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- 1. Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad launched *Cyber Swachhta Kendra* –Botnet Cleaning and Malware Analysis Centre for analysis of malware and botnets that affect networks and systems. Tools released as part of system are -
 - 1. USB Pratirodh -A desktop security solution, which protects from USB mass storage device threats.
 - 2. AppSamvid A desktop solution which protects systems by allowing installation of genuine applications through white listing.
 - 3. M-Kavach An indigenously developed solution to address the security threats in mobiles.
- 2. 10th 3 day Sula Fest held in Nashik (Maharashtra), featuring professional wine tastings and grape stomping, includes artists Infected Mushroom and Nucleya.
- 3. In the biennial International Aerospace and Defence exhibition Aero India began at Air Force Station in Bengaluru (Karnataka).
 - 1. Bharat Electronics Ltd unveiled new communication radio for Indian armed forces called STARS-V Mk III.
 - 2. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed MoU with Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for development of HAL's new Greenfield helicopter facility at Tumakuru (Karnataka).
- 4. 19th Bharat Rang Mahotsav / International Drama Festival held in New Delhi.
- 5. Description 2017 International Conference on NexGen Technologies for Mining and Fuel Industries (NxGnMiFu-2017) organised in New Delhi by CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research Dhanbad as part of CSIR's platinum jubilee (completing 75 years) celebration.
- 6. > 2nd India Pharma & India Medical Device International Conference Held in Bengaluru (Karnataka).
- 7. 31st Surajkund International Crafts Mela held in Haryana with Egypt as partner country and Jharkhand as theme state.
- 8. A 33 Member committee headed by Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has been constituted for speedy completion of Sagarmala Project in Andhra Pradesh, aimed at improving state's coastline and inland waterways.
- 9. According to 2016 census by Odisha State Forest and Environment department, 181 Irrawaddy dolphins sighted in Odisha; which is much lesser than 450 dolphins recorded in 2015.
- 10. According to Goa based National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), India's only live volcano at Barren Island in Andaman and Nicobar has become active again and spewing smoke, ash and lava After lying dormant for 150 years.
- 11. According to Internet and Mobile Association of India (IMAI) and Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB), internet users in India are expected to be around 45 Crores. Urban India has 60% internet penetration while rural Areas only have 17% Internet penetration.
- 12. According to South African market research group *New World Wealth*, Mumbai has been named as Richest Indian City with total wealth of \$820 billion as its is home to 46,000 millionaires and 28 billionaires. Mumbai is followed by Delhi (\$ 450 billion).

- 13. Andhra Pradesh Government signed MoU with Microsoft to utilise Microsoft Azure Stack for its state data centre. Microsoft Azure Stack will be used to migrate live applications currently hosted in Hyderabad State Data Centre (SDC) to Vishakhapatnam (Vizag) data centre.
- 14. Andhra Pradesh's first Smart Police Station inaugurated at Nagarampalem in Guntur city in capital Amaravati.
- 15. Apollo Hospitals Foundation signed agreement with WWF India (World wide fund for nature), to provide medical support to forest department employees and local communities in areas where WWF-India operates.
- 16. Arunachal Pradesh Government introduced *Arunachal Civil Service Awards* for excellence in public administration, to encourage good governance and recognize extraordinary services by government employees. Award consists of a medal, scroll and cash award of 1 lakh for individual and 5 lakh rupees for organisation / group.
- 17. Arunachal Pradesh became first North eastern state to implement e-Cabinet solutions as a powerful governance tool to be used to streamline its decision-making process. Using this system, state cabinet members can access the cabinet notes before the meeting.
- 18. As per Government, implementation of regional air-connectivity scheme (UDAN) will see number of operational airports in country increase up by over 50, with cost of travelling will come down to as low as 2500 for up to an hour of journey.
- 19. Assam Government launched Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) for development of villages, with an outlay of 30000 Crores. It aims at doubling farmers' income in State by 2022.
- 20. Assam state government will set up a Wild Sanctuary to grow Muga cocoon in an effort to give more exposure to Muga, Eri and Silk Products under Assam Silk Outreach Mission.
