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- ▶ Visits to India (Nov 1 - 10) -
 - ▶ King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck Visited India.
 - ▶ Prime Minister of Latvia, Maris Kucinskis Visited India.
 - ▶ President of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan Visited India.
 - ▶ Prince of Wales (UK), Charles Philip Arthur George Visited India.
 - ▶ Leo Heller, United Nations Special Rapporteur (UNSR) on human rights Visited India. His statement on M K Gandhi - *Now is a critical time to replace the lens of those glasses (Gandhi's glasses) with the human rights lens*, has triggered objections from India's side.
- ▶ Visits to India (Nov 11 - 20) -
 - ▶ Canadian International Trade Minister *François-Philippe Champagne* visited India to attend 4th Joint Annual Ministerial Dialogue (AMD).
 - ▶ Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France visited India.
- ▶ Visits to India (Nov 21 - 30) -
 - ▶ Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe Visited India.
 - ▶ Finland's Foreign Minister Timo Soini visited India.
 - ▶ Italian Health Minister Beatrice Lorenzin Visited India and signed MoU with India for enhanced cooperation in health sector.
 - ▶ Defence Minister of Singapore, Ng Eng Hen visited India for 2nd Defence Ministers' Dialogue between India and Singapore. During This, India and Singapore signed Agreement for Navy Cooperation that will allow Indian Navy ships logistical support at Singapore's Changi Naval Base located near disputed South China Sea (SCS).
 - ▶ First India-New Zealand Cyber Dialogue held in New Delhi, attended by Paul Ash, Director of National Cyber Policy Office of New Zealand.
 - ▶ Minister of Culture and Information of Afghanistan, Moh. Rasool Bawari Visited India for India-Afghan Cultural Festival in New Delhi.
- ▶ 10-year-old Kaamya Karthikeyan from Visakhapatnam became Youngest to climb Mount Stok Kangri with height 6,153 metres.
- ▶ 12-year-old Indian-origin boy *Rahul Doshi* has been crowned as UK's 'Child Genius' in a popular television quiz competition - *Channel 4 show 'Child Genius'*.
- ▶ 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist P V Sindhu has been appointed a Group-I officer in Andhra Pradesh.
- ▶ 38-year-old Sikh lawyer Jagmeet Singh became first non-white politician to head a major political party in Canada - New Democratic Party.
- ▶ *Freedom of Oxford* honour bestowed on Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi in 1997 by Oxford city has been withdrawn as a reaction to her perceived response to plight of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. Aung San Suu Kyi's name from Junior Common Room in North Oxford (England) has also been removed.
- ▶ A documentary on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, titled 'An Insignificant Man', is to be released in November 2017.
- ▶ According to Forbes magazine, Jeff Bezos (Amazon CEO) Surpassed Bill Gates as richest person in world with worth \$90.6 billion, compared to Gates' \$90.1 billion Worth.

11. ▶ Actor Hritik Roshan signed as a brand ambassador by a health and wellness startup Cure.fit, with deal worth Rs 100 crores.
12. ▶ Actor Kamal Haasan has been appointed as brand ambassador of team Tamil Thalaivas in 5th season of Pro Kabaddi League.
13. ▶ Agriculture Ministry has roped in Actor Akshay Kumar to promote government's flagship agriculture schemes like soil health card, crop insurance, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana etc.
14. ▶ Airtel Payments Bank CEO Shashi Arora resigned, after recent controversy over company's alleged violation of rules on using Aadhaar for its electronic know-your-customer (e-KYC) verification process.
 - ▶ Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) recently barred Bharti Airtel and Airtel Payments Bank from conducting Aadhaar-based SIM verification of mobile customers using eKYC process, after allegations of Bharti Airtel using Aadhaar-eKYC based SIM verification process to open payments bank accounts of its subscribers without their informed consent.
15. ▶ Aishwarya Rai Bachchan became first female actor to hoist Indian National Flag at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM), Australia's annual celebration of film from India and subcontinent.
16. ▶ Amazon signed deal with Bollywood actor Salman Khan to premiere his all future films first exclusively on Amazon Prime Video right after theatrical release.
