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1. 42nd Indian Social Science Congress held in Odisha • The 42nd Indian Social Science Congress was inaugurated by Manipur governor Dr Najma Heptulla at KIIT University campus in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. • The theme of the Congress was 'Human Future in Digital Era.'
2. National Children's Science Congress held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha • This year's theme is 'Science, Technology and Innovations: For clean, green and healthy nation'.
3. The 39th Gulf Cooperation Council Summit held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. • 40th Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit will be held in the United Arab Emirates.
4. Annual Startup India Venture Capital Summit 2018 held in Goa • The theme of the Summit was 'Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India.'
5. India Water Impact Summit-2018 held in New Delhi. • Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the summit. • The spotlight is on the 5 states, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, and Bihar.
6. Global Agriculture & Food Summit 2018 held in Jharkhand • The Global Agriculture & Food Summit 2018 was held in Ranchi, Jharkhand. • Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated the summit. • The aim of the Summit is to promote Jharkhand as a key player to attract investment in the agriculture sector.
7. G – 20 Summit 2018 - Buenos Aires, Argentina • The theme of the G20 summit is 'Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development.' G – 20 Summit 2019 – Osaka, Japan , The 2019 G20 summit will be held on 28–29 June 2019 in Osaka, Japan. Japan will host its first ever G20 Summit. G – 20 Summit 2020 – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia • The 2020 G20 summit will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. G – 20 Summit 2021 – Italy • The 2021 G20 summit will be held in Italy. G – 20 Summit 2022 – New Delhi, India • India will host the G-20 summit in 2022.
8. Climate Change Conference 2018 held in Poland • The Climate Change Conference 2018 was held in Katowice, Poland. • Previously, Poland hosted them twice – in 2008, in Poznań and in 2013, in Warsaw. Note: • The UN climate summits, i.e. so-called COP (Conference of the Parties) are global conferences, in the course of which action for climate policy is negotiated.
9. First India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit held in New Delhi • The first India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit was held in New Delhi. • It was organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in association with Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Ministry of External Affairs.
10. 13th Edition of CII Agro Tech India – 2018 inaugurated in Chandigarh • The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 13th edition of CII Agro Tech India-2018 in Chandigarh.
11. Asia Pacific Summit-2018 held in Kathmandu • The Asia Pacific Summit-2018 held in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. • The theme of two-day Summit is "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values".
12. 12th session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting held in Abu Dhabi. • The 12th session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting for Economic and Technical Cooperation with UAE Foreign Minister was held in Abu Dhabi.
 - External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited United Arab Emirates to co-chair the meeting.
13. The 2nd International Ambedkar Conclave inaugurated in New Delhi • The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 2nd International Ambedkar Conclave in New Delhi as part of the commemoration of Constitution Day.

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14. 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine held in Kathmandu • The 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine started in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. • The theme of the 4-day congress is “Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas”. • The event is hosted by Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal (MMSN).
15. Sushma Swaraj Co-Chairs 9th Meeting of India-Lao PDR Joint Commission • External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj cochaired the 9th Meeting of India-Lao PDR Joint Commission on Bilateral Co-operation with her counterpart Saleumxay Kommasith in Vientiane, Capital of Laos.
16. 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change held in New Delhi • The 27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change was held in New Delhi, India. • The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India. • The BASIC countries comprise Brazil, South Africa, India and China. • Brazil will host the next meeting of BASIC in 2019.
17. General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) held in France • The 26th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) was held at Versailles (Paris), France. • The members have voted for the redefinition of 130 years old “Le grand K – the SI unit of kg” in terms of the fundamental Planck’s constant(h). • The new definitions will come into force on 20 May 2019.
18. 49th International Film Festival of India concludes in Goa.
19. Indo-Japan Business Council’s Business Festival held in Pune • Indo-Japan Business Council’s Business Festival was held in Pune. • The Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC), hosted KONNICHI WA PUNE – a first of its kind business festival in Pune. • The festival was aimed to boost investment, promote businesses and cultural exchange between India and Japan.
20. South Asia Youth Peace Conference held in New Delhi • The three-day South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference was held in New Delhi as part 150th birth anniversary celebrations of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi. • It was organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) and STEP (Standing Together to Enable Peace). • It was inaugurated by Krishna G Kulkarni, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.
21. APEC Summit 2018 held in - Papua New Guinea • The summit was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinean capital. • This is the first time Papua New Guinea (PNG), has hosted the summit. • APEC stands for - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. • Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum for 21 Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
22. 9th Session of India-Kyrgyz IGC held in New Delhi • The 9th Session of the India-Kyrgyz InterGovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IKIGC) was held in New Delhi. • The IK-IGC was co-chaired by The Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, and Mr. Kosmosbek Cholponbaev, Minister of Health, Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.
23. 34th ASEAN Summit 2019 – Thailand • In 2019, the 34th edition of the ASEAN Summit will be held in Thailand. • The official theme for the ASEAN chairmanship next year will be “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”.
24. 33rd ASEAN Summit 2018 held in Singapore • Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong hosted the summit. • The theme of the Summit was “Resilience” and “Innovation”. • This is the second ASEAN summit of this year as the 32nd edition of the ASEAN Summit 2018 was held in Singapore from 27-28 April 2018. • The ASEAN members are - Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, The Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Brunei and Laos. 21. FinTech Festival held in Singapore • Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first head of a country who has been invited to give the keynote address.