- 21. Assam will host its first river festival-'Namami Brahmaputra' in March April 2017.
- 22. Bangalore based E-Paathsala Launches Unique Technology-Backed Services for Educational Institutions in India.
- 23. Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) for the first time has introduced the third gender category in school exams conducted by it.
- 24. Cab Aggregator Uber launched *UberHire* service in 9 Indian cities, allowing customers to hire a taxi for an entire day and cover several destinations at one go.
- 25. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved enhancement of capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW of Scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects, to make sure setting up of 50 solar parks each with Min capacity of 500 MW across country.
 - 1. Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects will be set up by 2019-20 with Central Government financial support of 8100 crores. Capacity after operationalisation will generate 64 billion units of electricity, leading to abatement of 55 million tonnes of CO₂ / year.
- 26. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) signed technology transfer agreement with Jindal Stainless (Hisar) Limited for manufacturing high nitrogen steel (HNS). HNS has higher ballistic strength and is non-magnetic, corrosion-resistant.
- 27. Delhi will soon get India's first dedicated "Heliport" for flying in and out of Delhi to nearby areas in Helicopters. It will be built by Pawan Hans Limited.

- 28. Digital Payments 2020 report by Google and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) said that digital payment industry in India will reach USD 500 billion by 2020.
 - 1. By 2020, over 50 % of Internet users in the country will be using Digital modes of payment.
 - 2. Digital technology in India will influence 45 % of all retail sales by 2025 and non-cash transactions will exceed cash transactions by 2023.
- 29. First meet of Committee on Cultural Harmony Conclave under Hamari Dharohar Scheme held in New Delhi.
- 30. First portion of Indian Railways Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) between Ateli (Haruana) and Phulera (Rajasthan) will become operational by March 2018. It will be 190-km double track route with a total of 380 km track length.
 - 1. Ateli-Phulera section will take over the freight load from the Indian Railways. 500-600 km of additional track length will be operational by 2018-19.
 - 2. DFCCIL is a special purpose vehicle of railways and responsible for developing 6 Dedicated Freight Corridors across country.
- 31. French Aviation Firm Airbus signed MoU with Telangana government, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) of India and AEROCAMPUS France to establish centre of Excellence at Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport. It will provide skill development training to young aspirants to enhance their employability.
- 32. Geologists claimed discovery of new geological continent named *Zealandia* submerged beneath south-west Pacific Ocean.
 - 1. Zealandia has 4.5-million square km area and is 94% underwater. Only its highest points New Zealand and New Caledonia are visible.
 - 2. It had broken off from Antarctica about 100 million years ago, then from Australia about 80 million years ago as part of breakup of super-continent Gondwanaland and sank beneath sea.
- 33. Global payments network Visa signed MoU with Andhra Pradesh Government to transform Vishakhapatnam into India's first 'less cash' city and make it emerge as India's 'Fintech Valley'.
- 34. Government allowed Tamil Nadu Government to increase number of workdays under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA) scheme in Tamil Nadu from existing 100 to 150 days.
- 35. Government announced expansion of rotavirus vaccine in 5 additional states under Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) Assam, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
 - 1. In First Phase, 38 lakh children were vaccinated in four states Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- 36. Government approved amending Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 Bill to make changes to list of Scheduled Castes in Odisha. Amending Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order 1964 was also approved, to change name of Union Territory of Pondicherry to Puducherry.
- 37. Government approved amendments in Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 to modify list of SC in Odisha. Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order 1964 was also changed to change name of Union territory from Pondicherry to Puducherry.
- 38. Government approved establishment of Food Legumes Research Platform (FLRP) at Amlaha in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh with Satellite Hubs in West Bengal and Rajasthan.

FLRP will have international status as contemplated in Clause 3 of United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947.

- 1. Department of Agricultural Research (DARE) is authorized on behalf of Indian Government in all matters regarding establishment of FLRP.
- 2. FLRP will be established by International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) for meeting the emerging food security challenges.