17. ▶ American E-Commerce Firm Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos took over Bill Gates to become World's richest person with worth of approx 91 Billion USD. Although he slipped back to second place in a few hours.
18. ▶ American Singer Chester Bennington, member of Noted Music Band Linkin Park has passed away.
19. ▶ American astronaut Peggy Whitson returned to earth after 288-day long mission in space. She now holds record as oldest female astronaut in history of space exploration and record for most spacewalks by a woman.
20. ▶ Anup Vikal resigned as e-Commerce Firm Snapdeal's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and General Counsel.
21. ▶ Arjan Singh, The Sole Marshal of Indian Air Force (IAF) passed away. He was granted honorary rank of Marshal (highest IAF rank attainable).
22. ▶ Arunachal Pradesh's serving Health and Family Welfare Minister Jomde Kena passed away.
23. ▶ Ashish Kashyap resigned as President and Co-founder of Travel Major MakeMyTrip
24. ▶ Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo visited India, to participate in second Australia Business Week.
25. ▶ Bank of England unveiled a new £10 plastic note featuring a portrait of British novelist Jane Austen.
26. ▶ Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko visited India, marking 25 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between Belarus and India. India and Belarus signed 10 Cooperation agreements during this visit. MOUs Signed for cooperation in Oil and Gas, Agricultural Research and Education, culture, Sports, Vocational Education and Training, Potash Exploration and Scientific Research.
27. ▶ Bollywood Actor Salman Khan received a Global Diversity Award at Britain's House of Commons.
28. ▶ Bollywood actor Inder Kumar passed away.
29. ▶ Brian Acton, co-founder of WhatsApp resigned from Whatsapp to start a non-profit venture of his own.
30. ▶ Britain's first Indian-origin Cabinet Minister Priti Patel resigned as International Development Secretary, amid controversies over her secret meetings with Israeli politicians. Additionally, Indian Origin Person Ravinder Singh Bhalla became first ever Sikh mayor of New Jersey's Hoboken city.
31. ▶ British Author and Harry Potter Character creator JK Rowling has been named world's most highly-paid author with earnings of £72.2m (\$95m).
32. ▶ Chairman of Reliance Industries, Mukesh Ambani overtook China's Hui Ka Yan (*Evergrande Group Chairman*) to become Asia's richest person with total wealth of \$42.1 billion, according to Forbes' real time billionaire's list. Globally, Ambani is at 14th spot.
33. ▶ China's Noted political prisoner and Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo passed away. Liu was awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China.
34. ▶ Country's oldest cinematographer Ramanda Sengupta passed away at age 101 years.
35. ▶ Credit Card Services Major American Express's CEO CEO Kenneth Chenault would step down in 2018 after 16 years term.
36. ▶ Cricketer Yuvraj Singh launched *Power of Sports to Shape the Future of Adolescents* campaign in South Asia. It is a UNICEF sports initiative for youngsters.
37. ▶ Darshan Lal became first Hindu Minister in Pakistan's Cabinet in past 20 years. He would head coordination between 4 Pakistani provinces.
38. ▶ Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov Visited India. It was decided that New Delhi will host next steering committee meeting of proposed 1,814 kilometre-long Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline.
39. ▶ Dr. KS Chugh, Noted as *father of nephrology in India* has passed away.
40. ▶ Elyor Ganiev, Minister of Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan visited India.
41. ▶ Emma Stone named as Hollywood's best-paid female actor in Forbes annual list of top earners, having made over \$26m in last 12 months.

42. ▶ Facebook Co-founder Eduardo Saverin has become Singapore's richest person with a net worth of \$10.4 billion. Saverin gave up his US citizenship in 2012.
43. ▶ Facebook India MD Umang Bedi resigned, with Sandeep Bhushan appointed as interim Facebook India MD.
44. ▶ Famous blue-bordered sari of Mother Teresa, who has been canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta by Vatican, has been recognized as an Intellectual Property of the Missionaries of Charity. This is the first time that a uniform has been made the intellectual property.
45. ▶ First Ever Hindu Chief Justice of Bangladesh, Surendra Sinha resigned amid criticism over a verdict that scrapped Parliament's power to remove judges on grounds of misconduct & incapacity.
