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1st October

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has partnered with Google to launch Loo Review campaign on Google Map. The joint campaign has been launched under aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM–U). It will run throughout October and November 2018 in an effort to increase awareness and ease of locating public toilets across India. 500 plus cities in India with more than 30,000 toilets with name of “SBM Toilet” are currently live on Google Maps.
- Second Anniversary of Surgical Strike was celebrated as Parakram Parv or Surgical Strike Day on September 29 – 30, 2018 by Indian Army to showcase gallant action of brave Army in the conduct of Surgical Strikes on September 29, 2016. This day was also marked to remember sacrifice of soldiers during ‘Uri incident’. The Parakram Parv celebrations were inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at ‘Combined Commanders’ Conference in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- United States and Morocco have launched GCTF Terrorist Travel Initiative under auspices of Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF). The initiative brings together stakeholders to share expertise on developing and implementing effective counterterrorism watch listing and screening tools. The new initiative will strengthen UNSC Resolution 2396 aiming to stop terrorist travel altogether. GCTF was launched officially in New York on 22 September 2011.
- The Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics (CEDA) was inaugurated by Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad in New Delhi on September 28, 2018. The centre has been set up by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in a joint initiative with National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) to support government departments to unlock the hidden potential of the data that they are generating as a part of the governance processes and use it to improve the overall governance. The centre will help in fast-tracking the adoption of advanced world-class data analytics services in government.
- The five-judge bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices R F Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra unanimously held 158-year-old **Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code**, which deals with the offence of adultery, as unconstitutional and arbitrary. The court said Section 497 is violative of right to equality and right to equal opportunity to women and disallows them from making their own choices.

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- The Union Cabinet has approved providing central assistance worth Rs 620.42 crore and Rs 205.758 crore for implementation of relining of Rajasthan Feeder Canal and Sirhind Feeder Canal respectively over five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23 to address the problem of water-logging in 84800 Ha of land in Muktsar, Faridkot and Ferozpur districts in South-West Punjab and enhance the water availability in the two canals. The funding shall be made through NABARD under existing system for funding of PMKSY-AIBP projects under LTIF.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU between India and Uzbekistan:
 - On mutual cooperation in combating illicit trafficking in narcotics, drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
 - On cooperation in the sphere of law and justice.
 - For strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism
 - For establishment of the Uzbek-Indian Free Pharmaceutical Zone in the Andijan Region of Uzbekistan.
 - For cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence on September 29, 2018 in New Delhi. The event was jointly organised by UGC, AICTE, ICSSR, IGNC, IGNOU, JNU and SGT University. The theme of the Conference was to deliberate on the challenges facing the Indian education system and to work out a plan for a paradigm shift both in terms of achieving academic outcomes and also in the regulation of education.
- The National Tourism Awards 2016-17 were presented by Union Minister for Tourism (IC), K J Alphons on September 27, 2018, on the occasion of the World Tourism Day, which is being celebrated globally with the theme '*Tourism & Digital Transformation*'. The Tourism Minister also launched the '**Incredible India Mobile App**' and the '**Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification**' programme. This year, a total of 77 awards were presented to the tourism industry stakeholders, state governments, central agencies and individuals. Best Heritage city award was given to Ahmedabad and Mandu jointly.

2nd October

- The International Coffee Day is observed every year on October 1 to promote and celebrate coffee as beverage. Observance of this day marks global celebration of coffee's journey from farm to your local shop and opportunity to honour men and women who grow and harvest coffee. This year with the theme '*Women in Coffee*', it aims to highlight important role played by women in whole coffee chain as men. The official date was agreed by International Coffee

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Organization and was launched in Milan, Italy in 2015. India is 6th largest coffee producer in the world.

