

## Schemes Launched


## Schemes/Portals/Missions Launched- April

- The state government of West Bengal introduced a new scheme called 'Rupashree' in order to provide marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1500 crore. The scheme proposes to extend one-time financial assistance worth Rs 25,000 to the family of the girl whose annual income is up to Rs 1.5 lakh.
- Union Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation Minister, Suresh Prabhu launched digital initiatives by Export Inspection Council (EIC) for ease of export at New Delhi. EIC is the official export certification body of Government of India & has launched this flagship project of Digital India Initiative to keep pace with changing dynamics of the world.
- The Union Minister for Railways & Coal Shri Piyush Goyal launched UTTAM App for Coal Quality Monitoring. UTTAM stands for - Unlocking Transparency by Third Party Assessment of Mined Coal. Ministry of Coal & Coal India Limited (CIL) developed UTTAM.
- In a bid to use technology for farmers' benefit, Tamil Nadu government has come out with a mobile application named 'Uzhavan' (farmer) app that will allow ryots to have access to nine types of services. It was launched by Chief Minister K Palaniswami.
- Haryana government launched the 'Gobardhan Yojana' to provide for the sale of organic manure & cow urine with an aim to benefit farmers. A provision of Rs 11 crore has been made to provide benefits of various projects under this scheme.
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb launched the state component of Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) in Agartala. Tripura is the first state in the North East to implement the state component of PMKVY through Directorate of Skill Development (DSD).
- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme in Delhi & distributed new LPG connections & cylinders to beneficiaries. Target under this scheme has been increased from the existing 5 crore connections to 8 crore connections by 2020.
- Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched 'Project Dhoop', an initiative aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.
- On the occasion of Birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the phase one of the Ayushman Bharat schemes that aim at creating a healthy, prosperous & strong India.

The first phase of Ayushman Bharat will see 1.5 Lakh such Centers being set up across the country.

- Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the web-based application e-FRRO (e-Foreigners Regional Registration Office) scheme under which foreigners can avail, various visa & immigration-related services online. This will facilitate hassle-free travel to India for foreigners.
- Launching the 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' in Telangana, the Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan stated the number of LPG distribution points in the State will be increased to 1,000 from the existing 707 for quicker & efficient delivery of gas cylinders.
- The Union Government has stated that the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana or PMGSY is well on its way to achieving the target by March 2019. The scheme, since its inception in 2000, has been able to provide connectivity to more than One lakh 50 thousand habitations.
- Minister of Communications Manoj Sinha launched the DARPAN (Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India)-PLI App, which will help in collection of premium for Postal Life Insurance (PLI) & Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) policies at Branch Post Offices anywhere in India, with online updation of the policies.

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- Indian Government has launched the 'Study in India' initiative to attract international students to study in India. The website of Study in India can be accessed at [www.studyinindia.gov.in](http://www.studyinindia.gov.in). External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj & Minister of State for Human Resources Development Satya Pal Singh jointly launched the initiative in New Delhi.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched a health scheme of the Assam government named Atal

Amrit Abhiyan that offers free medical care of up to 2 lakh rupees for every individual from Below Poverty Line (BPL) & Above Poverty Line (APL) families. The state government has earmarked 400 crore rupees for the scheme in the financial year 2018-19.

- Gujarat police unveiled the Pocket Cop project, which will enable quicker verification of passport applicants, & search of accused persons, among others. The project was inaugurated by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani in Gandhinagar. Under the project, smartphones with data connectivity will be given to 4,900 police personnel, including every police station in-charge, investigating officer, PCR van, & those involved in passport verification.
- Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Vijay Goel inaugurated the new office of Central Project Monitoring Unit for the e-Vidhan project of the Government at the Parliament House Annexe. e-Vidhan is a part of the broader Digital India Programme of the Government & is likely to contribute to the cleanliness & environment by reducing the use of papers to a great extent.
- Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has launched integration of e-SANAD portal & NAD – National Academic Depository in a bid to make education system in India more transparent. e-Sanad is a project aimed at online submission & verification of documents with the ultimate object to extend contactless, cashless, faceless & paperless document attestation service. NAD is a 24X7 online storehouse of all academic awards viz. diplomas certificates, degrees, mark-sheets etc.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a restructured Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme aimed at making rural local bodies self-sustainable, financially stable & more efficient. PM Narendra Modi will launch Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme in Mandla in Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day.
- Hardeep Puri, Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs (I/C) launched a Mobile App (m-Awas) for allotment of Government accommodations in General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) in Delhi under the control of the Directorate of Estates. The application has been developed by NIC.
- Ministry of Human Resource Development, HRD launched the second edition of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan under which students from 750 higher educational institutions from across the country will adopt villages & visit them to get acquainted with the lifestyle of people there & the problems faced by them.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the Van Dhan Scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs & TRIFED, during the celebrations of Ambedkar Jayanti at Bijapur, Chattisgarh. The Van Dhan scheme along