- 39. Government approved introduction of Bill in Parliament to extend jurisdiction of Collection of Statistics Act 2008 to State of Jammu & Kashmir. It will strengthen data collection mechanism in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. It will extend jurisdiction of the parent Act to J&K in respect of matters not reserved for J & K State as per 1954 Order.
 - Collection of Statistics Act 2008 was enacted by Parliament to facilitate collection
 of statistics on economics, social, demographic, scientific and environmental
 aspects etc. The Act extended to whole India except J&K.
 - 2. J&K state legislature enacted J & K Collection of Statistics Act 2010 which was replica of central legislation. However, central and state legislations are not applicable to statistical subjects falling in Union List, as applicable to J&K under the Constitution (Application to Jammu & Kashmir) Order 1954. This created a legislative vacuum which is intended to be filled by this amenment.
- 40. Government approved introduction of Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Amendment) Bill 2017 in Parliament, aimed at inclusion of Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM) Kurnool in Principal Act and make it an Institute of National Importance.
- 41. Government doubled maternity leave for women Working in industries from 3 to 6 months. However, benefit will be restricted to women who make a monthly contribution to employees state insurance corpus from their salaries.
- 42. Government inaugurated Centre of Integrative Oncology, an institute dedicated to building collaboration in areas of cancer prevention, research and care in New Delhi.
- 43. Government launched Saathiya Resource Kit including Saathiya Salah Mobile App for adolescents, as part of Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) program. Peer Educators (Saathiyas) will act as catalyst for generating demand for adolescent health services and imparting age appropriate knowledge on key adolescent health issues to their peer groups.
- 44. Government made Aadhaar card mandatory for receiving subsidised foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 from all Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) shops. Those not possessing Aadhaar numbers may get one and submit by 30 June 2017.
- 45. Government refused to implement recommendations of Parliamentary Committee to form new law for Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Committee recommended replacing Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act 1946 that as per committee, has became inadequate considering changing times.
- 46. Government will develop large deposits of uranium found in Meghalaya to tap its potential to generate substantial nuclear fuel for atomic power plants in India.
- 47. Government will form policies on second-generation ethanol and methanol. These non-conventional fuel resources sector will create industry worth Rs. 1 lakh crore with 25 Lakh jobs.
- 48. Government will open 56 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) at different locations in various states for delivering passport related services to people.

- 49. Gujarat Assembly passed Gujarat Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Bill 2017 to empower state government to use Aadhaar number as the sole identifier for delivery of various subsidies and benefits in effective and targeted manner.
 - 1. By linking Aadhhaar number with various schemes, state government will create a credible system to authenticate identity of actual beneficiaries.
- 50. Gujarat Technological University (GTU) sets up centre of excellence in automation technologies at Ahmedabad campus to foster research & knowledge among Engineering students.
- 51. Gujarat became first state to establish cashless system in public distribution system (PDS) of food grains. Gujarat State Government installed Aadhaar Enabled Payment System in 17250 FPS (Fair Price Shops), much before targeted date of 31st March, 2017.
- 52. Haryana Govrnment constituted a committee of ministers to prepare a blueprint for developing Integrated Dairy Complexes across state.
- 53. Haryana government has set up online system called *sex ratio monitoring dashboard in* Panipat, as part of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' Scheme. It will have data of child sex ratio collected from all villages every month in district by state Health and Women and Child Welfare Departments.
- 54. Human Resource Development Ministry made Aadhaar mandatory for students to avail benefits Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University.
- 55. ICAI's Accounting Research Foundation signed pact with Indian Railways, for national rollout of accrual accounting in Railways.
- 56. India Vetiver Network (INVN) launched at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University as a not-for-profit scientific network, to promote vetiver (Khus) in India. Vetiver has worldwide application to tackle many environmental issues like soil erosion, mitigation of soil and water pollution.
- 57. India hosted Implementation and Assessment Group Meeting of Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT). GICNT was launched in 2006 and has now grown to include 86 partner nations and 5 official observer organisations.
- 58. India joined Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, a global health network focused on improving quality of care for new mothers and babies. It is supported by World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other partners.
- 59. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur will start India's first inter-disciplinary School on Quality and Reliability (Q&R), aiming to improve quality of life for Indians as well as develop quality conscious global citizens.
