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- India & Azerbaijan have inked two documents for the visa waiver for diplomatic, official & service passports holders & cooperation between diplomatic training institutes. Ms Swaraj is there to be part of 18th NAM Ministerial Conference in Baku.
- The Centre, Maharashtra Government & the World Bank have signed a 420 million dollar project to help small & marginal farmers in the Marathwada & Vidarbha region of the state.
- India & Nepal have agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations in key areas of border security, connectivity, trade & agriculture. The two countries agreed to develop inland waterways for overall economic development of the region.
- India & Equatorial Guinea sign four agreements in the field of agriculture, mining, health, telecommunications & IT after delegation-level talks between Indian President Ram Nath Kovind & Equatorial Guinea President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo at Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.
- India has inked a pact with Morocco under which focus would be laid on the evaluation of potential mineral resources & promoting exploration & mining through the participation of both public & private sector.
- An Indian consortium consisting of IOCL, BPCL & HPCL signed an MoU with Saudi Aramco on the sidelines of the 16th International Energy Forum Ministerial. The plan is to finish the project by 2025.
- India & Timor Leste have signed an MoU in the field of public health to extend affordable healthcare to the people of the Southeast Asian nation. Krishan Pal Gurjar, the minister of state for social justice & empowerment has recently concluded a four-day visit to Timor Lest.
- National Highways Authority of India has signed an agreement for the upgradation of Yagyi - Kalewa section of highway in Myanmar to two lanes with an earthen shoulder. The aim is to provide seamless vehicular movement for enhancing trade, business, health, education & tourism among India, Myanmar & Thailand.
- India & Russia signed 7 MoUs at Defence Expo at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. These MoUs were signed between the Indian Private Defence sector manufacturing companies & Russian Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) for manufacture, development of spares, sub-assemblies & assemblies of identified Russian origin platforms.
- In line with the efforts to indigenize the defence sector under the 'Make in India' initiative, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) & Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an

- MoU to cater to the needs of evolving domestic & export markets for defence products & systems.
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) signed an MoU with the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to provide skill training to 500 youth & women at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu.
- India & the UK have signed 10 agreements in several sectors including cyber-relationship, rejuvenation of Ganga & skill development.
- SJVN Limited has signed an MoU with Ministry of Power for the year 2018-19. The MoU was signed by Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary (Power) & Shri Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN.
- Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors from G20, the Group of 20 economies, have agreed to aim for economic growth by promoting trade. In their two day meeting at Washington, the financial leaders agreed to work together to promote trade & global economic growth. Argentine Treasury Minister Nicolas Dujovne has chaired the meeting.

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- India & the World Bank signed a \$210 million loan agreement for the Madhya Pradesh Rural Connectivity Project. The Project will cover 10,510 km stretch of rural roads in Madhya Pradesh that fall under the Chief Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana (CMGSY) program.
- A Loan Agreement for IBRD credit of US\$ 125 (equivalent) for the "Innovate in India for Inclusiveness Project" was signed with the World Bank in New Delhi.
- Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is tying up with the US & Finland to develop new pollution-forecast system that will help anticipate particulate matter (PM) levels at least two days in advance & at greater resolution. The new system will jointly develop with expertise from Finnish Meteorological Institute & US National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

- An MoU on technical knowledge sharing for establishing a nationwide Time Stamping & Time Synchronization network & traceability of Time signal to UTC NPL Time was signed between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research -National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL) & Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) entered into a pact with Macquarie for road projects under the highway monetisation drive.
- Dalmia Bharat Limited has signed an MoU with the Tourism Ministry to take up Red Fort (in Delhi) & Gandikota Fort (Andhra Pradesh) under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project. Becoming the first corporate to be part of the initiative, Dalmia Bharat will look after the operations & the maintenance of these heritage sites for the next five years.
- Maharashtra government signed an MoU with the British Council to strengthen educational & cultural cooperation.

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- NMDC Limited and NLC India Limited (formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation) has decided to invest over USD 26 million for setting up an R&D facility for developing innovative technologies in iron and steel making.
- Union Finance Ministry has tied up with 40 entities including Flipkart, Swiggy, Patanjali and Amul for extending loans to small entrepreneurs under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).
- NITI Aayog and Sushant Singh Rajput have decided to collaborate towards promoting two major initiatives of NITI Aayog, promotion of BHIM and the Women Entrepreneurship Platform.
- NITI Aayog and ABB India have signed a pact to help the country derive the benefits of latest technologies including robotics and artificial intelligence. The Statement of Intent to work together to realise the