46. ▶ Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Salahuddin Rabbani Visited India and signed 4 agreements. He participated in 2nd India-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership Council held in New Delhi.
47. ▶ Former Chief Minister of Manipur, Rishang Keishing passed away.
48. ▶ Former India women's cricket team coach and batswoman Sreerupa Bose (Mukherjee) passed away.
49. ▶ Former Karnataka Chief Minister N. Dharam Singh passed away.
50. ▶ Former Noted Australian Tennis player Mervyn Rose passed away.
51. ▶ Former Sikkim Chief Minister Nar Bahadur Bhandari passes away.
52. ▶ Former Union Minister Priya Ranjan Dasmuni Passed Away.
53. ▶ Former Union minister Purushottam Lal Kaushik passed away. He served as tourism, civil aviation and Information and Broadcasting Minister during 1977 - 1980.
54. ▶ Former cricketer A G Milkha Singh passed away.
55. ▶ French businesswoman and chief of cosmetics giant *L'Oreal*, Liliane Bettencourt passed away. She is world's richest woman with net worth \$39.5 billion.
56. ▶ Frenchman Francois Gabart created new world record for fastest non-stop solo navigation of globe, after completing it in 42 days, 16 hours, 40 minutes and 35 seconds. He crossed a virtual finish line drawn between the island of Ushant off France's northwest tip and Lizard Point in southwest England at 0145 GMT.
57. ▶ Ganga Kumari became first transgender to be inducted into Rajasthan Police.
58. ▶ Google CEO Sundar Pichai joined board of directors of Alphabet, Google's parent company. Pichai has efficiently led Google for past 2 years.
59. ▶ Iceland Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson resigned, paving way for new elections to be held on November 4, 2017.
60. ▶ Indian Actress Anushka Sharma is named PETA's Person of the Year by animal rights organisation People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), for helping to protect dogs from fireworks to advocating for horses who are forced to pull carriages in Mumbai.
61. ▶ Indian Former Powerlifter Kavita Devi became first Indian woman to be signed by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).
62. ▶ Indian PM Narendra Modi Visited Myanmar, After attending 9th BRICS Summit in Xiamen (China). Several MOUs were signed -
 - ▶ Maritime Security Cooperation.
 - ▶ Cultural Exchange Programme for 2017-2020.
 - ▶ Enhancing Cooperation of Upgradation of Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar.
 - ▶ Sharing White Shipping Information between Navies.
 - ▶ Technical Agreement for providing Coastal Surveillance System.
 - ▶ MoU on Cooperation in Medical Products Regulation.
 - ▶ Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on establishment of MIIT India-Myanmar Center for Enhancement of IT-Skill.
 - ▶ Cooperation in Election Commissions and Press Councils of Both nations.
63. ▶ Indian Police Service Officer Aparna Kumar became first Indian woman to scale Mount Manaslu (Nepal), which is the 8th highest mountain peak in the world (8156 metres).
64. ▶ Indian origin Person Gina Miller named UK's most influential black person of the year as she won a legal challenge seeking Parliamentary approval for triggering Brexit.
65. ▶ Indian-origin teenager Akshay Ruparelia became one of UK's youngest millionaires at age of 19 through his online estate agency business.
66. ▶ India's first Olympic swimmer Shamsher Khan passed away. He represented India in 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne (Australia).
67. ▶ India's gymnast Dipa Karmakar has been conferred an Honorary D.Litt. degree by National Institute of Technology (NIT) Agartala.
68. ▶ India's two-time Olympic footballer Ahmed Khan passed away. He had played in 1948 and 1952 Olympics.
69. ▶ Infosys Senior Vice President Sanjay Rajagopalan resigned from his post.
70. ▶ Jon Hendricks, Noted American Jazz Singer and Lyricist Passed Away.
71. ▶ Julie Bishop, Foreign Minister of Australia Visited India.
72. ▶ Justice Swatanter Kumar retired as Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT).

73. ▶ Kavitha Bharanidaran (Chennai) broke Guinness World Record for longest yoga marathon, by continuing yoga marathon for 5 days. She broke record set by Pradnya Patil (Nashik) of 103 hours.
74. ▶ Kerala High Court restored life ban imposed on cricketer S Sreesanth by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal.