with others like Jan Dhan & Gobar-Dhan schemes had the potential to change the tribal-rural economic system. Under Van Dhan, 10 Self Help Groups of 30 Tribal gatherers would be constituted.


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### Static Takeaways from Schemes/Portals/Missions Launched

- West Bengal CM- Mamata Banerjee, Governor- Keshri Nath Tripathi.
- Haryana CM- Manohar Lal Khattar, Governor- Kaptan Singh Solanki.
- Tripura CM- Biplab Kumar Deb, Governor- Tathagata Roy, Capital- Agartala.
- PMUY was launched in May 2016. The objective of this scheme is to provide deposit-free LPG connections with monetary assistance to women from below poverty line (BPL) households.
- Pawan Agarwal is the CEO of FSSAI.
- Telangana CM- K. Chandrashekar Rao, Governor- ESL Narasimhan.
- Department of Posts has launched DARPAN Project. It aims at connecting all 1.29 lakh Rural Branch Post Offices in the country to enable them to do online Postal & Financial Transactions.
- NAAC stands for National Assessment & Accreditation Council. NIRF stands for National Institutional Ranking Framework.
- CM of Assam: Sarbananda Sonowal. Governor of Assam: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Gujarat Capital- Gandhinagar, CM- Vijay Rupani, Governor- Om Prakash Kohli. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport is situated in Ahmedabad, Guajarat. Kakrapar Atomic Power is located in Gujarat.
- e-Vidhan is a mission mode project to digitize & make the functioning of State Legislatures in the country paperless.


- Prakash Javadekar is the Present HRD Minister of India.


### Schemes/Portals/Missions Launched- May

- Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar launched 'Samagra Shiksha scheme' for school education. An annual grant of 5,000 to 20,000 rupees will be provided for strengthening libraries in schools. The scheme will be focused on digital education. It is a program that unifies learning from the pre-school to class 12 levels.
- E-Way Bill system for intra-State movement of goods will be implemented in seven more states and Union Territories from 27th May 2018. The States are Maharashtra, Manipur, Chandigarh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Lakshadweep. The number of States, where the system is being implemented, will go up to 27.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a survey on the NaMo App, asking people to rate the performance of the government at the Centre and MPs and MLAs in their constituencies.
- Union Environment Ministry launched the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) with an aim to train over 5.5 lakh workers in environment and forest sectors in the country.
- Green Good Deeds, the societal movement launched by Environment, Forest & Climate Change Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan to protect the environment and promote good living has found acceptance by the global community.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal' to provide jobs to youths as per their educational qualification, skills and interest and ensure availability of able candidates to employers as per the need of their business.
- Railway's Online Travel Portal, www.irctc.co.in has launched beta version of its new User Interface. By creating Next Generation e-Ticketing (NGeT) system the new online ticket booking system of Railways provides an easy and fast way of booking rail tickets by automating the journey planning and purchase of tickets.
- RK Singh, Minister of State for Power, launched the web portal and an app namely 'PRAAPTI' that stands for 'Payment ratification and analysis in power procurement for bringing transparency in invoicing of generators'. It is developed to bring transparency in power purchase transactions between Generators and DISCOMs.
- Indian government launched a **Pilot Scheme for procurement of aggregate power of 2500 MW on competitive basis for three years** under medium term from commissioned power plants without power purchase agreements.
- Union Minister for Drinking Water & Sanitation, Uma Bharti, launched the **GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources)- DHAN scheme in Karnal, Haryana.**

It aims to positively impact village cleanliness & generate wealth & energy from cattle & organic waste.

