax payments, claim their refunds etc.
- All filings under GST will be done electronically and the network will provide interface to 80 lakh taxpayers of the country and thousands of tax officials. At the back end of the network, the IT systems of CBEC (Central Board of Excise and Customs) and different states interface with the GST network to provide an efficient processing of tax returns for the taxpayers.
- Registration of existing taxpayers of the State tax administrations and the CBEC to the GST system started on 8th November 2016. More than 66 lakh taxpayers of our country have activated their account in the GST portal.



Longest, Largest, Tallest & Highest in India

Longest, Largest, Tallest Bridges, Roads and Rail Route

- Longest Bridge in India- Dhol Sadiya Bridge on lohit river(9.15km)
- Longest sea bridge in India- Bandra Worli Sea Link (5.6km)
- Biggest cantilever bridge- Rabindra Setu, Kolkata
- Longest Train Route in India- Vivek Express, Dibrugarh to Kanyakumari (4286 km)
- Longest National Highway in India- NH-7, Varanasi to Kanyakumari (3715 km)
- Longest Tunnel in India- Jawahar Tunnel, Banihal Pass, Jammu & Kashmir
- Longest railway platform in India- Gorakhpur, UP (1355.4m)
- Longest Railway Tunnel in India- Pir Panjal Railway Tunnel (11.215 km) Jammu & Kashmir

Longest, Largest, Highest: coasts, Borders

- State with longest coastline- Gujarat

- South Indian State with longest coastline- Tamil Nadu
- Indian State with Longest International Border- Rajasthan
- State with maximum number of international borders- Arunachal Pradesh

Longest, Largest, Tallest Man Made Structures

- Tallest dam in India- Tehri Dam, Uttarakhand (Height 260 m)
- Longest dam of India- Hirakud Dam, Odisha (4.8 km)
- Largest auditorium of India- Sri Shanmukhanand Hall, Mumbai
- Largest Mosque Of India- Jama Masjid(Delhi)
- Highest Gateway- Buland Darwaza, Fatehpur Sikri UP
- Largest dome in India- Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur, Karnataka
- Highest Status of India- Gomateshwara, Karnataka
- Biggest Stadium of India- Yuva Bharti Stadium, Salt Lake, Kolkata
- Largest Planetarium of India- Birla Planetarium, Kolkata
- Highest Airport of India- Leh airport

Longest, Largest, Highest Lakes and Water Bodies

- Biggest natural freshwater lake of India- Wular Lake, Jammu & Kashmir
- Biggest Brackish(Partial Saline) water lake of India- Chilika Lake, Odisha
- Largest Artificial Lake of India- Indira Sagar of Indira Sagar Dam
- Highest Lake of India_ Tso-Lhamo Lake> Sikkim(Height 5330m)
- Longest Canal of India- Indira Gandhi Canal, Rajasthan

Longest, Largest, and Highest Natural Resources

- Highest Peak of India- Kangchenjunga, Altitude 8586 mtr
- Largest Desert of India- Thar Desert
- Largest Delta of India- Sundarban Delta
- State with Maximum Forest Area- Madhya Pradesh
- State with maximum percentage of Forest area- Mizoram (about 75%)
- Highest Waterfall of India- Jog Falls, Karnataka
- Longest River which Flows entirely in India- Godavari
- Most Populous city in India- Mumbai
- Biggest River Island- Majuli, Brahmaputra River, Assam

Longest, Largest, Tallest & Highest in World

Longest, Largest, and Highest Creatures

- Largest sea bird- Albatross
- Fastest bird of world- Peregrine Falcon
- Largest bird of the world- Ostrich
- Largest Mammal- Whale

Longest, Largest, and Highest Man made Structures

- Longest Railway Bridge of the world- Danyang-Kunshan Grand Bridge, China(164.8 Km)
- Tallest Building of the world- Burj Khalifa, UAE (height 828m)
- Longest Ship Canal of the world- Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal (1930 Km long)
- Largest Dam of the world- Three Gorges Dam on Yangtze River, Chin (Capacity 22500 MW)
- Biggest Library of the world- Library of Congress, Washington DC
- Largest Mosque of the world- Masjid al-haram, Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- Biggest Museum of the world- British Museum, London
- Tallest Minaret (free standing) of the world- Qutub Minar, Delhi (height 238 ft)
- Busiest Port of world- Port of Shanghai, China
- Longest Railway route in world- Trans Siberian Railway, Moscow to Vladivostok (6000 Miles Long)
- Longest River Dam of the world- Hirakud Dam, Odisha, India
- Tallest Statue of the world- Statue of Liberty
- Longest road Tunnel- Laerdal, Norway
- Biggest Bell of the world- Great Bell at Moscow (Tsar Bell)

Longest, Largest, and Highest Natural Creation

- Highest City of the world- La Rinconada (Height about- 16,700 ft)
- Largest city in population- Tokyo
- Biggest city in world in terms of area- Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia (41,225 Sq Km)
- Largest coral formation of the world- Great barrier Reef (Australia)
- Largest Island of the world- Greenland
- Largest Artificial lake of the world- Lake Kariba (on Zambezi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe)
- Highest Lake of the world- Lhagba Pool, 6368 m (Tibet-China)
- Largest Freshwater lake of the world- Lake Superior,USA
- Largest saline water lake- Caspian Sea
- Largest Living Tree- German Sherman, the Giant Sequoia in Sequoia National Park, California, US (83 m tall, 11.1 m trunk dia)
- Highest Capital City of world- La Paz, Bolivia 3600 m height
- Highest Mountain range of the world- Himalayas
- Longest mountain Range of the world- Andes (South America, Length 5500 miles)
- Biggest Ocean of the world- Pacific Ocean

- Largest Palace of the world- Hofburg Palace, Vienna
- Largest Peninsula of the world- Arabian Peninsula (32,50,000 sq km)
- Largest Planet- Jupiter
- Highest Plateau- Pamir, Tibet also known as Roof of World
- Longest River of the world- Nile (6690 Km)
- Largest Inland sea- Mediterranean Sea
- Highest Volcano of world- Mauna Loa (Hawaii)
- Highest Fall of world- Angel falls (Venezuela)
- Longest Strait of world- Tatar Strait (between Sakhalin Island and the Russian mainland)
- Largest Bay of the world- Hudson Bay, Canada (Shore line 7623 miles)
- Largest Gulf world- Gulf of Mexico
- Largest Archipelago of world- Indonesia (more than 3000 islands)
- Largest Gorge of world- Grand Canyon, USA
- Biggest Flower of world- Rafflesia (Java)
- Largest Stadium of world- Strahov Stadium in Prague (Czech Republic)
- Largest Church of world- Basilica of St Peter, Vatican City, Italy
- Largest Temple of world- Angkor Wat (Cambodia)
- Largest Diamond mine of world- Kimberley (South Africa)
- Longest Corridor of world- Rameshwaram Temple (5000 ft)
- Highest Capital city of world- La Paz (Bolivia)
- Largest Asian Desert- Gobi, Mongolia
- Largest Democracy of world- India

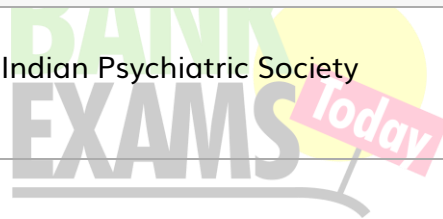


Brand Ambassadors of Government Schemes & Policies

Brand Ambassadors Name	Brand Name	Remarks
Amitabh Bachchan	City Compost Campaign	'Swachh Bharat Mission'
Narendra Modi	Incredible India	
PV Sindhu	Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	
John Abraham	Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Ambassador	To promote tourism in Arunachal Pradesh

Nawazuddin Siddiqui	UP farmer's scheme Samajwadi Kisan Beema Yojna	The scheme provides for cashless treatment up to Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs one Lakh for the organ transplant
Sachin Tendulkar	Anti-liquor and antidrug campaign of Kerala	It will create awareness among people against drug and alcoholism
Sakshi Malik	Beti Bachao, Beti Padoos campaign in Haryana	
Shah Rukh Khan	West Bengal Brand Ambassador	Campaign started with shortlisting 200 places from all over the India
Vidya Balan	Samajwadi Pension Yojna	Launched by Uttar Pradesh Government
Steffi Graf	Kerala's Ayurveda	Promote tourism and position the state of kerala as home of ayurveda
Piruz Khambatta	Make in India	Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Shilpa Reddy	Confederation of Women Entrepreneurs (COWE)	Create centres of excellence for women to develop skills, gain knowledge, provide infrastructure, access to resources to their business
Baba Ramdev	Brand Ambassador of yoga and Ayurveda in Haryana	Promote yoga and Ayurveda in a big way

Amitabh Bachchan	Pulse Polio	To promote Polio Eradication Campaign
Dia Mirza	Swachh Saathi	Swachh Bharat Mission's youth based Swachh Saathi (student internship) programme
Amitabh Bachchan	Swachh Bharat Abhiyan	Started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Madhuri Dixit	MAA- Mother's Absolute Affection	
Ankit Fadia	Digital India	It was launched on 1 July 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Deepika Padukone	Indian Psychiatric Society	Largest association of Indian Psychiatric



Easy Way To Remember Currencies of Different Countries

Asian Countries

S.No	Name	Currency
1.	India	Rupee
2.	Indonesia	Rupiah
3.	Nepal	Nepalese Rupee

4.	Srilanka	Srilankan Rupee
5.	Pakistan	Pakistani Rupee
6.	Maldives	Maldivian Rufiyaa

Note: Above set of countries has similar currencies

7.	Afghanistan	Afghani
8.	Bhutan	Bhutanese ngultrum
9.	Israel	New shekel
10.	North Korea	North Korean Won
11.	South Korea	South Korean Won
12.	Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan Som
13.	Kyrgyzstan	Som

Note: Above set of currencies are derived from their respective countries name.

14.	Combodia	Riel
15.	Iran	Rial
16.	Oman	Rial
17.	Qatar	Riyal
18.	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal

Note: Above set of currencies pronounces similarly

19.	Bahrain	Bahraini Dinar
20.	Iraq	Iraqi Dinar
21.	UAE	UAE Dirham
Note: Above set of currencies pronounces similarly		
22.	Lebanon	Lebanese Pound
23.	Syria	Syrian Pound
Note: Both countries' currency is pound		
24.	P hili ppines	P hili ppines Peso
25.	Tur keMenistan	Tur men New Manat
26.	Turkey	Turkish Lira
27.	Georgia	Lari
28.	Bangaladesh	Taka
29.	China	Yuan
30.	Japan	Yen
Note: Familiar currencies		
31.	Malaysia	Ringgit
32.	Myanmar	Kyat
33.	Thailand	Baht

Note: currencies ends with similar rhyming sound

34.	Taiwan	New Taiwan dollar
35.	Cyprus	Euro

Note: Asian countries with Dollar and Euro

36.	Kazakh sta(e)n	Te(a)n ge (Tenge)
37.	La os	Kip (remember " Luck y")
38.	Mo ngolia	To grog
39.	Tajikistan	Somo ni

Note: after studying Asian currencies I will eat " Somos"

European countries

S.no	Name	Currency
1.	Austria	EURO (Note: All these 17 countries has "Euro" as their currency)
2.	Belgium	
3.	Finland	
4.	Germany	
5.	Greece	
6.	Ireland	
7.	Italy	

8.	Latvia	
9.	Lithuania	
10.	Luxemberg	
11.	Malta	
12.	Monaco	
13.	Netherland	
14.	Portugal	
15.	Slovakia	
16.	Spain	
17.	Vatican city	
18.	C roatia	Kuna
19.	C zech Republic	Czech Koruna
20.	Iceland	Icelandic Krona
21.	Sweden	Swedish Krona
22.	Denmark	Danish Krone
23.	Nor way	Norweign Krone
Note : Above currencies are derivative of " K" sound		
24.	France	CFP Franc

25.	Switzerland	Swiss Franc
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Note: common currency " Franc"

26.	Belarus	BelaRusian Ruble
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27.	Rus sia	Russian Ruble
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Note: common currency " Ruble"

28.	Serbia	Serbian Dinar
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29.	United Kingdom	Pound Sterling
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30.	Albania	L ek
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31.	Bulgaria	L ev
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32.	Romania	Romanian Leu
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Note: Above 3 currency has "L" sound

33.	Ukraine	Ukrainian hryonia
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34.	hungary	f o rint
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35.	p o land	Zl o ty
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Note: whenever I feel Hungry I used to go to Poland , Eat well and give a sound "OOO....!!!"

North and south American countries

s.no	Name	Currency
1.	Ba hamas	DOLLAR

2.	Ba rbados	(All these 9 countries have same currency)
3.	B ermuda	
4.	Ca nada	
5.	Jamaica	
6.	T rinidad	
7.	T obago	
8.	USA	
9.	Ecuador	
10.	Australia	
11.	Newzealand	Newzealand DOLLAR
12.	Fiji	Fijian DOLLAR
13.	Argentina	PESO (All these 6 countries have same currency)
14.	Chile	
15.	Colombia	
16.	Cuba	
17.	Mexico	
18.	Uruguay	
19.	Nicaragua	Nicaraguan Cordoba

20.	Panama	Panamanian Balboa
21.	Paraguay	Guarani
22.	Peru	Neuvo sol
23.	Venezuela	Bolivar fuerte
24.	Bolivia	Boliviano
25.	Brazil	Real

African countries

S.no	Name	Currency
1.	Mauritius	Rupees
2.	Seychelles	
3.	Namibia	
4.	Liberia	Dollar
5.	Zimbabwe	
6.	Egypt	
7.	Sudan	Pound
8.	South Sudan	
9.	Kenya	Shilling
10.	Somalia	

11.	Tanzania		
12.	Uganda		
13.	Algeria		
14.	Libya	Dinar	
15.	Tunisia		
16.	Cameroon		
17.	Mali	Franc	
18.	Rwanda		
19.	Morocco		
20.	Madagascar	Malagasy ariary	
21.	Mozambique	Metical	
22.	Nigeria	Naira	
23.	Ethiopia	Birr	Remember in alphabetic order "BCD"
24.	Ghana	Cedi	
25.	Gambia	Dalasi	
26.	Angola	Kwanza	
27.	Zambia	Kwacha	
28.	Sierra Leone	Leone	

29.	South Africa	Rand
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List of MoUs Signed between India and other Nations (2016-17)

1. India and Canada:

(11/January/2017)

India and Canada signed three MoUs on defence cooperation and these MoUs were signed by Canadian and Indian organizations at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in Gandhinagar.

I. MoU between Kinectrics International Inc. (KII), Gujarat Forensic Sciences University (GFSU) and Security Solution Business Integrator (SSBI) to set up a first-of-its-kind conductor testing laboratory at GFSU. This high-end testing lab will allow India's power-based industry partners to save time and money by accessing forensic lab facilities in India rather than in Canada.

II. MoU between Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. and Gujarat Forensic Sciences University (GFSU) for the exchange of faculty and key technical personnel for joint lectures and research programs.

III. MoU between a Canadian Consortium of companies and the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB) for the promotion and development of a Petroleum and Petrochemical complex with storage facilities.

2. India and US:

(11/January/2017)

India and the US have signed an MoU the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the US Homeland Security Department on cooperation in the field of Cyber Security.

I. The MoU intends to promote closer co-operation and exchange of information pertaining to the Cyber Security in accordance with the relevant laws, rules and regulations and on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

3. India and Fiji:

(29/May/2017) India and Fiji signed an MoU on defence cooperation and this MoU was signed by The Minister of Defence and National Security of Fiji, Honourable Ratu Inoke Kubuabola and the Minister of Defence, Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley in Delhi.

I. MoU on defence cooperation envisaging several areas of cooperation including in defence industry, military training and humanitarian assistance & disaster management

4. India and Malaysia:

(1/April/2017) India and Malaysia signed seven MoUs when Najib Razak, PM of Malaysia met PM Modi in India at Hyderabad House in New Delhi.

I. Air Services Agreement between India and Malaysia- By Dato Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport Malaysia and EAM (External Affairs Minister)

II. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the proposed development of a Urea and Ammonia Manufacturing Plant in Malaysia and offtake of existing surplus urea from Malaysia to India.

III. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Sports

IV. MoU between the Malaysian Human Resource Fund (HRDF)/ Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) and EDII, Ahmedabad for cooperation in training, etc.

V. MoU between Association of Indian Universities (AIU), India and Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), Malaysia on Mutual Recognition of the Educational Qualifications.

VI. The MoU between Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) and Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), India

VII. MoU between MIGHT Technology Malaysia and AP Economic Development Board on implementation of 4th Generation Technology Park in AP.

5. India and Bangladesh:

(08/April/2017)

India and Bangladesh signed twenty two MoUs when Sheikh Hasina, PM of Bangladesh met PM Modi in Delhi (the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat)

I. MoU on Defence Cooperation Framework between GoI and GoB

II. MoU between Defence Services Staff College, Wellington (Nilgiris), Tamil Nadu, India and Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh for Enhancing Cooperation in the Field of Strategic and operational studies

III. MoU between National Defence College, Dhaka, Bangladesh and National Defence College, New Delhi, India for enhancing cooperation in the field of national security, development and strategic studies

IV. MoU between India and Bangladesh on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

V. Agreement between India and Bangladesh on Cooperation in Peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy

VI. Arrangement between The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), India and The Bangladesh Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority (BAERA) of Bangladesh for the Exchange of Technical Information and Co-operation in the Regulation of Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection

VII. Inter-Agency Agreement between Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP), Department of Atomic Energy, India and Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), Ministry of Science and Technology, Bangladesh on Cooperation regarding Nuclear Power Plant Projects in Bangladesh

VIII. MoU between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of India and Information and Communication Technology Division of Bangladesh on Co-operation in the field of

Information Technology and Electronics

IX. MoU between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), India and Bangladesh Government Computer Incident Response Team (BGD e-Gov CIRT), Bangladesh Computer Council of Information and Communication Technology division, Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and IT On Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security

X. MoU between India and Bangladesh on Establishing Border Haats Across the Border between India and Bangladesh

XI. MoU between India and Bangladesh on Bilateral Judicial Sector Cooperation

XII. MoU between the National Judicial Academy, India and the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on Training and Capacity Building Programme for Bangladeshi Judicial Officers in India

XIII. MoU between the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL), Ministry of Shipping, India and the Department of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Concerning Cooperation on Aids to Navigation

XIV. MoU between Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB) on Mutual Scientific Cooperation in the field of Earth Sciences for Research and Development

XV. MoU & SOPs on Passenger and Cruise Services on the Coastal and Protocol Route between Bangladesh and India

XVI. MoU on Development of Fairway from Sirajganj to Daikhowa and Ashuganj to Zakiganj on Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route between the Ministry of Shipping of India and Ministry of Shipping of Bangladesh

XVII. MoU between India and Bangladesh on Cooperation in the Field of Mass Media

XVIII. Audio-visual Co-production Agreement between India and Bangladesh

XIX. MoU between GoI and GoB for extending Defence LOC of USD 500 million

XX. Agreement between Bangladesh And India for the Regulation of Motor Vehicle Passenger Traffic (Khulna-Kolkata route) and SOP of the Agreement

XXI. MoU between the GoI and GoB for Extending a 3rd Line of Credit (LoC) by GoI to GoB

XXII. Financing Agreement between GoI and GoB for the Construction of 36 Community Clinics in Bangladesh

6. India and Australia:

India and Australia signed six MoUs when Malcolm Turnbull, PM of Australia met PM Modi in Delhi (Hyderabad house)

I. MoU on Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime

II. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Health and Medicine

III. MoU on Cooperation in Sports

IV. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Environment, Climate and Wildlife

V. MoU for Promotion and Development of Cooperation in Civil Aviation Security

VI. Implementing Arrangements on Cooperation in Space Technology

7. India and south Korea

(21/April/2017) India and South Korea signed by India's Defence Production Secretary Ashok Kumar Gupta and South Korean Defence Acquisition and Programme Administration Minister Chang Myoung-Jin an MoU for defence industry cooperation in shipbuilding.

I. MoU for defence industry cooperation in shipbuilding

8. India and Palestine:

(15/May/2017) India and Palestine signed five MoUs when Mohmoud Abbas, president of Palestine met PM Modi in

I. MoU on Visa Exemption on Diplomatic and Official Passports

II. MoU on Cooperation in Youth Affairs and Sports

III. MoU on Agricultural Cooperation

IV. MoU on Cooperation in Health Sector

V. MoU on Information-Technology and Electronics

9. India and Spain:

(31/May/2017) India and Spain signed seven agreements, including on cyber security and technical cooperation in civil aviation, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the European country.

I. Agreement for Transfer of Sentenced Persons

II. MOU on Cooperation in organ transplantation between India's Directorate General of Health Services and the National Transplant Organization of Spain.

III. MoU on Cooperation in Cyber Security.

IV. MoU on Cooperation in Renewable Energy.

V. MoU on Technical Cooperation in Civil Aviation.

VI. Agreement on visa waiver for holders of diplomatic passports.

VII. MoU between Foreign Service Institute and Diplomatic Academy of Spain

10. India and Russia:

(1/June/2017) India and Russia signed five MoUs between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin during the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Russia.

I. An agreement on cultural exchanges for a period of two years (2017-2019) has been signed between the two nations.

II. An agreement for the construction of the third stage of the Kudankulam NPP (KK5 & KK6) along with the Credit Protocol has been signed between NPCIL and ROSATOM.

III. An agreement between the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) and the Council of India on Scientific and Industrial Research has been signed to provide access to Rospatent experts to the Indian Digital Library of Traditional Knowledge (TKDL).

IV. Contract between JSC (Russian Railways) and the Ministry of Railways on the preparation of the justification for the implementation of the high-speed service at the Nagpur-Secunderabad section

has been signed.

V. Memorandum of cooperation between ALROSA Joint Stock Company and the Council for the Promotion of the Export of Precious Stones and Jewellery of India has been signed.

India and Saudi Arabia

April 03, 2016: India and Saudi Arabia signed 5 MoUs during the visit of PM Narendra Modi when he met King Salman of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh (Capital of Saudi Arabia):

- MoU on Labour Cooperation for Recruitment of workers.
- MoU relating to Technical Cooperation Program.
- MoU relating to Executive Program for Cooperation in the field of Handicrafts.
- MoU relating to Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Related Crimes.
- MoU relating to Framework for Investment Promotion Cooperation.

India and Maldives

April 11, 2016: India and Maldives signed 6 MoUs when visiting Maldives President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom met PM Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House in New Delhi:

- MoU to avoid double taxation of income derived from international air transports.
- MoU for the exchange of information with respect to taxes.
- MoU related to Orbit Frequency Coordination of "South Asia Satellite" at 48oE.
- MoU in the area of conservation and restoration of ancient mosques and joint research and exploratory surveys in Maldives.
- MoU on cooperation in the field of tourism.
- MoU for defence cooperation.

India and Oman

May 22, 2016: India and Oman signed 4 MoUs during the visit of Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, to Oman when he met Minister for Defence Affairs of Oman Badr Bin Saud Bin Harib Al Busaidi, at Muscat (Capital of Oman):

- MoU on Defence Cooperation.
- MoU in the field of Marine Crime Prevention at Sea.
- MoU on Maritime Issues.
- MoU on Flight Safety information Exchange.