75. ▶ Lebanon's prime minister Saad al-Hariri resigned, citing assassination plot against him created by Iran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah.
76. ▶ Lok Sabha MP and former Union Minister (Minister of state for Tourism in 2009 - 12), Sultan Ahmed passed away.
77. ▶ Mahendra Singh Dhoni inaugurated his first global cricket academy in Dubai (UAE), as MS Dhoni Cricket Academy (MSDCA).
78. ▶ Malayalam actor and mimicry artist Abi passes away. His full name was *Habeeb Ahmed*.
79. ▶ Mark Beaumont (UK) broke world record for cycling around the world as He arrived in Paris 1 day ahead of schedule. He cycled 18,000-miles in 79 days.
80. ▶ Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is elected as a foreign academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) along with 17 other foreigners.
81. ▶ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, Abdulaziz Kamilov visited India.
82. ▶ Miroslav Lajcak (Slovakia), President-elect of 72nd United Nations General Assembly visited India.
83. ▶ Miss World 2017, Manushi Chhillar is named as Indian of the year by Minister of Finance and corporate affairs.
84. ▶ Navy Chief Sunil Lanba began 8 day tour of african nations Mozambique and Tanzania.
85. ▶ Nepal's three-time Prime Minister Kirti Nidhi Bista passed away.
86. ▶ New Zealand's oldest cricketer Tom Pritchard passed away.
87. ▶ Nitasha, a trans woman from Kolkata has been named winner of first Miss Transqueen India Beauty Pageant held in Gurugram (Haryana).
88. ▶ Nitin Gadkari (Minister for Shipping and Road Transport & Highways) visited Iran.
89. ▶ Nizamuddin Ahmed, Navy Chief of Bangladesh visited India.
90. ▶ Norwegian Nobel Institute announced that Nobel Peace prize awarded to Myanmar's Aung Sang Suu Kyi cannot be revoked, as demanded by An online petition signed by over 386,000 people on Change.org.
 Petition calls for revocation of Nobel Peace Prize conferred on Suu Kyi in 1991, over persecution of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims.
91. ▶ Noted photographer S Paul passed away.
92. ▶ Noted American Actor Frank Vincent passed away.
93. ▶ Noted American Actor Jerry Lewis passed away, known for his comedy roles.
94. ▶ Noted American Neuro Scientist Marian Diamond passed away, mostly known for her investigations of Albert Einstein's brain.
95. ▶ Noted Assamese actor Biju Phukan passed away.
96. ▶ Noted Bengali Poet Punyaslok Dasgupta passed away.
97. ▶ Noted Brazilian Sailor Robert Scheidt retired from Olympic Games. He won gold medals in 1996 (Atlanta) Olympics and 2004 (Athens) Olympics.
98. ▶ Noted British Writer Brian Aldiss passed away.
99. ▶ Noted British actor Roy Dotrice passed away.
100. ▶ Noted Classical Singer Pandit Narayanrao Bodas passed away.
101. ▶ Noted Czech Republic tennis player Jana Novotna passed Away. She won Women's Singles Wimbledon in 1998 and was 16-time Grand Slam winner in doubles and mixed doubles.
102. ▶ Noted Filmmaker Kundan Shah passed away.
103. ▶ Noted Freedom fighter K.E. Mammen passed away.
104. ▶ Noted Hindi author and Padma Shri awardee Manu Sharma passed away.
105. ▶ Noted Hindi poet and Jnanpith awardee Kunwar Narayan passed away.
106. ▶ Noted Indian Actor of American Descent Tom Alter Passed away.
107. ▶ Noted Indian film director and screenwriter in Hindi and Bengali cinema Ram Mukherjee passed away. He was father of Bollywood actress Rani Mukerji.
108. ▶ Noted Iranian Mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani passed away. She was only woman to receive Field Medal (equivalent of Nobel Prize for mathematics).
109. ▶ Noted Iranian Photographer Shahrokh Hatami passed away.
110. ▶ Noted Kannada actor RN Sudarshan passed away.
111. ▶ Noted Malayalam actor Thodupuzha Vasanthi passed away.
112. ▶ Noted Malayalam actor Vettoor Purushan passed away.