- HRD Ministry** launched a major & unique initiative of online professional development of **1.5 million higher education faculty using the Massive Open Online Courses platform SWAYAM**. In the first phase, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) have been identified. NRCs are tasked to prepare online training material with the focus on new & emerging trends, pedagogical improvements & methodologies for transacting revised curriculum.
- Manipur CM N. Biren Singh** launched '**Go to Village' mission** throughout the state from Konuma ground. The mission was launched in 60 villages of all the 60 Assembly constituencies.
- Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology **Ravi Shankar Prasad** launched the **website of Digital India Internship Scheme** in New Delhi. Under this scheme, 25 interns will be inducted for a period of three months.
- Aimed at empowering vulnerable & marginalised women by imparting skills training, **the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** has announced to set up a skill development centre at '**Bharosa,**' an integrated support centre for distressed women & children in Hyderabad.
- Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) unveiled a **National Wind- solar Hybrid Policy which seeks to promote new projects as well as hybridisation of the existing ones**. Under this, the government would bid out wind-solar hybrid projects on tariff-based competitive bidding & these projects can be set up anywhere across the country depending on feasibility & land availability with bidders.


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- Raj Kumar Singh is the Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Power.
- Kaptan Singh Solanki|Governor of Haryana. CM of Haryana is Manohar Lal Khattar.



- Manipur CM- Nongthombam Biren Singh, Governor- Dr Najma A. Heptulla.

### Schemes/ Portals/ Missions/ Apps/ Missions Launched- June

- Government notified the **Electoral Bond Scheme 2018**. As per provisions, Electoral Bonds may be purchased by a person, who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India. A person being an individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals. Only the **Political Parties registered under Section 29A of Representation of People Act, 1951 & which secured not less than 1% of the votes polled in last General Election or the Legislative Assembly of the State**, shall be eligible to receive Electoral Bonds.
- With an aim to integrate information technology for better roll out of its social sector schemes, Ministry of Woman & Child Development organized Seminar on **Technology Partnerships for Steering POSHAN Abhiyaan called 'TECH-THON'**.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched a **mobile application called 'ReUnite'** which helps to track & trace missing & abandoned children in India.
- **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** launched the **new Passport Seva App**. Now, people can apply for a passport from any part of the country through the App. EAM Sushma Swaraj has launched Mobile Passport Application on the occasion of Passport Seva Divas (26 June) in New Delhi.
- **Gujarat government** launched a **solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY)** enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid & earn an extra buck. As per the scheme, farmers having existing electricity connection will be given solar panels as per their load requirements. The State & Central governments will give 60% subsidy on the cost of the project. The farmer is required to take 5% cost, while 35% will be provided to him as an affordable loan with interest rates of 4.5-6%.
- The government **approved a 33% increase in carpet area of houses eligible for interest subsidy under its affordable housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)** to attract more beneficiaries. It has been enhanced to 160 sq m from 120 sq m for Middle Income Group-I (MIG-I), while it has been increased to 200 sq m from 150 sq m in case of MIG-II.
- President **Kovind will launch Solar Charkha Mission which will entail a subsidy of 550 crore rupees in the initial two years for 50 clusters**. The scheme is aimed at linking five crore women & self-help groups to the initiative.
- The **Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS)** developed a mobile-based application '**utsonmobile**'. It enables **booking & cancellation of unreserved tickets, issue & renewal of season & platform tickets, & other features**.
- **Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar** launched the **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**. The library will become a single window platform for all educational needs.
- **Telangana police** launched a mobile-based messenger application named '**Cop Connect**' dedicated to provide real-time information to over 60,000 police officers across the State.
- **Punjab Government** launched a **mobile application named 'i-Hariyali'** aimed at increasing the state's green cover. The mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings.
- **Income Tax Department** issued a **new reward scheme titled "Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018"** to seek people's participation in the Income Tax Department's efforts to unearth black money & to reduce tax evasion.
- Union Ministry of Culture **introduced a new scheme called 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'** to reimburse the central share of CGST & IGST on items for food/prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by charitable religious institutions. It is launched for financial years 2018-19 & 2019-20 with a total outlay of Rs. 325.00 crores.
- Ministry of Railways launched **two mobile applications to ease the traveling experience named 'Rail MADAD' & 'Menu on Rails'**. Rail MADAD will enable travelers to lodge complaints & Menu on Rails will facilitate seamless ordering of food.
- **Northern Railways will now monitor the cleanliness of its trains using WhatsApp groups** supervised by senior officials.
- **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** will use **flash flood guidance system for the first time in the country to forecast floods**. Currently, the Central Water Commission issues flood warnings.
- Election Commission launched **its online RTI Portal**. The portal- **rti.eci.nic.in** will facilitate applicants seeking information under the Right to Information Act.
- President Kovind **distributed LPG connections to 20 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana** in Agartala, Tripura. During his visit to Tripura, he **inaugurated 73 km long National Highway connecting Udaipur town in Gomati district & Sabroom in South Tripura**. He also laid the foundation stone for the re-development of Matabari Temple Complex at Tripura Sundari temple.
- The government announced the launch of '**Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan**' under which farmers in select villages will be given assistance & advice on ways to improve farming techniques & raise their income.
- Union government **announced a package of more than Rs 8,000 crore aimed to provide relief to sugarcane farmers & to clear their dues**. The package includes three elements. A buffer stock of 30 LMT (lakh metric tonnes) of sugar will be created with Rs 1,200 crore. This money will be directly transferred to accounts of



