

## SEPTEMBER - 01 to 07, 2017

-Sunil Arora appointed as the Election Commissioner

The Union Government has appointed former Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sunil Arora (61) as Election Commissioner. He will have tenure of four years in the Election Commission. His appointment comes to fill the vacancy created by former CEC Nasim Zaidi's retirement.

-Rajiv Kumar takes charge as NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman.

Noted economist Rajiv Kumar took over as the Vice-Chairman of government National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. He succeeds Indian-American economist Arvind Panagariya who had resigned to return to academia. As a Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, he will hold Union Cabinet Minister rank. Prime Minister is ex-officio Chairperson of the Aayog.

-NITI(National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog

NITI Aayog is the premier policy 'Think Tank' of the Union Government, providing both directional and policy inputs.

-Rajiv Mehrishi appointed as Comptroller and Auditor General(CAG) of India.

Senior IAS officer Rajiv Mehrishi was appointed as the next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. He will succeed Shashi Kant Sharma who is going to demit office on September 25, 2017.

-The world's largest and powerful X-ray laser- European X-ray Free Electron Laser (XFEL) was unveiled in Hamburg, Germany. It will help scientists penetrate the inner workings of atoms, viruses and chemical reactions.

-India and Switzerland have signed two pacts for technical cooperation in the field of Railways after delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting President of Swiss Confederation Doris Leuthard in New Delhi.

-India and Myanmar will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the conservation of earthquake-damaged pagodas at Bagan during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Myanmar on September 6-7, 2017

-New Delhi is hosting the annual conference Rajaswa Gyan Sangam (RGS – 2017)

- Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as the new Secretary in the Department of Financial Services (DFS)

-Anita Karwal has been appointed as the new Chairperson of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

-The 3-day International Hindu Conference has started in Kathmandu, Nepal with the theme of 'Emerging spiritualism: Renaissance of Hinduism' on August 31, 2017.

-The state-owned NTPC has signed a term loan agreement for Rs. 3,000 crore with ICICI Bank for partially funding its capital expenditure. The loan which has a door-to-door tenure of 15 years will be utilised to part finance the capital expenditure of NTPC.

-Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar has launched an online Public Grievance Redressal System at the state secretariat on September 1, 2017. It is a single window online portal for citizens to register grievances towards any state government department.

-Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS) is located in Goa

-The CSIR(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Public Research Institution of the World

-Samsung gains permit to test self-driving cars in California recently

-China and India submitted proposal to WHO for elimination of trade-distorting farm subsidies

-IGCAR(Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research) nuclear scientist U Kamachi Mudali appointed as chief of heavy water board

-Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail receives 2016 saraswati samman for his novel Hawthan

-ISRO launch of IRNSS-1H satellite was unsuccessful

-Unicity International, headquartered in Orem, Utah, United States launched world's first ever Genomeceutical (gene controlling) range of products to India. DNA contains the biological code that defines every single protein in the body. It undergoes a process called transcription or gene expression that creates a "messenger" molecule, telling the body to make a specific protein.

-1st Week of September is considered as the National Nutrition Week. The theme of the National Nutrition Week for 2017 is "Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health".

-India's leading Financial Exchange, Ebix's ItzCash today announced that it has entered into a strategic agreement with the country's third largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, HDFC ERGO to offer general insurance product on its 'PHYGITAL' platform. The partnership inked will offer a wide range of general insurance policies, providing protection for a range of insurance needs including health, motor, fire and auto.

-Rajasthan govt accords Jats of Dholpur and Bharatpur districts reservation under the Other Backward Class (OBC)

-Harshil Mehta was appointed as the MD and CEO of DHFL

-WikiLeaks website was hacked by a group called OurMine

-The Madhya Pradesh government launched a new scheme to hedge price risks in agriculture wherein farmers will be compensated for distress sales at prices below Union government-announced minimum support prices (MSP).

-India has offered to host a joint urban earthquake search and rescue exercise with the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member nations, including China and Pakistan, in 2019 to better respond to emergencies in case of natural disasters.

-According to Central Statistics Office Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh are the fastest expanding State economies in 2015-16

-The Government of India has given scholarship for 20 Sri Lankan students to study Hindi at the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (Central Institute of Hindi) in Agra.

-Amazon has announced a partnership with the Akshaya Patra Foundation to implement the Karnataka government's 'Ksheera Bhagya' Scheme in Bengalore

-Friday declared 'Day of Helping Hand' in Andhra Pradesh by CM Naidu

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has declared Friday as the day of the week when he will meet with the poor and underprivileged sections of Andhra Pradesh society to hear their grievances and try to resolve them. The day has been declared as the "Day of Helping Hand". Recently, an amount of nearly Rs.9 lakhs was disbursed from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to the poor.

-Lebanon gets first animal protection law

Lebanese President Michel Aoun has signed the country's first animal welfare bill into law, guaranteeing that domestic and wild animals will be legally protected from abuse. The bill is the culmination of years of lobbying for the protection of animals in the Mediterranean country. The law, passed by parliament on August 16, outlines requirements for keeping domestic pets, regulations for zoos and pet shops, and penalties for violations – including jail time and fines.

-SEBI bans Orion Capital, Orion Broking from Markets for 10 years

Markets regulator SEBI barred Orion Capital as well as Orion Broking and their partners from the securities markets for 10 years for failing to redress several investor grievances pertaining to non-settlement of funds due to the clients. The nature of investor complaints received against both the firms are predominantly on non-settlement of the funds and securities and balances due to their clients. The claim amount is more than Rs 6 crore against Orion Capital and over Rs 4 crore against Orion Broking.

-PM inaugurates annual conference 'Rajaswa Gyan Sangam' in Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the annual conference, Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The conference jointly organised by the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the Central Board of Excise and Customs. The Prime Minister addressed the tax administrators during the conference. The closing function would be conducted on 2 September 2017.