113. ▶ Noted Malayalam director I V Sasi passed away.
114. ▶ Noted Malayalam writer Punathil Kunjabdulla passed away.
115. ▶ Noted Marathi actor-writer Madhukar Toradmal passed away.
116. ▶ Noted Marathi poet and activist Shirish Pai passed away.
117. ▶ Noted Poet and writer Vijay Nambisan passed away. He won first All India Poetry Competition in 1990 organized by Poetry Society (India) in collaboration with British Council.
118. ▶ Noted Pulitzer-prize winning poet John Ashbery passed away.
119. ▶ Noted Rajasthani folk singer Mangi Bai Arya passed away.
120. ▶ Noted Turkish weightlifter and 3 Time Olympic Gold Medalist Naim Suleymanoglu passed away.
121. ▶ Noted classical singer of the Seniya and Banaras gharanas, Girija Devi passed away. She was known as Queen of Thumri. She was recipient of Padma Vibhushan - India's second highest civilian honour.
122. ▶ Noted freedom fighter and lawyer Gaur Kishore Ganguli passed away.
123. ▶ Noted historian Satish Chandra passed away, known for his deep work on Mughal Empire. He was also author of NCERT's leading history book *History of Medieval India*.
124. ▶ Noted international sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik created world's biggest sand Santa-face with message "world peace" at Puri beach (Odisha). The Santa face is 25 feet tall and 50 feet wide. It is to be placed in Limca Book of World Records.
125. ▶ Noted journalist Bismoy Kumar Mohanty passed way. Known as Owner and Editor of Odia daily *Ajikal*.
126. ▶ Noted journalist Virendra Sanghi passed away.
127. ▶ Noted jurist Habibullah Basha passed away.
128. ▶ Noted molecular biologist Pushpa Mittra Bhargava passed away. He was founding director of Hyderabad based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).
129. ▶ Noted space scientist and former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman Udupi Ramachandra Rao passed away. He contributed to development and launch of India's First satellite Aryabhata.
130. ▶ Noted vocalist Jagdish Mohan Passed Away.
131. ▶ Obituaries -
 - ▶ Neeraj Vora - Noted actor and Director.
 - ▶ AS Anand - Former Chief Justice of India.
 - ▶ Johnny Hallyday - France's Noted rock star, known as *French Elvis*.
 - ▶ Abi (*Habeeb Ahmed*) - Malayalam actor and mimicry artist
 - ▶ Ja Ra Sundaresan - Noted Tamil journalist.
 - ▶ Shashi Kapoor - Noted Bollywood actor
 - ▶ Purabi Mukhopadhyay - Noted Rabindra sangeet singer
 - ▶ Laloo Chiba - Noted South African Freedom Fighter of Indian Origin
 - ▶ Adithyan - Noted South Indian music director .
 - ▶ Sukharanjan Sengupta - Noted journalist
 - ▶ Batuk Gathani - Noted Journalist
 - ▶ Lalji Singh - Noted Scientist (pioneer of DNA fingerprinting technology in India.
 - ▶ Keely Smith - Noted American Jazz and Pop Singer.
 - ▶ Bruce McCandless - Noted NASA astronaut (first person to fly in space without tethers)
 - ▶ Banwari Lal Joshi - former UP and Uttarakhand Governor.
 - ▶ Robbie Malinga - Noted South African musician.
 - ▶ Bob Givens - Noted American Animator (creator of Bugs Bunny)
 - ▶ Ashok Kumar Mattoo - Noted sports administrator, served as President of IABF (Indian Amateur Boxing Federation) and was first President of Hockey India.
 - ▶ Partha Mukhopadhyay - Noted Bengali actor.
 - ▶ Jatileswar Mukhopadhyay - Noted Bengali singer.
 - ▶ Hoshang Dadiba Amroliwala - First Class cricketer (Mumbai).
 - ▶ Sue Grafton -Noted mystery author (USA).
132. ▶ Oscar Winning American Actor Martin Landau passed away. He won oscar award for *Ed Wood* in 1994.
133. ▶ Pakistani Cricketer Saeed Ajmal announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

134. ▶ Pakistani rights activist Malala Yousafzai secured a place at Oxford University after getting her A-level results. She studied philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford.