India and Iran

May 23, 2016: India and Iran signed 12 MoUs during the visit of PM Narendra Modi to Iran when he met Iranian President Hassan Rouhani at Tehran (Capital of Iran):

- MoU relating to the development of Chabahar Port in Iran.

- MoU relating to India-Iran-Afghanistan Trilateral Agreement. (This MoU was signed by Indian PM Narendra Modi, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani in Teheran).
- MoU relating to Letter of Credit for Chabahar Port.
- Confirmation of MoU earlier signed between EXIM (Export and Import Bank of India) and Iran Central Bank.
- MoU relating to the field of mines.
- MoU relating to cooperation in foreign trade and investment.
- MoU relating to Extension of Cultural Exchange Program till 2019.
- MoU relating to cultural relations.
- MoU relating to Science and Technology Development.
- MoU on the training of diplomats and exchanging eminent speakers.
- MoU to encourage the engagement of think tanks.
- MoU relating to Cooperation on Archival Matters.

India and Qatar

June 05, 2016: India and Qatar signed 7 MoUs, during the visit of PM Narendra Modi when he met Emir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani at Doha (Capital of Qatar):

- MoU for the promotion of investments.
- MoU on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters.
- MoU for the exchange of intelligence related to money laundering, terrorism financing and related crimes.
- MoU concerning the skilled workers.
- MoU on cooperation in Tourism.
- MoU for Cooperation in the field of Health.
- MoU in the field of Youth and Sports.

India and Ghana

June 13, 2016: India and Ghana signed 3 MoUs, during the visit of Indian President, Mr Pranab Mukherjee when he met President of Ghana John Dramani Mahama, at Accra (Capital of Ghana):

- MoU for visa waivers for holders of diplomatic passports.
- MoU for setting up a Joint Commission between the two countries on various matters.
- MoU for Civil Nuclear Cooperation by India to Ghana.

India and Myanmar

August 30, 2016: India and Myanmar signed 4 MoUs after PM Narendra Modi met visiting President of Myanmar U Htin Kyaw in New Delhi:

- MoU on cooperation in the Field of Renewable Energy.
- MoU on cooperation in the construction of 69 bridges.

- MoU on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine.
- MoU for construction and up gradation of the Kalewa – Yagi Road Section.

India and Vietnam

September 03, 2016: 12 MoUs were signed between India and Vietnam during the visit of PM Narendra Modi when he met PM of Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc in Hanoi (Capital of Vietnam):

- MoU relating to Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the Exploration and Uses of Outer Space.
- MoU for Amending the Agreement on Avoiding Double Taxation.
- MoU for Program of Cooperation in UN Peacekeeping Matters.
- MoU on Celebrating 2017 as the “Year of Friendship”.
- MoU on Health Cooperation.
- MoU on Cooperation in Information Technology.
- MoU on Cooperation in the field of Social Sciences.
- MoU on cooperation in Cyber Security.
- MoU in the fields of Standardisation and Conformity.
- MoU for establishing Centre of Excellence in Software Development and Training.
- MoU on Sharing of White Shipping Information.
- MoU on Contract for Offshore High-speed Patrol Boats.

India and Chile

September 06, 2016: India and Chile signed the extension of the existing MoU relating to India–Chile Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), in New Delhi. It was signed by Commerce Secretary of India, Rita Teatoria, and the ambassador of Chile to India, Andres Barbe, in New Delhi.

India and Japan

November 11, 2016: 10 MoUs/MoCs (Memorandum of Cooperation) were signed during the visit of PM Narendra Modi to Japan when he met Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in Tokyo (Capital of Japan):

- MoU for Cooperation for Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.
- MoU for Manufacturing Skill Transformation Program.
- MoU for Cooperation in the field of Outer Space.
- MoU for collaboration in Marine, Earth Science and Technology.
- MoC in the Field of Agriculture and Food Related Industries.
- MoU for Transport and Urban Development.
- MoU in the field of Textiles.
- MoC in the field of Cultural Exchange.
- MoC between India and Japan on Cooperation in Sports, especially in view of the forthcoming Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.

- MOU between India and Japan in the field of Academics, Business, Cultural Cooperation, Disaster Management and Environment Protection in Gujarat.

India and Vietnam

December 09, 2016: India and Vietnam signed 4 MoUs when Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, President of Vietnam met PM Modi in New Delhi:

- MoU for Civil Nuclear Cooperation.
- MoU for aviation links.
- MoU for energy efficiency.
- MoU for the promotion of parliamentary cooperation.

India and Portugal

January 07, 2017: India and Portugal signed 6 MoUs when Portugal PM Antonio Costa met PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi:

- MoU on Defence.
- MoU on Renewable Energy.
- MoU on Marine Research and Resources.
- MoU in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors.
- MoU in the field of Information Technology and Electronics.
- MoU on the establishment of an Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Chair of Indian Studies in University of Lisbon.

List of Tournaments and Awards in Various Sports

SPORTS FIELD	TOURNAMENT	WINNER
Hockey	26 th Azlan Shah Cup	Great Britain
	Hockey India League 2017	Kalinga Lancers
	Women's U18 Hockey Asia Cup 2016	China (India win bronze)

	FIH Junior Hockey World Cup 2016	India after 15 long years.
	7 th Junior National Hockey Championship 2017 women	India (Himachal Pradesh)
	5 th Asian School Hockey Championship	The Indian School Team
	2016 Champions Trophy Men's Hockey	Australia
	2016 Champions Trophy Women's Hockey	Argentina
	Asian Hockey federation Player of the year	S V Sunil
Football	ITF Juniors Title	Dhruv Sunish
	2016 Hero Indian Super League	Atletico De Kolkata
	4 th SAFF Women's Championship	India
	FIFA's Team of the 2016 Year Award	Argentina (India jumped two places to finish 2016 at 135)
	2016 All India Football Federation (AIFF) player of the year	Mohun Bagan and Chennaiyin FC
	Santosh Trophy	West Bengal
	2016 All India Kalinga Cup	Army XI
Cricket	Maiden Ranji Trophy title	Gujarat
	Under 19 Asia cup 2016	India
	Under 19 Cooch Behar trophy 2016-17	Bengal

	T-20 World Cup for Blind Tournament	India defeated Pakistan
	Deodhar Trophy	Tamil Nadu state cricket team
	Vijay Hazare Trophy 2017	Tamil Nadu
	Top T20 Batsman list in the latest ICC ranking	Virat Kohli
	Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World 2016	Virat Kohli
	Duleep Trophy	India Blue
Badminton	2017 Malaysia Masters Grand Prix men's singles	Ng Ka Long (Hong Kong)
	Thomas Cup	Denmark
	Uber Cup Women	China
	2017 Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Women's singles	Saina Nehwal (India)
	2017 Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Men's Doubles	Berry Angriawan & hardianto (Indonesia)
	Syed Modi International Grand Prix Women's singles	PV Sindhu
	Syed Modi International Grand Prix Men's singles	Sameer Verma
	Syed Modi International Grand Prix Mixed Doubles	Pranaav Jerry Chopra & NSikki Reddy

	81 st Senior National Badminton Championship Men's Singles & Women's singles Title	Sourabh Verma & Rituparna Das
	2017 Uganda International Series	(Indian) Tarun Kona & Alwin Francis
	Men's Single at Singapore Open Badminton Championship	Sai Praneeth
	India Super Series Tournament	PV Sindhu
	Pembangunan Jaya Raya Junior Grand Prix in Jakarta	National Badminton Coach Pullela Gopichand's daughter Gayatri Pullela
Snooker	Asian Billiards Championship	Pankaj Advani
	3 rd Kolkata Open National Invitation Snooker Championship	Pankaj Advani
	Indian National Snooker Championship	Pankaj Advani
Boxing	Thailand International Tournament	K Shyam Kumar (Indian)
	Asian Boxing Championship	Indian Boxer Shiva Thapa won Silver medal
Chess	Parsvnath Delhi International Chess Tournament	Farrukh Amonatov (Tajikistan)
	World Blitz Chess Championship	Sergey Karjakin (Russia)
	Asian Youth Chess Championship	India
	Sharjah Masters 2017 Chess Championship	Srinath Narayanan

	Candidate Master (CM) Title by World Chess Federation	Mumbai based Kush Bhagat
Tennis	Australian Open 2017 Men's Singles	Roger Federer
	Australian Open 2017 women's Singles	Serena Williams
	Australian Open 2017 Men's Doubles	Henri Kontinen & John Peers
	Australian Open 2017 Women's Doubles	Bethanie Mattek Sands & Lucie Safarova
	Qatar Open Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
	ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament	Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
	ITTF Challenge Chile Open Singles & Doubles	Soumyajit Ghosh
	BPN Paribas open Tennis Tournament	Roger Federer
	Tallahassee United States Challenger Men's Doubles Title	Indian Leander Paes & Scott Lipsky from America
	Dubai Tennis Open Men's Singles	Andy Murray (UK)
	Dubai Tennis Open women's Singles	Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)
Grand Prix	Bahrain Grand Prix	Sebastian Vettel

	Chinese Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton
	Australian Grand Prix	Sebastian Vettel
	Russian Grand Prix	Valtteri Bottas
	Spanish Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton
	First Indian to win GP3 race	Arjun Maini
Horse Racing	Wellington Cup	Savaria
Lawn Tennis	Davis Cup	Argentina
Other	Scottish Junior Open Squash Championship	Shreyas Mehta
	Kolkata Full Marathon	Siliguri absed Abul Hossain
	Asian Junior Squash Championship in Hong Kong	India's boy team
	Asian Luge Championship	Shiva Keshavan
	Pandit Deen Dayal Updhyay All India National Style Kabaddi Championship	Haryana defeated Railway
	100 meters sprint at the World Masters Games in Auckland	101 year old Man Kaur
	Asian Grand Prix Athletics Meet	Indian Shot putter Manpreet Kaur
	World Para Athletics Grand Prix	India
	Hero Indian Open Title	Indian Golfer SSP Chawrasia

	6 th Asian Para Road Cycling Championship	India
	Men's 50 km event of the National Race Walking Championship	Athlete Sandeep Kumar
	World Half Marathon record	Kenya's Joyciline Jepkosgei
	augusta masters Golf Tournament	Sergio Garcia (Spain)

List of Important Agricultural Revolutions In India

Revolution	Product related	Father/Person associated with
Protein Revolution	Higher Production (Technology driven 2 nd Green revolution).	Coined by PM Narendra Modi and FM Arun Jaitley.
Yellow Revolution	Oil seed Production (Especially Mustard and Sunflower).	Sam Pitroda
Black Revolution	Petroleum products.	
Blue Revolution	Fish Production	Dr. Arun Krishnan.
Brown Revolution	Leather / Cocoa / Non-Conventional Products.	
Golden Fiber Revolution.	Jute Production.	
Golden Revolution	Fruits / Honey Production / Horticulture	Nirpakh Tutej.

	Development	
Grey Revolution	Fertilizers.	
Pink Revolution	Onion Production / Pharmaceuticals / Prawn Production.	Durgesh Patel.
Evergreen Revolution	Overall Production of Agriculture.	Started in 11 th 5 year Plan.
Silver Revolution	Egg Production / Poultry Production	Indira Gandhi.
Silver Fiber Revolution	Cotton.	
Red Revolution	Meat Production / Tomato Production.	Vishal Tewari.
Round Revolution	Potato.	
Green Revolution	Food Grains.	Norman Borlong M.S. Swaminathan. William Goud (UK).
White Revolution (or, Operation Flood)	Milk Production.	Vergheese Kurien.

Protein Revolution:

- Higher Production (Technology driven 2nd Green revolution).
- Committing a sustained growth of four per cent in the farm sector, the government announced a technology-driven second green revolution with emphasis on higher productivity and a "protein revolution"

Some important points of Protein Revolution-

- Govt. set up of a Price Stabilisation Fund with a corpus of Rs.500 crore to help farmers deal with volatility also A Kisan TV channel will be launched for providing real-time information on new techniques, water conservation and organic farming.
- The agri-tech fund will be used to make farming competitive and profitable, step up public and private investment, develop agro-technology and modernise existing agri-business infrastructure.

- The fund for enhancing warehousing capacity has been enhanced to Rs. 5,000 crore, Rs.100 crore has been set aside for providing every farmer a soil health card also Rs.56 crore for mobile soil-testing laboratories.

Ever Green Revolution

- Overall Development of Agriculture.
- Father of Ever green revolution M.S.SWAMINATHAN.
- Renowned as Father of Ever Green revolution in India, Swaminathan emphasized the need to improve productivity in perpetuity without associated ecological and/or social harm.

Some important points of ever green revolution-

- Exploitive agriculture offers great dangers if carried out with only an immediate profit or production motive.
- The emerging exploitive farming community in India should become aware of this.
- Without arrangements for drainage in Irrigation would result in soils getting alkaline or saline.
- Unmethodical use of pesticides, fungicides and herbicides could cause adverse changes in biological balance, which lead to an increase in the incidence of cancer and other diseases.
- Therefore, the initiation of exploitive agriculture without a proper understanding of the various con-sequences of every one of the changes introduced into traditional agriculture, and without first building up a proper scientific and training base to sustain it, may only lead us, in the long run, into an era of agricultural disaster rather than one of agricultural prosperity.

Green Revolution

- Green Revolution is a term, which refers to a series of research, development, and technology transfer initiatives, occurring between the 1940s and the late 1970s that increased agriculture production worldwide, particularly in the developing world beginning most markedly in the late 1960s.

Some important points about green revolution are-

- The initiatives, led by Norman Borlaug, the "Father of the Green Revolution"
- The main purpose was to save over a billion people from starvation.

Green Revolution in India

- Agriculture (Food Grains) product.
- Father Of Green Revolution (India) : M.S.Swaminathan
- The green revolution changed the life of about 70% population dependent on agriculture.
- Nearly 5-times increase in production of food grains (50 to 257 million tonnes) has resulted in a buffer stock of 55.49 million tonnes and export of more than 7.46 and 4.27 million tonnes of rice and wheat respectively in 2012.
- The 4-fold increase in oilseed production (8 to 30 million) rescued the country from huge import of edible oil.
- The production of fruits and vegetables has increased 3 times in last 50 years and we are the second largest producers in the world.

- Potato revolution is not only parallel to that of wheat but also higher magnitude than of rice.

Positive Impact of Green Revolution

INCREASED INCOME

- It led to sizable increases in returns to land, so raised farmers' incomes also stimulated the rural nonfarm economy, which in turn grew and generated new income and employment of its own.
- The real per capita incomes of Asia almost doubled between 1970 and 1995, also poverty declined from nearly three out of every five Asians in 1975 to less than one in three by the year of 1995.
- The absolute number of poor people fell from 1.15 billion in 1975 to 825 million in 1995 despite a 60 percent increase in population.
- Many research studies show that much of these steady declines are attributable to agricultural growth and associated declines in food prices.

BETTER NUTRITION

- It contributed to better nutrition by raising incomes and reducing prices, which help people to consume more calories and a more diversified diet.
- Mainly increases occurred in per capita consumption of vegetable oils, fruits, vegetables, and livestock products in Asia after the revolutionary part.

Negative Impact of Green Revolution

- It resulted in environmental degradation.
- Increased income inequality, inequitable asset distribution, and worsened absolute poverty.
- It stimulated a large body of empirical literature on how agricultural technological change affects poor farmers.
- Small farmers were either unaffected or harmed because of it resulted in higher input prices, lower product prices, and efforts by landlords to increase rents or force tenants off the land.

White Revolution

- Milk & Dairy Products.
- Milk Man of India: Verghese Kurien.
- White revolution is the success story of dairy cooperative movement in the country and the Operation Flood Program launched by government of India with international cooperation. It is intended to be at the same time parallel, complementary, supplementary and corrective to the green revolution.

Some important points of white revolutions are-

- Small and marginal farmers whose holdings were not suited to green revolution technology could be inducted into the alternative productive process of dairying.
- Agricultural labourers who are displaced from employment by mechanization could be provided compensatory employment and income from dairying.
- 112.5 million Tonnes in 2009-10 in India made it the highest milk producer in the world.

- Poultry industry of India is growing at the rate of 8-10% for eggs and 15-20% for broiler owing to improved breed and modern management.

Yellow Revolution

- Oil Seeds, Edible Oil, Especially Mustard and Sunflower.
- Indian oilseeds production scenario from a "net importer" status in the Eighties to a near self-sufficient" status during the early Nineties has been popularly termed as the "Yellow Revolution".

Some important points are-

- From a mere 11 million tonnes during 1986-87, achieved record oilseeds production of 32 million tonnes during 2010-11.
- The main contributors to this factor are- the oil seeds production technology, expansion in area under oilseed, price and market intervention support policy and the institutional support.
- The latter experienced spectacular increase in area, yield and production, whereas the pulses remained stagnant.

Brown Revolution:

- Lather/ Cocoa / Non-Conventional Products.
- It is happening in the tribal areas of Visakhapatnam district.
- The tribal people are being taught and encourage growing environment-friendly and socially responsible coffee to cater the demand.

Golden Revolution:

- Fruits / Honey Production / Horticulture Development
- Father of Golden Revolution: Nirpakh Tutej.
- From 1991 to 2003 is termed as Golden revolution, when there was a huge increase in the production of Fruits, Honey Production and other Horticulture products.

Pink Revolution

- Durgesh Patel is known as father of pink revolution.
- It was launched to increase the Pharmaceutical, Onion and prawn production in India.

MoUs Signed by India in November 2017: Week II

MOU in the field of	Between
Climate Change, Environment, Water Management,	India, Belgium, IBSD and VITO

Biotechnology, Bamboo Refinery, bio resources management	
Skill development	IICA, AIM and Vishwakarma university
trade and commerce, training, healthcare, environmental areas, science and technology, agro food, sports and leisure, architecture and heritage, urban development	Meghalaya and Belgium
agriculture and related fields	India & Philippines
Traditional medicine	India & USA

List of MoUs Signed between India and other Nations (2016-17)

1. MOU between India, Belgium, IBSD and VITO:

- An MOU was signed in the field of Climate Change, Environment, Water Management, Biotechnology, Bamboo Refinery, bio resources management etc. This MOU was signed between Institute of Bio resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) a National Institute under Department of Biotechnology , Govt. of India based at Manipur, North East India today signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Belgium based Vision on Technology (Vito)

2. MOU between IICA and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

- Two Memorandum of understandings are signed between NITI Aayog-Atal Innovation Mission, and Haryana Vishwakarma Skill University for the purpose of the skill development under Skill India Mission

3. MOU between Meghalaya and Belgium:

- A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Meghalaya government and Wallonia region of Belgium. The MOU is to promote favorable relations of partnership and beneficial cooperation between Meghalaya and Wallonia region of Belgium and to recognize the importance of the principles of equality and mutual in the fields of trade and commerce, training, healthcare, environmental areas, science and technology, agro food, sports and leisure, architecture and heritage, urban development among others.

4. MOU signed between China firms and Karnataka

- In Sixth India- China forum meet, an MOU related Semiconductor Alliance of China and Beijing Construction & Highway Development Group presented EoI letters to the Karnataka government.

5. MOU between India and Philippines:

An MOU between India and Philippines in the field of agriculture was approved by Union cabinet chaired by PM Modi

- It will promote understanding of best agricultural practices in the two countries and will help in better productivity as well as improved global market access.
- The MoU provides for cooperation in the fields of rice production and processing, Water and Soil conservation management, multi cropping system, farming systems in dry land, bio-organic farming, soil fertility, sericulture, agro forestry, livestock improvement etc.

6. AICTE-The All India Council for Technical Education

- To provide job opportunities for students and fresher's, AICTE-The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with online recruitment portal Monster India.

7. PCIM&H and USP

- An MOU for cooperation in traditional medicine was signed between Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) and the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention (USP).

Indian Missile System and Indian Navy Ships

Important Indian Missile System

Ballistic Missile

Missile	Type	Specifications	Special Notes
Prithvi I	SRBM SSM	Range- 150 Km Payload- 1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Nuclear Capable. Used by Army.
Prithvi II	SRBM SSM	Range- 250 – 350 Km Payload- 500-1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Nuclear Capable. Used by Army & Airforce.

Prithvi III	SRBM SSM	Range- 350 – 600 Km Payload- 250 - 500 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Nuclear Capable. Used by Army, Airforce & Navy. Specialised Naval version called Dhanush.
Agni I	MRBM SSM	Range- 700 – 1250 Km Payload- 1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Long Range & Nuclear Capable.
Agni II	IRBM SSM	Range- 2000 – 3500 Km Payload- 750 – 1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Long Range & Nuclear Capable.
Agni III	IRBM SSM	Range- 3500 – 4000 Km Payload- 2000-2500 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Long Range & Nuclear Capable.
Agni IV	IRBM SSM	Range- 3000 – 5000 Km Payload- 800-1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Long Range & Nuclear Capable.
Agni V	ICBM SSM	Range- 5500 – 8000 Km Payload- 1500 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Long Range & Nuclear Capable. It is in testing phase.
Agni VI	ICBM SSM	Range- 8000-10000 Km Payload- 1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Long Range & Nuclear Capable.

			It is under development.
Shaurya	SRBM SSM	Range- 700 Km Payload- 1000 Kg Altitude threshold- 40 Km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO. Tactical Hypersonic missile. Nuclear Capable. Used by Army.
Prahhar	SRBM SSM	Range- 150 Km Altitude threshold- 35 Km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Equipped with omnidirectional warheads and could be used for striking both tactical and strategic targets. Used by Army & Airforce.
K-15 Sagarika	SLBM	Range- 750 – 1500 Km Payload- 1000 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Submarine launched version of Shaurya. Nuclear Capable. To be used by INS Arihant.
K-4	SLBM	Range- 3500 – 5000 Km Payload- 1000-2500 Kg	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. Submarine launched version of Agni. Nuclear Capable. To be used by INS Arihant. It is under development.

Cruise Missile

Missile	Type	Specifications	Special Notes
Brahmos I	Supersonic	Range- 290 Km Altitude threshold- 14	Developed by DRDO & Russia. Launched from submarine, ships,

		Km Mach 2-3	aircraft, or land. World's fastest anti-ship cruise missile. Brahmos= Brahmaputra (Indian River) + Moskva (Russian River) Nuclear Capable.
Brahmos II	Hypersonic	Mach 7-8	It is under development.
Nirbhay	Subsonic	Range- 1000–1500 km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO. All-weather, low-cost, long-range cruise missile. Nuclear Capable.

Other Important Missile

Missile	Type	Specifications	Special Notes
Akash	MRBM SAM (Mobile)	Range- 30 Km Altitude threshold- 18 Km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO, OFB, BDL & BEL. It can neutralise fighter jets, cruise missiles, air-to-surface missiles & ballistic missiles. It can engage multiple targets simultaneously. Used by Army & Air force.
Trishul	SRBM SAM (ship launched)	Range- 9 Km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL. It is launched by ships & can neutralised aircraft & missiles in lower altitude. Used by Navy.
Nag	Anti-Tank Missiles	Range 7–8 km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO & BDL.

			It is a fire-and-forget anti-tank missile. HELINA is a Helicopter-launched version of Nag. NAMICA is a Nag Missile Carrier version for army to destroy enemy tank.
Astra	Air-to-Air Missile	Range- 20-110 Km (variable)	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO. Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM). Used by Airforce to neutralised enemy planes.