-Minister Shri Vijay Goel has announced that a new Youth Sports Centre to be built at Alipur, Delhi

-The Kerala Tourism department has launched a campaign called 'Yalla Kerala' (Yalla means lets go). It has been launched to target tourists from Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

-External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj travelled to Colombo to participate in the two-day Indian Ocean Conference in Colombo, Srilanka

-98.96% per cent of the Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 denomination banknotes that had been invalidated had been returned according to RBI report

As per the data released by the RBI, old notes worth Rs 15.44 lakh crore were there in the market out of which 15.28 lakh crore have been received by the bank. It means all but 1.4% of the old Rs 1,000 notes

have come back into the banking system. As per the RBI report about 89 million units of the demonetised Rs 1,000 notes, worth Rs 8,900 crore, had not come back into the system.

-Indian-origin veteran civil servant JY Pillay has appointed Singapore's acting President

-Samurai Tete was the first woman from Jharkhand who was awarded Dhyan Chand Award 2017

-Nirmala Sitharaman, former minister of state for commerce and industry ministry, has become the new Defence Minister of India. Nirmala Sitharaman is a representative of Karnataka in Rajya Sabha .

-Suresh Prabhu has become the new Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, he was the railway minister before the new appointment.

-The 9th edition of BRICS summit-2017 has started at Xiamen in the Fujian Province of east China with the theme "BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future"

-Divya Deshmukh (11) has won gold in the girls' Under-12 category at the World Cadets Chess Championship at Pocos de Caldas, Brazil.

-The Karnataka government has recently decided to provide free education for girls across the state from Class 1 up to graduation in all public and aided private schools and colleges, excluding professional institutions.

-The world's highest sandcastle 54.72 feet (16.68 metres) tall has recently been built in the German city of Duisburg.

-Shirish Pai (88), the renowned Marathi poet and activist, has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra on September 2, 2017.

-Ahmedabad, the commercial capital of Gujarat, has been formally accorded the status of India's first World Heritage City (WHC) by UNESCO.

-Piyush Goyal has been appointed as the new Union Minister of Railways

-The Pulie Badze Wildlife Sanctuary (PWS) is located at Kohima District of Nagaland and covers an area of 923 hectares.

-The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has approved constitution of 13-member Empowered Steering Committee (ESC). It will shape and influence India's preparation for multi-disciplinary events, including 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

-Swedish defence and security company SAAB and Adani Group have announced collaboration in defence manufacturing to Build Gripen E fighter jets in India. under the Defence Ministry's \$10 billion single-engine fighter jet procurement programme.

-The central government recently launched a scheme called Rashtriya Vayoshri for the Youth.

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

-Gujarat recently launched Central scheme for senior citizens.

-Uber will give free insurance to its 450,000 driver partners in India that will cover death, disability or hospitalization due to accidents.

-The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) signed an agreement with the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to set up 25,000 Wi-Fi hotspots in its rural exchanges by next six months.

-China's first test-flight base for civilian drones was opened in Shanghai

-Chipmaker AMD presented a new line of microprocessor chips called 'Ryzen Pro' for commercial desktop workstations to be available in India and other countries by end of 2017.

-India most corrupt Asian country, Vietnam ranked second according to Forbes

-Assam Government has extended term of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 and declared entire state a Disturbed Area for six more months under Section 3 of AFSPA Act.

-Kenneth I. Juster named U.S Ambassador to India

-Wildcard entrant Gaurav Bidhuri's won the bronze in World Boxing Championships.

-Karnataka launches unified health scheme 'Arogya Bhagya' and the main theme of the scheme is Treatment First and Payment Next

-India gets its first Indigenous sniper rifle from West Bengal

-Australia and East Timor have agreed on key elements of a maritime boundary and revenue sharing from a natural gas field beneath the seabed between the two countries

-The Reliance Foundation was awarded with the prestigious Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Award at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Chairperson of the foundation, Nita Ambani collected the award from President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi.

-Hyderabad International Airport Ltd has bagged the National Award for 'Excellence' in Energy Management at a conference hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

-Tamil Nadu Police has launched a new online services. Under the online services petitioners seeking documents to file accident claims can now download all necessary documents via the Internet on payment for a minimum charge.

-World Coconut Day has been observed on 2nd September 2017.

-FDA(Food and Drug Administration) approves first gene altering leukemia treatment called kymriah.

Novartis drug Kymriah works by genetically modifying pediatric and young adult patients' blood cells to attack cancer cells in blood and bone marrow. It will be used in patients under the age of 25 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia who were unresponsive to initial treatment. Kymriah is a cell-based gene therapy. The therapy is a genetically-modified autologous T-cell immunotherapy.

-Archaeologists in Andhra Pradesh have discovered an ancient Buddhist site that dates back to 1st century AD, in Guntur district.

-The Tajikistan government has banned its women from wearing veils and Tajikistan government has introduced a legislation, wherein it has asked the women to "stick to traditional national clothes and culture". Under existing laws, women wearing hijabs are already banned from entering the country's government offices.

-Environment Ministry will launch an environment awareness initiative. Under which an online environmental quiz competition named "Prakriti Khoj" an Environment Quiz to be conducted at the national level.

-Five banks of the BRICS Bank Cooperation Mechanism have agreed to establish credit lines in the national currencies and cooperate on credit ratings. "Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES), Vnesheconombank, Export-Import Bank of India(EXIM), China Development Bank and Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) have signed an agreement to establish credit lines in the national currencies, as well as a memorandum of cooperation on credit ratings,

-Intel has introduced a new vision processing unit (VPU) called Movidius Myriad X.

The new Intel VPU is aimed at providing end-to-end artificial intelligence (AI) solutions to a wide range of product categories such as smart cameras, virtual reality (VR) devices, robotics and even drones. Myriad X is the world's first system-on-chip (SOC) shipping with a dedicated neural compute engine for accelerating deep learning inferences at the edge.

-Nine new Ministers of state were inducted into the Union Council of Ministers.

-Four Ministers of state were elevated to the cabinet rank. The ministers promoted were Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Dharmendra Pradhan, Piyush Goyal and Nirmala Sitharaman.