- Madhya Pradesh Government has announced creation of new district Niwari. It will be 52nd district of the state and came into effect from October 1, 2018. The proposal to this effect was cleared by state Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Niwari district has been carved out of the Tikamgarh district. IAS officer Akshay Kumar Singh (2010-batch) will hold interim charge as first District Collector of new district.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and World Trade Organization have collectively launched report “Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth”. In this report all three international organisations have sought liberalisation of global service sector, asserting that barriers to these services trade currently is roughly as high as those to trade in goods about a half century ago. Services comprise some two-thirds of global GDP and employment.
- The second International Translation Day was observed by United Nations on 30 September 2018. Observance of this day seeks to recognize contribution of unsung heroes behind international diplomacy who work as language professionals to facilitate dialogue and contribute to development and strengthens world peace and security. The International Translation Day was instituted by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in May 2017 by adopting resolution 71/288.
- All India Council for Technical Education will establish country’s first AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan. Moreover, three more ATAL academies will come at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Guwahati (Assam) and Baroda (Gujarat) by next year. These academies will provide upgraded teaching methods and modules to make technical education more effective and accountable. AICTE is statutory body established in November 1945. It comes under aegis of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resources Development.
- Union Finance Ministry has constituted nine-member Competition Law Review Committee to ensure that legislation is in tune with changing business environment. It will be chaired by Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas. The committee was constituted in pursuance of Government’s objective of ensuring that legislation is in sync with needs of strong economic fundamental. The Competition Act was passed in 2002 and Competition Commission of India (CCI) was set up in 2009
- President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent Karnataka Good Samaritan and Medical Professional (Protection and Regulation during Emergency Situations) Bill, 2016 under

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Article 200 of Constitution. With this, Karnataka became first state give legal protection to good Samaritans who help accidents victims with emergency medical care within golden hour. Golden hour in medical term is the first hour after traumatic injury when emergency treatment is very crucial. It also seeks encourage people to offer first aid to victims without fear of harassment in hands of police and investigations.

- The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute on October 1, 2018 awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo “for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation”. It is one of five Nobel Prizes established in 1895 by Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, in his will. The first Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded in 1901 to the German physiologist Emil von Behring for his work on serum therapy and the development of a vaccine against diphtheria.

3rd October

- The International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) is observed every year on October 1 to raise awareness about issues affecting elderly and to appreciate contributions that older people make to society. The theme for this year is “Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions”. The International Day of Older Persons was instituted by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) by adopting resolution 45/106 in December 1990.
- India-born economist Gita Gopinath was appointed Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF). She will take over as IMF chief economist after Maurice Obstfeld retires in December 2018. It makes her second Indian after former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan to hold the position. She is currently Economic Adviser to Chief Minister of Kerala and also had served on advisory panel for G-20 issues for India’s Ministry of Finance. She was also chosen as Young Global Leader by World Economic Forum (WEF) in 2011.
- The World Habitat Day was observed every year on first Monday in October all over the world with an aim to remind world of its collective responsibility for habitat of future generations. This year with the theme “Municipal solid waste management” it aims to highlight issue of solid waste management as global issue that affects everyone. The day was established by UNGA through Resolution 40/202 in 1985 and was first celebrated in 1986.
- International Status Report 2018 released by Canadian Cancer Society ranked India 5th among 206 countries in Cigarette Package Health Warnings while Timor-Leste topped the list. The ranking of the countries was in terms of largest pictorial warning on cigarette packs. In India, 85% of both sides of cigarette packets are covered with warnings. Canada was first

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country to make picture health warnings mandatory in 2001. The report has found that 118 countries worldwide have made pictorial warnings mandatory.

- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has launched Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) aimed at providing sustainable alternative towards affordable transportation. The initiative was launched with PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs i.e. IOC, BPCL and HPCL). It will benefit vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.
- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) became first stock exchange in the country to launch commodity derivative contracts. It has launched contracts in popular commodities like gold (1kg) and silver (30kg). This launch comes after unified exchange regime kicked off from 1 October 2018. It will help efficient price discovery, reduce timelines and make it cost effective. BSE is the oldest stock exchange in Asia formed in 1875 in Mumbai. It is 10th largest stock market in the world by market capitalization at \$1.7 trillion and has more than 5,000 companies listed in it.
- The International Day of Non-Violence was observed across the world on October 2, 2018, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The principle of non-violence, which is also known as non-violent resistance, rejects the use of physical violence in order to achieve social or political change. On 15 June 2007 the United Nations General Assembly established 2 October as the International Day of Non-Violence.
- The Union Government on October 2, 2018 launched the Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth year celebrations, marking the beginning of the final year of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). The Swachh Bharat Mission will culminate on October 2, 2019. Since the inception of the program, the rural sanitation coverage of India increased significantly, from 39 percent in October 2014 to over 90 percent, as of September 2018. Over 78 million household toilets have been constructed under the Mission. As a result, **25 States/Union Territories, over 513 districts, and 504316 villages** have declared themselves as free from open defecation.