- ambitious make in India vision of the government was signed in the presence of NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.
- The BCCI and UN Environment signed an agreement to promote 'green' Cricket in India. BCCI acting Secretary Amitabh Choudhary and Erik Solheim, Executive Director of UN Environment, signed a letter of intent in Mumbai.
- An Agreement for IBRD Credit of USD 21.7 Million from the World Bank for the Strengthening of Public Financial Management in Rajasthan Project was signed in New Delhi. The Project duration is 5 years.
- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India** signed an MoU with **Department of Women and Child Development, Government of UP**, in New Delhi for management of Home of Widows at **Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan**. The MoU shall be in force **for a period of 2 years**.
- **The Government of India and the World Bank** signed a **\$500 million loan agreement** to provide additional financing for the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Rural Roads Project**, implemented by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, which will build 7,000 km of climate resilient roads, out of which 3,500 km will be constructed using green technologies.
- **NITI Aayog & IBM** signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to develop a crop yield prediction model using Artificial Intelligence to provide real-time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.
- **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** notified the protocol amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India & Kuwait.
- **India & Sri Lanka agreed on cooperation on exchange of information** & other aspects to tackle smuggling of drugs in both countries. This was announced at 3rd bilateral meeting between delegations from India's Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) & Sri Lanka's Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) on narcotics, drugs & psychotropic substances in New Delhi.
- **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) & Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)**, together joined hands to amplify the "Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan" of the current incumbent government which is promoting social harmony & awareness around the pro-poor initiatives of the government.
- **VP Naidu visited Guatemala**. During his stay, MoUs are expected to be signed in the fields of protection of wildlife, human resource training, education & exchanges between training institutes. Jimmy Morales is the present President of Guatemala.
- Aiming to foster growth for **India's nascent Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML) ecosystem**, **NITI Aayog & Google signed a Statement of Intent (SoI)** to work on a range of initiatives to help build the AI ecosystem across the country.
- **National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed an MoU with Ministry of MSME for 2018-19**. It envisages provision of enhanced services by NSIC under its marketing, financial, technology & other support services schemes, for MSMEs.

- **India & Peru** signed an agreement in the field of Renewable Energy at Lima. The pact was signed in the presence of Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu & the PM Cesar Villanueva Arevalo.
- **India & Nepal agreed to expand their partnership for socio-economic development** on the basis of principles of equality, trust, respect & mutual benefit.
- **NTPC inked a pact with Bihar & its power utilities to acquire their entire stake in two joint ventures at Nabinagar & Kanti** & to buy Barauni thermal plant. The transactions would enable NTPC to have 100% stake in Nabinagar & Kanti JV projects.
- **Aluminium major & Navratna CPSE National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has signed MoU with the Ministry of Mines**, Govt. of India, setting highest ever target of Rs 9350 crore revenue from operations for FY 2018-19 which is 15% higher than 2017.

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- **NITI Aayog & Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC)** signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to work together towards implementing a Proof-of-Concept (PoC) application using Blockchain Technology for fertiliser subsidy management.
- **NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurs Platform signed 5 SoIs with financial institutions & social organisations** to provide assistance to women entrepreneurs & address the finance-related challenges faced by them.
- **BHEL inked a pact with South Korean firm NANO Co Ltd** for design & manufacture of emission controlling devices for coal-based power plants.
- **Power distribution company BYPL (BSES Yamuna Power Limited) signed an MoU with Business Finland**, a Finnish government agency, for collaborative activities in different areas, including energy efficiency & electric vehicles. The three year MoU on 'cooperation in the power distribution sector' was signed.
- **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, signed an MoU with IGNOU** to scale up the short term healthcare courses through its available robust platform.
- **Saudi Aramco & Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)** signed an MoU to jointly develop & build an integrated refinery & petrochemicals complex at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. It was signed by Amin H. Nasser, Saudi Aramco President & CEO & Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, UAE Minister of State & ADNOC Group CEO.
- **Maharashtra government & Canada's Quebec province signed a pact to increase the economic cooperation**, especially in areas of information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence & welfare of the tribal community.
- **India & the US agreed to hold comprehensive talks to address trade & economic issues.** The decision was taken during a series of meetings, Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu had with US Commerce Secretary

- Wilbur Ross & US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.
- **A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) in CIET in New Delhi** by Mr. Eric Falt, Director & UNESCO Representative of the New Delhi Cluster Office for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives & Sri Lanka.
- **Central Water Commission (CWC)**, India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources has signed a Collaboration Agreement with **Google for flood forecasting.**
- **India has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore.** This is the first MRA being signed by India with any of our Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners.
- **India & China signed two bilateral agreements** following the meeting between PM Modi & Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the summit. The agreements include continuing to share Brahmaputra water data during flood season & exporting non-Basmati rice to China. The two countries have set a trade target of 100 billion dollars by 2020. Both countries agreed on several initiatives to take forward the spirit of Wuhan Informal Summit. Chinese President accepted PM Modi's invitation for a Wuhan type informal summit in India next year.

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- A Statement of Intent (SoI) was signed between NITI Aayog and Lupin Foundation to collaborate in Aspirational Districts Programme. As per the terms of the SoI, Lupin Foundation, with the NITI Aayog, will work in three states - Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan to facilitate the creation of an ideal template to develop economic strength, technological viability and moral leadership.
- Invest India and Business France signed an MoU to promote investment facilitation and cooperation between startups of India and France.