-North Korea's 6th nuke test 9.8 times powerful than 5th: S Korea

The "artificial quake" in North Korea thought to be its sixth nuclear test was five to six times more powerful than the fifth nuclear test. As per the South's Yonhap news agency reported it was 9.8 times more powerful than the tremor from Pyongyang's fifth test.

-NASA Astronaut Peggy Whitson to return home after 288 days in space

According to the US space agency NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson is set to depart the International Space Station (ISS) and return to Earth after completing a 288-day long mission. Whitson is completing a 288-day mission that began in November 2016, spanning 122.2 million miles and 4,623 orbits of Earth – her third long-duration stay on the outpost.

-India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) will meet this month in order to conclude their long pending negotiations on FTA (Free Trade Agreement). European Free Trade Association (EFTA)'s Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

-Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore has appointed as the country's Youth Affairs and Sports Minister. He has succeeded Vijay Goyal as the Sports Minister and is the first sportsperson to become the head of the Sports Ministry. Rathore is the first Indian shooter to win an Olympic medal after his silver at the 2004 Athens Games.

-Hockey India fired national coach Roelant Oltmans after a string of unimpressive outings at the international level.

-The government has issued an alert on spread of new malware 'Locky Ransomware' that can lock computers and demand ransom for unlocking them.

Key Points:Ransomware is a malicious software and the Locky Ransomware is learnt to be demanding ransom of half bitcoin, which at present rate is equivalent to over Rs 1.5 lakh.

-MS Dhoni has become the first wicketkeeper to effect 100 stumpings in ODI cricket.

MS Dhoni reached a record of 100 stumping in One-Day Internationals during his 301st match, as India played Sri Lanka in the fifth ODI of the five-match series at Colombo. Dhoni surpassed former Sri Lankan wicket-keeper Kumar Sangakkara, who had 99 stumpings in 404 matches.Dhoni, recently, became the sixth Indian player to play 300 matches in the 50-over format.

-Dharmendra Pradhan, the Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, has been promoted as Cabinet Minister and got additional charge of Union Ministry of Skill Development

-Satish Kumar, the decorated West Bengal wrestler, has been awarded Rs 25 lakh as compensation by the Delhi court for being wrongly restrained from taking part in the 14th Asian Games-2002 at Busan in South Korea under the mistaken impression that he had taken performance-enhancing drugs.

-Nepal has recently signed a \$635 million United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for 2018-2022 to lay out the country's development strategy.

-The Indian pair of Rohan Kapoor and Kuhoo Garg bagged the mixed doubles title at the Hellas Open International badminton series after registering a straight-game victory in Livadia.

-Lewis Hamilton, British racing driver who races in Formula One for the Mercedes AMG Petronas team, has won the 2017 Italian Formula One Grand Prix at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza in Monza, Italy.

-Hardeep Singh Puri: Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

-Satya Pal Singh: MoS Human Resource Development and MoS Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

-Shiv Pratap Shukla: MoS Finance Ministry.

-Alphons Kannanthanam: MoS (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Tourism; and MoS in Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

-Raj Kumar Singh: MoS (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Power; and MoS (Independent Charge) of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

-Virendra Kumar: MoS in Ministry of Women and Child Development; and MoS in Ministry of Minority Affairs

-Anantkumar Hegde: MoS in Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

-Piyush Goyal: Railway Ministry.

Nirmala Sitharaman: Defence Ministry.

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi: Minority Affairs Ministry.

Dharmendra Pradhan: Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry.

-Breakthrough Listen project has detected 15 fast radio bursts (FRBs) coming from a dwarf galaxy about 3 million light years away from earth. The new detection was made with help of Green Bank Telescope (GBT) in West Virginia.

-President Ramnath Kovind laid foundation stone for link-4 of Saurashtra Narmada Avataraan Irrigation Scheme (SAUNI) Yojana in Rajkot district, Gujarat.

-The Cell for IPR Promotions & Management (CIPAM) under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has launched social media campaign “#LetsTalkIP” to promote Indian Geographical Indications (GIs).

CIPAM-DIPP launches social media campaign to promote Geographical Indications. CIPAM, which works under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in the ministry, has started an “#LetsTalkIP” initiative. Cell for IPR Promotions and Management (CIPAM) has launched a social media campaign to promote Indian Geographical Indications. It has been launched to make more people aware about the importance of intellectual property rights (IPRs).

-The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has entered into four more Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs), pertaining to sectors like telecom, banking, manufacturing and education .

Out of these four agreements, three were unilateral and one was bilateral. The bilateral APA was for international transactions between an Indian company and UK-based company. With this, total number of APAs entered into by CBDT has reached 175. This includes 162 unilateral APAs and 13 bilateral APAs

-Gurugram Metro Station to get 1,000 new e-rickshaws

-North Korea's missile program led to urgent United Nations Security council (UNSC) Meeting

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

-RBI has included HDFC in the list of 'too big to fail' lenders, referred to as D-SIB or domestic systemically important bank.

India's largest lender SBI and private sector major ICICI Bank were classified as D-SIBs in 2015. With the inclusion of HDFC Bank in the list, there will now be three 'too big to fail' financial entities in the country. SIBs are subjected to higher levels of supervision so as to prevent disruption in financial services in the event of any failure

-The Jammu and Kashmir Government introduces the electric buses for two cities of Srinagar and Jammu under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme.

It is done with an aim to curb pollution in these two cities which were recently declared 'smart cities'.

-Pulitzer-prize winning poet John Ashbery, a post-modern American trailblazer, has passed away at age of 90 in Hudson, New York.

His 1975 collection "Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror" made history when he became the lone writer to earn three major accolades the same year for the same work: the Pulitzer in addition to a National Book Award and a National Book Critics Circle Award.

## UNESCO Confucius Prize 2017

-Confucius Prize recognises the projects that benefit rural populations and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women. This year, the UNESCO Confucius Prize will be given to:

AdulTICoProgram: This program was the initiative of the Secretariat of Information and Communications Technologies of Armenia (Colombia) for teaching digital competencies to seniors.