135. ▶ PepsiCo India CEO D. Shivakumar resigned.
136. ▶ Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Vietnam visited India.
137. ▶ Preet Dildal became First Sikh woman to be elected as Mayor of an American City, after she was appointed Mayor of Yuba (California).
138. ▶ Prince Charles became longest-serving Prince of Wales, getting past Queen's Victoria's son Albert who went on to become King Edward VII after holding title of Prince of Wales for over 59 years.
139. ▶ Princess Rima Bandar bin Sultan has become *the first woman to lead a sports federation* in Saudi Arabia.
140. ▶ Renowned Indian Scientist Professor Yash Pal passed away, Known for his contributions to study of cosmic rays. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 1976 and Padma Vibhushan in 2013.
141. ▶ Renowned cartoonist Mangesh Tendulkar passed away.
142. ▶ Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari visited Iran. India and Iran ave expressed commitment for early completion and operationalisation of strategically important Chabahar Port in Iran.
143. ▶ Robert Mugabe Resigned as President of African Nation Zimbabwe, after recent large scale Military Upset.
 Mugabe has been ruling Zimbabwe since its independence in 1980. Now, Emmerson Mnangagwa will be appointed as President.
144. ▶ Ruth Pfau, a German nun who devoted her life to combatting leprosy in Pakistan has passed away. She was known as Pakistan's Mother Teresa.
145. ▶ SEBI Chairman Ajay Tyagi is named 7th among top 10 regulators in world, as per Worlds Most Influential People in Market Structure report (also known as The Exchange Invest 1000 (EI1000)) by Patrick Young & Exchange Invest.
 List is topped by European Unions Commissioner (Competition) Margrethe Vestager.
146. ▶ Saint Teresa (Mother Teresa) has been declared as co-patron of Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Calcutta, 131 years after St Francis Xavier was declared as first patron.
147. ▶ Samsung Electronics CEO Kwon Oh-hyun resigned.
148. ▶ Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been voted the Time magazine readers' Person of the Year.
 Time magazine named *the silence breakers* as its Person of the Year for 2017. It refers to those individuals, mostly women, who came forward this year with #MeToo movement to publicly expose patterns of sexual harassment and assault by powerful public figures in United States.
149. ▶ Search engine Google celebrated 151st birthday of Cornelia Sorabji with a doodle dedicated to her. She helped open up higher education as well as legal profession to women as She was first woman to graduate in law from India as early as 1892 and first Indian national to attend British University.
150. ▶ Senior Supreme Court Lawyer and Constitutional expert PP Rao passed away.
151. ▶ Shah Rukh Khan is named top Indian actor of 2017 by Internet Movie Data Base (IMDb), followed by Aamir Khan and Salman Khan.
152. ▶ Sikh American Gurbir Grewal became first Sikh public prosecutor to be nominated for post of Attorney General of New Jersey, nominated by Governor-elect Phil Murphy.
153. ▶ Solicitor General Ranjit Kumar (country's second-most senior legal officer) has resigned.
154. ▶ Sri Lankan External Affairs Minister Tilak Marapana visited India.
155. ▶ Switzerland President Doris Leuthard Visited India. 2 MOUS were Signed in area of Railways -
 Exchanging technical cooperation in Railways.
 MoU is between Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich.
156. ▶ Tanzania's Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment Charles John Mwijage visited India for 4th Session of India - Tanzania Joint Trade Committee meeting.
157. ▶ Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Visited India to attend Delhi Economics Conclave-2017.
158. ▶ Toronto Film Festival (Canada) will honour Priyanka Chopra in event to be held in September 2017. It will aim at collecting funds to be used for helping fund talent development programs to get more women behind and in front of the camera.
159. ▶ Tourism Australia appointed Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra as first Indian woman Ambassador to encourage Indians to visit Australia. This panel includes people like Chef Sanjeev Kapoor and commentator Harsha Bhogle.
160. ▶ U Min Aung Hlaing, Chief of Myanmar Defence Services Visited India.
161. ▶ UAE Minister of State for Tolerance *Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi* has been named most powerful Arab women in government for 2017.