- 60. Indian Panorama Film Festival held in Port Blair (capital of Andaman & Nicobar islands) with screening of About 15 films of different languages.
- 61. Indian Railways unveiled *Antyodaya Express* as a new train for unreserved passengers. First Antyodaya Express will start between Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Tatanagar (Jharkhand) and second between Ernakulam and Howrah.
- 62. ▶ Indian cricketer and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar adopted Donja in Osmanabad (Maharashtra) under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna as his second adopted village after Puttamraju Kandriga in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.
- 63. India's first floating elementary school named Loktak Elementary Floating School inaugurated at Langolsabi Leikai of Champu Khangpok floating village on Loktak Lake in Manipur.

- 64. India's first hill station bicycle path inaugurated in Darjeeling (West Bengal) at height of 2000 metres. The 20 km long cycle route runs through thick pine forest and Senchal wildlife sanctuary, one of India's oldest nature reserves.
- 65. India's first integrated heliport inaugurated at Rohini in Delhi, developed by Pawan Hans Limited. It will provide various helicopter services ranging from offshore transport, connecting remote & inaccessible Islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.
- 66. India's vaccine regulatory body NRAI (National Regulatory Authority of India) has been given maximum ratings by World Health Organisation (WHO) for vaccine regulations.
 - 1. India is a main exporter in pharmaceutical industry and efficient functioning of NRAI is a pre-requisite for WHO prequalification of vaccines.
 - 2. Assessment was done in respect of 9 different functionalities, of which NRAI has been granted Maturity Level 4 in 5 functionalities and Level 3 in 4 functionalitie.
 - 3. It reflects growing maturity of NRAI emanating from a concerted effort by Government to build capacity and capability of NRAI.
- 67. Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu released annual year book *India-2017* and *Bharat-2017* in New Delhi.
- 68. Inter-state migration of workers in India increased to 9 crore annually between 2011-16 period, compared to 5 Crore In 201 2011. It is based on analysis of 2011 census data and railway passenger traffic in unreserved category.
- 69. International Coin Fair held in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
- 70. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Government declared 2017 as *Year of Apple*, to promote famed Kashmiri apples in domestic and foreign markets.
- 71. Jammu and Kashmir Government has launched the e-Prison project to enumerate jail inmates in the State.
- 72. Jammu and Kashmir Government imposed restrictions on number of guests at weddings and small functions like social and government functions, To curb misuse of resources. Number of guests at bride's place are to stay under 500 and guests at groom's place can be maximum 400. Number of guests at smaller functions like engagement etc. are restricted to 100.
- 73. Jharkhand Government announced 2 % reservation for sports persons in government jobs.
- 74. Karnataka Assembly passed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 2017 to allow kambala, traditional buffalo race and bullock-cart racing.
- 75. Kerala Cabinet approved construction of an airport in Hindu Pilgrimage Center Sabarimala.
- 76. Kerala Government constituted Unified Command under CM Pinaryai Vijayan to contain spread of left wing extremism (LWE) in State.
- 77. Kerala will be first state to launch a registry of sex offenders and keep it in Public Domain for people to see, with all details of sex offenders.
- 78. Kerala's Nilambur teak known for its superior timber quality and elegant appearance will be added to list of Kerala produces with Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Britishers were first to identify superior quality of teak from Kerala's Nilambur plantations and forests.
 - 1. Geographical Indication (GI) GI tag is an insignia on products having a unique geographical origin and evolution over centuries with regards to its special quality or reputation attributes.

- 79. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Development signed MoU with online travel Portal *MakeMyTrip* to promote Its home-stay scheme. Besides, Andhra Pradesh Government tied ip with Another Travel Portal Yatra.com to promote home stays.
- 80. Madhya Pradesh state government will set up a tourism board with CM Shivraj singh chauhan as chairman.
- 81. Maharashtra Government approved 250 crore Cloud Seeding Programme during 2017 monsoon season to produce sufficient rain. Under this, weather scientists using aircrafts will spray chemicals (silver iodide) over clouds clouds hovering above Solapur district, a rain shadow region of Western Ghats. This will be the first controlled experiment to quantify the extent to which clouds form water drops large enough to make rain.