sugarcane farmers. The government has also decided to ensure a minimum sale price of Rs 29/kg for sugar.

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- Ministry of Women and Child Development organized the 2nd meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan in New Dehli under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar, NITI Aayog. It was declared that the month of September will be celebrated as National Nutrition Month every year.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched a contest, #Childline1098, inviting people to share images of the Childline 1098 logo that they spot at unique locations and send it with a tagline, to mark World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30. CHILDLINE is India's first 24-hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance.
- R Ramanan, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission and Arvind Gupta CEO, MyGov launched the "#InnovateIndia Platform", a collaboration between the Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov, a citizen-centric platform of the Government of India. It is created for registering both grassroots and deep-tech innovators at a national level.
- CM of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Green Mahanadi Mission'. The main objective is to stop soil erosion on river banks and recharge the groundwater reserve.
- A National Viral Hepatitis control programme aimed at eliminating the deadly condition by 2030 was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the World Health Organisation.
- On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, the Ministry of Human Resource Development organized a National Conference of Vice Chancellors & Directors of Higher Education Institutions of India in New Delhi. The theme was "Research and innovation in Higher Education."
- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Radha Mohan Singh launched the Meghalaya Milk Mission in Shillong. The mission will facilitate in achieving the Centre's goal of doubling farmer's income by 2022 through the promotion of milk business in the state.
- Indian Railways launched 'Mission Satyanishtha' and a programme on Ethics in Public Governance, in a first-of-its-kind event. It aims to sensitise all railway employees about the need to adhere to good ethics and to maintain high standards of integrity at work.
- Maharashtra government announced a new scheme called 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana', wherein farmers families where girl children are born will be given saplings for plantation. It aimed at empowering women and promoting tree plantation.
- Delhi government launched 'Happiness Curriculum' for school students up to class 8. Dalai Lama, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM and education department in-charge Manish Sisodia were present at the occasion.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani launched 'Poshan Abhiyan'-- a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres. He also launched 'PURNA' project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18. 'PURNA' stands for Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent Girls.
- Chief Election Commissioner of India Mr Om Prakash Rawat, along with the Election Commissioners Sunil Arora and Ashok Lavasa, launched an Android-based mobile application named 'cVigil' for citizens to report any violation of the model code of conduct during elections.
- Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari' developed by CMPDI, Ranchi in New Delhi. The basic objective is reporting, monitoring and taking suitable action on unauthorised coal mining activities.
- MP State Government launched an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme called 'Sambal' for labourers and poor families. Under Sambal Yojana, BPL families would be provided electricity at a cost of Rs 200 per month. The main objective is to make sure that all the households have power facility in the state.
- Mr Hardeep S Puri, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) and Internship (ISCI) program that will provide the youth with an opportunity to experience the aspects of Urban planning and governance.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani given in-principle approval for the 39-crore rupees 'Seema Darshan' project for developing more infrastructure facilities from T-Junction to Zero Point at Nadabet near Suigam in Banaskantha district to instil patriotism through a unique Gujarat initiative for border tourism.
- Haryana topped other states in per capita revenue collection under GST and is also the fourth highest generator of e-way bills in the country. The Finance Minister of Haryana Capt. Abhimanyu claimed Haryana has widened the tax base by 82.22% and logged 19% hike in revenue collections.

- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign with an aim to increase the green cover in Haryana. CM Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign by planting a 'maulsari' sapling in the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises of Gurgaon.
- Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh announced a Chhattisgarh Online Pension Management System. Chhattisgarh Online Pension Management System launched an app called "Abhar aapki sewa ka". Through this application, 80,000 pensioners of the state will now get all the information related to pension and payment online.
- CM of Andhra Pradesh N. Chandrababu Naidu launched 'e-Pragati core platform' at Undavalli. e-Pragati, a forward-looking digital initiative, is aimed at connecting the citizen to 34 departments, 336 autonomous organisations and 745-plus services.
- The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the Student Police Cadet (SPC) programme for nationwide implementation at a ceremony in Gurugram, Haryana.
- Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan has unveiled the first of a kind Air Quality and Weather Forecast System, SAFAR at Chandni Chowk in New Delhi. The giant true colour LED display will give real-time air quality index on the 24x7 basis with colour coding along with 72-hour advance forecast.
- To promote a culture of innovation and research in higher education, HRD ministry launched the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARRIA). Named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the ARRIA "will rank educational institutions for innovation output based on all major indicators and parameters used globally".
- CCEA chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for implementation of an umbrella scheme 'Ocean Services, Technology, Observations, Resources Modelling and Science (O-SMART)'. It approved the scheme for implementation during the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20 at an overall cost of Rs 1623 crore. The scheme covers a total of 16 sub-projects, which address ocean development activities such as services, technology, resources, observations and science.
- Former President Pranab Mukherjee launched the National Electoral Transformation (NETA) mobile application to rate Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs). 'Neta - Leaders' Report Card' App, the brainchild of 27-year-old entrepreneur Pratham Mittal.
- The Centre unveiled a draft scheme for extending the affordable air travel programme UDAN to international circuits, with state governments identifying the routes for operation. The draft International Air Connectivity (IAC) scheme envisages to increase the international ticketing to 20 crores by 2027. As per the draft scheme, state governments will identify the routes to be connected, and airline operators will assess demand on the identified routes and submit proposals for providing connectivity.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan handed over 5 crore LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to Smt Takirdiran of Delhi. The 5-crore feat achieved in the time period of over 2 years. In the current year, considering the huge success of the Scheme, target was revised to 8 crores with budgetary allocation of Rs 12,800 crore. Uttar Pradesh got the maximum number of LPG connections.
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) launched a dedicated portal to connect cargo owners and shippers with real-time data on the availability of vessels. It is named as the Forum of Cargo Owners and Logistics Operators (FOCAL).
- NITI Aayog launched Move Hack, a global mobility hackathon to crowdsource solutions aimed at the future of mobility in India.
- Govt. approved 122 new research projects of 112 crore rupees under its Impacting Research Innovation and Technology 'IMPRINT-2' scheme. It aims to advance research in energy, security and healthcare domains in the high education institutions.
- Startup India launched the Startup Academia Alliance programme, which is a unique mentorship opportunity between academic scholars and startups working in similar domains, to fulfill the Indian Government's

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- With an aim to provide country's poor access to quality and affordable healthcare, government announced the launch of Ayushman Bharat (now Jan Aarogya Abhiyan) on September 25, covering 50 crore people. Nearly 10 crore families will get health cover worth Rs 5 lakh each year under the scheme. The world's largest healthcare cover plan that covers 10 crore families provides 5 lakh cover to them each year.

mission to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship in the country.

- Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari launched Bidder Information Management System (BIMS) and Bhoomi Rashi and PFMS linkage - two IT initiatives of the Road Transport & Highways Ministry.
- Recognizing the importance of reaching out to the consumers and to safeguard their interests, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has now integrated its Mobile Apps namely DND 2.0 & MyCall with UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) Platform. UMANG is developed by National e-Governance Division (NeGD).
- Ministry of HRD has embarked on a major and new initiative Project called 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM), which will provide one integrated platform and portal for online courses. This covers all higher education subjects and skill sector courses.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Aviation Suresh Prabhu launched 'Niryat Mitra' - mobile App in New Delhi. It developed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).
- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 'One District One Product' Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The special emphasis was laid on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Under the 'One District One Product' scheme, the state government has set a goal of providing employment to 25 lakh people in five years through the financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 crores.


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- Assam Government has become the first Indian state to offer a Wage Compensation Scheme for pregnant women working in the tea gardens of the state. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 12,000 will be given to

the pregnant women so that they can take care of themselves & the unborn baby.

- Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship launched an innovative initiative titled SATAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation). It would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers & entrepreneurs.
- Ministry of AYUSH has set up an AYUSH Information Cell at the premises of the Indian Embassy in Romania to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH system of medicine & encourage Ayurveda practice in Romania.
- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched the 'Rail Heritage Digitisation Project' of Indian Railways in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture Association. It aims to showcase India's rail heritage to the national & international audience in an online story-telling platform.
- Union Minister for Tourism (IC), Mr. K.J. Alphons launched the 'Incredible India Mobile App' & the "Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification" programme. He also announced that India will be the host country for official World Tourism Day celebrations for the UNWTO, in 2019.
- National Mission on Government e Marketplace (GeM), launched by the Minister of Commerce & Industry, Suresh Prabhu. This was followed by the launch of the Mission in 19 States & Union Territories. GeM has recorded till date more than 8 lakh transactions worth over Rs. 12,239 crores.
- Union Minister for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences & Environment, Forest & Climate change, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated air pollution control device WAYU (Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit) for traffic junctions at ITO intersection & Mukarba Chowk in Delhi.
- PM Narendra Modi has launched Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Ranchi, Jharkhand. Under this scheme, over 10 crore families will be provided health assurance worth five lakh rupees each, every year. This is the world's largest government-funded healthcare program targeting more than 50 crore beneficiaries. The scheme will provide cashless & paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service.
- Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba launched an online 'e-Sahaj' portal for grant of Security Clearance. It will facilitate an applicant to submit application online & also to view the status of his application from time to time.
- Government incorporated provision of penalties for States & Insurance Companies for the delay in settlement of insurance claims under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). As per the new

guidelines, the farmers will be paid 12% interest by insurance companies for the delay in settlement claims beyond two months of prescribed cut-off date.

- In an attempt to combat human trafficking, the West Bengal government has rolled out a scheme, Swayangsiddha, in different districts of the State. Swayangsiddha, which means self-reliance, will be executed by the West Bengal Police. It aims to empower young boys & girls to make informed choices so that they are less vulnerable to trafficking & child marriage.
- India's first 'smart fence' pilot project was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along the Indo-Pak border at the BSF Headquarters in Ploura, Jammu.

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the creation of amenities at/near Railway Stations through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.

- Union Government announced that the treatment of childhood cancer will be covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

- PM Modi, launched the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Movement, to boost nationwide public participation in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, & catalyse the fulfilment of Bapu's dream of a Clean India.
- The Union Cabinet approved new Umbrella Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, PM-AASHA. The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce.
- The Union cabinet approved a proposal for the complete electrification of Indian Railways by 2021-22, reducing dependence on imported fossil fuel & saving revenue for the national carrier.
- Govt. of Andhra Pradesh launched a mobile platform, e-Rythu (e-farmer in Telugu) which will enable small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices. The platform has been developed by Mastercard Labs for Financial Inclusion in Nairobi, Kenya, & has been customized for India use by the Labs team based at Pune.
- Minister of Railways & Coal, Piyush Goyal launched a web portal 'www.railsahyog.in'. It will provide a platform for the Corporates & PSUs to contribute to

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