Missile Defence Systems

System	Type	Specifications	Special Notes
Prithvi Air Defence (PAD)	Ballistic missile defence	High-altitude interception	These two system together can destroy incoming ballistic missiles launched from as far as 2,500 km.
Advanced Air Defence (AAD)	Ballistic missile defence	Lower altitude interception	
Barak-8	Cruise missile defence	Range- 90 Km Altitude threshold- 16 Km	Developed by IAI, Israel and DRDO. Medium range SAM missile defence system. It can neutralise fighter jets, cruise missiles, air-to-surface missiles & ballistic missiles. It can engage multiple targets simultaneously. Proposed for Army, Airforce & Navy.
Akash missile defence system	Cruise missile defence	Range- 30 Km Altitude threshold- 18 Km	Developed & Manufactured by DRDO, OFB, BDL & BEL. It can neutralise fighter jets, cruise

			missiles, air-to-surface missiles & ballistic missiles. It can engage multiple targets simultaneously. Used by Army & Air force.
S-400 Triumf	SAM (Mobile)	Range- 40-400 Km (variable)	Purchased by Russia. It can neutralise fighter jets, cruise missiles, air-to-surface missiles & ballistic missiles.

Acronyms used

- SRBM- Short Range Ballistic Missile
- MRBM- Medium Range Ballistic Missile
- IRBM- Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
- ICBM- Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile
- SLBM- Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile
- SAM- Surface-to-Air Missile
- SSM- Surface-to-Surface Missile

Important Indian Navy Ships

Operational fleet - 1 aircraft carrier, 1 nuclear-powered attack submarine, 1 ballistic missile submarine, 13 conventionally-powered attack submarines, 11 destroyers, 14 frigates, 23 corvettes, 1 amphibious transport dock, 8 landing ship tanks, 4 mine countermeasure vessels, 4 fleet tankers and various other auxiliary vessels.

In addition of above, Indian Navy Air Arm consists of fighter jets, helicopters & other various aircraft. We will discuss it later.

Aircraft Carrier

Ship	Specifications	Special Notes
INS Vikrant (Retired)	Majestic class Displacement:16,000 tons Length: 210 m Speed: 25 knots	Commissioned 1961 & Decommissioned 1997 in Indian Navy. Originally named HMS Hercules. First aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy.

	<p>Range:12,000 nmi (22,000 km)</p>	<p>Provided blockade of East Pakistan during the 1971 War. Converted to museum & scrapped in 2014.</p>
<p>INS Virat (Retired)</p>	<p>Centaur Class Displacement: 23,900 tons Length: 226.5 m Speed: 28 knots Range: 6,500 mi (10,500 km)</p>	<p>Commissioned 1987 & Decommissioned 2017 in Indian Navy. It was the oldest aircraft carrier in service. Commissioned in 1959 as HMS Hermes in British Navy & decommissioned in 1984. 26 aircraft can be carried. Operational Aircraft- Sea Harrier fighter jets, Sea King, Chetak & Dhruv helicopters. STOVL carrier- Short Take-Off & Vertical Landing.</p>
<p>INS Vikramaditya</p>	<p>Kiev Class Displacement: 45,400 tons Length: 283.5 metres Speed: 30 knots Range: 13,500 nautical miles (25,000 km)</p>	<p>Commissioned 2013. Purchased at cost of \$2.35 billion. Originally named Baku then named Admiral Gorshkov by Russia. 36 aircraft can be carried. Operational Aircraft- MiG-29K fighters & Kamov helicopters STOVAR carrier- Short Take-Off But Arrested Recovery</p>
<p>INS Vikrant (Planned)</p>	<p>Vikrant Class Displacement: 40,000 tons Length: 262 m Speed: 28 knots Range: 8,000 nautical miles (15,000 km)</p>	<p>It is under construction. Manufactured by Cochin Shipyard Limited. It will be completed by 2018. 30-40 Aircraft can be carried.</p>

Submarine

Ship	Specifications	Special Notes
INS Arihant	<p>Arihant Class</p> <p>Displacement: 6,000 tonnes</p> <p>Length: 112 m</p> <p>Speed: Surfaced: 12–15 knots Submerged: 24 knots</p>	<p>Nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine.</p> <p>Commissioned in 2016.</p> <p>Built by India.</p> <p>First nuclear ballistic missile submarine.</p> <p>SLBM Missiles & Torpedoes.</p> <p>INS Aridhaman & other Arihant class submarines are under construction. (Planned)</p>
INS Chakra	<p>Akula Class</p> <p>Displacement: 8,140 tonnes</p> <p>Length: 108.0–111.7 m</p>	<p>Nuclear-powered attack submarine.</p> <p>10-year lease from Russia in 2012.</p> <p>Second Akula class submarine will be delivered in 2020. (Planned)</p>
<p>INS Sindhughosh</p> <p>INS Sindhudhvaj</p> <p>INS Sindhuraj</p> <p>INS Sindhuvir</p> <p>INS Sindhuratna</p> <p>INS Sindhukesari</p> <p>INS Sindhukirti</p> <p>INS Sindhuvijay</p> <p>INS Sindhurashtra</p>	<p>Sindhughosh class</p> <p>Displacement: 3,000 tonnes</p> <p>Diving depth: 300 meters</p> <p>Speed: 18 knots</p>	<p>Conventionally-powered attack submarines</p> <p>Kilo-class diesel-electric submarines.</p> <p>Built by Russia & India.</p> <p>Equipped with Anti-ship cruise missile.</p> <p>INS Sindhurakshak exploded and sank in Mumbai in 2013.</p>
<p>INS Shishumar</p> <p>INS Shankush</p> <p>INS Shalki</p> <p>INS Shankul</p>	<p>Shishumar class</p> <p>Displacement: 1660 tons</p> <p>Speed: 22 knots</p>	<p>Conventionally-powered attack submarines</p> <p>Diesel-electric Attack submarines</p> <p>Built by Germany & MDL India.</p>

Indigenous SSN class submarines (Planned)	SSN class Displacement: 6,000 tonnes	Six Planned Attack Submarine. Nuclear-powered attack submarine.
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Note-

Destroyers	Frigate	Corvette
Ships with guided missiles. For missions like supporting aircraft carrier, strike group and surface strike group. Larger than both.	Used to assist amphibious, expeditionary forces and replenish groups, and also merchant convoys. Smaller than destroyers & larger than corvette.	Small & lightly armed warship. Smaller than both but larger than a coastal patrol craft or fast attack craft.

Destroyers

Ship	Specifications	Special Notes
Kolkata class destroyers INS Kolkata INS Kochi INS Chennai	Stealth guided missile destroyer Displacement: 7,400 tonnes Length: 163 m Speed: 30 knots Range: 8,000 nautical miles (15,000 km)	Project 15A Built by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL). Fully designed and built in India. Largest destroyers operated by the Indian Navy. Improved version of Delhi class. Stealth technology.
Delhi class destroyers INS Delhi INS Mysore INS Mumbai	Guided missile destroyer Displacement- 6,200 tonnes Speed: 28 knots Range: 5,000 mi (8,000 km)	Built by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL). Fully designed and built in India.
Rajput class destroyers INS Rajput INS Rana	Guided missile destroyer Displacement- 4,974 tonnes Length: 147 m	Built by Russia. Improved versions of Soviet Kashin-class destroyers.

INS Ranjit INS Ranvir INS Ranvijay	Speed: 35 knots Range: 4,000 mi (6,400 km)	First ships to deploy the BrahMos
Visakhapatnam class destroyer (Planned)	Stealth guided missile destroyer Displacement: 7,400 tonnes Length: 163 m Speed: 30 knots	Project 15B. Built by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL). Improved version of Kolkata class. Stealth technology.

Frigates

Ship	Specifications	Special Notes
Shivalik class INS Shivalik INS Satpura INS Sahyadri	Stealth guided missile frigate	Multi-role frigates. First stealth warships built in India. Built by Mazagon Dock Limited. Improved version of Talwar class. Improved stealth features and land attacking capabilities.
Talwar class INS Talwar INS Trishul INS Tabar INS Teg INS Tarkash INS Trikand	Stealth guided missile frigate	Built by Russia. Improved version of Brahmaputra class. Stealth features and better armament.
Brahmaputra class INS Brahmaputra INS Betwa INS Beas	Guided missile frigate	Built in India by GRSE. Improved version of Godavari class.
Godavari class INS Ganga	Guided missile frigate	INS Godavari decommissioned. Built by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL). Other two will be decommissioned

INS Gomati		soon
Project 17A-class frigate (Planned)	Stealth guided-missile frigate	Project 17 Shivalik-class frigate Seven ships Built by MDL and GRSE. Construction starts by 2017.

Corvette

Ship	Specifications	Special Notes
Kamorta Class INS Kamorta INS Kadmatt INS Kiltan INS Kavaratti(Planned)	Stealth ASW Corvette	Especially for Anti-submarine warfare. Built by GRSE. First anti-submarine warfare stealth corvettes built in India. INS Kiltan inducted last month.
Kora Class INS Kora INS Kirch INS Kulish INS Karmuk	Corvette	Built by GRSE and outfitted by MDL. Guided missile corvettes. Surface combatants role.
Khukri Class INS Khukri INS Kuthar INS Kirpan INS Khanjar	Corvette	Built at by GRSE and MDL.
Abhay Class INS Abhay INS Ajay INS Akshay	Corvette	Customised variants of Soviet corvettes. Coastal patrol and anti-submarine warfare role. INS Agray decommissioned.
Veer Class INS Nirbhik	Corvette	Built at by GSL and MDL. Customised variants of Soviet

INS Nishank INS Nirghat INS Vibhuti INS Vipul INS Vinash INS Vidyut INS Nashak INS Prabal INS Pralaya		corvettes. Part of Killer Missile Vessel Squadron. INS Veer & INS Nipat decommissioned
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List of Sports Governing Bodies

Games	Governing Body	Head Office	President
Table Tennis	ITTF(International Table Tennis Federation))	Lausanne(Switzerland)	Thomas Weikert(Germany)
Archery	WA (World Archery Federation) Formerly(FITA)	Lausanne(Switzerland)	Ugur Erdener(Turkey)
Chess	FIDE (Federation International Des Echecs or Worlds chess Federation)	Athens (Greece)	Kirsan Hyumzhinov (Russia)
Cricket	ICC (International Cricket Council)	Dubai(UAE)	Zaheer Abbas(Pakistan)
Swimming	FINA (Federation	Lausanne(Switzerland)	Dr. Julio C.

	International de Natation)		Maglione(Uruguay)
Boxing	AIBA (International Boxing Association amateur)	Lausanne(Switzerland)	Wu Ching- Kuo (China)
Weight Lifting	IWF (International Weight Lifting Federation)	Budapest (Hungary)	Dr. Tamas Ajan(Hungary)
Athletics	IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federation)	Monaco	Sebastian Coe(London)
Golf	IGF (International Golf Federation)	Lausanne(Switzerland)	Peter Dawson(Australia)
Snooker/Billiards	WCBS (World Confederation of Billiards Sports)	Sint-Martens-Laten(Belgium)	Jean- Claude Dupont(Canada)
Wrestling	Before(FILA - Federation International Des Lutttes Associees) Now(UWW - United World Wrestling)	Coursier-Sur-vevey outside Lausanne(Switzerland)	Nenad Lalovic(Serbia)
Hockey	FIH (International Hockey Federation)	Lausanne(Switzerland)	Leandro Negre
Football	FIFA (Federation International de Football Association)	Zurich (Switzerland)	Giani Infantino
Shooter	ISSF (International Shooting Sport	Munich (Germany)	Olegario Vazouez

	Federation)		Rana (Maxico)
Tennis	ITF (International Tennis Federation)	London (UK)	David Haggerty(America)
Badminton	BWF (Badminton World Federation)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Poul Erik Hoyer Larsen (Denmark)
Squash	WSF (World Squash Federation)	Hasting, East Sussex (England)	Narayana Rama Chandran(India)
Formula One (F₁)	FIA (Federation International de L' Automobile International Automobile Federation)	Paris (France)	Jean Todt (France)
Basketball	FIBA (Federation Internationale De Basketball)	Mies (Switzerland)	Horacio Muratore (Argentina)

Rivers in India - Length, Touching States and Facts

List of important rivers in India

Name of Rivers	Touching States	Length	Originates From	Ends in
Ganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	2,525 K.M.	Gangothri	Bay of Bengal
Yamuna	Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi	1,376 K.M.	Garhwall in Yamunotri	Bay of Bengal

Brahmaputra	Assam, Arunachal, Tibet	2,900 K.M.	Lake Manasarovar	Bay of Bengal
Mahanadi	Chhattisgarh, Odisha	858 K.M.	Amarkantak Plateau	Bay of Bengal
Godavari	Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry	1,465 K.M.	Nasik Hills	Bay of Bengal
Krishna	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	1,400 K.M.	Near Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra	Bay of Bengal
Narmada	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	1,315 K.M.	Amarkantak hill in Madhya Pradesh	Arabian sea
Tapti	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	724 K.M.	Bettul	Arabian sea
Gomti	Uttarpradesh, Gujarat,	900 K.M.	Gomat Taal	Saidpur, Ghazipur
Koshi	Shigatse Prefecture, Janakpur, Sagarmatha, Koshi, Mechi Zones, Bihar	720 K.M.	Ganga	Ganga
Gandaki	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	630 K.M.	Nepal	Ganga
Betwa	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh	590 K.M.	Vindhya Range	Rajghat Dam
Son	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	784 K.M.	Ganga	Yamuna
Sutlej	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	1,500	Mount Kailash	Ropar

		K.M.		
Ravi	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	720 K.M.	Himachal Pradesh	Chenab
Beas	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	470 K.M.	Sutlej	Mandi Plain
Chenab	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	960 K.M.	Panjnad	Jammu and Kashmir
Jehlam	Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir,	725 K.M.	Pir Panjal Range	Chenab
Kaveri	Karnataka, Tamilnadu,	765 K.M.	Hills of Coorg, Karnataka	Bay of Bengal
Ghaggar	Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan	1080 K.M	Shivalik Hills, Himachal Pradesh	Indus
Hugli (Hooghly)	West Bengal, Kolkata	260 K.M	Ganga	Bay of Bengal;
Damodar	Jharkhand, Bengal	592 K.M	Hoogly River, Howrah	Chota Nagpur plateau.
Indus	Gilgit-Baltistan, Jammu and Kashmir Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh Tibet	3180 K.M	In Tibet Kalish Range 5080 mts.	Arabian sea
Tungabhadra	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	531 K.M	Krishna	Krishna
Mahi	Madhya Pradesh, Vindhyas	580 K.M	Gulf of Khambhat, Ar	Sevalia

			abian Sea	
Bhagirathi	Uttarakhand,	205 K.M	Ganga	Ganga
Sabarmati	Aravalli Range, Udaipur	371 K.M	Dhebar Lake	Gujarat
Alaknanda	Uttarakhand	190 K.M	Ganga	Nanda Devi
Teesta	Sikkim, India, West Bengal, India, Rangpur, Bangladesh	309 K.M	Brahmaputra	Ranggeet River .
Indravati	Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra	535 K.M	Kalahandi	Godavari
Bhima	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana	861 K.M	Krishna River	Pandharpur
Subarnarek	Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal	395 K.M	Bay of Bengal	Bay of Bengal
Konya	Maharashtra	130 K.M	Krishna Rive	Maharashtra
Ramganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh	596 K.M	Ganga	Ramganga Dam
Peena	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	597 K.M	Nandi Hills	Bay of Bengal
Brahmani	Odisha	480	Bay of Bengal	Ganga
Periyar	Kerala, Tamil Nadu	244 K.M	Cardaman Hills	Bay of Bengal
Mahanad	West Bengal, Bihar	360 K.M	Lakshadweep Sea, Vembanad	Bay of

a			Lake	Bengal
Benas	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh	512 K.M	Rohtang Pass	Chambal
Vaigai	Tamil Nadu,	258 K.M	Periyar Plateau	Bay of Bengal
Sharda	Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh	350 K.M	Ganga	Ghaghra River



Important Facts related to Rivers

Longest River (Length Wise) of the World	Nile (Egypt) Africa
Biggest River (Flow of Water Wise) of the world	Amazon (South Africa)
Longest River of Europe	Volga (Russia)

Longest River of Asia	Yangtze (China)
Longest River of India	Ganga
Longest River of South India	Godavari (Also Called Dakshina Ganga)
River which makes estuary in India	Narmada and Tapti
Sorrow of Bengal	Damodar River

State-wise list of Crops in India

CROPS OF INDIA

States	Crops	Soil Used
Punjab	Wheat, Rice, Maize, Barley, Pulses, Rapeseed and Mustard, Sunflower, Oil Seeds, Sugarcane, Cotton, Fruits, Vegetables	Flood plain soil, Loamy soil, Sandy soil, Desert soil, Kandi Soil, Sierozems, Sodic and Saline soil
Haryana	Sugarcane, Barley, Jowar, Bajra, Gram, Rice, Wheat, Mustard, Cotton	Salt Affected soil, Alkali Soil, Saline soil
Rajasthan	Wheat, Sugarcane, Bajra, Baley, Jowar, Maize, Chili, Cotton, Mango, Rice, Vegetables, Groundnut, Oil seeds, Pulses	Sandy soil, Saline soil, Alkaline soil, Chalky soil, Clay soil, Loamy soil, Black Lava soil, Nitrogenous soil
Uttar Pradesh	Fruits, Vegetables, Spices, Floriculture, Medicinal/aromatic plants, others like Betel vine, Mushroom, Honey	Alluvium soil, Sandy soil, Clayey Soil, Red & Black soil

	production	
Bihar	Rice, Wheat, Maize, Pulses, Vegetables, Fruits, Sugarcane, Jute	Sandy Loam soil, Loam soil, Clay soil, Clay Loam soil
Gujarat	Rice, Wheat, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, tur, Gram, Cotton, Groundnuts, Dates, Sugarcane	Black soil, Alluvial soil, Hill soil, Desert soil
Madhya Pradesh	Wheat, Maize, Jowar, Gram, Tur, Urad, Moong, Soybean, Groundnuts, Mustard, Cotton, Sugarcane	Black soil, Red & Yellow soil, Alluvial soil, Laterite soil, Mixed soil
Maharashtra	Rice, Jowar, Bajra, Wheat, Pulses, Cotton, Sugarcane, Several Oil Seeds, Sunflower, Groundnuts & Soybean	Black-Cotton soil, Kali soil, Morad soil, Pather soil,
Chhattisgarh	Rice, Maize, Wheat, Niger, Groundnut, Pulses	Red & Yellow soil, Red Sandy soil, Red Loam soil, Black Cotton soil, Laterite soil,
Jharkhand	Rice, Ragi, Maize, Wheat, Redgram, Niger, Fruits	Red soil, Micacious soil, Sandy soil, Black soil, Laterite soil
Himachal Pradesh	Off-season vegetables, vegetables seeds, potato & ginger besides soybean, oilseeds, pulses, fruits	Sedimentary soil, Brown soil, Brownish soil
Jammu & Kashmir	Paddy, Wheat, Maize, Barley, Bajra, Jowar, Gram, Apple, Walnuts	Brown Forest soil, Grey Brown Podzolic soil, Red & Yellow Podzolic soil, Hills Forest soil, Mountain Meadow soil, Saline Alkali soil, Alluvial soil

West Bengal	Rice, Jute, Tea, Potatoes, Oilseeds, Betel, Vine, Tobacco, Wheat, Barley, Maize	Laterite soil, Red soil, Alluvial soil, Coastal soil, Terai soil, Colluvial soil
Karnataka	Paddy, Jowar, Ragi, Maize, Sunflower, sugarcane, Cotton, Tobacco	Red soil, Lateritic soil, Black soil, Alluvio-Colluvial soil, Forest soil, Coastal soil

LARGEST Crop Producing States of India

Food Grains

Crop	Rank of States
Rice	(1) West Bengal (2) U.P. (3) Andhra Pradesh
Wheat	(1) U.P. (2) Punjab (3) Haryana
Bajra	(1) Rajasthan (2) Gujarat (3) Maharashtra
Jowar	(1) Maharashtra (2) Karnataka (3) Madhya Pradesh (M.P.)
Maize	(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3) Rajasthan
Pulses	(1) M.P. (2) U.P.

	(3) Andhra Pradesh
Overall total food grains	(1) U.P. (2) Punjab (3) Madhya Pradesh

Cash Crops

Crop	Rank of States
Sugarcane	(1) U.P. (2) Maharashtra (3) Karnataka
Cotton	(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Andhra Pradesh
Coffee	(1) Karnataka (2) Kerala (3) Tamilnadu
Tea	(1) Assam (2) West Bengal (3) Himachal Pradesh
Silk	(1) Karnataka (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) West Bengal
Rubber	(1) Kerala (2) Tamilnadu (3) Karnataka

Tobacco	(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3)Gujarat
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Oil Seed

Crop	Rank of State
Groundnut	(1) Gujarat (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Tamilnadu
Soya bean	(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Maharashtra (3) Rajasthan
Mustard	(1) Rajasthan (2) U.P. (3) Haryana
Sunflower	(1) Karnataka (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Maharashtra
Overall total oil seeds	(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Maharashtra (3) Rajasthan

FRUITS CROPS

Crops	States
Gauva	Madhya Pradesh

Grapes	Maharashtra
Apple	Jammu & Kashmir
Areca Nut	Karnataka
Orange	Punjab
Litchi	Bihar
Mango	Uttar Pradesh

WEATHER CONDITIONS IN INDIA

1.

Rain occurred at most places over Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh; at many places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Sub Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir; At a few places over Gangetic West Bengal, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh and at isolated places over Interior Karnataka, Rayalaseema, Madhya Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Rajasthan, Punjab, Bihar, East Uttar Pradesh.

2.

Thunderstorm occurred at a few places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Maharashtra, Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Coastal Andhra Pradesh Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and Tamilnadu & Puducherry from 0830 hours IST of yesterday to 0830 hours IST of today.

3.

Heat wave condition were observed yesterday at isolated places over East Uttar Pradesh.

4.

Maximum temperature departures as on 14.06.2017: Maximum temperatures were above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at most places over Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Haryana,

Chandigarh & Delhi; at a few places over West Bengal & Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tamilnadu & Puducherry, Kerala, Rayalaseema, Saurashtra & Kutch, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, East Rajasthan and South Interior Karnataka. They were markedly below normal (5.1Â°C or Less) at a few places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; below normal (1.6Â°C to 3.0Â°C) at many places over Vidarbha and Marathwada; at a few places over Assam & Meghalaya and near normal over rest parts of the country. The highest maximum temperatures of 46.2Â°C observed at Banda (East Uttar Pradesh) in plains of the country.

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Minimum temperature departures as on 15.06.2017: Minimum temperatures are above normal (1.6Â°C to 3.0Â°C) at most places over Kerala and Jharkhand; at many places over Tamilnadu & Puducherry and at a few places over Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Gujarat State; They were appreciably below normal (3.1Â°C to 5.0Â°C) at a few places over West Madhya Pradesh and at isolated places over East Rajasthan; below normal (1.6Â°C to 3.0Â°C) at many places over Himachal Pradesh; at a few places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, East Madhya Pradesh, East Uttar Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Madhya Maharashtra and West Rajasthan and near normal over rest parts of the country.