- 82. Maharashtra declared it will become completely Open Defecation Free (ODF) by March 2018.
- 83. Meghalaya's noted root-bridge has been nominated for National Innovation Foundation (NIF) award for grassroots innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge. Living root bridges are community-driven innovation by Khasi and Jaintia people of mountainous terrain along Shillong Plateau.
- 84. Mil Banche (Let read together) programme held in all primary and middle government schools in Madhya Pradesh.
- 85. Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Science, Harsh Vardhan released *Atlas for Visually Impaired (India)* in English Braille in New Delhi, prepared by National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO). It is world's first braille atlas for visually impaired.
- 86. Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Narendra Singh Tomar launched Swachh Shakti Saptah in Gurugram (Haryana) to highlight role of women in Swachh Bharat Mission and to recognize their leadership.
- 87. Minister of state for labour and Employment Bandaru Dattatreya launched National Career Service (NCS) for youths and Jeevan Pramaan Facility to EPFO pensioners through post offices in Hyderabad.
- 88. Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) for protecting growers from risks such as pest attacks, yield loss and income decline caused by fall in prices.
- 89. Ministry of Defence will set up a Defence Unit in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh, at cost of 1500 crores.
- 90. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Measles Rubella vaccination campaign as largest ever disease campaign (against Measles and Rubella diseases), targeting 3.6 crore children.
- 91. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare unveiled National Family Health Survey-4 (2015-16) Findings -
 - 1. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) declined from 57 to 41 per 1,000 live births between NFHS-3 (2005-06) and NFHS-4.
 - 2. Sex ratio at birth (number of females per 1,000 males) improved from 914 to 919. It is highest in Kerala (1,047), followed by Meghalaya (1,009) and Chhattisgarh (977). Haryana also witnessed a significant increase from 762 to 836.
 - 3. Institutional births Increased by 40 percentage points from 38.7% in NFHS-3 to 78.9% in NFHS 4.
 - 4. Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to 2.2 children per woman from 2.7 in NFHS-3.

- 92. Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRB) will set up a *National Testing Agency* to conduct examinations for higher and secondary education. NTA will be single authority that will conduct entrance tests for all higher institutions like JEE, NEET, NET etc. NTA will free CBSE, AICTE and other agencies from conducting various exams and enable them to focus on improving quality of education.
- 93. Ministry of Mines has launched Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation (TAMRA) Portal and Mobile Application to ensure transparent award of statutory Clearances for mining operations.
- 94. Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have signed MoU to step up interventions for the welfare and economic development of scheduled caste artisans.
- 95. Ministry of Urban Development approved development of 6 km long Bet Dwarka Darshan Circuit in Gujarat under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY). It will connect famous Dwarkadish Haveli and Hanuman Dandi (only temple housing Hanumanji and his son Makardhwaj) in Dwarka district of Gujarat at cost of 16 crores.
- 96. Momentum Jharkhand, 2 day global investors summit held in Ranchi with total 209 MoUs were signed between different companies. It will bring investment approx 3. 49 lakh crores in Jharkhand, creating over 2 lakh Jobs.
- 97. NITI Aayog, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) launched *India Innovation Index*, that will rank states on Innovations by capturing innovation data in real time.
- 98. Nagaland Government submited a memorandum to Prime Minister to issue an ordinance to exempt Nagaland from provision of Part IX A of Constitution, related to municipalities and ULBs and their composition.
 - 1. It is being done after various tribal organisations opposing elections to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) with 33 % seats reserved for women.
- 99. National Aluminium Company Limited(NALCO) signed MoU with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), with Objective of Scientific, technological and educational activities in mining rehabilitation.
- 100. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) sanctioned loan of 157 crore to Haryana Government to undertake drinking water project.
- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Ayog) declared Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Limited (GNFC) Township at Bharuch as India's first cashless township, with all of its 10000 residents opting to digital means for financial transactions.
- 102. PM Narendra Modi unveiled 112-feet-tall Lord Shiva (Adiyogi form) statue on occasion of Mahashivratri in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu).