4th October

- Realtors body National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to provide skill training and jobs in construction sector for 2.5 lakh urban poor people under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission. NAREDCO is autonomous self-regulatory body under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It was established in 1998 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

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- President Ramnath Kovind has appointed senior judge of Supreme Court Madan Bhimarao Lokur (64) as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA). He had served as Additional Solicitor General of India from July 1998 to February 1999. He functioned as Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court and Andhra Pradesh High court. He was appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court in June 2012. NALSA provides for free legal aid inter-alia to all persons in custody. It has been constituted under Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- Odisha Government has launched State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) to benefit the 25 lakh poor people who were left out of the National Food Security Act (NFSA). It was launched by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October). In Odisha, about 78% of population are availing benefits of NFSA. NFSA aims to provide subsidized food grains to approximately two thirds of the population (75% in rural areas and 50% in urban areas).
- The world's largest dome was inaugurated at Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT)'s World Peace University (MIT-WPU) campus in Pune (Maharashtra) by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu along with Peace Center on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The dome stands 263 feet tall and has a diameter of 160 feet, overtaking earlier record holding Vatican Dome having diameter of 139.6 feet.
- The sixth edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multi-national maritime exercise between Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies was held at Simons Town, South Africa with an aim to undertake collective training for participating navies, building interoperability and mutual understanding as well as sharing of best practices. Exercise IBSAMAR was initiated in 2006. The last edition of IBSAMAR V was conducted off Goa, India in February 2016 and all previous exercises were held in South Africa.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched first global guidelines on sanitation and health. These guidelines summarize evidence on effectiveness of range of sanitation interventions. They also articulate role of health sector in maximizing health impact of sanitation interventions. According to WHO, 2.3 billion people worldwide lack basic sanitation and almost half of the world population is forced to defecate in the open. WHO is specialized agency of United Nations that acts as coordinating authority on international public health. It was established on 7 April 1948 and headquartered in Geneva.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated first Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) in New Delhi. The same event also marked inauguration of second Indian Ocean Rim

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Association (IORA) Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting and second Global RE-Invest (Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo). United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres was present on the occasion. The ISA Framework Agreement had entered into force in December 2017 and formally became de-jure treaty based International Intergovernmental Organization. It is headquartered at Gurugram, India. IORA is international organisation consisting of coastal states bordering Indian Ocean. It was set up with objective of strengthening regional cooperation and sustainable development within Indian Ocean Region with 21 member states and 7 Dialogue partners.

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has selected three scientists Arthur Ashkin (USA), Gerard Mourou (France) and Donna Strickland (Canada) for the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics. They were selected for groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics. Arthur Ashkin: He is 96 years old which makes him oldest scientist ever to be awarded a Nobel Prize. He received prize for optical tweezers and their application to biological systems. Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland: They were jointly awarded for their method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses. Their innovative technique is known as 'chirped pulse amplification' (CPA). With this, Strickland (59) became third woman to have received Nobel Prize in Physics, after Marie Curie in 1903 and Maria Goeppert Mayer in 1963.
- The 2018 Nobel Prize in chemistry has been awarded one half to Frances Arnold from US and the other half jointly to US' George Smith and UK's Gregory Winter. Arnold was awarded for the directed evolution of the enzymes, while Smith and Winter for drug research that can neutralize toxins, counteract autoimmune diseases and cure metastatic cancer.

5th October

- The Union Cabinet has remodified its earlier decision to establish of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) in Sehore District (Bhopal-Sehore highway) instead of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. NIMHR will be the first of its kind in the country in the area of mental health rehabilitation. NIMHR will be established as society under Societies Registration Act, 1860. It will function under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- India was ranked 28th among 73 countries in 2018 Government e-Payments Adoption Ranking (GEAR). India has jumped by eight positions in this ranking from 36th in 2011 which reinforces country's progress towards digital transformation. Norway has topped 2018 GEAR list scoring 89.7 points in seven categories. 2018 GEAR is an Economist Intelligence Unit

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(EIU) global Index and benchmarking study commissioned by financial services corporation Visa. It ranks the governments based on seven parameters.