LARGEST PRODUCING COUNTRY IN CROP

Crops	Largest Producer	Second Largest Producer
Wheat	China	India
Rice	China	India
Cotton	China	India
Jute	India	Bangladesh
Silk	China	India
Wool	Australia	New-Zealand

Walnut	China	India
Peanut	China	India
Cashew Nut	Nigeria	India
Almond	USA	Spain
Lemon	India	Mexico
Mango	India	China
Banana	India	China
Sugarcane	Brazil	India
Apple	China	USA
Pulses	India	Mozambique
Millet	India	Nigeria

Awards and Honours 2017 - PDF

Prizes	Field
Nobel Prize	Peace, Literature, Medicine, Physics, Chemistry(From 1901) and Economics (From 1969)
Pulitzer Prize	Journalism (From 1917)
Academy (Oscar) Awards	Film (From 1929)

Kalinga Awards	Science (From 1952)
Booker Prize	Literature (From 1929)
Grammy Awards	Music (From 1958)
Ramon Magasaysay Award	Government (Public) Service, Social Service, Journalism, Literature, Communication and International Undertaking (From 1957)
Bharat Ratna	For outstanding contribution in the field of Art/ Literature / Science and Public Services
Dada Saheb Phalke Award	Film (From 1969)
Jnanpith Award	Literature (From 1991)
Saraswati Samman	Literature (From 1991)
Vachaspati Samman	Sanskrit Literature (From 1992)
Shankar Award	Indian Philosophy, Culture and Art
Vyasa Samman	Literature
Kabir Samman	Socio – communal Harmony
Dronacharya Award	Sports Coaching / Training (From 1985)
Arjun Award	Sports (From 1961)
Bhatnagar Award	Science (From 1957)
Dhanwantri Award	Medical Science (From 1971)
Bourlog Award	Agriculture (From 1992)

Important national awards for Exams:

a. Highest civilian awards in chronological order

1. Bharata Ratna
2. Padma Vibushan
3. Padma Bushan
4. Padmasri

1. Bharata Ratna is the highest civilian award of India. It is instituted in 1954.

- The first recipients of the Bharat Ratna were politician C. Rajagopalachari, philosopher Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and scientist C. V. Raman, who were honoured in 1954
- Lal Bahadur Shastri became the first individual to be honoured posthumously.
- Sachin Tendulkar is the youngest recipient of Bharata Ratna. He was awarded in 2014
- Recent recipients- Madhan Mohan Malavay and Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- Two non-Indians got Bharata Ratna till now. They are Pakistan national Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and former South African President Nelson Mandela

2. Padma Vibushan is the second-highest civilian award of India. It is instituted in 1954

3. Padma Bushan is the third highest civilian award of India. It is instituted in 1954

4. Padmasri is the third highest civilian award of India. It is instituted in 1954

Padma Vibushan

Awardee	Field of Prominence
Sharad Pawar	Public Affairs
Murli Manohar Joshi	Public Affairs
P.A. Sangma (posthumous)	Public Affairs
Sunder Lal Patwah (posthumous)	Public Affairs
K.J.Yesudas	Art - Music
Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev	Others - Spiritualism
Udipi Ramachandra Rao	Science & Engineering

Padma Bhushan

Awardee	Field of Prominence
Vishwa Mohan Bhatt	Art - Music
Devi Prasad Dwivedi	Literature & Education
TehemtonUdwadia	Medicine
Ratna SundarMaharaj	Others-Spiritualism
Swami Niranjana Nanda Saraswati	Others-Yoga
H.R.H. Princess Maha ChakriSirindhorn (Foreigner)	Literature & Education
Cho Ramaswamy (Posthumous)	Literature & Education –Journalism

Padma Shree

Awardee	Field of Prominence
BasantiBisht	Art-Music
ChemancheryKunhiraman Nair	Art-Dance
ArunaMohanty	Art-Dance
Bharathi Vishnuvardhan	Art-Cinema
Sadhu Meher	Art-Cinema
T K Murthy	Art-Music
LaishramBirendrakumar Singh	Art-Music

Krishna Ram Chaudhary	Art-Music
Baoa Devi	Art-Painting
Tilak Gitai	Art-Painting
AekkaYadagiri Rao	Art-Sculpture
JitendraHaripal	Art-Music
Kailash Kher	Art-Music
Parassala B Ponnammal	Art-Music
SukriBommagowda	Art-Music
Mukund Nayak	Art-Music
PurushottamUpadhyay	Art-Music
AnuradhaPaudwal	Art-Music
WareppaNaba Nil	Art-Theatre
Tripuraneni Hanuman Chowdary	Civil Service
T.K. Viswanathan	Civil Service
KanwalSibal	Civil Service
Birkha Bahadur LimbooMuringla	Literature & Education
Eli Ahmed	Literature & Education
Narendra Kohli	Literature & Education

G. Venkatasubbiah	Literature & Education
AkkithamAchyuthanNamboothiri	Literature & Education
Kashi Nath Pandita	Literature & Education
Chamu Krishna Shastry	Literature & Education
HariharKripaluTripathi	Literature & Education
Michel Danino	Literature & Education
Punam Suri	Literature & Education
VG Patel	Literature & Education
V Koteswaramma	Literature & Education
Balbir Dutt	Literature & Education-Journalism
BhawanaSomaaya	Literature & Education-Journalism
Vishnu Pandya	Literature & Education-Journalism
Subroto Das	Medicine
Bhakti Yadav	Medicine
Mohammed Abdul Waheed	Medicine
Madan Madhav Godbole	Medicine
DevendraDayabhai Patel	Medicine
Harkishan Singh	Medicine

MukutMinz	Medicine
Arun Kumar Sharma	Others-Archaeology
Sanjeev Kapoor	Others-Culinary
Meenakshi Amma	Others-Martial Art
GenabhaiDargabhai Patel	Others-Agriculture
ChandrakantPithawa	Science & Engineering
Ajoy Kumar Ray	Science & Engineering
ChintakindiMallesham	Science & Engineering
JitendraNath Goswami	Science & Engineering
DaripalliRamaiah	Social Work
Girish Bhardwaj	Social Work
KarimulHak	Social Work
Bipin Ganatra	Social Work
NiveditaRaghunathBhide	Social work
AppasahebDharmadhikari	Social Work
Baba Balbir Singh Seechewal	Social Work
Virat Kohli	Sports-Cricket
Shekar Naik	Sports-Cricket

Vikasa Gowda	Sports-Discus Throw
Deepa Malik	Sports-Athletics
MariyappanThangavelu	Sports-Athletics
Dipa Karmakar	Sports-Gymnastics
P. R. Shreejesh	Sports-Hockey
Sakshi Malik	Sports-Wrestling
Mohan Reddy VenkatramaBodanapu	Trade & Industry
Imrat Khan (NRI/PIO)	Art-Music
Anant Agarwal (NRI/PIO)	Literature & Education
H.R. Shah (NRI/PIO)	Literature & Education-Journalism
Suniti Solomon (Posthumous)	Medicine
Asoke Kumar Bhattacharyya (Posthumous)	Others-Archaeology
Dr. Mapuskar (Posthumous)	Social Work
AnuradhaKoirala (Foreigner)	Social Work

Military Awards

1. Param Vir Chakra:

- The Param Vir Chakra is India's highest military decoration awarded for the displaying distinguished acts of valor during wartime.
- **Established on 26th Jan 1950**
- First Param Vir Chakra recipient- Major Somanatha Sharma

2. Ashoka Chakra:

- The Ashoka Chakra is India's highest peacetime military decoration awarded for valor, courageous action or self-sacrifice away from the battlefield.
- Flt. Lt. Suhas Biswas was the first Indian Air Force officer to be awarded the Ashoka Chakra
- Hangpandada was the recent recipient of Ashoka Chakra

Awards in Literature

1. Saraswatisamman award- Mahabaleshwar Sail for the year 2017

- Saraswati Samman is an annual award bestowed upon Indian citizen for his outstanding literary work
- This award is presented to Indian author, written in any 22 Indian language mentioned in Schedule VIII of Constitution and published during last 10 years.
- First recipient of Saraswati Samman Award- Harivansh Rai Bacchan
- Recently Mahabaleshwar Sail got Saraswatisamman award. He is a writer from Konkani language. He got award for his novel Hawththan

2. Jnanpith Award- Shankha Ghosh (recent recipient)

- Presented by Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their "outstanding contribution towards literature".
- The first recipient of the award was the Malayalam writer G. Sankara Kurup
- Recent recipient of the award is Bengali poet and critic Shankha Ghosh who was awarded for the year 2016.

3. Vyas Samman award- Surendra varma (recent recipient)

- The award was instituted by Birla foundation in the year 1991
- It is awarded annually for outstanding literary work in Hindi
- Recent recipient of Vyas Samman award is Surendra Varma for his novel Kaatna Shami Ka Vriksha

National Sports awards:

- It includes, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award: It is India's highest sporting award given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years.
- Arjuna award: It is India's second highest sporting award bestowed upon sportsperson for consistently outstanding performance for four years

- Dhyan Chand award: It is bestowed upon sportspersons for life time contribution to sports development
- Dronacharya Award: It bestowed upon coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious international sports events

2017 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award Recipients are:

- Devendranath-Para Athletics
- Sardar Singh-Hockey

2017 Dhyan Chand Recipients are:

- Bhupender Singh-Athletic
- Syed Shahid Hakim -Football
- Sumarai Tete-Hockey

List of Arjuna award winners of 2017

Name of the recipient	Sports
Cheteshwar Pujara and Harmanpreet Kaur	Cricket
Satyawart Kadian	Wrestling
PN Prakash	Shooting
Varun Bhati and Mariyappan Thangavelu	Para Athelitics
Laishram Debendro Singh	Boxing
Anthony Amalraj	Table Tennis
S V Sunil	Hockey
Saketh Mayneni	Tennis
Oinam Bembem Devi	Football
V J Surekha	Archery

Khushbir Kaur and arokia rajiv	Athletics
Prasanth Singh	Basketball
Jasvir Singh	Kabaddi
SSP chawrasia	Golf

List of Dronacharya Award Winners of 2017

Name	Sports
Dr. R. Gandhi	Athletics
Heera Nand Kataria	Kabaddi
G.S.S.V. Prasad	Badminton
Brij Bhushan Mohanty	Boxing
P A Rafel	Hockey
Roshan Lal	Wrestling
Sanjoy chakravathy	Shooting

National Bravery Awards

The National Bravery Awards are a set of awards given annually to about 25 Indian children for "meritorious acts of bravery against all odds."

The awards are given by the Government of India and the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW). The award was instituted in 1952.

The National Bravery Awards consist of five categories, which are listed below.

1. The Bharat Award, since 1987
2. The Sanjay Chopra Award, since 1978

3. The Geeta Chopra Award, since 1978
4. The Bapu Gaidhani Award, since 1988
5. General National Bravery Awards, since 1957

The awards are given to children who were between the ages of six to eighteen when they committed their acts of bravery.

List of National Bravery awards-2017

Name	Award
Tarh Peeju-Arunachal Pradesh	Bharat Award
Tushar Verma- Chhattisgarh	Bapu Gaidhani Award
Roluaphului-Mizoram	Bapu Gaidhani Award
Payaldevi- Jammu and Kashmir	General National Bravery Award
Sumit Mamagin-Uttarakhand	Sanjay Chpora awards
Tejaweetha & Shivan Gond-West Bengal	geetha Chopra Award
Sonu Mali-Rajasthan	General National Bravery Award
Thanghilmang Lunkim-Nagaland	General National Bravery Award
Akshit & Akshita Sharma-Delhi	General National Bravery Award
Nisha Dilip Patil-Maharashtra	General National Bravery Award
Anshika Pandey-Uttar Pradesh	General National Bravery Award
Namn Beniwal-Delhi	General National Bravery Award
Mohan sethy-Odisha	General National Bravery Award

Moriangthem Sadananda Singh-Manipur	General National Bravery Award
Tankeswar Pegu-Assam	General National Bravery Award
Binil Manjaly-Kerala	General National Bravery Award
Siya Vamansa Khode-Karnataka	General National Bravery Award
Praful Sharma-Himachal Pradesh	General National Bravery Award
Aditya M.P Pillai-Kerala	General National Bravery Award
Sumit Mamgain-Uttarakhand	Sanjay Chopra Award
Badarunnisa K.P-Kerala	General National Bravery Award
Neelam Dhru-Chattisgarh	General National Bravery Award
Akhil K Shibu-Kerala	General National Bravery Award

Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in cinema.
- The first recipient of the award was actress Devika Rani
- Prithvi Raj Kapoor is the only recipient to receive Dadasaheb Phalke award posthumously
- Recent recipient- Kasinathuni Viswanath (Telugu)

64th National Film awards

Best feature film- Kaasav- Marathi

Best non feature film- Fire Flys in the Abyss

Others:

Award	Awardee
Best Actor	Akshay Kumar (Rustom)

Best Actress	Surabhi Lakshmi (Minnaminungu)
Best Director	Rajesh Mapuskar (Ventilator)
Best Film on Social Issues	'Pink'
Best Supporting Actor	Manoj Joshi (Dashkriya)
Best Supporting Actress	ZairaWasim (Dangal)
Best Debut Film of a Director	Deep Chaudari (Alifa)
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	'SathamamBhavathi' (Telugu)
Best Stunt Choreography	Peter Hein (Pulimurugan)
Best Children's Film	'Dhanak' (Hindi)
Best Child Artist	Adhish Praveen (KunjuDaivam), Saj (Noor Islam), Manohara (Railway Children)
Best Male Playback Singer	Sundara Iyer (Joker)
Best Female Playback Singer	Iman Chakraborty (Praktan)
Best Screenplay (original)	SyamPushkaran (MaheshintePrathikaaram)
Best Screenplay (adapted)	Sanjay Krishnaji Patel (Dashakriya)
Best Editing	Rameshwar S. Bhagat (Ventilator)
Best Special Effect Award	'Shivaay'
Sound Designer	Jayadevan (KaaduPookkunnaNeram)

Best Production Design	24
Best Costume Designer	Sachin (Cycle)
Best Environmental film including agriculture	The Tiger Who Crossed The Line
Best Make-up Artist	MK Ramakrishna
Best Music Direction	Babu Padmanabha (Allama)

62nd Film fare Awards-2017

Best Actor (Male):	Aamir Khan for 'Dangal'
Best Actor (Female):	Alia Bhatt for 'Udta Punjab'
Best Film:	'Dangal'
Best Director:	Nitesh Tiwari for 'Dangal'
Filmfare Critics Award for Best Film:	'Neerja'
Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actor (Male):	Shahid Kapoor for 'Udta Punjab' and ManojBajpayee for 'Aligarh'
Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actor (Female):	Sonam Kapoor for 'Neerja'
Best Actor (Male) in a Short Film:	ManojBajpayee for 'Taandav'
Best Short Film People's Choice:	Khamakha
Best Short Film (Fiction):	'Chutney'
Best Short Film (Non-fiction):	'MatitaliKusti'
Best Actor (Female) in a Short Film:	Tisca Chopra for 'Chutney'

Best Debut Director:	Ashwinilyer Tiwari for 'Nil BatteySannata'
Best Male Debut:	DiljitDosanjh for 'Udta Punjab'
Best Female Debut:	Ritika Singh for 'SaalaKhadoos'
Best Dialogue:	Ritesh Shah for 'Pink'
Best Screenplay:	ShakunBatra and Ayesha DevitreDhillon for 'Kapoor & Sons (Since 1921)'
Best Story:	ShakunBatra and Ayesha DevitreDhillon for 'Kapoor & Sons (Since 1921)'
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male):	Rishi Kapoor for 'Kapoor & Sons (Since 1921)'
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female):	ShabanaAzmi for 'Neerja'
Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award:	Shatrughan Sinha
Best Music Album:	Pritam for 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'
Best Lyricist:	Amitabh Bhattacharya for 'ChannaMereya' from 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'
Best Playback Singer (Male):	Arijit Singh for 'Ae dilhaimushkil' from 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'
Best Playback Singer (Female):	Neha Bhasin for 'Jag Ghoomeya' from 'Sultan'
Film fare RD Burman Award for New Music Talent:	Amit Mishra for 'Bulleya' from 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'
Best Visual Effects:	Red Chillies for 'Fan'
Best Editing:	MonishaBaldawa for 'Neerja'

Best Costume:	Payal Saluja for 'Udta Punjab'
Best Action:	Shyam Kaushal for 'Dangal'
Best Background Score:	Sameer Uddin for 'Kapoor & Sons (Since 1921)'
Best Choreography:	Adil Shaikh for 'Kar Gayi Chull' in 'Kapoor & Sons (Since 1921)'

Nobel Prize 2017

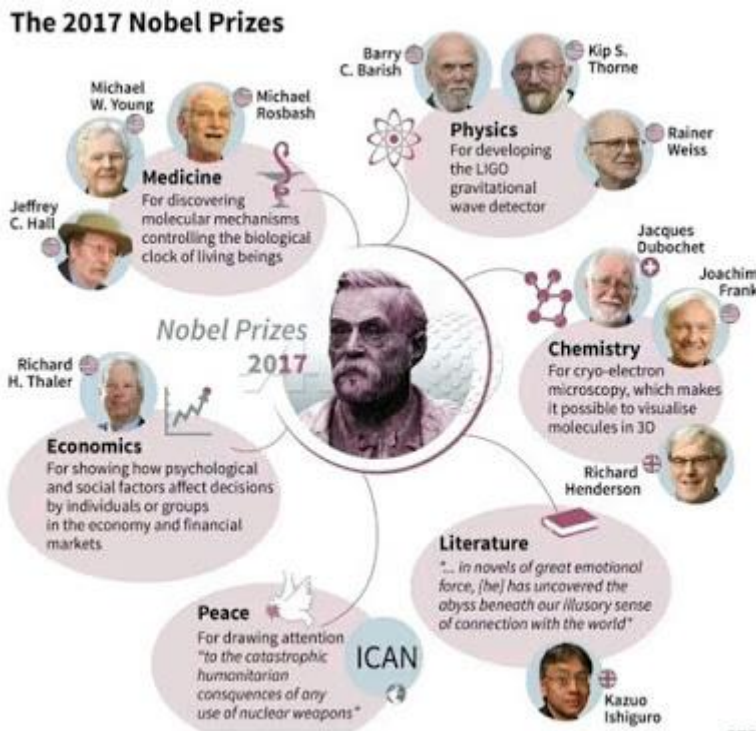
The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards bestowed in several categories by Swedish and Norwegian institutions in recognition of academic, cultural or scientific advances.

It is awarded for outstanding contributions for humanity in Physics, Chemistry, economics, literature, peace and medicine

All Noble prizes Presented by Sweden except Noble prize in the field of peace which is presented by Norway

Field	Name	Contribution
Physics	Rainer Weiss, the other half jointly to Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne	"for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves".
Chemistry	Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson	"for developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution".
Physiology or medicine	Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young	"for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm".
Literature	Kazuo Ishiguro	who, in novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world".

Peace	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)	"for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons".
Economics	Richard H. Thaler	"for his contributions to behavioural economics".



OSCAR Awards 2017

Also known as academy awards

OSCAR is given annually by AMPAS- American Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

First awarded in the year 1929

Award	Awardee
Best Picture	Moon Light

Best actress	Emma Stone (La La Land)
Best actor	Casey Affleck (Manchester by the sea)
Best director	Damien Chazelle (La La Land)
Best supporting actor	Mahreshla Ali (Moon light)
Best supporting actress	Viola Davis (fences)
Best foreign language film	The sales man (Iran)

Grammy Awards

Awarded for outstanding achievements in music industry

Recently 59th Grammy awards announced, in this edition of awards Adele (British singer) won the most awards. She also created history by becoming the first artist to win top three categories twice India-American Tabala player "Sandeep das" won Grammy award in the Category of Best world music album with Yo-Yo ma

List of 59th Grammy awards:

Award	Awardee
Album of the year:	25 – Adele
Record of the year:	Hello – Adele
Song of the year:	Hello – Adele
Best rap album:	Chance the Rapper – Coloring Book
Best urban contemporary album:	Beyonce – Lemonade
Best country solo performance:	My Church – Maren Morris
Best rock song:	Blackstar – David Bowie

Best pop duo/group performance:	Stressed Out – Twenty One Pilots
Best new artist:	Chance the Rapper
Best pop vocal album:	Adele – 25
Best pop solo performance:	Hello – Adele
Best Rhythm and Blues (R&B) performance:	Solange – Cranes in the Sky
Best R&B song:	Maxwell – Lake by the Ocean
Best rap performance:	Chance The Rapper featuring Lil Wayne & 2 Chainz – No Problem
Best rap/sung performance:	Drake – Hotline Bling
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Best R&B album:	Lalah Hathaway – Lalah Hathaway Live
Best rap song:	Drake – Hotline Bling
Best metal performance:	Megadeth – Dystopia
Best rock performance:	David Bowie – Blackstar
Best dance recording:	The Chainsmokers – Don't Let Me Down
Best dance/electronic album:	Skin – Flume
Best music video:	Beyonce – Formation
Best country song:	Humble and Kind – Tim McGraw
Best country duo/group performance:	Pentatonix Featuring Dolly Parton – Jolene

Man Booker Prize

- The Man Booker Prize for Fiction is a literary prize awarded each year for the best original novel, written in the English language and published in the UK.
- It was instituted in 1969 by Man group
- Recently, Davis Grossman won Man Booker prize for his novel A Horse walk into Bar. He became the first Israeli to win Man Booker Prize



Pulitzer Prize

The Pulitzer Prize for Fiction is one of the seven American Pulitzer Prizes that are annually awarded for Letters, Drama, and Music. It recognizes distinguished fiction by an American author, preferably dealing with American life, published during the preceding calendar year.