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25. 2nd Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) held in Singapore • PM Modi attended the second RCEP Summit in Singapore with 16-member states. 24. ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit held in Singapore • Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit in Singapore

26. The 17th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held in Singapore • The meeting was attended by the ASEAN Economic Ministers and AEC Ministers.

27. 26th Conference of Central and State Organizations held In Himachal Pradesh • The 26th edition of Central and State Statistical Organizations(COCSO) Conference was organized by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. • The theme of the 26th Conference was “Quality Assurance in Official Statistics”.

28. 1st WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health held in Geneva. • The First WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health took place at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

29. First-ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property held in New Delhi • The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property was held in Delhi to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy. • The dialogue was launched by US Chamber of Commerce’s Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and FICCI in partnership with the USIndia Business Council.

30. World Tolerance Summit held in Dubai, UAE • The theme of the Summit was ‘Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration’.

. Gandhian Thought and Swachhata Seminar Organized in Wardha • The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has organised a seminar on Gandhian thoughts and Swachhta to make India a Swachh Bharat by 2019 -150 the birthday celebration of Mahatma Gandhi. • It was being organized in the Wardha district of Maharashtra with a focus on achievement of the objectives of sanitation and Gandhian thoughts via Swachh Bharat Mission. About Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) • Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) was launched on 2 October 2014 with two submissions, SBA (rural) and SBA (urban). • The mission is jointly managed Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) (for rural) and the Ministry of Urban Development (for urban).

31. North East Festival and Experiencing the North East held in New Delhi • The sixth edition of North East festival is organized in New Delhi and the 15th edition of Indian International Centre festival is also held in New Delhi. • The festival is organised by Indian International Centre as 15th anniversary of its annual festivals. • The theme for this year is “Experiencing the North East”.

32. 7th Meeting of Education Ministers of SCO Member States held in Astana, Kazakhstan

33. 12th ASEM Summit held in - Brussels, Belgium • The theme of summit was ‘Global Partners for Global Challenges’. • It was chaired by European Council President Donald Tusk. • The summit was attended by heads of state of 51 European and Asian countries, representatives of European Union and Secretary General of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). • India was represented by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

34. 13th India-Japan Annual Summit – Tokyo, Japan • The annual bilateral summit of India –Japan held on 28, 29 October 2018 in Japan. • The Indian prime minister visited Japan to attend the summit. • Japan-India Investment Promotion Roadmap enhanced the contribution of Japan in India’s Make in India initiative with establishment of Business Support Centre in Ahmedabad.

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35. 2nd International Conference on Primary Health Care, Kazakhstan • The second conference on PHC inaugurated on 25 October 2018 in Astana, Kazakhstan. • The conference is a collective initiative of Government of Kazakhstan, WHO and UNICEF. • From India J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the conference.

India hosts the highest number of outward international migrants in 2017 • The Asian Economic Integration Report 2018 was presented by Asian Development Bank. • The report is an annual publication of ADB with a focus on progress in cooperation and migration. • The report revealed that India hosts the highest number of outward international migrants in 2017. It was followed by China and Bangladesh. • About one third of international migrants were from Asia in 2017.

36. 2018 UN Day Concert Held in New York • The 2018 United Nations Day Concert was held in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. • The theme of this year's concert is "Traditions of Peace and Non-violence".