The Citizens Foundation (Pakistan): The foundation was chosen for its Aagahi Literacy Programme for Women and Out-of-School Girls that includes digital educational needs assessments and provides teaching services to support the education of younger girls and older women.

FunDza (South Africa): The organisation launched readers and writers project to develop a culture of reading and writing for pleasure through an online platform that provides reading courses and writing competitions.

-King Sejong Literacy Prize 2017: The King Sejong Literacy Prize is dedicated to mother-tongue literacy education. The winners of King Sejong Literacy Prize 2017 are:

Centre for the Study of Learning & Performance (CSLP): The Centre at Concordia University (Canada) was chosen for its 'Using Educational Technology to Develop Essential Educational Competencies in Sub-Saharan Africas project'.

We Love Reading (Jordan): This program offers online read-aloud trainings for parents, mobilizes volunteers to read aloud in community spaces to children.

All these five winners will each receive a medal, a certificate and USD 20000. The awards will be handed over to them on the occasion of International Literacy Day on 8 September 2017.

-‘Ye India ka time hai’ event was organized at National Institute of Technology, Raipur Chhattisgar

-Joint India-Nepal army exercise begins in Saljhandi, Nepal.Nepal India Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran has launched and it is to be held from September 3 to 16. This is the 12th edition of the exercise. Joint military exercise, Surya Kiran Nepal Army Battle School at Saljhandi.It will have around 350 troops from each side, focusing on counterinsurgency and counter-terror operations.

-Seychelles ratifies the ISA Framework Agreement and became the ninth member of ISA Framework agreement.The ISA will need the ratification of just six more countries to become a recognized inter-governmental body.

-Global brokerage firm UBS has lowered India's GDP growth forecast to 6.6 per cent from 7.2 per cent. The brokerage said that the growth is expected to rise in coming quarters as the economy is getting normalised post implementation of the GST.

-Singapore based bank DBS has got final approval to operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary (WOS) in India. Diesel DBS was the first foreign lender to apply for the new operating WOS model two years ago

and its approval was delayed due to lack of precedent. The application has been pending with the finance ministry. Now as the problems got sorted out DBS is the second bank after State Bank of Mauritius to receive the nod for its operation in India

-The first consignment of 30 MT of High Speed Diesel was sent on 4th of Sept from India to Myanmar by land route. Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. (NRL), which has been supplying HSD to Bangladesh, despatched the first diesel consignment through NH 37 across the Moreh Custom Check Point on the Indian side and Tamu Custom Check Point on the Myanmar side.

-Astronomers had discovered seven Earth-sized planets orbiting a relatively nearby dwarf star. The system is called TRAPPIST-1. It is especially appealing because it has three planets in the habitable zone it means that these worlds could potentially support liquid water and perhaps even life. TRAPPIST-1 has become one of the most studied exo-systems in the relatively short history of exoplanets.

-Arunachal Pradesh Health and Family Welfare Minister Jomde Kena (52) has passed away in Guwahati, Assam on September 4, 2017. Since 2014, Kena, who represented Likabali seat from Lower Siang district in Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 2004. He was re-elected to the House from the same constituency in 2009 and 2014.

-Star India acquired digital as well as media rights for Indian Premier League for a term of five years 2018-2023 with a whopping bid of Rs. 16,347.50 crore on September 4, 2017. The staggering deal has turned out to be a financial windfall for the BCCI despite the administrative crisis it is facing at the moment. The testimony to IPL's growth as the premier sporting property of the country is reflected by the fact that the previous 10-year bid for TV rights only was bought by Sony at Rs. 8200 crore in 2008. Now, the BCCI stands to earn nearly double that amount in half the duration of five years, with earnings of Rs 3270 crore from IPL media rights per year. The BCCI will now earn Rs 55 crore approximately from an IPL match compared to Rs 43 crore, ironically, for each international match that India play. The media rights include broadcast (TV) and digital (mobile and internet) for various segments namely India, Middle East, Africa, Europe and America.

-Konsam Ormila Devi from India bagged a gold medal in 44kg weight category at the Commonwealth Youth (boys & girls) weightlifting championships at Gold Coast, Australia on September 4, 2017. Ormila lifted 57kg in snatch and 76kg in clean and jerk for an overall effort of 133kg, to finish on the top of the podium. With this effort, Ormila has registered her best lift so far.

-The biennial Joint Indo-Lanka Maritime Fleet Exercise – SLINEX 2017 is scheduled to be conducted from September 7-to-14. The focus of SLINEX 2017 will be on fleet work, seamanship, communication, replenishment at sea as well as helicopter operations. Approx, a complement of 368 Sri Lanka Navy personnel comprising 43 naval officers and 60 mid-shipmen are taking part in the exercise. Sri Lanka Navy's offshore patrol vessels, SLNS Sayura and Sagara will arrive at Port of Visakhapatnam soon to participate in the joint maritime naval exercise with the Indian Navy. The joint naval operations enable both Navies to rehearse and improve own capabilities and enhance operational effectiveness required to maintain maritime security in the region.

-Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched Gyankunj e-class project on the occasion of Teachers day on September 5, 2017. The project has been launched at Shahpur primary school in Gandhinagar in presence of state Chief Secretary. The entire project will work on pilot basis with Interactive e-class room and smart boards have been provided under this initiative. According to official sources, 1609 government primary schools have been provided laptop, projector, infrared camera, smart board, speaker and wifi router facilities for 3,173 class rooms of standard 7 and 8. About 10,000 tablets are to

be given to standard 7 and 8 students across 100 more schools on free of cost. Education for all courses in standard 5 to 8 will be given through e-content and internet.

-Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy and Mumbai-born scientist Veena Sahajwalla have been conferred the PLS Alliance Prize – a prestigious honour that recognises Research Innovation, Education Innovation, Global Leadership and Global Innovation. The Prize of \$ 50,000 was awarded in two categories; Education Innovation and Research Innovation. Both winners were recognised for the development and implementation of innovative solutions to significant global issues. Murthy was presented the PLS Alliance Prize for Global Leadership while Professor Sahajwalla was awarded the PLS Alliance Prize for Research Innovation for her project 'The new science of green manufacturing'. The awards were presented to Murthy, Sahajwalla and the other winners by Professor Sir Malcolm Grant, Chairman of NHS England and Chair of the PLS Alliance Advisory Board, at a ceremony at the T-H-E World Academic Summit in London on September 3, 2017. The PLS Alliance is an international collaboration between Arizona State University, King's College London, and UNSW Sydney.

-The Union Government has accepted recommendations of National Anomaly Committee (NAC) to maintain disability pension for defence forces in parity with civilians under 6th Central Pay Commission (CPC). With acceptance of recommendations of NAC, Government will not go ahead with new disability pension parity regime recommended by 7th CPC and continue earlier system of disbursing disability pension.

-The Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has constituted task force for speedy implementation of various ongoing Namami Gange programme

- KV Rama Moorthy took charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank. He succeeds HS Upendra Kamath. His appointment is for a period of three years. Prior to joining TMB, he was Executive Director of United Bank of India.

-Shri Narendra Modi to hold bilateral meet with Chinese Prez Xi to participate in Dialogue of Emerging Market and developing countries

-September 5<sup>th</sup> is observed as National Teachers Day

-Former Indian basketball team captain Amritpal Singh will be seen shooting and guarding the Sydney Kings' rim in Australia's National Basketball League. He is the first Indian-born player to take to the court in Australia's National League. Amrit, has been signed by the Australian club as a back-up centre, and Sydney Kings managing director.

-Odisha got a state run medical college after a gap of 54 years with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurating Saheed Laxman Nayak Medical College and Hospital (SLNMCH).

-China gave 500 million yuan (\$76.4 million) for a BRICS economic and technology cooperation plan, and another \$4 million for projects at the BRICS countries' New Development Bank stated Chinese President Xi Jinping. The announcement came amid questions over the relevance of BRICS and China's commitment to its New Development Bank (NDB) in light of the Belt and Road initiative and the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

-P R Seshadri has assumed charge as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Karur Vysya Bank. Seshadri succeeds K Venkataraman who has been leading the bank for more than six years.

Seshadri, a senior banker with over 25 years of experience, started his banking career with Citibank in early 1992. He worked as a Chief Executive Officer of BFC Bank Limited, London.

-The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched two new contraceptives- an injectable contraceptive MPA under the 'Antara' program and a contraceptive pill 'Chhaya' in the public health system to expand the basket of contraceptive choices for couples. It have been launched in 10 states including Delhi, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Haryana, West Bengal, Odisha, and Goa.

-The Delhi govt made it mandatory for all the cabs to have at least 4 stickers informing passengers to disable the Child Lock System before the journey starts. The Delhi Commission for Women observed that the possibility of crime against women increases as they cannot open the doors once the lock is activated.

-The official song for the FIFA Under-17 World Cup football tournament was formally launched by the Local Organising Committee and Sony Pictures Networks India in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The song, "Kar Ke Dikha De Goal", is written by lyricist Amitabh Bhattacharya and is composed by Pritam.

-R A Sankara Narayanan has taken charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Vijaya Bank. He has taken over the reigns of the bank from Kishore Sansi, who reached superannuation on August 31. He joined Bank of India as a direct recruit officer in 1983 and has headed various branches.

-Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off the first run of the Lucknow Metro from the Transport Nagar Metro Station in Lucknow. Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik was the chief guest of the ceremony.

-Nepal's government has enacted a new law which aimed at stopping the practice of forcing a woman who is menstruating, or has just given birth, to sleep outside their home, in a hut or shed. According to the law, any family member who forces a woman to practice "chaupadi" — the Nepali term used for menstrual isolation can be punished with a jail sentence of 3 months or a fine of 3,000 rupees (about \$30).

-Nepal's Parliament has endorsed an electoral law for upcoming elections to the federal and provincial council which bars people involved in corruption and criminal offences to stand as candidates. The bill was endorsed by holding three rounds of meetings.

-Cuba began a five-month political transition expected to end with Raul Castro's departure from the Presidency, due to his family's dominance in the country's political system for nearly sixty years. Over the rest of this month, Cubans will meet in small groups to nominate municipal representatives. Cuban officials say that 12,515 block-level districts will nominate candidates for city council elections on 22nd October, 2017.

-China has banned individuals and organisations from raising funds through initial coin offerings (ICO), or launches of digital currencies announced on 4th of Sept 2017. It allows raising large sums quickly by creating and selling digital "tokens" with little or no regulatory oversight. As per the People's Bank of China Individuals and organisations that have completed ICO fund-raising should make arrangements to return funds.

-Vasant Narasimhan will be named as chief executive of Novartis announced on 4th of Sept. 2017. Current chief executive Joseph Jimenez will retire next year so Vasant Narasimhan will serve from 1st Feb 2018. Narasimhan is currently the global head of drug development and chief medical officer with the Swiss drug company. He joined Novartis in 2005 and has held numerous leadership positions in development and commercial functions.

-The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) was honoured by Minister of State for Personnel, Mr. Jitendra Singh for successfully resolving public grievances. The CBDT is the apex policy making body for the Income Tax department.

-The United Nations (UN) observes September 5 every year as International Charity Day.

On 5th September every year International Day of Charity is observed world-wide. It was declared in the United Nations General Assembly in 2012. The International Day of Charity was conceived as a Hungarian civil society initiative supported by the Hungarian Parliament and Government in 2011. September 5 was chosen in order to commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitutes a threat to peace.

-NITI Aayog has recently launched the National Nutrition Strategy in New Delhi with an aim at Kuposhan Mukht Bharat. It was launched by Leader of the Green Revolution, Dr M S Swaminathan and Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog Dr Rajiv Kumar on September 5, 2017. The Nutrition Strategy intends to bring nutrition to the centre-stage of the National Development Agenda. It lays the roadmap for targeted action to address India's nutritional needs. The Nutrition Strategy framework envisages a Kuposhan Mukht Bharat – linked to Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat. It enables states to make strategic choices, through decentralized planning and local innovation, with accountability for nutrition outcomes.