First awarded in 1917

Recent Pulitzer Prize winners

Award	Awardee
Fiction	Colson whitehead for The underground railroad
Poetry	Tyehimba jess
Biography	Hisham Matar
Music	Du Yun
Drama	Lynn Notage

2017 Billboard Music Awards

Award	Awardee
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Top Artist	Drake
Top New Artist	Zayn
Billboard Chart Achievement Award Presented by Xfinity	Twenty One Pilots
Top Male Artist	Drake
Top Female Artist	Beyonce
Top Duo/Group	Twenty One Pilots
Top Billboard 200 Artist	Drake
Top Hot 100 Artist	Drake
Top Song Sales Artist	Drake
Top Radio Songs Artist	Twenty One Pilots
Top Streaming Songs Artist	Drake
Top Social Artist	BTS
Top Touring Artist	Beyonce
Top R&B Artist:	Beyonce
Top Rap Album	Drake
Top Country Album	Chris Stapleton
Top Rock Album	Metallica
Top Latin Album	Juan Gabriel

Top Dance/Electronic Album	Lindsey Stirling
Top Christian Album	Top Gospel Album
Top Hot 100 Song	The Chainsmokers Featuring Halsey
Top Selling Song	Justin Timberlake, "Can't Stop The Feeling"
Top Radio Song	Justin Timberlake, "Can't Stop The Feeling"
Top Streaming Song (Audio)	Drake Featuring WizKid & Kyla, "One Dance"
Top Streaming Song (Video)	Desiigner, "Panda"
Top Collaboration	The Chainsmokers Featuring Halsey, "Closer"
Top R&B Song	Drake Featuring WizKid & Kyla, "One Dance"
Top R&B Collaboration	Drake Featuring WizKid & Kyla, "One Dance"
Top Rap Song	Desiigner, "Panda"
Top Rap Collaboration	Rae Sremmurd Featuring Gucci Mane, "Black Beatles"
Top Country Song	Florida Georgia Line, "H.O.L.Y."
Top Country Collaboration	Kenny Chesney Featuring Pink, "Setting The World On Fire"
Top Rock Song	Twenty One Pilots, "Heathens"
Top Latin Song	Nicky Jam, "Hasta El Amanecer"
Top Dance/Electronic Song	The Chainsmokers Featuring Halsey, "Closer"

Top Christian Song	Hillary Scott & The Family, "Thy Will"
Top Gospel Song	Travis Greene, "Made A Way"

I-League Awards 2017

Award	Awardee
Best goalkeeper award	Debjit Majumder
Jarnail Singh Best Defender' of Hero I-League 2016-17 award	Anas Edathodika
Best Midfielder of Hero I-League 2016-17	Alfred Kemah Jaryan
Best Striker award	Aser Pierrick Dipanda Dicka
Best Emerging Player of Hero I-League' award	Jerry Lalrinzuala
Syed Abdul Rahim Best Coach Award	Khalid Jamil
Hero of the League	Sunil Chhetri

7th Annual Asian Awards

Award	Awardee
Rising Star Award at the 7th Annual Asian Awards	Child actor Sunny Pawar,
Fellowship Award at the 7th annual Asian Awards	Sachin Tendulkar
Award for outstanding achievement in Cinema	Om Puri
Outstanding achievement in Music.	Adnan Sami

Outstanding Achievement in Television	Krishnan Guru-Murthy
Business Leader of the Year	Ajay Banga
Entrepreneur of the year	Masayoshi Son
Social Entrepreneur of the year	Nisha Dutt
Philanthropist of the year	Dr Jack Preger
Outstanding achievement in sport	Ding Punhui

BCCI Awards 2017

Award	Awardee
Col. CK. Nayudu Lifetime achievement award	Rajinder Goel, Padmakar Shivalkar
BCCI Lifetime achievement award for women	Shantha Rangaswamy
BCCI special award	VV Kumar, Late Ramakant Desai
Polly Umrigar Award	Virat Kohli
Dilip Sardesai award	Ravichandran Ashwin
Lala Amarnath Award for the best all-rounder in the Ranji Trophy 2015-16	Jalaj Saxena of Madhya Pradesh
Lala Amarnath Award for the best all-rounder in domestic limited-overs competitions, 2015-1	Axar Patel
Madavrao Scindin Award	Shreyas Iyer (Highest scorer in the Ranji Trophy 2015-16)
M.A. Chidambaram Trophy	Jay. G. Bosta

	(Highest scorer in (U-23) Col. CK. Nayudu Trophy 2015-16
M.A. Chidambaram Trophy	Satyajeet Bachhav (Highest wicket-taker in (U-23) Col. CK. Nayudu Trophy 2015-16

ESPN Awards 2017

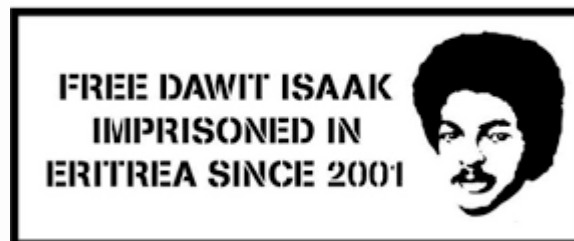
Award	Awardee
Captain of the year	Virat Kohli
Test batting	Ben Stokes
Test bowling	Stuart Broad
ODI batting	Quinton De Kock
ODI bowling	Sunil Narine
T20I batting	Carlos Brathwaite
T20I bowling	Mustafizur Rahman
Debutant of the year	Mehedi Hasan Miraz
Associate batting	Muhammad Shahzad
Associate bowling	Muhammad Nabi
Women's batting	Hayley Mathews
Women's bowling	Leigh Kasperek

Miscellaneous National and international awards

1. World Press freedom prize-Dawit Issak

The UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, created in 1997, honors a person, organization or institution that has made an outstanding contribution to the defence and/or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, especially when this has been achieved in the face of danger.

This year Dawit Issak win this prestigious award



2. First ever gender less award- Emma Watson

Emma Watson became the first recipient of Gender less award for the best actor category at the MTV movie and TV awards. This is the first ever genderless award that does not separated nosiness based on their sex. Emma Watson is a British actress

3. Newton movie: Best film at HIFF

"Newton", a Hindi film has won jury prize for best film at the Honkong International Film Festival. This film was directed by Amit Masurkar



t is a political comedy film revolves around a clerk on election duty in Chattisgarh

4. Youngest UN messenger of peace- Malala

Malala Yousufzai became the youngest UN messenger of peace. UN secretary general Antonio Gutteres has bestowed the honor to Malala



5. 2017 Abel Prize- Yuves Meyer

- The purpose is to award the Abel Prize for outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematic
- The Abel Prize was established on 1 January 2002.



This Year Yuves Meyer from France awarded Abel prize for his contribution in the development of mathematical theory of wavelts

6. 2017 Dan David prize- Srinivas Kulakarni (Indian Scientist)

Indian Scientist Srinivas Kulkarni won Dan David Prize for his contributions in astronomy. Three Dan David Prizes are awarded each year in the category of past, present and future

7. Skoch IT minister of the year

Telangana IT Minister KT Rama Rao was honoured with Skoch IT minister of the year

8. DR BC ROY national award-Dr. Raghu Ram

- Bidhan Chandra Roy Award was instituted in 1962 in memory of B. C. Roy by Medical Council of India.
- The Award is given annually in each of the following categories: Statesmanship of the Highest Order in India, Medical man-cum-Statesman, Eminent Medical Person, Eminent person in Philosophy, Eminent person in Science and Eminent person in Arts.
- It is presented by President of India in New Delhi on July 1, National Doctors' Day.
- It was first awarded in 1973 to Sandip Mukherjee

This year Dr Raghu ram from Andhra was awarded with Dr BC Roy award



9. Best Bank Award

Karnataka bank has bagged the best bank award among small banks for the use of technology for financial inclusion

10. Best Performance award

NABARD has conferred the best performance award for the year 2015-16 to Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) for its working in the field of credit-linking joint liability groups

11. Life Time Achievement Award

Prakash Padukone will be conferred with first life time achievement award instituted by Badminton Institution of India



12. 7th Dr. Ambedkar award- Bappi Lahiri

Bappi Lahiri, was the 1st music director who composed songs for Bharat Ratna Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee & Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar

13. 2017 Agricultural leadership award- Telangana CM KCR

- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award-2017
- A Committee headed by agriculture scientist MS Swaminathan has recommended the CM's name.
- The Chief Minister has been selected for the award for his innovative services rendered to the welfare of farmers and the farm sector. The award, instituted by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture in 2008

14. Natasha Biswas from Kolkata became India's first Miss Trans Queen

- The first edition of Miss Trans queen India, a beauty pageant for transgenders takes place in Gurugram

15. CISF security services at Indira Gandhi International Airport has been adjudged as Best security services across the country



CISF- Central Industry Security force

It works under union ministry of Home affairs

16. PV Sindhu awarded as sports person of the year

Sindhu's coach P Gopichand grabbed Coach of the Year award while

Milkha Singh was given the Living Legend of the Year award.



17. UN Prize for sustainable farming model- Swyam Shikshan Prayog

Swyam Shikshan Prayog, Pune based NGO, has been awarded the United Nations Development Programme's Equator Prize

- It has been awarded for devising an ecologically sustainable agriculture model to combat the adverse impacts of drought.
- It is the only Indian organisation to win the award



Miscellaneous awards (recent)

1. Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute has become the first recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of Yoga

The institute is located in Pune

2. Sanjay Pratihar, has been selected for the prestigious Indian National Science Academy (INSA) medal for the Young Scientist Award for the year 2017

- He is selected for his contribution to "multi-metal complexes, theoretical understanding, selective sensing of Hq²⁺ ions and important applications in agriculture
- He is a young scientist in Tezpur University of Assam

3. First Indian city to win Pierre L'enfant International Planning excellence award is Bhubaneswar.

- The award is instituted by the American Planning Association
- Bhubaneswar has been chosen for its good and advanced town planning and engaging its residents in the planning process

4. First Indian woman leader honoured with "Social Entrepreneur of the Year" is Nisha Dutt. She is the CEO of Intellectap

5. Krishi Karman awards:

Due to record performance of food grains for the year 2015-16, Union ministry of agriculture has selected three states for Krishi Karman awards. They are

- Tamilnadu has been chosen in large category that is production more than 10 million tonnes
- Himachal Pradesh selected in medium category that is production between 1 to 10 million tonnes and
- Tripura in small category that is production less than 1 million tonnes

Apart from these states, Meghalaya get commendation prize for total food grain production

6. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Chandrababu Naidu got 'Transformative Chief Minister Award' for his role in advancing the US-India partnership at the state level. The award was given by USIBC- United States India Business Council

7. Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (GNFC) has won the Golden Globe Tigers Award for Excellence and Leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility for the year 2017 in the category of 'E-Payment Leadership'

Other Important Awards and Honours 2017

Name of the Award	Recipient
Lifetime Achievement Award at Dubai International Film Festival	Rekha (Veteran actress)
The world's third largest startup base	India (US and UK stands in the first and second position respectively)
Rio Paralympics silver medalist, who honored with Rs. 4 crore cash reward by P Narendra Modi	Deepa Malik
German Green Talent Award	Shamik Chowdhury (Indian researcher)
Prestigious award for outstanding work in the field of e-governance at the 'State of the States Conclave 2016'	Haryana government
The highest-paid woman in music for 2016 in Forbes' annual list.	Taylor Swift
Rashtriya Kalidas Samman by Madhya Pradesh Government	Raj Bisaria and Banshi Kaul
Australian of the Year Local Hero' award 2017	Tejinder Pal
La Liga's best player for 2015-16 season	Cristiano Ronaldo
Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award	Amitav Ghosh

Reporters without Borders (RSF)-TV5 Monde prize'	Hadi Abdullah
Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance for year 2016	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award at the ATP awards	Roger Federer
Uttarakhand Ratna award	Harish Rawat (Uttarakhand Chief Minister)
Goldsmiths Prize	Mike McCormack (Solar Bones author)
'Doodle 4 Google' 2016 contest	Anvita Prashant Telang (fromPune)
Global Citizen Award	Imtiaz Sooliman
Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate Award 2016	Gulzar (Lyricist-writer)
World's best airline for the 4th consecutive year	Air New Zealand
The oldest woman to Space	Peggy Whitson (NASA astronaut, at an age of 56 years)
Winner of SumitraCharat Ram Award for lifetime achievement in the field of Indian classical music.	Pt Hari Prasad Chourasia (Noted flautist)
Winner of the prestigious Mother Teresa International Award	Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan (UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, by the Mumbai-based NGO Harmony Foundation.)
'Artist of the Year' at the 2016 American Music Awards (AMAs)	Ariana Grande (Singer)

'Favorite Female Artist - Pop/Rock' at the 2016 American Music Awards (AMAs)	Selena Gomez
'Video of the Year' award at the 2016 American Music Awards (AMAs)	Justin Bieber (for his track 'Sorry')
first World Sanskrit Award	Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (Princess of Thailand)
International Maritime Organization (IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea	Captain Radhika Menon
International Press Freedom Award	Malini Subramaniam (Indian Journalist, for her reporting from the Naxal-infested Bastar area)
Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize	Akshaya Mukul (Senior journalist, for his book "Gita Press and the Making of Hindu India")
Winner of 10th Asia Pacific Screen Award in Best Actor Category	Manoj Bajpayee (Bollywood actor)
Winner of at the prestigious UNESCO Salon Youth Video Competition 2016	'Magical Piano', a short film by the Toonz Media Group (Dr Avaneesh, Head of Development, Toonz Media Group received the award from Salon Films Chairman Fred Wang)
Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) 'Distinguished Indologist' Award	Prof. Yu Long Yu (Chinese professor)
Golden Peacock award at the 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)	Iranian film "Daughter" (directed by Reza Mirkarimi)
Indian MNC of the year' by AIMA	Hero MotoCorp Ltd.
Indian National Science Academy (INSA) medal for the Young Scientist Award	Sanjay Pratihar

Avvaiyar Award"	Padma Venkataraman
US Transformative Chief Minister Award	Chandrababu Naidu
Diplomatic Service Merit Sungnye Medal of the Republic of Korea	Rajive Kaul
Special Jury Remi Award at the 50th annual Worldfest-Houston International Film Festival	The Black Prince
MTV's genderless award	Emma Watson
India's Young Scientist	Vikram Vishal
2016 Wisden-MCC (Melbourne Cricket Council) Cricket Photograph of the Year	Saqib Majeed,
Best Film at the New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF).	Mukti Bhawan"
Best Director for her directorial debut 'A Death in the Gunj & Best Actress for 'Lipstick Under My Burkha' at 2017's New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF).	Konkona Sensharma
Media For Sanitation' award by Railways Minister	NDTV
K Chandrasekharan Memorial Award	M P Veerendra Kumar
Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year.	N'Golo Kant

Aon Best Employers India in the 2017	Sony Pictures
Woodrow Wilson Award	Chanda Kochhar
"Smart Village Award	Govardhan Eco Village
Florence Nightingale award	Krishna Kumari
Aravind Kumar Rengan	National Science Academy (INSA) Young Scientist 2017.
The Federation of Noida Residents Welfare Association	Navratan Legend Award
Institute of Techonology (IIT) Delhi Team	Startups National Award 2017
Pawan Kumar Chamling	First Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Lifetime Achievement Honour in Public Service
Govardhan Eco Village	Smart Village Award by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Bharti Airtel	Aon Best Employer India 2017
Krishna Kumari	Florence Nightingale award
Anshu Jamsenpa	first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest four times
Shrinivas Kulkarni	Dan David prize
Purnima Barman & Sanjay Gubbi	Whitley Award (Green Oscar)
David Letterman	Kennedy Center's 2017 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace
Sanjeev Gupta	CEO of the Year (UK)

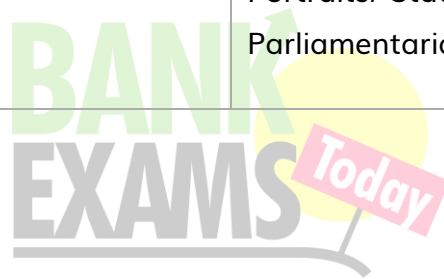
List of Parliamentary Committees in India

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S.No.	Chairman	Committee
1.	Rao Inderjit Singh	Information Technology
2.	K. Rahman Khan	Privileges
3.	Basudeb Acharia	Agriculture
4.	Ananth Kumar	Chemicals And Fertilizers
5.	Kalyan Banerjee	Coal and Steel
6.	Shanta Kumar	Commerce
7.	Satpal Maharaj	Defense
8.	Mulayam Singh Yadav	Energy
9.	Karan Singh	Ethics
10.	Sushma Swaraj	External Affairs

11.	Murli Manohar Lal Joshi	Finance
12.	A. Vijayaraghavan	Government Assurance
13.	Amar Singh	Health and Family Welfair
14.	M. Venkaiah Naidu	Home Affair
15.	Oscar Fernandes	Human Resource Development
16.	Akhilesh Das Gupta	Industry
17.	Hemanand Biswal	Labour
18.	K. Rahaman Khan	MPLADS
19.	Syeda Anwara Taimur	Paper Laid on the Table
20.	Jayanthi Natarajan	Personnel, public Grivances, Law and Justice Petittion
21.	M. Vekaiah Naidu	Petitions
22.	Aruna Kumar Vundavalli	Petroleum and Natural Gas
23.	K. Rahman Khan	Provision of Computers to members of Rajya Sabha
24.	T.R. Baalu	Railways
25.	Hpnourable Chairman	Rules
26.	Sumitra Mahajen	Rural and Development
27.	T. Subbarami Reddy	Science & Technology, Environment & Forests

28.	Dara Singh Chauhan	Social Justice and Empowerment
29.	Najma A. Heptulla	Subordinate Legislation
30.	Sitaram Yechury	Transport, Tourism and Culture
31.	Sharad Yadav	Urban Development
32.	Beni Parsad Verma	Water Resources
33.	Chairman, Rajya Sabha	General Purpose
34.	Bhubaneshwar Kalita	House Committee
35.	Meira Kumar	Joint Parliament Committee on Installation of Portraits/ Statues of National Leaders and Parliamentarians in Parliament House Complex.



MoUs Signed by India in November 2017: Week I

Purpose of the MOU/agreement	Between
Cooperation in the field of Water resources	India and Morocco
Rail safety, energy, culture, Investment etc.	India and Italy
To provide employment opportunities In Urban areas	Ministry of Housing & urban affairs and Urban clap
	Singapore and

To provide skills to the youth

Assam state government

1. Union Cabinet Ratified MoU between India and Morocco on Water Resources:

Union cabinet chaired by Prime minister approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Morocco for cooperation in the field of water resources.

- The Purpose of MOU is to increase the cooperation between India and Morocco in development and management of water resources within the framework of their expertise and their respective laws of two countries.

2. India and Italy signed six agreements:

- During the visit of Italy Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni. Six Memorandum Understandings are signed between India and Italy. This MOUs include
- Railway safety
- Field of energy
- Promoting mutual investments between the Italian Trade Agency and Invest India.
- Cultural cooperation between India and Italy
- An agreement was signed between the training unit of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Foreign Service Institute of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.
- To promote training and Skills.

3. MOU between Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and Urban Clap:

- To ensure Urban Employment opportunities an MOU was signed between Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Urban Clap which is a private online service aggregator.
- As per MOU, under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Urban Clap provide opportunities with minimum assured monthly wages for urban poor skilled.
- To implement this agreement Urban Clap will bring together demand for domestic services and the urban poor skilled workers in 16 cities viz., Delhi, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad.
- A minimum monthly amount of Rs.15, 000 for electricians, plumbers, and carpenters and Rs.25, 000 for appliance repair technicians, beauty therapists and Spa therapists has to be provided by the urban clap.
- The agreement valid for five years from this year.

4. MoU between Assam and Singapore:

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Assam state governments with Singapore for the purpose of providing skills to the Assam Youth. This agreement was signed for North East Skills Centre (NESC) by Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, of Assam government and ITE Education Service.

5. MoU between Haryana Government and Food Processing Enterprises

At World Food India 2017, The Haryana government signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 2,069 crore which would provide employment to 5,012 people. The MOUs are signed with 44 agro-based and food processing enterprises and establishments,

6. Jharkhand Government and Vedanta Group

To setup a steel plant in Jharkhand, state government of Jharkhand has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vedanta group company.

List of Reports published by International Organizations

Name of Report	Organization
Asian Development outlook	Asian Development bank
Carbon Emission Index	UNFCC-UN Framework convention on climate change
Carbon Emission Index was Published by	UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
Change the World List Data	Fortune
Corruption Perception Index	Transparency international
Ease of Doing Business	IBRD (World Bank)
Economic Survey	Ministry of Finance of India

Education development Index	UNO
E-government development Index	UNO(United Nations Organizations)
Engaging tomorrow consumer report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Environmental Performance Index	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Financial Stability Report	RBI
Fiscal Monitor	IMF
Gender Inequality Index	UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)
Gender Inequality Index	UNDP
Global Competitive Index	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Global corruption report	Transparency international
Global economic outlook	UNO(United Nations Organizations)
Global Economic Prospects'	World bank
Global education monitoring report	UNESCO(The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
Global Employment trends	ILO (International Labour Organization)
Global enabling trade report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Global energy architecture performance index report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Global Environmental Outlook	UNEP- United Nations Environment program

Global financial development	World bank
Global Financial stability report	IMF
Global Financial System Report	BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards)
Global food policy report	IFPRI(International Food Policy Research Institute)
Global Gender gap report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Global hunger Index	IFPRI(International Food Policy Research Institute)
Global Information Index	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Global Information technology report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Global Innovation Index Published	INSEAD
Global Money Laundering Report	FATF (Financial Action Task Force)
Global Money laundering report	Financial Action Task Force
Global Peace Index	IEP (Individualized Education Programme)
Global report on trafficking	United Nations Office on Drug Crime
Global Talent Competitiveness Index	INSEAD
Global Terrorism Index	IEP (Individualized Education Programme)
Global trend in renewable energy investment	UNEP- United Nations Environment program
Global Wage Report	ILO (International Labour Organization)
Globalization Backlash	World bank

Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy	RBI
Human Capital report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Human Development Index	UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)
Human development report	UNEP- United Nations Environment program
Inbound tourism	UNWTO(United Nations World Tourism Organisation)
Inclusive growth & Development report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
India State of Forest Report	Forest Survey of India
Industrial Development report	UN Industrial Development organisations
Intellectual Property Rights	WTO (World Trade Organization)
Interest Subvention Report	Reserve Bank of India
Interest Subvention Report 2015-16	Reserve Bank of India
International Debt Statistic	World bank
International Trade statistics	WTO (World Trade Organization)
Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report	UN Inter-agency Group
Logistics Performance Index	World bank
Migration and development brief	World bank
Millennium Development Goals	UNO (United Nations Organization)
Monetary Policy Report	RBI

Nuclear Technology review	International Atomic Energy Agency
Out Come Budget	Ministry of Finance of India
Outbound tourism	UNWTO(United Nations World Tourism Organisation)
Outlook on global agenda	WEF (World Economic Forum)
Public Finance statistic	Ministry of Finance of India
Review of maritime transport	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India	RBI
Sustainable development goals	UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)
The economic development in africa	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
The Energy Report & Living Planet Report	WWF (World Wildlife Fund)
The Global risk report	WEF (World Economic Forum)
The Information Economy Report	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
The international accounting and reporting Issues annual review	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
The lest developed countries report	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
The Technology and Innovation Report	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)

Tourism market trends	UNWTO(United Nations World Tourism Organisation)
Trade and Development Report	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
Trade and Environment Review	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
Travel & Tourism Index	WEF (World Economic Forum)
UNCTAD statistics	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
Unesco science report	UNESCO(The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
United Nations world water index	UNESCO(The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
World Cities Report	UN-Habitat
World Development Report	IBRD (World Bank)
World Drug Report	UNODC- UN Office on Drugs and Crime
World Drug Report	United Nations Office on Drug Crime
World Economic Outlook	IMF (International Monetary Fund)
World Employment and Social Outlook	ILO (International Labour Organization)
World Employment report	ILO (International Labour Organization)
World Energy Outlook	International Energy Agency

World Happiness Report	SDSN-Sustainable Development Solution Network
World health report	WHO(World Health Organisation)
World Health Statistics	WHO(World Health Organisation)
World Intellectual Property report	WIPO-World Intellectual Property Organisation
World Investment Report	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
World Social protection report	ILO (International Labour Organization)
World tourism barometer	UNWTO(United Nations World Tourism Organisation)
World Trade report	WTO (World Trade Organization)
World urbanisation prospects	UNO(United Nations Organizations)
World work report	IOrganisationional Labour Organization)
World economic situation and prospects	UNO(United Nations Organizations)

SAARC Countries List 2017

The **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)** is the regional intergovernmental organization and geopolitical union of nations in South Asia.