- 103. PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL) signed an MOU with CREDAI West Bengal to train 1000 construction workers in Kolkata and nearby villages.
 - 104. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated international conference on 'Bharat Bodh' (Idea of Bharat) organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal in New Delhi.
- 105. Punjab Government banned manufacture / sale of gutkha, pan masala and any other food products containing nicotine or tobacco for 1 year.
- 106. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched first phase of Station Redevelopment Programme as world's largest transit-oriented development programme. Under this,

- tenders are being floated for 23 of total 400 A1 and A category stations selected for redeveloping.
- 107. Railway Ministry approved a 240-KM broad-gauge railway line project in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, connecting Port Blair (capital) with Diglipur.
- Najasthan CM Vasundhara Raje inaugurated Rajasthan Heart Attack Treatment programme (RAHAT) to provide people timely treatment during heart attacks in remote and rural areas. Rajasthan is second state after Tamil Nadu to launch health programme against Heart Diseases.
- 109. Rajasthan became second largest crude oil producer in India with its oil fields producing 90 lakh tonnes (24 %) oil annually.
 - 1. *Bombay High* offshore oil field of Mumbai is largest producer of crude oil in India which accounts for 50% of total domestic crude oil production.
- 110. State Cultural Festival Visakha, held in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- 111. Supreme Court approved government's plan to record identity of mobile subscribers through e-KYC mechanism linked to Aadhaar, to enhance national security and prevent fake users.
- 112. Supreme Court asked Central Government to prepare plan to eradicate leprosy (a skin disease) from country.
- 113. Supreme Court introduced Middle Income Group Scheme (MIGS) as a self-supporting scheme for providing legal services to middle and relatively lower income groups. Under this, middle class people who cannot afford the expensive litigation in the apex can avail the services of society for a nominal amount.
 - 1. MIGS is a self-supporting scheme that will provide legal services to the middle income group citizens whose gross income does not exceed Rs.60, 000 per month or Rs. 7, 50, 000 per annum. A case will be registered under the MIG Legal Aid Scheme and forwarded to Advocate-on-Record/ Senior Counsel/Arguing Counsel on the panel for their opinion.
 - 2. If Advocate-on-Record is satisfied that case is fit, then the society will consider that applicant is entitled to legal aid. A society will be created with Chief Justice of India (CJI) as Patron-in-Chief.
- 114. ▶ Tata Motors introduced TAMO as a sub-brand, to act as an incubator to develop new range of technology heavy mobility solutions for Indian and global markets.
 - 1. Tata Motors also signed MOU with Microsoft to collaborate on technology front for making driving a more personalized experience.
- 115. Telangana government launched India's first social innovation centre *Kakatiya Hub for Social Innovation* in Nizamabad, to act like a rural incubator to encourage entrepreneurship at grassroots level.
- 116. Thanal, a Thiruvananthapuram based group in Kerala has launched a helpline for providing technical support in treating organic waste and managing non-biodegradable solid wastes. Helpline is available at 9400147150.
- 117. Thiruvananthapuram (capital of Kerala) topped in city governance ranking of Annual Survey of India's City Systems (ASICS) 2016 by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy. Survey evaluated 21 major cities from 18 states. Pune (Maharashtra) is ranked second and Kolkata retained its third rank.
- 118. UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) organised Nature Fest at World Heritage Site Great Himalayan National Park (GNHP) in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh.

- 119. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has shut down 12 websites and 12 mobile apps offering Aadhaar-related services illegally and charging excessive money from public.
- 120. Uttarakhand Government issued shoot-at-sight order in Corbett Tiger Reserve to curb poaching (Illegal Hunting) of tigers.
- 121. West Bengal Government declared Kalimpong as 21st district, separating it from Darjeeling. It spreads over 1,056 square kms and will be Bengal's least populated district with population under 50,000.
- 122. Women and Child Development Ministry will setting up of a compensation fund to provide financial help to children who are victims of sexual crimes under POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences). Money for this fund will be drawn from Nirbhaya Fund.