-The Assam government has recently set up a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Cell for implementation of DBT across schemes in the Country and to coordinate efforts at the State Level in taking the DBT initiative forward with immediate effect. The Chief Secretary will be the chairman of the cell and the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Finance Department will be the convenor. The Cell will coordinate with Central Ministries & disseminate the directives to the respective Departments in States. It will closely monitor & evaluate the progress of various Departments on DBT related indicators and in addition, the Cell will also function as the research unit to explore possibility of using information technology for better service delivery across range of Govt. Services in the State.

- India has bagged a Gold and two Silver medals in the Men's Double trap event at the 2017 ISSF World Shotgun Championship in Moscow. India won the Gold in the Junior team section of the event with a combined score of 401. Ankur Mittal won the Silver in the senior event, while 17-year-old Ahvar Rizvi finished second in the junior section. India is now fourth in the medals table with one Gold and two Silver medals. Italy is at the top with 11 medals, including 6 Gold. Australia is second, while Russia is third.

-Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra has become the first Indian woman ambassador for Tourism Australia to encourage Indians to visit the country. She was presented the Friend of Australia (FOA) recognition by Australian Consul General Tony Huber for her contribution to promote Australia recently. Prior to Chopra, famous chef Sanjeev Kapoor and cricket commentator Harsha Bhogle have been great advocates for Australia, encouraging Indians to visit Australia.

-India will host the 2019 edition of the Commonwealth (Youth, Junior and Senior) Weightlifting Championships. It was decided by the Executive Board of Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation to allot the 2019 edition of the competitions to India at Gold Coast, Australia. The 2018 edition of the tournament is being held at the Gold Coast.

-Gauri Lankesh, the noted journalist and activists, was shot dead at her Rajarajeshwari Nagar's residence in Bengaluru, Karnataka on September 5, 2017. She was the editor of popular Kannada tabloid Lankesh Patrike founded by her father and well-known writer P Lankesh. Lankesh was also part of a panel formed by State government to help surrender Naxals to reform. She was known to be a notable social and political commentator and acclaimed for her lifelong support for free speech and strong journalistic ethics, her works were popular in all quarters, her critics alike. The state government has formed a three team comprising of senior police officer to investigate the crime. AIR correspondent reports that killing of senior journalist known for her out spoken views, is being compared with the murder of rationalist, liberal thinkers, M M Kulburgi, Pansare and Dabholkar in recent years. Several associations of writers and journalists are holding protest in the state demanding immediate arrest of the perpetrators of crime.

-Saikhom Mirabai Chanu and K Sanjita Chanu has recently qualified for 2018 Commonwealth Games after winning a gold each in their respective weight categories (48kg & 53kg) at the Commonwealth Senior (men & women) weightlifting championships at Gold Coast in Australia. Mirabai lifted 85kg in snatch and 104kg in clean & jerk for an overall total of 189kg to finish on top of the podium in women's 48kg weight division. She broke Commonwealth record in snatch event with a lift of 85kg, bettering her own record by one kilogram. Meanwhile, Sanjita also bagged the yellow metal in women's 53kg with a total effort of 195kg and qualified for the Commonwealth Games which would be held at the same venue next year.

-The 2-day event 'North East Calling' will be organized by the Union government under its Destination North East series at India Gate lawns in New Delhi on September 9, 2017. The purpose of the event is to promote the art, culture, handicrafts, business and tourism of North East India. The event will showcase all activities and products of North-East and the entry for the general public is free. The event will include music festival for bands of North-East, Cultural night for dances of North-East and Handloom Demo Show presenting the clothes of North-East.

-The researchers at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Chemical Laboratory in Pune have developed an artificial leaf that absorbs sunlight to generate hydrogen fuel from water, an advance that may provide clean energy for powering eco-friendly cars in the future. The device consists of semiconductors stacked in a manner to simulate the natural leaf system. When visible light strikes the semiconductors, electrons move in one direction, producing electric current. The current almost instantaneously splits water into hydrogen – which researchers believe is one of the cleanest forms of fuel as its main byproduct is water.

-The Phawngpui Blue Mountain National Park (PBMNP) is located in the state of Mizoram and covers an area of 50 square kilometers. It is the natural home of a wonderful range of birdlife including the rare Blyth's tragopan, falcon, sunbirds, dark-rumped swift, and Mrs. Hume's pheasant, which is the Mizoram state bird, and also rare animals like the mountain goat, slow loris, tiger, leopard, leopard cat, serow, goral, Asiatic black bear, stump-tailed macaque and capped langur.

-Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu gave her assent to the Jharkhand Religious Freedom Bill, 2017. The state government will now issue notification on the Religious Freedom Bill, after which it will become an Act.

With this Jharkhand, become seventh state in the country to have anti-conversion law. Other six states with similar law are Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

-India and Myanmar have signed 11 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in range of sectors, including one on maritime security cooperation.

Signed Agreements are

MoU on Maritime Security Cooperation

Cultural Exchange Programme for year 2017-2020

MoU on Cooperation in Medical Products Regulation

MoU on cooperation in the field of Health and medicine

Technical Agreement for providing Coastal Surveillance System

Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on the establishment of MIIT

MoU for Upgradation of Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar

MoU for Sharing White Shipping Information between Indian Navy and Myanmar Navy

MoU in the field of elections between Election Commission of India and Election Commission of Myanmar

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Press Council of India and Myanmar Press Council

Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on establishment of India-Myanmar Centre for Enhancement of IT-Skill.

-The Union Ministry of Human Resource and Development (HRD) has launched Diksha Portal (diksha.gov.in) for providing digital platform to teacher to make their lifestyle more digital.

It will serve as National Digital Infrastructure for Teachers. Through this portal, all teachers across nation will be equipped with advanced digital technology.