Headquarters – Kathmandu, Nepal
Founded - 8 December 1985, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Formation - 16 January 1987
Secretary-General– Arjun Bahadur Thapa

List of SAARC member countries (8)

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

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Objectives of SAARC

- To improve the quality of life of the peoples of South Asia
- To accelerate economic growth and social progress the South Asian region
- To provide all individuals with the opportunity to live in dignity
- To strengthen collective self-reliance among the countries of South Asia
- To promote active collaboration and mutual assistance in the economic, social, cultural, technical and scientific fields
- To strengthen cooperation with other developing countries
- To cooperate with similar organizations with similar goals

SAARC Summit Held –

- 18th SAARC Summit 2014 – Kathmandu, Nepal
- 19th SAARC Summit 2016 – Islamabad, Pakistan (Cancelled, as Indian Bhutan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan boycotted the summit)

Joint Military Exercises of India 2017

Defense exercises are very important for any nation. It has many purposes like counter-terrorism, low-intensity conflict operations at Counter-Insurgency, and improving coordination.

In previous months, there were many defence exercises performed by our armed forces, some are mentioned below:

Name of Exercise	Conducted between	Place	Duration of exercise	Purpose or comment
PRABAL DOSTYK	India And Kazakhstan Army	Himachal Pradesh, India	2 To 15 Nov 2017	2nd Edition. The Joint Exercise Is Aimed At Enhancing The Military Ties Between The Two Countries.
INDRA	Indo-Russia Armed Forces	Sea Of Japan Near Vladivostok, Russia	19 To 29 Oct 2017	First Ever Tri Services Joint Exercise Between Indian And Russian Armed Forces.
MITRA SHAKTI	India-Sri Lanka Army	Pune, India	13 To 25 Oct 2017	5th Edition. It Based On Counter Terrorist Operations (CTO) And Infantry Company From Both Countries
YUDH ABHYAS	United States And Indian Army	Washington, US	14 To 27 Sep 2017	The Training Was Focused On Specialized Drills And Procedures Involved In Counter Insurgency, Counter Terrorist Operations In An Urban Environment.
SLINEX	India And Sri-Lanka Navy	Vishakhapatnam, India	7 To 14 Sep 2017	The Seven Days Exercise Aimed To Reinforce Strong Neighborly Ties Between Both Countries Underscored By Extensive Maritime Interaction And Improved Understanding.

SURYA KIRAN-XII	Nepal And Indian Army	Saljhandi, Nepal	3 To 16 Sep 2017	Focused On Skills Required Counter- Terrorism And Counter-Terror, Forest Fighting And Natural Disaster Management Operations.
MALABAR EXERCISE	India, Japan And United States Navies	Bay Of Bengal	10 To 17 July 2017	21st Edition, Trilateral Naval Exercise
MAITREE	Indian Army And Royal Thailand Army	Himanchal Pradesh, India	3 To 17 July 2017	Encountered In A Counterterrorism Environment.
AUSINDEX	Indian Navy And Royal Australian Navy	Freemantle, Australia	13 To 17 June 2017	The Exercise Is Aimed At Increasing Inter- Operability And Is In Consonance With The Growing Cooperation Between The Two Countries.
SIMBEX	Indian Navy And Republic Of Singapore Navy	South China Sea	18 To 24 May 2017	24th Bilateral Exercise. SIMBEX Stands For "Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercises".
IND-INDO CORPAT	India And Indonesia Navy	Port Blair, India	9 To 25 May 2017	29th Edition. The Bilateral Exercise Aims To Enhance Mutual Understanding And Inter- Operability Between The Two Navies.

NOMADIC ELEPHANT	India-Mongolian Military Exercise	Mizoram, India	5 To 18 April 2017	12th Edition. Encompasses Important Aspects Like Convoy Protection, Room Intervention Drills.
SURYA KIRAN-XI	Nepal And Indian Army	Uttarakhand, India	7 To 20 March 2017	11th Edition
AL-NAGAH-II	Oman And Indian Army	Himanchal Pradesh, India	6 To 19 March 2017	2nd Edition
TROPEX	Western And Eastern Naval Commands, Assets From The Indian Air Force, Indian Army And The Indian Coast Guard	Western Seaboard Of India	24 Jan To 26 Feb 2017	To Strengthen Inter-Operability And Joint Operations In A Complex Environment.

List of Important Days PDF

JANUARY

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
4 January	World Braille Day(207th birth anniversary of Louis Braille)	People with Disabilities, Celebrating Together
9 January	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (NRI Day)	Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora

10 January	World Hindi Day	
12 January	National Youth Day	Indian youth for development skill and harmony
15 January	69 th Indian Army Day	
24 January	National girl child day	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
25 January	National Voters Day	Empowering young and future events
26 January	International Customs Day	Digital Customs: Progressive Engagement
26 January	68 th Republic Day	Skill India and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
27 January	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust	From Words to Genocide: Anti-Semitic Propaganda and the Holocaust
29 January	World Leprosy Day (last Sunday of January)	To live is to help to live

February

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
2 February	World Wetlands Day	Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction
4 February	World Cancer Day	We can I can
6 February	International day of Zero Tolerance to female genital mutilation	Building a solid and interactive bridge between Africa and the world to accelerate ending Female Genital Mutilation by 2030

7 February	Safer Internet Day	Be the change: unite for a better internet
10 February	National Deworming Day	Krimi se chhutkara, sehatmand bhavishya hamara and worm-free children healthy children
11 February	International day Women and girls in Science	Gender, Science and sustainable development: The Impact of Media
12 February	National Productivity Day	From Waste to Profits-through Reduce, Recycle and Reuse
13 February	World Radio Day	Radio is You
20 February	World Day of Social Justice	Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work
21 February	International Mother language day	Towards sustainable through Multilingual education
22 February	World Thinking day	Connect Activity Pack
24 February	Central Excise Day	
28 February	National Science Day	Science and tech for specially Abled person

March

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day	Make some noise for Zero Discrimination
3 March	World Wildlife Day	

3 March	National Defence Day	Listen to the young voices
4 March	World Hearing Day	Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment
4 March	National Security Day	
8 March	International Women's Day	Women in the challenging world of work: Planet 50-50 by 2030
9 March	CISF Raising Day	
12 March	World Kidney Day	Kidney Disease and Obesity
13 March	Commonwealth Day	
13 March	No Smoking Day	
15 March	World Consumer Rights Day	Building a Digital World Consumers can Trust
18 March	Ordnance factories day	
20 March	International Day of Happiness	
21 March	International Day of Forests	Forests and Energy
21 March	World Down Syndrome Day	My Voice My Community - Enabling people with Down syndrome to speak up, be heard and influence government policy and action, to be fully included in the community
22 March	World Water Day	Why Waste water?
23 March	World Meteorological Day	Understanding Clouds

24 March	World TB Day	Unite to end TB
27 March	World Theatre Day	

April

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
1 April	Prevention of Blindness Week	
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day	Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination
2 April	International Children's Book Day	
4 April	National Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in mine action	Needs Driven- People Centered
5 April	National Maritime Day	Connecting Ships, Ports and People
6 April	International Day for Sports Development and Peace	
7 April	World Health Day	Depression: Let's Talk
7 April	Handloom Week	
8 April	International Romani Day	
8 April	World Tradition Day	
10 April	World Homeopathy Day	Enhancing Quality Research in Homeopathy Through Scientific evidence and Rich Clinical Experiences

11 April	National Safe Motherhood Day	Improving Maternal Health by Empowering Women!
12 April	International Day of Human Space Flight	
13 April	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre	
14 April	Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti Customs Day	
17 April	World Hemophilia Day	Hear their Voices
18 April	World Heritage Day	Cultural Heritage & Sustainable Tourism
21 April	Civil Services Day	Making New India
22 April	World Earth Day	Environmental & Climate Literacy
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day	
24 April	National Panchayati Day	
24 April	Women's Political Empowerment Day, India	Climate Change, Women and Role of Panchayats
25 April	World Malaria Day	End Malaria For Good
26 April	World Intellectual Property Day	Innovation-Improving Lives
28 April	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Optimize the collection and use of OSH data
29 April	International Dance Day	
30 April	International Jazz Day	

May

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
1 May	International Labour Day	Securing Decent Works For Sustainable Social Economic Development (International Labour Day)
1 May	May Day	
1 May	Maharashtra Day	
2 May	World Asthma Day	Better Air Better Breathing
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Critical Minds for Critical Times: Media's role in advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies
4 May	International Firefighters Day	
5 May	International Midwives Day	
6 May	International No Diet Day	
7 May	World Athletics Day	
7 May	World Laughter Day	
7 May	Rabindra Nath Tagore Jayant	
8 May	Mother's Day	
8 May	World Redcross Day	Less Known Red Cross Stories

8 May	Road Safety Week	
10 May	World Migratory Bird Day	Their Future is Our Future: A Healthy Planet for Migratory Birds & People
11 May	National Technology Day	Technology for inclusive and sustainable growth'.
12 May	International Nurses Day	A voice to lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals"
15 May	International Families Day	Families, education and well-being
16 May	National Dengue Day	
17 May	World Telecommunication & Information Society Day	Big Data Big Impact
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	Know Your Number
20 May	World Metrology Day	Measurements for transport
21 May	Anti-Terrorism Day	
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	
23 May	World Turtle Day	
24 May	Commonwealth Day	
25 May	International Missing Children's Day	
26 May	Gunners Day- New Zealand	

28 May	Maharana Pratap Jayanti	
29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Investing in Peace Around the world
30 May	Goa Statehood Day	
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Tobacco – a threat to development

June

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
1 June	World Milk Day	Good food, health and nutrition
2 June	International Sex Workers' Day	
4 June	International Day for Innocent Children Victims of Aggression Cancer Survivors Day	Focuses to acknowledge the pain suffered by children victims throughout the world
5 June	World Environment Day	Connecting people to Nature
8 June	World Ocean Day	Our Oceans; Our Future
8 June	Coal Miners Day	
12 June	Anti-Child Labour Day	Focuses on the impact of conflicts and disasters on child labour.
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	Focuses on attacks against persons with albinism.
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	Give Blood; Give now; Give often

15 June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Understand and End Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue
16 June	International Day of Family Remittances	
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Land degradation and migration
19 June	International Day for the elimination of Sexual Violence and Conflict	Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence
20 June	World Refugee Day	Focuses to show support for families forced to flee.
21 June	International Yoga Day	Yoga for health
23 June	Public Service Day	celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community (Public Service Day)
23 June	International Widow's Day	
23 June	International Olympic Day	
26 June	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking	Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe
June 27	Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day	Celebrated for the first time
29 June	National Statistics Day	

July

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
1 July	National Doctor's Day	
2 July	World Sports Journalists' Day World UFO Day	
4 July	American Independence Day	
7 July	Global Forgiveness Day	
7 July	World Chocolate Day	
11 July	World Population Day	Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations
12 July	Malala Day	
15 July	World Youth Skill Day	Focuses and skills and jobs for youth
17 July	International Justice Day	
18 July	International Nelson Mandela Day	For Freedom, justice and democracy
26 July	International Day for the conservation of the mangrove ecosystem	
26 July	Kargil Vijay Diwas	
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Eliminate Hepatitis
28 July	World Nature Conservation Day	
29 July	International Tiger Day	

30 July	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Act to Protect and Assist Trafficked Persons
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August

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
1 August	World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August)	
6 August	Hiroshima Day	
6 August	Friendship Day	
6 August	Anti-Nuclear Day	
7 August	Handloom Day	
7 August	Sanskrit Day	
9 August	Kranti Diwas (Quit India Movement)	
9 August	International Day of the world's indigenous peoples	10th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
10 August	World Bio-Fuel Day	
11 August	National Daughter's Day	
12 August	International Youth Day	Youth Building Peace
13 August	Organ Donation Day	

15 August	Independence Day of India	
19 August	World Photography Day	
19 August	World Humanitarian Day	WHD Campaign: Not a Target
20 August	Sadbhawana Diwas/ Harmony Day	
29 August	International Day Against Nuclear Test	
29 August	National Sports Day	
30 August	National Small Industry Day	

September

Date	Important Day
1 September	National Nutrition Week (1-7 September)
2 September	World Coconut Day
4 September	National Labour Day USA
5 September	National Teachers Day
5 September	International Charity Day
7 September	World Forgiveness Day
8 September	International Literacy Day

10 September	World First Aid Day
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day
12 September	International Day for South-South Cooperation
14 September	Hindi Diwas
15 September	International Day of Democracy
15 September	International Engineer's Day
16 September	International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer
20 September	Railway Police Force Foundation Day
21 September	World Peace Day
21 September	World Alzheimer Day
22 September	World Cancer Free Day
25 September	World Rivers Day
25 September	World Pharmacists Day
26 September	World Environmental Health Day
26 September	World Contraception Day
27 September	World Tourism Day
28 September	World Rabies Day
28 September	Gunners Day India

28 September	World Maritime Day
29 September	World Heart Day
30 September	World Deaf Day (last Sunday of the month of September) International Translation Day

October

Date	Important Day
1 October	International Day for Older Persons
1 October	World Vegetarian Day
2 October	World Habitat Day (First Monday of October)
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence/Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti
3 October	World Nature Day
4 October	World Space Week (4-10 October)
4 October	World Animal Day
5 October	World Teachers Day
6 October	World Smile Day (First Friday of October)
8 October	Indian Air force Day
9 October	Columbus Day
9 October	World Post Day

10 October	World Mental Health Day
10 October	World Day Against Death Penalty
11 October	International Girl Child Day
12 October	World Arthritis Day
13 October	World Sight Day (2 nd Thursday of October)
13 October	International Day for Disaster Reduction
14 October	International Standards' Day
15 October	International Day of Rural Women
15 October	World Students Day
15 October	Safe Motherhood Week (15-21 October)
16 October	World Food Day
17 October	Anti-Poverty Day
20 October	World Statistics Day
20 October	National Solidarity day
20 October	World Osteoporosis Day
21 October	Police Commemoration Day
24 October	United Nations Day
24 October	World Development Information Day

24 October	World Polio Day
27 October	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage
28 October	National Ayurveda Day
28 October	International Animation Day
29 October	International Internet Day
29 October	World Stroke Day
31 October	National Unity Day
31 October	World Savings Day
31 October	World Cities Day
31 October	Vigilance Awareness Week (31-5 November)

November

Date	Important Day
1 November	No Tobacco Day
1 November	World Vegan Day
1 November	Karnataka Formation Day
5 November	World Tsunami Awareness Day
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day

7 November	Infant Protection Day
8 November	International Radiology Day
9 November	World Quality Day
9 November	World Legal Service Day
10 November	World Science Day for Peace and Development
10 November	Public Transport Day
11 November	National Education Day
12 November	World Pneumonia Day
12 November	Public Service Broadcasting Day
13 November	World Kindness Day
14 November	Children's Day
14 November	World Diabetes Day
16 November	International Day for Tolerance
16 November	World Philosophy Day
20 November	Universal Children's Day
21 November	World Television Day
25 November	International Day For the Elimination of Violence Against Women
26 November	Constitutional Day-India

26 November	National Milk Day
28 November	Raising Day of National Cadet Corps

December

Date	Important Day
1 December	World AIDS Day
2 December	International Day for Abolition of Slavery
2 December	National Pollution Control
3 December	International Day for the Persons with Disabilities
4 December	Indian Navy Day
5 December	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development World Soil Day
7 December	International Civil Aviation Day
7 December	Armed Forces Flag Day- India
8 December	Plastic Free Day
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day
10 December	Human Rights Day
11 December	International Mountain Day
12 December	Universal Health Coverage Day

14 December	World Energy Conservation Day
16 December	Vijay Diwas
18 December	International Migrants Day
20 December	International Human Solidarity Day
22 December	National Mathematics Day
23 December	Kisan Diwas
24 December	National Consumers Day
25 December	Good Governance Day



List of First Women in India

Female Personality	Year	Role
Savitribai Phule	1848	Savitribai Phule became the first woman teacher in India.
Annie Besant	1917	First female president of the Indian National Congress.
Pandita Ramabai	1919	First Indian woman to be awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal by the British Raj.
Sarojini Naidu	1925	First Indian born female president

		of the Indian National Congress.
Sarla Thakral	1936	the first Indian woman to fly an aircraft
Asima Chatterjee	1944	First Indian woman to be conferred the Doctorate of Science by an Indian university.
Amrit Kaur	1947	First female Cabinet minister of India in the country's first cabinet.
Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi	1887	the first Indian female physician
Shila Dawre	1988	country's first woman autorickshaw driver when she first stepped into the 'male-dominated' zone
Arunima Sinha	2013	the first female amputee to climb Mount Everest. She is also the first Indian amputee to climb the Everest.
Reita Faria Powel	1966	Reita Faria Powel is an Indian model, doctor and beauty queen, who won Miss World also the first Asian woman to win the title
Arati Saha	1959	the first Indian and Asian woman to swim across English Channel. She also became the first female sports person to be awarded Padma Shri in 1960.

Mother Teresa	1979	the first Indian woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize
Indira Gandhi	1966	the first woman Prime Minister of India and served from 1966 to 1977. In 1971, she became the first woman to receive the Bharat Ratna award.
Pratibha Patil	2007-2012	the first woman President of India and held office from July 2007 to July 2012.
Kalpana Chawla	1997	the first Indian woman who reached in space. As a mission specialist and a primary robotic arm operator, she went into space in 1997.
Kiran Bedi	1972	Kiran Bedi became the first woman officer in India. Moreover, later in 2003, Kiran Bedi also became the first woman who was appointed as the United Nations Civil Police adviser.
Anjali Gupt	2001	Anjali Gupta is the first female flying officer in the Indian Air Force to be court-martialled
Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit	1953	the first woman (and first Indian) president of the United Nations General Assembly
Anna Chandy	1959	the first Indian woman judge of a

		High Court (Kerala High Court)
Sucheta Kriplani	1963	the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, the first woman to hold that position in any Indian state
Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay	1966	Ramon Magsaysay award for community leadership
Kamaljit Sandhu	1970	the first Indian woman to win a Gold in the Asian Games
Bachendri Pal	1984	Bachendri Pal became the first Indian woman to climb Mount Everest.
Surekha Yadav	1986	the first Asian woman loco-pilot or railway driver.
Justice M. Fathima Beevi	1989	the first woman judge of the Supreme Court of India
Priya Jhingan	1992	the first lady cadet to join the Indian Army (later commissioned on 6 March 1993)
Meira Kumar	4 June 2009	the first female Speaker of Lok Sabha.
Priyanka N.	20 October 2011	drove the inaugural train of the Namma Metro becoming the first female Indian metro pilot.
Mitali Madhumita	2011	the first woman officer to win a Sena Medal for gallantry.

Tanushree Pareek	25 March 2017	the first female combat officer commissioned by the Border Security Force
Sania Mirza	2005	the first ever Indian woman to win the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) title in 2005.
Saina Nehwal	2012-2015	Saina Nehwal became the first Indian woman to win a medal in Badminton at 2012 Olympic Games. Later in 2015, she became the first Indian woman to secure no. 1 position in world rankings.
Mary Kom	2002,2005,2006,2008 2010	5-time World Amateur Boxing Champion. she is the only Indian woman boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics
Deepa Malik	2016	First medal and that's Silver won by her in Paralympics games in Summer Paralympics 2016.
Sushmita Sen	1994	The First Miss Universe

List of Sports Cups and Trophies

Important Trophies and Cups Related to Sports

Sport Name	Trophies/Cups
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Badminton	<p>Amrit Diwan Cup Asia Cup Chaddha Cup</p> <p>European Cup Harilela Cup Ibrahim Rahimatillah Challenger Cup Kitiakara Cup Konica Cup Malaysian Open Sophia Cup Thomas Cup (Men) Uber Cup (Women)</p>
Cricket	<p>Ashes Cup Asia Cup C.K. Naidu Trophy Deodhar Trophy Duleep Trophy Gavaskar Border Trophy G.D. Birla Trophy Gillette Cup ICC World Cup Irani Trophy Jawharlal Nehru Cup Rani Jhansi Trophy Ranji Trophy Rohinton Barcia Trophy Rothmans Cup Sahara Cup Sharjah Cup Singer Cup Titan Cup Vijay Hazare Trophy Vijay Merchant Trophy</p>

	<p>Wisden Trophy</p> <p>Wills Trophy</p>
Football	<p>Bandodkar Trophy</p> <p>B. C. Raj Trophy (National Championship),</p> <p>Confederation Cup</p> <p>DCM Trophy</p> <p>Durand Cup</p> <p>FIFA world Cup</p> <p>Jules Rimet Trophy</p> <p>IFA Shield</p> <p>Kalinga Cup</p> <p>Merdeka Cup</p> <p>Rovers Cup</p> <p>Santosh Trophy</p> <p>Scissor Cup</p> <p>Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee Trophy</p> <p>Subroto Cup</p> <p>Todd Memorial Trophy</p> <p>UEFA Champions League</p> <p>Vittal Trophy</p>
Golf	<p>Augusta Masters</p> <p>British Open</p> <p>US Maters</p>
Hockey	<p>Aga khan Cup</p> <p>Dhyanchand Trophy</p> <p>Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup</p> <p>Murugappa Gold Cup</p> <p>Nehru Trophy</p> <p>Sindhia Gold Cup</p> <p>Stanley Cup</p> <p>Sultan Azlan Shah Cup</p> <p>Wellington Cup</p>

Horse Racing	Derby
Lawn Tennis	Australian Open BNP Paribash Davis Cup Heineken Cup French Open US Open Wimbledon
Rowing	Wellington Trophy
Table Tennis	Bama Belleck Cup Travancore Cup (Women) Swathling Cup (Men)



List of MoUs Signed by India in October 2017: Week II

Name of the MOU/treaty	Between
MoC on technical intern training program	India and Japan
MoC on establishing a liquid, Flexible and global LNG market	Indian and Japan
MoU between SEBI and FSC for Mutual cooperation and technical assistance	SEBI & FSC

MOU for cooperation in the field of Vocational education and training	India and Belarus
MoU for cooperation in the field of Water resources	India & Morocco

MoU's of October 2nd week-2017

Note:

➔ MoC- Memorandum of cooperation

➔ MOU- Memorandum of understanding

1. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of "Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)" on the "Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)" between India and Japan.

Under Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) program India sends its technical interns to Japan for a period of 3 to 5 years on the job training

The MoC will pave the way for bilateral cooperation between the Indian and Japan in the area of skill development.

2. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on establishing a liquid, flexible and global LNG Market between India and Japan.

The MoC provides a framework to cooperate in

- Facilitating flexibility in LNG contracts
- abolition of Destination Restriction Clause
- Explore possibilities of cooperation in establishing reliable LNG spot price indices reflecting true LNG demand and supply.

3. The Union Cabinet has approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for mutual co-operation and technical assistance between Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Financial Services Commission (FSC), Gibraltar.