- Justice Ranjan Gogoi was sworn-in as 46th Chief Justice of India. He was administered oath of the office by President Ram Nath Kovind. With this, Justice Ranjan Gogoi is the first Chief Justice of India from the north-east. He succeeded CJI Dipak Misra who retired from the office. He will have tenure of about 13 months, from October 3, 2018 till his retirement on November 17, 2019. He is a native of Assam. He had joined Bar in 1978 and practiced mainly in Gauhati High Court. He worked as chief justice of Punjab and Haryana high court. He was elevated to the Supreme Court in April 2012.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with United Nation's Champions of the Earth Award 2018 by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres at ceremony in Delhi. He is among the six winners who received this award. PM Modi was jointly awarded this award along with French President Emmanuel Macron under the 'Political Leadership' category for their work in championing International Solar Alliance (ISA) and promoting new areas of cooperation on environmental action. PM Modi is third Indian to receive this award after Tulsi Tanti, Chairman of the Suzlon Group, and Afroz Alam, a lawyer who led clean-up at Mumbai's Versova beach. Cochin International Airport also received Champions of Earth Award 2018 for 'Entrepreneurial Vision and for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy. It is world's first fully solar-powered airport.
- India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed \$240 million loan agreement for West Bengal Drinking Water Sector Improvement Project to provide safe drinking water to people in three districts of West Bengal. The project aims at providing safe and sustainable drinking water to people in Bankura, North 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur affected by arsenic, fluoride and salinity. It will support state in strengthening its smart water management system, improve flood-related early warning and response.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched Udyam Abhilasha, a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign. It was launched in 115 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog in 28 States. The campaign will run from 3 October to 8 October, 2018 across India and reach out to around 15,000 youth. Established on April 2, 1990, SIDBI is principal development financial institution for promotion, financing and development of MSME sector in India.
- India has launched massive humanitarian operation Samudra Maitri to provide assistance to earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia. The operation was launched after telephonic

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conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Indonesian President Joko Widodo and following Indonesia's acceptance of international aid. Under this operation, India has dispatched two aircraft C-130J and C-17 and three naval ships carrying relief material and personnel to the country.

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2018 approved the redevelopment of railway stations through simplified procedures by adopting various business models and issuance of longer lease tenure of up to 99 years. The Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) will be the nodal agency and the main project development agency of the project. The development paves the way for large-scale modernisation and will ensure world-class rail infrastructure.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Russia on bilateral cooperation in the road transport and road industry. The MoU will be signed during the upcoming visit of Russian President to India. This will also help in planning and administration of road infrastructure and road network management, transport policy, technologies and standards for the construction and operation of highways in the country.

6th October

- Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow organised the fourth India International Science Festival 2018 (IISF 2018) in Lucknow, UP from October 5 to 8, 2018. This is for first time IISF being organized in Uttar Pradesh. With the theme "Science for Transformation", it was inaugurated by Ram Nath Kovind. The 1st IISF was held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) New Delhi in December, 2015.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has designated R N Ravi, Chairman of Joint Intelligence Committee as Deputy National Security Advisor (Internal Affairs). He will be third deputy NSA to National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval after former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief, Rajinder Khanna and serving diplomat Pankaj Saran. Ravi is 1976-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Kerala cadre. NSA is the chief executive of National Security Council (NSC) and primary advisor to Prime Minister on national and international security and oversees strategic issues.
- The second Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (REINVEST- 2018) was organised by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in Noida from October 3 to 5, 2018. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the presence of Secretary General of United Nations Antonio Guterres. 2nd Global RE-INVEST also hosted First

Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) and Meeting of the Energy Ministers of IORA countries. The first REIVEST was organised in 2015.