-National Highway Authority of India was awarded its First International Project in Myanmar to Punj Lloyd-Varaha

-219 teachers were honoured with the national awards on the occasion of Teachers Day

-N Bajendra Kumar took charge as National Mineral Development Corporation CMD

-Solar storms may have caused beaching of whales-scientists

-US President Donald Trump has scrapped an amnesty programme introduced during Obama's term that granted work permits to immigrants who arrived in the country illegally as Children. The move is likely to impact over 800,000 undocumented workers including more than 7000 Indian-Americans. The announcement was made by US Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who said that the programme known as DACA (Deferred Action for Children Arrival) that was effectuated under the Obama Administration is being withdrawn.

-The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO) in September 2017 announced the winners of 2017 edition of the UNESCO Prize for Girl's and Women's Education. UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova announced the names of the two laureates from Peru and Thailand recommended by an International Jury. Each of the two organisations was honoured with the prize money of USD 50000 at an official ceremony held in Xiamen, People's Republic of China.

-Fincare Small Finance Bank (previously known as Disha Microfin Limited) this started its banking operations with about 25 operational branches across Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The bank was given final small finance bank (SFB) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May this year. On the day of its launch, the bank raised over Rs. 225 crore of deposits from its about 1000-odd depositors. The bank aims to be digitally driven, rural and semi-urban bank, focusing on the priority sectors and retail segments of micro and small enterprises.

-ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has got SEBI's go-ahead for its estimated Rs. 6,000 crore IPO, which could be the first by a general insurer in the country. Two State-run general insurers -General Insurance Corp of India and New India Assurance Company - as also two life insurance firms (SBI Life and HDFC Standard Life) have also lined up IPO plans and are awaiting SEBI's go-ahead for their respective draft papers.

-Larsen & Toubro, the country's largest engineering firm, has received green nod for expansion of its Powai residential and IT tower projects in Mumbai that will entail an investment of Rs 1,102 crore. The company had received environment clearance (EC) for construction of three wings of IT towers in a total area of 1,49,618.70 sq m.

-External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj arrived in Russian port city of Vladivostok on a three-day visit to attend the third Eastern Economic Forum which will deliberate on pressing issues relating to global trade. She holds bilateral talks with her Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov during which various issues relating to trade, investment, and defense cooperation. The Eastern Economic Forum is considered as the biggest international communication platform for cooperation between businesses leaders and senior government representatives from Russia, the Pacific Region and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

-India handed over an off-shore patrol vessel, Varuna, to Sri Lanka as a part of stepping up co-operation between the two coast guards. The ship (Varuna) was decommissioned with traditional honours on August 23 to facilitate the handing over at Kochi.

-Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under Ministry of Power, Government of India has launched UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable Lighting for All) Scheme in the State of Melaka, Malaysia on 6th of Sept. 2017. The Scheme was launched by Chief Minister of Melaka Idris Haron. UJALA's impact in Malaysia will bring about clean energy, contribute to climate change targets and save the already dwindling energy resources.

-State Bank of India (SBI) is the latest to get smitten by the Artificial Intelligence and Automation. They have launched their first ever chatbot called SBI Intelligent Assistant or SIA, which would be powered by AI, and designed to assist customers. This special chatbot has been created & developed by Allincall, which is a startup from Mumbai, and backed by startup cell of IIT Bombay.

-Banks without Aadhaar enrolment centres face Rs.20,000 fine from October On 5th September 2017, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO Mr.Ajay Bhushan Pandey said that the UIDAI has given banks one more month to open Aadhaar enrolment centres in a stipulated 10 per cent of branches and will impose Rs.20,000 as fine per uncovered branch after 30th September 2017.

-HCL acquires UK-based data management platform Datawave

On 5th September 2017, HCL Technologies announced the acquisition of automation-driven data management platform Datawave to accelerate data integration and migration for their clients.HCL has announced that it has agreed to buy Datawave a business unit of ETL Factory Limited, a UK-based company.

-The Ministry of Coal has appointed Gopal Singh as CMD, Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), additional charge as CMD of Coal India Ltd.Singh has taken charge effective from 1st September 2017.He has replaced Sutirtha Bhattacharya on attaining superannuation effective August 31, 2017.

-WhatsApp is launching a new app to help businesses communicate with their customers announced on 6th sept 2017.WhatsApp Business gives users a verified green checkmark badge next to their names.Secondly, businesses will be able to create a company profile with information such as address, business hours, description of product or service offered.

-According to the Commerce Ministry, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEEDA) has developed a mobile app "Hortinet" for farmers to facilitate registration, testing and certification of certain fruits and vegetables.The app "Hortinet" is an integrated traceability system developed by APEEDA for providing internet-based services to the stakeholders.

-As part of labour law reforms, the Government has undertaken the exercise of rationalisation of the 38 Labour Acts by framing 4 labour codes viz Code on Wages, Code on Industrial Relations, Code on Social Security and Code on occupational safety, health and working conditions.On 10th August 2017, The Code on Wages Bill 2017 was introduced in Lok Sabha by Mr. Bandaru Dattatreya, Minister of State for Labour and Employment.

-On 7th September 2017, the seventh edition of India-Sri Lanka joint maritime naval exercise SLINEX 2017 started near Vishakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh in India on the Bay of Bengal. It will last till 14th September 2017. SLINEX – Sri Lanka India Naval Exercise are a series of naval exercises between the Indian Navy and the Sri Lankan Navy

-Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced a new programme named 'Jala Siriki Haarati'. It is a programme offering prayers to water bodies and to create awareness among the public regarding water preservation announced on 6th sept. 2017

-The Gujarat government has signed a MoU with Google India for 'Digital Gujarat' movement under 'Digital India'.Under the MoU Google will train small and medium scale entrepreneurs the use of digital platform for business development under the 'Digital Unlocked' programme.

-Home Ministry announced that Chiefs of central armed police forces like Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Border Security Force (BSF) and other central agencies have been empowered to spend up to Rs.15 crore for executing major projects and Rs.1 crore for minor works, including repairing of residential buildings.

-Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) on 6th of Sept. 2017. The pact has been signed to connect Vijayawada and Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh in Guntur district.