Importance of MoU:

- The MoU aims at creating conditions for an effective development of securities markets in both countries.
- The MoU also promotes further development of economic links and cooperation between the two regulators (SEBI & FSC)

- It would also contribute towards strengthening the information sharing framework between the two signatories.
4. The Union Cabinet has approved Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of Vocational Education and Training (VET) between India and Belarus.
For the first time an MoU for cooperation in area of vocational education, training and skill development has been signed with Eurasian country.
 5. An MoU was signed between IIT-Kharagpur and Samsung India for setting up of a digital academy on the institute.
 6. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of water resources between India and Morocco.
 7. The Union Cabinet has approved changing status of IALA (International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities) from NGO to IGO that is from Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) to Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO).

Other Information:

1. In the LNG sector, Japan is the world's largest importer and India is the 4th largest importer.
2. IALA was established in 1957
3. Present chairman of SEBI- Ajay Tyagi

List of MoUs Signed by India in October 2017: Week III

Name of the MOU/treaty	Between
To cooperate in Information Technology, cybersecurity e.t.c	India and Russia
For the development of Yoga and	Ministry of AYUSH and

Ayurveda	USA
For distribution of energy efficiency Appliances	Between EESL & HPCL, BPCL and IOCL
Skill Development	India and Russia
To setup Mega Apparel park	Gujarat & Arvind limited

1. Indian & Russia firms signed agreement for IT Solutions:

- India and Russia have signed an agreement to cooperate in Information Technology and
- The agreement also include cooperation in Smart City projects, cyber security and e-governance

2. MOU between Yes bank and Abu Dhabi

- A Memorandum of understanding was signed between Yes Bank and International Financial Centre in Abu Dhabi.
- The MOU helps to further foster cross-border exchange between the fintech ecosystems of the United Arab Emirates and India.

3. MoU between NHO and AYUSH

- An MOU was signed between National Health Organization of USA and ministry of AYUSH for development of Ayurveda and Yoga.

4. MOU between EESL & IOCL, BPCL, HPCL

- For distribution of Energy Efficient appliances under UJALA scheme an MOU was signed between EESL and IOCL, BPCL & HPCL.
- As per Memorandum of Understanding IOCL, BPCL & HPCL companies will take up the distribution of LED bulbs.

5. MoU between India and Russia

- India and Russia have agreed to increase cooperation in the area of skill development at the ongoing World Skills Abu Dhabi (WSAD) event in the UAE.

6. Mega Apparel Park:

- An MOU was signed between Arvind limited (Textile company) and government of Gujarat to set up a mega apparel park in Dahegam in Ahmedabad district.

- The total cost of the project is Rs. 300 cr.

Other information:

1. UJALA scheme :

- Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All
- The main objective of UJALA scheme is to promote efficient lighting, enhance awareness on using efficient equipment which reduce electricity bills and help preserve environment.

2. EESL:

- Energy efficiency services limited.
- The EESL is setup for implementation of energy efficiency projects.
- It is setup under Ministry of power.

3. AYUSH:

AYUSH means

A- Ayurveda

Y- Yoga and Naturopathy

U- Unnani

S- Siddha

H- Homeopathy

Nicknames of Indian Cities - Complete List

List of Nicknames of Indian Cities

Name of the City	Nicknames	State
Agra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Taj ▪ Petha Nagari 	Uttar Pradesh
Ahmedabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boston of India ▪ Manchester of India 	Gujarat
Allahabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abode of the God ▪ City of Prime Ministers ▪ Sangam City 	Uttar Pradesh
Amritsar	Golden City of India	Punjab

Asansol	Land of Black Diamond	West Bengal
Bengaluru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic City of India ▪ Garden City of India ▪ IT Capital of India ▪ Science city of India ▪ Silicon Valley of India ▪ Space City 	Karnataka
Bhagalpur	The Silk City of India	Bihar
Bhopal	City of Lakes	Madhya Pradesh
Indore	Mini Mumbai	Madhya Pradesh
Bhimavaram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Prawns ▪ Second Bardoli of India 	Andhra Pradesh
Bhubaneswar	Temple City of India	Odisha
Chandigarh	The City Beautiful	Chandigarh
Chennai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Auto Hub of India ▪ Detroit of Asia ▪ Gateway of South India ▪ Health Capital of India 	Tamil Nadu
Coimbatore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Textile City of India ▪ Manchester of South India 	Tamil Nadu
Coorg	Scotland of India	Karnataka
Darjeeling	Queen of the Hills	West Bengal
Dhanbad	The Coal Capital of India	Jharkhand
Shillong	Scotland of East	Meghalaya
Dibrugarh	Tea City of India	Assam
Durgapur	Rur of India	West Bengal
Gandhinagar	Green City	Gujarat
Guntur	City of Chillies	Andhra Pradesh
Guwahati	Gateway of North East India	Assam
Nilgiri	Blue Mountains	Tamil Nadu
Hyderabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Pearls ▪ City of Nizams 	Telangana

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hightech City ▪ World Capital of Biryani ▪ Bangle City 	
Hyderabad-Secunderabad	Twin City	Telangana
Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Palaces ▪ Paris of India ▪ Pink City 	Rajasthan
Jaisalmer	Golden City of India	Rajasthan
Jamshedpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pittsburgh of India ▪ Steel City of India 	Jharkhand
Jodhpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blue City ▪ Sun City 	Rajasthan
Kakinada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Kaja ▪ Pensioners Paradise 	Andhra Pradesh
Kanpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leather City of the World ▪ Manchester of North India 	Uttar Pradesh
Kashmir	Switzerland of India	Jammu and Kashmir
Kochi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gateway to Kerala ▪ Queen of the Arabian Sea 	Kerala
Kolkata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Joy ▪ City of Palaces ▪ Cultural Capital of India ▪ Gateway of Eastern India ▪ Heaven of the Aged 	West Bengal
Kolhapur	City of Wrestlers	Maharashtra
Kollam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cashew Capital of the World ▪ Gateway to Backwaters ▪ Prince of Arabian sea 	Kerala
Lucknow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Nawabs ▪ Constantinople of the East ▪ Shiraz-e-Hind ▪ The Golden City of India 	Uttar Pradesh
Madurai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Athens of the East ▪ City of Festivals ▪ City of Four Junctions 	Tamil Nadu

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sleepless City ▪ Temple City 	
Malda	Mango City	West Bengal
Mangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cradle of Indian Banking ▪ Gateway of Karnataka ▪ Rome of the East 	Karnataka
Mumbai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Dreams ▪ City of Seven Islands ▪ Financial Capital of India ▪ Gateway of India ▪ Hollywood of India ▪ Maximum City ▪ Maya Nagari 	Maharashtra
Mundi	Power Hub City	Madhya Pradesh
Mussoorie	Queen of the Mountains	Uttarakhand
Mysore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green City ▪ Heritage City 	Karnataka
Nagpur	Orange City	Maharashtra
Nainital	City of Lakes	Uttarakhand
Nasik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ California of India ▪ Grape city of India ▪ Wine capital of India 	Maharashtra
New Delhi	City of Rallies	Delhi
Patiala	Royal City	Punjab
Panipat	City of Handloom City of Weavers	Haryana
Palanpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Diamonds ▪ Flower City 	Gujrat
Pondicherry	Paris of the East	Puducherry
Prayag	Abode of the God	Uttar Pradesh
Pune	Queen of Deccan	Maharashtra
Purulia	Manbhum City	West Bengal

Rajahmundry	Cultural City	Andhra Pradesh
Rishikesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Sages ▪ Yoga City 	Uttrakhand
Siliguri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Hospitality ▪ Gateway to the Doors 	West Bengal
Srinagar	City of lakes	Jammu and Kashmir
Surat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City Of Diamonds ▪ Diamond City Of India ▪ Textile city Of India 	Gujarat
Tezpur	City of Blood	Assam
Thane	City of Lakes	Maharashtra
Tiruchirappalli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Energy equipment and fabrication capital of India ▪ Rock Fort City ▪ Tucker Trichy 	Tamil Nadu
Tirunelveli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Paddy fields ▪ Halwa city of India ▪ Oxford city of South India 	Tamil Nadu
Udaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Lakes ▪ Venice of the East ▪ White City 	Rajasthan
Vadodara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Banyan City ▪ Cultural City Of India ▪ Sayaji Nagari ▪ World Capital Of Garba 	Gujarat
Vaniyambadi	Leather city of South India	Tamil Nadu
Varanasi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Lights ▪ City of Temples ▪ City of Learning ▪ Holy City ▪ Oldest living city on Earth ▪ Religious capital of India ▪ Spiritual capital of India 	Uttar Pradesh
Vijayawada	The Place of Victory	Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam	City Of Destiny	Andhra Pradesh
Warangal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Lakes ▪ City of Temples ▪ Second city of Nizam 	Telangana
Zunheboto	Land Of Warriors	Nagaland

India's Rankings in Different Indices 2017

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Index	Position of India	Top Ranked Country
Global Passport Power Rank -2017	75	1. Singapore 2. Germany
Human Development Index - 2017	131	Norway followed by Australia
Ease of Doing Business Index 2017	100	The list is topped by New Zealand followed by Singapore, Denmark.
Foreign Direct Investment confidence index	8 th	The list is topped by USA followed by Germany
Global Competitiveness Index 2016	39 th	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore and USA.
Global Talent Index	92 nd	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore
Global Human Capital index 2017	103	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Finland

Global Hunger Index 2016	100th	The list is topped by Argentina, followed by Bosnia & Herzegovina and Switzerland.
Global Innovation Index 2016	60	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Sweden
Global Peace Index (GPI) 2017	137	The list is topped by Iceland, followed by Newzland
Global Slavery Index 2016	4th	The list is topped by North Korea, followed by Uzbekistan and Cambodia.
Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2017	89th	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore and Luxembourg.
Intellectual Property Index 2017	43 rd	The list is topped by USA, followed by UK and Germany.
Logistics Performance Index 2016	35 th	The list is topped by Germany, followed by Luxembourg and Sweden.
Global Human Capital Index	103	The list is topped by Norway followed by Finland
Sustainable Development Goal Index 2017	116th	The list is topped by Sweden, followed by Denmark
Economic Freedom Index 2017	143rd	The list is topped by Hong Kong, followed by Singapore.
World Happiness Index 2017	122nd	The list is topped by Norway followed by Denmark,
World Press Freedom Index 2017	136	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Sweden
World Risk Index 2016	77 th	The list is topped by Island state of Vanuatu,

		followed by Tonga and Philippines.
Global Travel and Tourism Index-2017	40	The list topped by Spain followed by France
Global Corruption perception index-2017	79	The list is topped by Newzland and Denmark

List of MoUs Signed by India in October 2017

MOU/ pact between	Purpose of the MOU/ Pact
Punjab National bank And EEPC	To Provide loans to small and Medium enterprises
India and Asian Development Bank	To provide loans for coastal Protection in Karnataka
India and Srilanka	To construct houses in Hambantota of Sri Lanka
State of Karnataka and Micro Soft	To use Artificial intelligence in agriculture
India and Vietnam	For the Purpose of investment promotion

Pact Between EEPC and Punjab National Bank

- The Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India has signed a memorandum of understanding with Punjab National Bank.
- The pact is to provide easy access to finance for Small and Medium enterprises and merchant exporters of the council.
- As per pact Punjab National Bank will provide finance with assurance that loans up to Rs. 10 crore would be provided within six to seven weeks at competitive rates
- Besides, engineering exporters would be given a 'Gold card' under which additional benefits like quicker sanction and disbursal of loan will be extended.

ADB loan to Support Coastal Protection in Karnataka

- India and Asian Development Bank signed 65.5 million dollars of loan agreement in Delhi.
- The amount of loan is used to check coastal erosion on the Western Coast in Karnataka. It also used to address coastal problems of the state of Karnataka.
- Public Works department of Karnataka is responsible for the implementation.

MOU between India and Sri Lanka for Housing Project in Hambantota

- India signed an MOU with Sri Lanka to develop 1,200 houses in Sri Lanka Southern port city of Hambantota.
- Out of 1200 houses, 600 houses developed in Hambantota remaining 600 will be developed across Sri Lanka

MoU between Karnataka and Micro Soft

- To use Artificial intelligence Karnataka state government signed a memorandum of understanding with Microsoft.
- As per MOU, the artificial technology is used for Agriculture by Karnataka to get higher crop yields in the state.
- This will help Karnataka farmers to increase their income.

MOU between India and Vietnam

- India and Vietnam signed a memorandum of understanding on Investment Promotion.
- This comes in the 45th anniversary of the establishment of Vietnamese-Indian diplomatic relations in 1972.
- The MOU will create close cooperation between India and Vietnam and boost investment activities

MOU between BSE and Ebix:

- An MOU was signed between Bombay Stock Exchange and Ebix insurance company to launch a joint venture company.
- The main Purpose of MOU is to set up a pioneering insurance distribution network in India
- The new company to be branded as BSE-Ebix

Other Information:

1. Asian Development Bank:

- It was established in the year 1966
- Headquarters- Manila
- Presently it has 67 member countries including India

2. Present CEO of Micro Soft- **Satya Nadella**. He is from India

3. The capital of Vietnam- **Hanoi**

Cabinet Ministers of India [Latest List]

Cabinet Ministers:

S.No	Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio	Constituency
1	Smt. Sushma Swaraj	External Affairs	Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh
2	Shri Arun Jaitley	Finance	Gujarat Rajaya Sabha
		Corporate Affairs	
3	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Road Transport and Highways	Nagpur, Maharashtra
		Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	
4	Shri Suresh Prabhu	Commerce and Industry	Andhra Pradesh, Rajya Sabha
5	Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda	Statistics & Programme Implementation	Bangalore North, Karnataka
6	Sushri Uma Bharati	Drinking Water and Sanitation	Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
7	Shri Raj Nath Singh	Home Affairs	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
8	Shri Ramvilas Paswan	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Hajipuri, Bihar

9	Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi	Women and Child Development	Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh
10	Shri Ananthkumar	Chemicals and Fertilizers	Bangalore South, Karnataka
		Parliamentary Affairs	
11	Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati	Civil Aviation	Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh
12	Shri Anant Geete	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	Raigad, Maharashtra
13	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Health and Family Welfare	Himachal Pradesh, Rajya Sabha
14	Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Food Processing Industries	Bathinda, Punjab
15	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Rural Development	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
		Panchayati Raj	
		Mines	
16	Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh	Steel	Haryana, Rajya Sabha
17	Shri Jual Oram	Tribal Affairs	Sundargarh, Odisha
18	Shri Radha Mohan Singh	Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	Purvi Champaran, Bihar
29	Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot	Social Justice and Empowerment	Madhya Pradesh, Rajya Sabha
20	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Information & Broadcasting	Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

		and Textiles	
21	Dr. Harsh Vardhan	Science and Technology Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Chandni Chowk, Delhi
22	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Human Resource Development	Madhya Pradesh, Rajya Sabha
23	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Petroleum and Natural Gas Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Deogarh
24	Shri Piyush Goyal	Railways Coal	Maharashtra
25	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Defence	Rajya Sabha Karnataka
26	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minority Affairs	Utter Pradesh
27	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	Law & Justice	Bihar – Rajya Sabha

Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

S.No	Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio
1	Shri Rao Inderjit Singh	Planning (Independent Charge) Chemicals and Fertilizers
2	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar	Labour and Employment (Independent Charge)

3	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	Culture Environment, Forest and Climate Change
4	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) (Independent Charge)
5	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Development of North Eastern Region (Independent Charge) Prime Minister's Office Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space
6	Shri Raj Kumar Singh	Power New and Renewable Energy
7	Shri Giriraj Singh	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
8	Shri Manoj Sinha	Communications (Independent Charge) Railways
9	Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	Youth Affairs and Sports Information and Broadcasting
10	Shri Alphons Kannanthanam	Tourism Electronics and Information Technology
11	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Housing and Urban Affairs

Ministers of State:

S.No	Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio
1	Shri Vijay Goel	Parliamentary Affairs Statistics and Programme Implementation
2	Shri Radhakrishnan P.	Finance Shipping
3	Shri S.S. Ahluwalia	Drinking Water and Sanitation
4	Shri Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi	Drinking Water and Sanitation
5	Shri Ramdas Athawale	Social Justice and Empowerment
6	Shri Vishnu Deo Sai	Ministry of Steel
7	Shri Ram Kripal Yadav	Rural Development
8	Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	Home Affairs
9	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	Mines Coal
10	Shri Rajen Gohain	Railways
11	General (Retd.) V. K. Singh	External Affairs
12	Shri Parshottam Rupala	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Panchayati Raj

13	Shri Krishan Pal	Social Justice and Empowerment
14	Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor	Tribal Affairs
15	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla	Ministry of Finance
16	Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey	Health and Family Welfare
17	Shri Sudarshan Bhagat	Tribal Affairs
18	Shri Upendra Kushwaha	Human Resource Development
19	Shri Kiren Rijju	Home Affairs
20	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Women and Child Development Minority Affairs
21	Shri Anantkumar Hegde	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
22	Shri M. J. Akbar	External Affairs
23	Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti	Food Processing Industries
24	Shri Y. S. Chowdary	Science and Technology Earth Sciences
25	Shri Jayant Sinha	Civil Aviation
26	Shri Babul Supriyo	Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
27	Shri Vijay Sampla	Social Justice and Empowerment
28	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Parliamentary Affairs Water Resources, River Development and

		Ganga Rejuvenation
29	Shri Ajay Tamta	Textiles
30	Smt. Krishna Raj	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
31	Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Road Transport and Highways Shipping Chemicals and Fertilizers
32	Smt. Anupriya Patel	Health and Family Welfare
33	Shri C.R. Chaudhary	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Commerce and Industry
34	Shri P.P. Chaudhary	Law and Justice Corporate Affairs
35	Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre	Defence
36	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
37	Dr. Satya Pal Singh	Human Resource Development Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

List of International Summits in 2017

Summits	Location, Year, Headquarters
BRICS Summits	Countries (5) - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6th BRICS Summit 2014 – Fortaleza, Brazil ▪ 7th BRICS Summit 2015 – UFA, Russia ▪ 8th BRICS Summit 2016 – Benaulim, Goa, India ▪ 9th BRICS Summit 2017 - Xiamen, China
G-20 Summits	<p>Headquarters - Cancún, Mexico Establishment - 20 August 2003 Chairperson- Angela Merkel, Total Member Countries- 20 Countries = Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom United States, European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9th G 20 Meeting 2014 – Brisbane, Australia ▪ 10th G 20 Meeting 2015 – Antalya, Turkey ▪ 11th G 20 Meeting 2016 – Hangzhou, China ▪ 12th G 20 Meeting 2017 – Germany ▪ 13th G 20 Meeting 2018 – Argentina, Buenos Aires
G-7 Annual Summits (Earlier it was G8, Now Russia suspended Temporarily)	<p>Establishment - 1975 Group of Seven Countries – France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 40th G8 Summit 2014 – Brussels, Belgium ▪ 41st G8 Summit 2015 – Schloss Elmau, Germany ▪ 42nd G8 Summit 2016 – Shima, Japan ▪ 43rd G8 Summit 2017 – Italy ▪ 44th G8 Summit 2018 – Canada ▪ 45th G8 Summit 2019 – France ▪ 46th G8 Summit 2020 - United States ▪ 47th G8 Summit 2021 - United Kingdom
SAARC Summits (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)	<p>Headquarters – Kathmandu, Nepal Formation - 16 January, 1987 First holder - Abul Ahsan Secretary General– Arjun Bahadur Thapa Countries (8)– Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka</p> <p>SAARC Summit Held –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 18th SAARC Summit 2014 – Kathmandu, Nepal ▪ 19th SAARC Summit 2016 – Islamabad, Pakistan ▪ 20th SAARC Summit 2018
ASEAN Summits (Association	Headquarters - Jakarta, Indonesia

<p>of South East Asian Nation)</p>	<p>Establishment - 8 August 1967 Total Countries – 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma (Myanmar), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) Secretary General – Le Luong Minh (Vietnam) Chairman - Philippines Rodrigo Duterte</p> <p>Summits held –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24th ASEAN Summit 2014 (May)– Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar ▪ 25th ASEAN Summit 2014 (November)– Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar ▪ 26th ASEAN Summit 2015 (April)– Langkawi, Malaysia ▪ 27th ASEAN Summit 2015 (November)– Manila, Philippines ▪ 28th ASEAN Summit 2016 (April) – Vientiane – Laos ▪ 29th ASEAN Summit 2016 (November)-Vientiane- Laos ▪ 30th ASEAN Summit 2017 (April) - Philippines, Metro Manila ▪ 31st ASEAN Summit 2017 (November) – Philippine, Clark, Freeport Zone
<p>East Asia Summit (EAS)</p>	<p>Establishment - 1991 by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.</p> <p>Countries: Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, United States, Vietnam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The East Asia Summit (EAS) is a forum held annually ▪ EAS meetings are held after annual ASEAN leaders' meetings. ▪ The first summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 December 2005. <p>Summits Held –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9th East Asia Summit 2014 – Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar ▪ 10th East Asia Summit 2015 – Kuala Lumpur .Malaysia ▪ 11th East Asia Summit 2016 – Vientiane, Laos ▪ 12th East Asia Summit 2017 – TBD, Philippines
<p>IBSA Summits</p>	<p>Headquarters - Stafford St, Abbotsford, Victoria Established – 6th June, 2003 IBSA Dialogue Forum – India, Brazil, South Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st: March 5th, 2004, in New Delhi ▪ 2nd: March 3rd, 2005, in Cape Town ▪ 3rd: March 30th, 2006, in Rio de Janeiro ▪ 4th: July 16th and 17th, 2007, in New Delhi ▪ 5th: May 11th, 2008, in Somerset West ▪ 6th: August 31st to September 1st, 2009, in Brasília ▪ 7th: March 8th, 2011, in New Delhi

<p>APEC Summits (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation)</p>	<p>Headquarters – Singapore Establishment - 1989 Total Countries – (Australia, Canada, Brunei, Chile, china, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, United States, Vietnam). These are total 21 countries. Executive Director – Alan Bollard</p> <p>Summit Held –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 26th APEC Summit 2014 – Beijing, China ▪ 27th APEC Summit 2015 – Philippines, Manila ▪ 28th APEC Summit 2016 – Peru, Lima ▪ 29th APEC Summit 2017 – Vietnam, Danang ▪ 30th APEC Summit 2018 - Papua, New Guinea Port Moresby ▪ 31st APEC Summit 2019 - Chile ▪ 32nd APEC Summit 2020 - Malaysia ▪ 33rd APEC Summit 2021 - New Zealand ▪ 34th APEC Summit 2022 – Thailand ▪ 35th APEC Summit 2023 - Mexico ▪ 36th APEC Summit 2024 - Brunei ▪ 37th APEC Summit 2025 - Republic of Korea ▪ 38th APEC Summit 2026 - Peru
<p>BIMSTEC Summits (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)</p>	<p>Headquarters – Dhaka Establishment - 6 June 1997 Chairmanship – Nepal (since 2014) Total Countries - Bangladesh, India, Burma, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an international organisation involving a group of countries in South Asia</p> <p>Summits Held –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st BIMSTEC Summit 2004 – Thailand, Bangkok ▪ 2nd BIMSTEC Summit 2008 – India, New Delhi ▪ 3rd BIMSTEC Summit 2014 - Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw ▪ 4th BIMSTEC Summit 2017 - Nepal, Kathmandu
<p>Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) (2010)</p>	<p>Establishment – 2009 Total Countries – 58 Countries European Union members represented by the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission only (as observer)</p>