- The maiden joint exercise of Coast Guards of India and Vietnam “Sahyog HOP TAC -2018” was held in the Bay of Bengal off the Chennai coast, Tamil Nadu. It was aimed at strengthening the working level relationship between coast guards of both navies. It encompassed scenario of hijacking of oil tanker and subsequent rescue of its crew in coordinated anti-piracy joint operation as well as preventive efforts for marine environment protection.
- 21 countries in Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) adopted Delhi Declaration on Renewable Energy in Indian Ocean Region. It was adopted at 2nd IORA Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting held at 2nd Global Re-Invest India-ISA Partnership Renewable Energy Investor’s Meet & Expo in Greater Noida. Delhi Declaration on Renewable Energy calls for promotion of technology development and transfer, strengthening of public private partnerships (PPP) in renewable energy and collaboration among IORA member states and member nations of International Solar Alliance (ISA). IORA is international organisation consisting of coastal states bordering Indian Ocean, established in 1997 to promote cooperation in IOR. It comprises 21 member states (including India) and 7 dialogue partners.
- Union Ministry of Civil Aviation has released policy on biometric based digital processing of passengers at airports called Digi Yatra. The initiative seeks to promote paperless and hassle-free air travel. It will be operational by end of February, 2019 at Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports. Under it, there will be one-time verification at departure airport while travelling for first time using ID. After successful verification, facial recognition biometric will be captured and stored in Digi Yatra ID. With this initiative, ticket booking, airport entry and boarding pass security check-in will be made digital.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently conferred Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2018. Haryana was ranked as best State, Satara District of Maharashtra was ranked as best district. Uttar Pradesh was rewarded for maximum citizens’ participation. The awards were given at concluding session of Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention at Rahtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre.
- The 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin was held on October 5, 2018. They signed a USD 5.43 billion deal for India to procure the S-400 Triumph missile system from Russia that can

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engage up to 36 targets at a time and simultaneously launch 72 missiles. Putin is on his two-day visit to India.

- India-Russia cooperation is based on the 1971 Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between the India and Russia; 1993 Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation; 2000 Declaration on Strategic Partnership; and 2010 Joint Statement, elevating the Partnership to a Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.
- Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi on October 3, 2018 became the first person to be stripped of the honorary Canadian citizenship for her role in gross human rights violations against the Rohingya people. The Canadian Senate formally revoked the symbolic honour that was bestowed on Suu Kyi in 2007. Despite the international criticism and revoking of honorary Canadian citizenship, Suu Kyi will retain her Nobel Peace Prize she won in 1991 for campaigning for democracy.

7th October

- Indian IT industry's apex body National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has launched its Centre of Excellence for the Internet of Things (CoE – IoT) at Gurugram, Haryana. It aims to act as perfect collaboration for innovation and high-end technologies. NASSCOM is global non-profit trade association (organisation) of Indian Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry. The first CoE – IoT was established in Bengaluru.
- Government has inked \$110 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to upgrade all-weather rural roads in Madhya Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). It is second tranche of \$500 million Second Rural Connectivity Investment Programme for India approved by ADB in December 2017. It plans to upgrade about 12,000 km rural roads across the five states. ADB is multilateral lending agency based in Manila, Philippines. It was established on 19 December 1966.
- Pankaj Sharma has been appointed as ambassador and India's permanent representative to United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and will replace Amandeep Gill. Sharma is currently joint secretary (Disarmament and International Security Division) in Ministry of External Affairs. UN Conference on Disarmament (CD) is not formally United Nations (UN) organization. It is linked to UN through personal representative of UN Secretary. It is multilateral forum established in 1979.
- National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) will be set up at the University campus in Patna, Bihar. It will be India's and Asia's first Dolphin research centre. NDRC will play important

role in strengthening conservation efforts and research to save endangered mammal whose population is decreasing. Bihar is home to around half of the country's estimated 3,000 dolphin population. Gangetic river dolphin is India's national aquatic animal. It is almost completely blind and finds its way and prey using ultrasonic echoes.

- The Norwegian Nobel Committee on October 5, 2018 awarded the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize to Denis Mukwege(63) and Nadia Murad(25) for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. Denis Mukwege is the helper who has devoted his life to defending the victims and seeking justice for them, while Nadia Murad is the witness who speaks of the abuses perpetrated against her and others. She is courageous enough to recount her own sufferings and speaking up on behalf of other. Mukwege and Murad have put their personal security at risk by courageously combating war crimes and seeking justice for the victims.
- The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to the Second Protocol amending the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and Singapore. The CECA was signed on August 24, 2018. The signing of the Second Protocol will enhance bilateral trade and will deepen the Economic Cooperation between India and Singapore. It will also improve utilisation of CECA.
- Canada agreed to sign a trade deal with the United States and Mexico, revamping the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The new deal has been named the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). It modernises what was covered by NAFTA by adding provisions on digital trade and intellectual property. It also highlights new rules on the origin of autos and the market access to Canada's dairy sector.