-Online travel firm MakeMyTrip has announced the resignation of Co-Founder and President Ashish Kashyap. His resignation will come into effect from September 30. As per the settlement agreement, Kashyap will be under non-solicitation and non-competition obligation for the next two years.

-Viveck Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director of the Express Group elected as a Chairman of Press Trust of India and N. Ravi, a former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu daily is elected as a Vice-Chairman. Goenka succeeds Riyad Mathew, who is Senior Assistant Editor and a member of the Manorama management and Ravi succeeds Goenka as Vice Chairman.

-To mark the first anniversary of Mother Teresa's canonization, the Archdiocese of Kolkata will declare the saint a co-patroness of the local Church announced on 6th of sept. Sister Prema inaugurated a two-day exhibition of paintings and sculptures on Mother Teresa organised by the Indian National Forum of Art and Culture in association with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

-India's first operational Smart City, Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City), has won the prestigious Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Services Excellence Award in New Delhi.

-Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) partnered with Coriant, a US-based packet optical and mobile routing solutions company to study and deploy 5G-based industrial internet applications for enterprise customers in New Delhi.

-Tejasvi Duduka from Hyderabad won the women's singles of U.S. Open Grand Slam Carrom tournament. Earlier, she had won the Telangana State Women's singles title in Nizamabad.

-Indian Institute of Management Lucknow (IIM-L) and Yes Bank has tied up with the purpose of spreading climatic awareness

-A member of the World Bank Group, International Finance Corporation (IFC) has invested \$10 million as equity in e-commerce firm Power2SME

-Astronomers have discovered a pulsar spinning at more than 42,000 revolutions per minute. It is the second-fastest Spinning Pulsar identified so far.

-The book of Former Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran named "How India Sees the World: Kautilya to the 21st Century" launched by former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh .

-Dr. Inderjit Singh has been given the additional charge of the post of Chairperson, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC). Dr. Inderjit Singh is a 1985-batch IAS officer of Kerala Cadre and at present he is serving as the Additional Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat.

-Parali I island, one of biodiversity-rich uninhabited islands part of Lakshadweep has disappeared due to

coastal erosion and another four such islands in Lakshadweep sea are shrinking fast. The researcher had conducted studies on assessment of biodiversity confining to five uninhabited islands– Parali I, II and III, Bangaram, Thinnakara in Lakshadweep, an archipelago of 36 islands in Lakshadweep sea.

-The Union government has set up an online service facility that can be used by importers and exporters to resolve all foreign trade-related issues. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), which comes under Ministry of Commerce, has asked all exporters and importers to use the system - Contact@DGFT - for resolution of their matters. Traders can raise all matters related to the directorate or other agencies of the Centre and States through this facility activated at the DGFT website. Contact@DGFT system has been activated as a single point contact for resolving all foreign trade-related issues.

-The 13th edition of the joint military training exercise "Yudh Abhyas - 2017" will be conducted at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, USA from September 14 to 27. The exercise is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavors between India and USA. The exercise Yudh Abhyas will provide an opportunity to the armed forces of both countries to train in an integrated manner at Battalion level with joint planning at Brigade level.

-The Across Barriers-International Business Women's Summit (ABIBWS) will be organized by the South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF) at Kathmandu in Nepal from September 11. The basic objective of 2-day summit is to bring together women entrepreneurs from the SAARC, ASEAN, China and some other countries. The summit will be a regional hub for connecting women SMEs (small and medium enterprises) with public and private sector for exploring opportunities to identify joint business ventures. The summit will also offer a unique opportunity for business meetings with the members of the visiting international business delegates and Nepalese women entrepreneurs.

-The Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) has started at Russky Island, which is part of Russia's city of Vladivostok, on September 6-7, 2017. The delegates from at least 24 countries including the US, Japan, China, Australia, Canada, Britain and Germany are attending the gathering. From India, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj is attending the forum. The EEF is considered as the biggest international communication platform for cooperation between businesses leaders and senior government representatives from Russia, the Pacific Region and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

-SBI Life Insurance Company gets SEBI approval for Rs 8,400 crore IPO

-Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank) to tie up with the Exide Life for savings products

-Ashok Leyland signed an agreement with Rosoboronexport, ELCOM

-Reliance Insurance gets IRDA Nod for IPO

-The Union Government has recently told Supreme Court that an expert committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of former apex court judge Justice BN Srikrishna to identify key data protection issues in India and recommend methods to address them. The government told the apex court that after the committee's report is submitted, there is a possibility that the law shall be passed regulating data protection. Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, state that the committee will study various issues and make specific suggestions for consideration of the government on the principles to be considered for data protection. The apex court has fixed the matter for further hearing on November 20, 2017.

-The Gujarat Government and Gujarat Milk Marketing Federation-Amul have recently signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to save the children of anganwadi from malnutrition. According to the MOU, under the 'Take Home Ration', district dairies in cooperation with the Gujarat milk marketing federation will provide nutritive foods to more than 42-lakh children of more than 53 thousand ananganwadis, pregnant-mothers, lactating mothers and young girls. Apart from this, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has flagged off statewide 'Narmada Mahotsav Yatra' from Surendranagar district to create awareness about the importance of increased water supply from Narmada canal-based projects in different parts of the state. The 10 days long Narmada Mahotsav Yatra will end at Dabhoi- in Narmada district in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday on 17th September.

-India and Japan have agreed to collaborate closely in defence production, including on dual-use technologies. Decision in this regard was taken at the India-Japan annual defence ministerial dialogue held in Tokyo.

-The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) retained top position among Indian Universities in the Times World University Rankings 2018, but its position fell in global rankings compared to its last year position.

Top 10 in Universities in World are Oxford University (1st, UK), Cambridge University (2nd, UK), California institute of Technology (3rd, US), Stanford University (4th, US), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (5th, US), Harvard University (6th, US), Princeton University (7th, US), Imperial College London (8th, UK), University of Chicago (9th, US), ETH-Zurich (10th, Switzerland)