	<p>Summits Held -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st NSS 2010 – Washington, D.C, USA ▪ 2nd NSS 2012 - South Korea, Seoul ▪ 3rd NSS 2014 – Hague, Netherlands ▪ 4th NSS 2016 – Washington, D.C, USA ▪ 5th NSS 2017 – India
OPEC International Seminar	<p>Headquarters - Vienna, Austria Establishment - 1960, Baghdad Secretary General - Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo Total Countries – (Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela). OPEC – Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries 6th International OPEC – Vienna, Austria</p>
NATO	<p>Headquarters - Brussels, Belgium Establishment - 4 April, 1949 Secretary General - Jens Stoltenberg Total Member Countries - 28 NATO – North Atlantic treaty Organization</p> <p>Summit Held in –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NATO Summit 2014 – Wales (Britain), UK (Britain last hosted the summit in 1990, when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister) ▪ NATO Summit 2016 – Poland, Warsaw ▪ NATO Summit 2017 - Belgium, Brussels ▪ NATO Summit 2018 – Turkey, Istanbul
Asian development Bank meeting	<p>Headquarters - Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines Establishment - 19 December 1966 President - Takehiko Nakao Total Member Countries - 67 countries ADB – Asian Development Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual meeting of the board of governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held every year. ▪ ADB Annual Meeting 2014 – Astana, Kazakhstan ▪ ADB Annual Meeting 2015 – Baku, Azerbaijan ▪ ADB Annual Meeting 2016 - Messe Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany ▪ ADB Annual Meeting 2017 - Pacifico Yokohama, Yokohama, Japan
Earth Hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global earth hour 2015 – Seoul ▪ Global earth hour 2016- Australia

<p>NAM Summit</p>	<p>Headquarters - Jakarta, Indonesia Establishment – 1961, Belgrade Secretary General - Nicolás Maduro Total Member Countries - 120 countries NAM Summit Full Form – Non-Allied Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 16th NAM(Non-Aligned Movement) Summit 2012 was held in Tehran, Iran. ▪ It has 120+2 (Two nations namely Azerbaijan Republic and Fiji) members. ▪ 17th NAM summit 2016 was held in Caracas,Venezuela.
<p>Global Insurance Summit</p>	<p>· 8th Global insurance Summit Was held in 2015 – Mumbai</p>
<p>CHOGM Summit</p>	<p>Establishment – 1907 Chairman - Joseph Muscat Total Members Countries – 52 countries CHOGM Full Form – Common Wealth Heads of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Government Meeting held After Gap of Every Two years ▪ Next CHOGM Will held In United Kingdom 2018 ▪ In 2015 CHOGM Meeting Was held In – Malta
<p>UN Climate Change Summit</p>	<p>Meetings :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st meeting 2000 - The Hague, Netherlands ▪ 2nd meeting 2001 - Bonn, Germany ▪ 3rd meetibg 2001 - Marrakech, Morocco ▪ 4th meeting 2002 - New Delhi, India ▪ 5th meeting 2003 - Milan, Italy] ▪ 6th meeting 2004 - Buenos Aires, Argentina ▪ 7th meeting 2005 - Montreal, Canada ▪ 8th meeting 2006 - Nairobi, Kenya ▪ 9th meeting 2007 - Bali, Indonesia ▪ 10th meeting 2008 - Poznań, Poland ▪ 11th meeting 2009 - Copenhagen, Denmark ▪ 12th meeting 2010 - Cancún, Mexico[edit] ▪ 13th meeting 2011 - Durban, South Africa ▪ 14th meeting 2012 - Doha, Qatar ▪ 15th meeting 2013 - Warsaw, Poland ▪ 16th meeting 2014 - Lima, Peru ▪ 17th meeting 2015 - Paris, France ▪ 18th meeting 2016 - Marrakech, Morocco ▪ 19th meeting 2017 - Bonn, Germany
<p>22nd CII Partnership Summit & 1st Sunrise AP Investment Meet</p>	<p>Headquarters - New Delhi, India Establishment – 1895 Executive Vice Chairperson - Shobana Kamineni</p>

	Place - Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
India Investment Summit	Date - 4th and 5th February, 2016 Place - New Delhi

Countries - Capital, Currency and Languages

Country Name	Capital	Currency	Official Language	Head of Government
Afghanistan	Kabul	Afghani	Dari Persian; Pashto	Chief Executive – Abdullah Abdullah
Albania	Tirane	Lek	Albanian	Prime Minister – Edi Rama
Algeria	Algiers	Dinar	Arabic; Tamazight; French	Prime Minister – Ahmed Ouyahia
Andorra	Andorra la Vella	Euro	Catalan	Antoni Martí
Angola	Luanda	New Kwanza	Portuguese	President – João Lourenço
Antigua and Barbuda	Saint John's	East Caribbean dollar	English	Prime Minister – Gaston Browne
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Peso	Spanish	President – Mauricio Macri

Armenia	Yerevan	Dram	Armenian	Prime Minister – Karen Karapetyan
Australia	Canberra	Australian dollar	English	Prime Minister – Malcolm Turnbull
Austria	Vienna	Euro (formerly schilling)	German	Federal Chancellor – Christian Kern
Azerbaijan	Baku	Manat	Azerbaijani	Prime Minister – Artur Rasizade
The Bahamas	Nassau	Bahamian dollar	English	Prime Minister – Hubert Minnis
Bahrain	Manama	Bahrain dinar	Arabic	Prime Minister – Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa
Bangladesh	Dhaka	Taka	Bangla	Prime Minister – Sheikh Hasina
Barbados	Bridgetown	Barbados dollar	English	Prime Minister – Freundel Stuart
Belarus	Minsk	Belorussian ruble	Belarusian; Russian	Prime Minister – Andrei Kobaykov
Belgium	Brussels	Euro (formerly Belgian franc)	Dutch; French; German	Prime Minister – Charles Michel
Belize	Belmopan	Belize dollar	English	Prime Minister – Dean Barrow
Benin	Porto-Novo	CFA Franc	French	President –

				Patrice Talon
Bhutan	Thimphu	Ngultrum	Dzongkha	Prime Minister – Tshering Tobgay
Bolivia	La Paz (administrative); Sucre (judicial)	Boliviano	Spanish; Quechua; Aymara	President – Evo Morales
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo	Marka	Bosnian; Croatian; Serbian	Chairman of the Council of Ministers – Denis Zvizdić
Botswana	Gaborone	Pula	English; Tswana	President – Ian Khama
Brazil	Brasilia	Real	Portuguese	President – Michel Temer ^[6]
Brunei	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei dollar	Malay	Sultan and Prime Minister – Hassanal Bolkiah
Bulgaria	Sofia	Lev	Bulgarian	Prime Minister – Boyko Borisov
Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Paul Kaba Thieba
Burundi	Bujumbura	Burundi franc	Kirundi; French	President – Pierre Nkurunziza
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Riel	Khmer	Prime Minister – Hun Sen

Cameroon	Yaounde	CFA Franc	French; English	Prime Minister – Philémon Yang
Canada	Ottawa	Canadian dollar	English; French	Prime Minister – Justin Trudeau
Cape Verde	Praia	Cape Verdean escudo	Portuguese	Prime Minister – Ulisses Correia e Silva
Central African Republic	Bangui	CFA Franc	Sango; French	Prime Minister – Simplice Sarandji
Chad	N'Djamena	CFA Franc	French; Arabic	Prime Minister – Albert Pahimi Padacké
Chile	Santiago	Chilean Peso	Spanish	President – Michelle Bachelet
China	Beijing	Yuan/Renminbi	Mandarin	Premier of the State Council – Li Keqiang
Colombia	Bogota	Colombian Peso	Spanish	President – Juan Manuel Santos
Comoros	Moroni	Franc	Comorian; Arabic; French	President – Azali Assoumani
Congo, Republic of the	Brazzaville	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Bruno Tshibala
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Kinshasa	Congolese franc	French	Prime Minister – Clément Mouamba

Costa Rica	San Jose	Colón	Spanish	President – Luis Guillermo Solís
Cote d'Ivoire	Yamoussoukro (official); Abidjan (de facto)	CFA Franc	French	Incumbent Amadou Gon
Croatia	Zagreb	Kuna	Kuna	Prime Minister – Andrej Plenković
Cuba	Havana	Cuban Peso	Spanish	Raúl Castro
Cyprus	Nicosia	Cyprus pound	Greek; Turkish	President – Nicos Anastasiades
Czech Republic	Prague	Koruna	Czech; Slovak	Prime Minister – Bohuslav Sobotka
Denmark	Copenhagen	Krone	Danish	Prime Minister – Lars Løkke Rasmussen
Djibouti	Djibouti	Djibouti franc	Arabic; French	Prime Minister – Abdoukader Kamil Mohamed
Dominica	Roseau	East Caribbean dollar	English; French; Antillean Creole	Prime Minister – Roosevelt Skerrit
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Dominican Peso	Spanish	President – Danilo Medina
East Timor (Timor-Leste)	Dili	U.S. dollar	Tetum; Portuguese; Indonesian	Prime Minister – Mari Alkatiri

Ecuador	Quito	U.S. dollar	Spanish	President – Lenín Moreno
Egypt	Cairo	Egyptian pound	Arabic	Prime Minister – Sherif Ismail
El Salvador	San Salvador	Colón; U.S. dollar	Spanish	President – Salvador Sánchez Cerén
Equatorial Guinea	Malabo	CFA Franc	Spanish; French; Portuguese	Prime Minister – Francisco Pascual Obama Asue
Eritrea	Asmara	Nakfa	Arabic; Tigrinya; English	President – Isaias Afwerki
Estonia	Tallinn	Kroon	Estonian	Prime Minister – Jüri Ratas
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Birr	Amharic	Prime Minister – Hailemariam Desalegn
Fiji	Suva	Fiji dollar	English; Bau Fijian; Hindi	Prime Minister – Frank Bainimarama
Finland	Helsinki	Euro (formerly markka)	Finnish; Swedish	Prime Minister – Juha Sipilä
France	Paris	Euro (formerly French franc)	French	Prime Minister – Édouard Philippe
Gabon	Libreville	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Emmanuel Issoze-

				Ngondet
The Gambia	Banjul	Dalasi	English	President – Adama Barrow
Georgia	Tbilisi	Lari	Georgian	Prime Minister – Giorgi Kvirikashvili
Germany	Berlin	Euro (formerly Deutsche mark)	German	Chancellor – Angela Merkel
Ghana	Accra	Cedi	English	President – Nana Akufo-Addo
Greece	Athens	Euro (formerly drachma)	Greek	Prime Minister – Alexis Tsipras
Grenada	Saint George's	East Caribbean dollar	English; Patois	Prime Minister – Keith Mitchell
Guatemala	Guatemala City	Quetzal	Spanish	President – Jimmy Morales
Guinea	Conakry	Guinean franc	French	Prime Minister – Mamady Youla
Guinea-Bissau	Bissau	CFA Franc	Portuguese	Prime Minister – Umaro Sissoco Embaló
Guyana	Georgetown	Guyanese dollar	English	Prime Minister – Moses Nagamootoo
Haiti	Port-au-Prince	Gourde	Haitian Creole; French	Prime Minister – Jack Guy

				Lafontant
Honduras	Tegucigalpa	Lempira	Spanish	President – Juan Orlando Hernández
Hungary	Budapest	Forint	Hungarian	Prime Minister – Viktor Orbán
Iceland	Reykjavik	Icelandic króna	Icelandic	Prime Minister – Bjarni Benediktsson
India	New Delhi	Rupee	Hindi; English	Prime Minister – Narendra Modi
Indonesia	Jakarta	Rupiah	Indonesian	President – Joko Widodo
Iran	Tehran	Rial	Persian	President – Hassan Rouhani
Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Dinar	Arabic; Kurdish	Prime Minister – Haider al-Abadi
Ireland	Dublin	Euro (formerly Irish pound [punt])	English; Irish	Taoiseach – Leo Varadkar
Israel	Jerusalem*	Shekel	Hebrew; Arabic	Prime Minister – Benjamin Netanyahu
Italy	Rome	Euro (formerly lira)	Italian	President of the Council of Ministers – Paolo Gentiloni

Jamaica	Kingston	Jamaican dollar	English	Prime Minister – Andrew Holness
Japan	Tokyo	Yen	Japanese	Prime Minister – Shinzō Abe
Jordan	Amman	Jordanian dinar	Arabic	Prime Minister – Hani Al-Mulki
Kazakhstan	Astana	Tenge	Kazakh; Russian	Prime Minister – Bakhytzhhan Sagintayev
Kenya	Nairobi	Kenya shilling	Swahili; English	President – Uhuru Kenyatta
Kiribati	Tarawa Atoll	Australian dollar	English; Gilbertese	President – Taneti Mamau
Korea, North	Pyongyang	Won	Korean	Premier of the Cabinet – Pak Pong-ju
Korea, South	Seoul	Won	Korean	Prime Minister – Lee Nak-yeon
Kosovo	Pristina	Euro (German Mark prior to 2002)	Albanian; Serbian	Prime Minister – Ramush Haradinaj
Kuwait	Kuwait City	Kuwaiti dinar	Arabic; English	Prime Minister – Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Som	Kyrgyz; Russian	Prime Minister –

				Sapar Isakov
Laos	Vientiane	New Kip	Lao (Laotian)	Prime Minister – Thongloun Sisoulith
Latvia	Riga	Lats	Latvian	Prime Minister – Māris Kučinskis
Lebanon	Beirut	Lebanese pound	Arabic; French	President of the Council of Ministers – Saad Hariri
Lesotho	Maseru	Maluti	Sesotho; English	Prime Minister – Tom Thabane
Liberia	Monrovia	Liberian dollar	English	President – Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
Libya	Tripoli	Libyan dinar	Arabic	Prime Minister – Fayez al-Sarraj
Liechtenstein	Vaduz	Swiss franc	German	Adrian Hasler
Lithuania	Vilnius	Litas	Lithuanian	Prime Minister – Saulius Skvernelis
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	Euro (formerly Luxembourg franc)	German; French; Luxembourgish	Prime Minister – Xavier Bettel
Macedonia	Skopje	Denar	Macedonian	President of the Government – Zoran Zaev

Madagascar	Antananarivo	Malagasy franc	Malagasy; French; English	Prime Minister – Olivier Mahafaly Solonandrasana
Malawi	Lilongwe	Kwacha	English	President – Peter Mutharika
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Ringgit	Malay	Prime Minister – Najib Razak
Maldives	Male	Rufiya	Dhivehi	President – Abdulla Yameen
Mali	Bamako	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Abdoulaye Idrissa Maïga
Malta	Valletta	Maltese lira	Maltese; English	Prime Minister – Joseph Muscat
Marshall Islands	Majuro	U.S. Dollar	Marshallese; English	President – Hilda Heine
Mauritania	Nouakchott	Ouguiya	Arabic	Prime Minister – Yahya Ould Hademine
Mauritius	Port Louis	Mauritian rupee	English	Prime Minister – Pravind Jugnauth
Mexico	Mexico City	Mexican peso	Spanish	President – Enrique Peña Nieto
Micronesia, Federated States	Palikir	U.S. Dollar	English	President – Peter M. Christian

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Moldova	Chisinau	Leu	Moldovan (Romanian)	Prime Minister – Pavel Filip
Monaco	Monaco	Euro	French; Italian; English	Minister of State – Serge Telle
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Tugrik	Mongolian	Prime Minister – Ukhnaa Khurelsukh
Montenegro	Podgorica	Euro	Montenegrin	Prime Minister – Duško Marković
Morocco	Rabat	Dirham	Arabic	Saadeddine Othmani
Mozambique	Maputo	Metical	Portuguese	Prime Minister – Carlos Agostinho do Rosário
Myanmar (Burma)	Rangoon (Yangon); Naypyidaw or Nay Pyi Taw (administrative)	Kyat	Burmese	State Counsellor – Aung San Suu Kyi
Namibia	Windhoek	Namibian dollar	English; Afrikaans; German	Prime Minister – Saara Kuugongelwa
Nauru	no official capital; government offices in Yaren	Australian dollar	English; Nauran	President – Baron Waqa

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Nepal	Kathmandu	Nepalese rupee	Nepali	Prime Minister – Sher Bahadur Deuba
Netherlands	Amsterdam; The Hague (seat of government)	Euro (formerly guilder)	Dutch	Prime Minister – Mark Rutte
New Zealand	Wellington	New Zealand dollar	English	Prime Minister – Jacinda Ardern
Nicaragua	Managua	Gold cordoba	Spanish	President – Daniel Ortega
Niger	Niamey	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Brigi Rafini
Nigeria	Abuja	Naira	English	President – Muhammadu Buhari
Norway	Oslo	Norwegian krone	Norwegian	Prime Minister – Erna Solberg
Oman	Muscat	Omani rial	Arabic	Sultan and Prime Minister – Qaboos bin Said al Said
Pakistan	Islamabad	Pakistani rupee	Urdu; English	Interim Prime Minister – Shahid Khaqan Abbasi
Palau	Melekeok	U.S. dollar	English; Palauan	President – Tommy

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Panama	Panama City	balboa; U.S. dollar	Spanish	President – Juan Carlos Varela
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby	Kina	English; Tok Pisin; Hiri Motu	Prime Minister – Peter O'Neill
Paraguay	Asuncion	Guaraní	Spanish; Guarani	President – Horacio Cartes
Peru	Lima	Nuevo sol (1991)	Spanish	Prime Minister – Mercedes Aráoz
Philippines	Manila	Peso	Filipino; English	President – Rodrigo Duterte
Poland	Warsaw	Zloty	Polish	Prime Minister – Beata Szydło
Portugal	Lisbon	Euro (formerly escudo)	Portuguese	Prime Minister – António Costa
Qatar	Doha	Qatari riyal	Arabic	Prime Minister – Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani
Romania	Bucharest	Leu	Romanian	Prime Minister – Mihai Tudose
Russia	Moscow	Ruble	Romanian	Prime Minister – Dmitry Medvedev
Rwanda	Kigali	Rwanda franc	Russian	Prime Minister – Edouard Ngirente

Saint Kitts and Nevis	Basseterre	East Caribbean dollar	English	Prime Minister – Timothy Harris
Saint Lucia	Castries	East Caribbean dollar	English	Prime Minister – Allen Chastanet
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Kingstown	East Caribbean dollar	English	Prime Minister – Ralph Gonsalves
Samoa	Apia	Tala	Samoan, English	Prime Minister – Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi
San Marino	San Marino	Euro	Italian	Captain Regent ^[1] – Enrico Carattoni, Matteo Fiorini
Sao Tome and Principe	Sao Tome	Dobra	Portuguese	Prime Minister – Patrice Trovoada
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	Riyal	Arabic	King and Prime Minister – Salman
Senegal	Dakar	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Mohammed Dionne
Serbia	Belgrade	Yugoslav new dinar. In Kosovo both the euro and the Yugoslav dinar are legal	Serbian	Prime Minister – Ana Brnabić

Seychelles	Victoria	Seychelles rupee	Seychellois Creole, French English	President – Danny Faure
Sierra Leone	Freetown	Leone	English	President – Ernest Bai Koroma
Singapore	Singapore	Singapore dollar	English, Chinese and Malay Tamil	Prime Minister – Lee Hsien Loong
Slovakia	Bratislava	Koruna	Slovak	Prime Minister – Robert Fico
Slovenia	Ljubljana	Slovenian tolar; euro (as of 1/1/07)	Slovene	Prime Minister – Miro Cerar
Solomon Islands	Honiara	Solomon Islands dollar	English	Prime Minister – Manasseh Sogavare
Somalia	Mogadishu	Somali shilling	Somali Arabic	Prime Minister – Hassan Ali Khayre
South Africa	Pretoria (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judiciary)	Rand	Afrikaans, English, Southern Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swazi Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu	President – Jacob Zuma
South Sudan	Juba	Sudanese Pound	English	President – Salva Kiir Mayardit

Spain	Madrid	Euro (formerly peseta)	Spanish, Catalan Galician , Gasque	President of the Government – Mariano Rajoy
Sri Lanka	Colombo; Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (legislative)	Sri Lanka rupee	Sinhala, Tamil	Prime Minister – Ranil Wickremesinghe
Sudan	Khartoum	Dinar	Arabic, English	Prime Minister – Bakri Hassan Saleh
Suriname	Paramaribo	Surinamese dollar	Dutch	President – Dési Bouterse
Swaziland	Mbabane	Lilangeni	English, Swati	Prime Minister – Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini
Sweden	Stockholm	Krona	Swedish	Prime Minister – Stefan Löfven
Switzerland	Bern	Swiss franc	German, French, Italian, Romansh	Doris Leuthard
Syria	Damascus	Syrian pound	Arabic	Prime Minister – Imad Khamis
Taiwan	Taipei	Taiwan dollar	Standard Chinese	President of the Executive Yuan – William Lai
Tajikistan	Dushanbe	somoni	Tajik	Prime Minister – Kokhir Rasulzoda
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam;	Tanzanian shilling	Swahili, English	Prime Minister –

	Dodoma (legislative)			Kassim Majaliwa
Thailand	Bangkok	baht	Thai	Prime Minister – Prayut Chan-o- cha
Togo	Lome	CFA Franc	French	Prime Minister – Komi Sélom Klassou
Tonga	Nuku'alofa	Pa'anga	English	Prime Minister – ‘Akilisi Pōhiva
Trinidad and Tobago	Port-of-Spain	Trinidad and Tobago dollar	English	Prime Minister – Keith Rowley
Tunisia	Tunis	Tunisian dinar	Arabic	Youssef Chahed
Turkey	Ankara	Turkish lira (YTL)	Turkish	Prime Minister – Binali Yıldırım
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Manat	Turkmen	President – Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow
Tuvalu	Vaiaku village, Funafuti province	Australian dollar	Polynesian	Prime Minister – Enele Sopoaga
Uganda	Kampala	Ugandan new shilling	Swahili, English, Luganda	Prime Minister – Ruhakana Rugunda
Ukraine	Kyiv	Hryvna	Ukrainian	Prime Minister – Volodymyr Groysman

United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	U.A.E. dirham	Arabic	Prime Minister – Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
United Kingdom	London	Pound sterling	English	Prime Minister – Theresa May
United States of America	Washington D.C.	dollar	English	President – Donald Trump
Uruguay	Montevideo	Uruguay peso	Spanish	President – Tabaré Vázquez
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Uzbekistani sum	Uzbek	Prime Minister – Abdulla Aripov
Vanuatu	Port-Vila	Vatu	Bislama, French, English	Prime Minister – Charlot Salwai
Vatican City (Holy See)	Vatican City	Euro	Italian	Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello
Venezuela	Caracas	Bolivar	Spanish	President – Nicolás Maduro
Vietnam	Hanoi	Dong	Vietnamese	Nguyễn Phú Trọng
Yemen	Sanaa	Rial	Arabic	Prime Minister – Ahmed Obeid bin Daghr
Zambia	Lusaka	Kwacha	English	President – Edgar Lungu

Zimbabwe	Harare	Zimbabwean dollar	English, Shona, Ndebele	President – Robert Mugabe
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