37. 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting and 5th ADMM-Plus – Singapore • The 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) and 5th ADMM-Plus was held on October 19 and 20, 2018 Singapore. • The conferences were attended by defence ministers from India, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and US. India was represented by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. • This was second time Singapore has chaired ADMM since its establishment in 2006 and first time to chair ADMM-Plus since its establishment in 2010.

38. PM Modi Inaugurated Krishi Kumbha in Lucknow • Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a farmers' conclave 'Krishi Kumbh 2018' in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. • The Kumbh witnessed two of the world's top economies, Israel and Japan, as official partners while Haryana and Jharkhand as partner states.

39. 1st Trilateral meeting among India, Afghanistan & Iran held in Tehran • The first trilateral meeting among India, Afghanistan and Iran of the Coordination Council of the Chabahar Agreement took place in Tehran, Iran. • The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (Economic Relations) TS Tirumurti.

40. India to host 4th Edition of Global Partners' Forum in December 2018 • India will host the fourth edition of Global Partners' Forum in December 2018 in New Delhi. • The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) will unite over 100 countries' representatives to discuss issues, strategies and solutions to women's, children's and adolescents' health. • It will be co-hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and PMNCH. Dr Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile is the chair of PMNCH.

41. 4th BIMSTEC Summit - Kathmandu, Nepal Note: • The theme of the summit is 'Towards a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable Bay of Bengal region' • Sri Lanka has become the new chair of the BIMSTEC. Hence, Sri Lanka will host the fifth summit of the BIMSTEC.

42. G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting - Salta, Argentina. Note: The theme of the meeting was 'Building consensus for fair and sustainable development'.

43. 11th World Hindi Conference - Port Louis, Mauritius. Note: Theme – 'Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti'

44. 'One District One Product' Summit - The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 'One District One Product' Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Note: • Uttar Pradesh contributes around 44% in the total handicraft exports of the country. • 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.

45. 8th India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting - Muscat 8. 17th World Sanskrit Conference - Vancouver, Canada

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46. 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit 2018 - China • The 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO-2018) was hosted by China in the city of Qingdao in June 2018. • 17th SCO summit 2017, was held in Astana, Kazakhstan in June 2017. • Kyrgyzstan has taken over the SCO rotating presidency, and the 19th SCO summit will be held in Kyrgyzstan next year. • The SCO is consisting of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

47. 44th G7 Summit 2018 – Canada • The 44th G7 summit was held on June 8–9, 2018, in Quebec, Canada. • This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. • The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France. • The Group of Seven (G7) is a group consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. 6. An International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - Kathmandu, Nepal Explanation: • The International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

• The Theme of the two-day conference is “Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society”. • The conference is organised by the Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN). 7. 11th World Hindi Conference - Mauritius • The 11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018 with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally. • The main theme of the Conference is ‘Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti’.

48 9th edition of ‘Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav’ - Tehri, Uttarakhand. • Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav’ was held to promote India’s rich cultural Heritage which was organised by the Ministry of Culture. • Mahesh Sharma, Union Minister of Culture - Minister of State (Independent Charge)

49. The 12th informal meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers 2018 was held in Manila. Note: • The twelfth informal meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers was held in Manila, the capital of Philippines. • Finance Minister of Nepal Yuba Raj Khatiwada chaired the meeting. • The meeting was held on the side-lines of the 51st Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB). Finance Ministers/Heads of Delegations from the SAARC member states attended the meeting. The theme of the conference is - “Promoting International Peace and Security for Sustainable Development”. • External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj attended the meeting. 9. International Buddhist Conference 2018 Lumbini, Nepal

50. 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2018 - United Kingdom • The 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2018 is being hosted by United Kingdom from 16-20 April 2018. • The theme of the CHOGM 2018 is "Towards a Common Future". • Rwanda has been selected as host of the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), to be held in 2020.

51 International Bird Festival will be held at the Dudhwa National Park, Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh in February 2018.

52. World Economic Forum Summit held in – Davos, Switzerland

53. India has announced to host informal Ministerial meeting of World Trade Organisation (WTO) in March 2018 in New Delhi to muster support for issues and help to multilateral process.

54. The 105th Indian Science Congress (ISC) will be held from March 16 to 20 at Manipur University in Imphal.