- Invest India and the UAE Minister for Artificial Intelligence (AI) signed an MoU for India - UAE Artificial Intelligence Bridge in New Delhi.
- Rajasthan Government signed an MoU with a private trust Sohanlalji Buladeviji Ojha Gaushala Samiti to build its first 'Cow Sanctuary', a shelter for 10000 cows.
- Odisha government signed an MoU with Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) for enhancing early warning system for effective management of all kinds of disaster in the state, including flood, drought, heat wave, lightning, and road accidents.
- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) entered into an agreement with Bombay Metal Exchange (BME) for the growth and systematic development of commodity derivatives markets in the non-ferrous metals complex.
- IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited, a joint venture between Bank of Baroda, Andhra Bank and Legal and General (UK), announced its tie-up with Oxigen Services India Pvt. Ltd., to establish the distribution of its insurance products at Oxigen retail outlets.
- India and South Korea have signed five MoUs in the field of Science and Technology in New Delhi. Science and Technology Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan and his South Korean counterpart You Young Min signed three MoUs which are Programme of Cooperation 2018-21, Establishment of Future Strategy Group and Cooperation in Bio-technology and Bio-economy.
- Rajya Sabha has, for the first time in 76 years since it came into being, entered into a MOU with a foreign counterpart for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue. Venkaiah Naidu become the first Chairman of Rajya Sabha inked with the visiting President of the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda, Bernard Makuza.
- Microsoft signed an MoU with the Rajasthan government to provide free digital training to 9,500 college students in one year.
- University of Houston, Texas signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) to build scientific and technical knowledge through joint research.
- India signed a revised travel agreement with Bangladesh to ease visa restrictions for citizens from the neighbouring country. Under the Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA)-2018, freedom fighters and elderly Bangladeshi nationals will get five-year multiple visa from India.
- Cabinet approved the signing of MoU amongst BRICS Nations on the Regional Aviation Partnership Cooperation. The objective is that BRICS countries will benefit from the establishing of an institutional framework to cooperate in the field of civil aviation.
- Infosys Foundation, the philanthropic arm of IT major, Infosys signed MoU with the Bangalore Metro Rail

- Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for the construction of a station at Konappana Agrahara in Electronics City.
- An agreement signed between IIT Delhi and the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) under which projects would be launched that would aim to give "scientific validation" to the ancient medical science and integrate it with technology.


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- In order to replace Industrial gases like Dissolved Acetylene, LPG, BMCG and Furnace Oil / High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil with environment friendly Natural Gas, Indian Railways has signed a MoU with GAIL (India) Limited, to provide infrastructure facilities for supply of Natural Gas to Indian Railways Workshops, Production Units and Depots at Rail Bhavan.
- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, and the International Energy Agency (IEA) signed an MoU on Enhancing Innovation for Clean Energy Transition.
- An MoU was signed between the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and National Health Agency (NHA), to provide capacity building for Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to ensure effective rollout and continued quality implementation.
- National Health Agency (NHA) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the apex body for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM), and Common Service Centres (CSC) scheme under the Digital India Programme, signed an MoU to provide information and eligibility validation services to beneficiaries, especially in remote areas.
- Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML) and Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) signed pact for making mining equipment.
- PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) signed an MoU to establish India-Nepal Centre. It will further

strengthen economic engagement between the two countries.


- Italian motorcycle-maker Benelli signed an MoU with Telangana government and Adishwar Auto Ride International (AARI) for setting a manufacturing facility.
- Union Ministry of Water Resources, the NABARD and the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) signed a revised Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for funding of central share of 99 prioritised irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- An MoU has been signed between the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India for cooperation between the two Ministries for sensitizing the principals and training to teachers each of all functional EMRSs, Ashram Schools and other Schools supported by MoTA in the country using the existing infrastructure of MoTA in the states.
- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs & National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH have signed an MoU together. It aims to promote Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) forest produced for livelihood development of tribal people by promoting primary level value addition to MAPs produce from forest area at the grassroots level.


fields of IT, tourism, shipping & renewable energy. MoU was signed for cooperation in the field of environment. Cyprus reaffirmed its support to India for its membership of the Nuclear Supplier's Group (NSG).

- India & Bulgaria sign four pacts on Investment, Tourism, Civil Nuclear Cooperation, science & technology cooperation & establishment of Hindi Chair at Sofia University, after delegation-level talks between President Ramnath Kovind & his counterpart Rumen Radev. The President also invited Bulgaria to become key partner in Defence & IT sectors under Make in India programme.

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- Goa & Portugal inked MoU for Water & Sewage Management. It will help Goa manage its water resources better.
- NITI Aayog & Oracle signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to pilot a real drug supply-chain using blockchain distributed ledger & Internet of Things (IoT) software.
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM - U), partnered with Google to launch the Loo Review campaign to encourage all local guides in India to rate & review public toilets on Google Maps.
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, exchanged the MoUs with the Tata Trusts & Dell to provide a technological platform for nation-wide prevention, control, screening & management program of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).
- India & Morocco signed the revised Air Services Agreement between the two countries enabling greater connectivity through a modernized agreement.
- India & Niger signed an MoU for the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC) in Niamey, Niger with the Indian government's grant assistance.
- India & Cyprus signed key agreements in various fields cementing bilateral ties after delegation-level talks between President Ram Nath Kovind & his Cyprus counterpart Nicos Anastasiades in Nicosia. Both countries also agreed to expand cooperation in the


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