162. ▶ UNICEF appointed Indian- origin Canadian Lilly Singh as its newest Global Goodwill Ambassador.
163. ▶ Ustad Hussain Sayeeduddin Dagar, noted expert of Dhrupad tradition of Hindustani classical music passed away.

164. ▶ Varun Dhawan became youngest Indian actor to have his wax statue at Madame Tussauds Museum in Hong Kong.
165. ▶ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released Commemorative coins of INR 100 and 10 denominations on occasion of 101st Birth Centenary of noted Carnatic musician MS Subbulakshmi.
- ▶ She was first musician to be awarded Bharat Ratna (in 1998). She was also first Indian musician to receive Ramon Magsaysay award (1974) and first Indian musician to perform at UN General Assembly. UN issued stamp In 2016, to honour MS Subbulakshmi.
166. ▶ Vishal Sikka resigned as Managing Director and CEO of Mainstream IT Firm Infosys. Meanwhile, UB Pravin Rao has been appointed as Interim CEO.
167. ▶ Visits From India (Nov 11 - 20) -
- ▶ PM Narendra Modi Visited Philippines-
 - ▶ He Attended 31st ASEAN Summit in Manila with Theme *Partnering for Change, Engaging the World*.
 - ▶ PM Modi also attended 12th East Asia Summit, 15th India-Asean Summit, ASEAN Business & Investment Summit and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Leaders' Meetings that were held alongwith.
 - ▶ ASEAN Grouping also observed 50 years of existence this year.
 - ▶ PM Modi also visited International Rice Research Institute in Laguna and inaugurated Resilient Rice Field Laboratory.
 - ▶ PM Modi also met USA Prez Donald Trump, who was on an Official Visit to China, Vietnam and Philippines. India, USA, Japan and Australia held their first official-level talks to focus on keeping India-Pacific region *free and open*.
 - ▶ India and Philippines signed 4 agreements in defence, agriculture, small and medium enterprises and tie-up between think-tanks.
 - ▶ ASEAN -
 - ▶ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional organisation 10 Southeast Asian Nations - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Observers - Papua New Guinea, East Timor.
 - ▶ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley visited Singapore.
 - ▶ Minister of Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi Visited Argentina for attending 4th Global Conference on Sustained Eradication of Child Labour held in Buenos Aires.
 - ▶ Minister of Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu visited Russia to participate in Shanghai Cooperation Organization Meeting of the Ministers of Member States responsible for Foreign Economic and Foreign Trade.
 - ▶ J P Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare visited Mosew (Russia) to attend 1st WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending TB. He reaffirmed India's commitment to eliminating TB by 2025. The conference focused on eliminating TB across globe by 2030.
168. ▶ Visits From India (Nov 21 - 30) -
- ▶ Indian Navy Chief Sunil Lanba visited Bangladesh to participate in International Multilateral Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (IMMSAREX), first ever operational exercise held under aegis of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) in Bangladesh.
 - ▶ Home Minister Rajnath Singh Visited Russia. Russia agreed to assist India to set up a national crisis management centre to handle disaster and other emergency situations.
 - ▶ Nitin Gadkari (*Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation*) visited United Kingdom. India and UK decided to sign an MoU in urban transport sector for cooperation in policy planning, technology transfer and institutional organisation.
 - ▶ Inter-Governmental Mid-Point review meeting of Asia and Pacific Decade for Persons with Disabilities 2013-2022 held in Beijing (China). It was attended by Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot, on India's Behalf.
169. ▶ Visits from India (Dec 1 - 10, 2017) -
- ▶ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Visited Sochi (Russia) to attend Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit. India and Pakistan became full-fledged members of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in June 2017.
 - ▶ NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar Visited China to attend 3rd Dialogue between India's NITI Aayog and Development Research Council of China (DRC).
 - ▶ Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu Visited Buenos Aires (Argentina) to attend 11th Ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
170. ▶ Visits from India (Dec 11 - 20, 2017)
- ▶ Minister of State for Culture (IC) and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Mahesh Sharma visited Muscat (Oman) for 2nd UN World Tourism Organization/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture.
171. ▶ Visits from India (Nov 1 - 10) -

- ✈️ Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu visited Caribbean Nation Cuba to explore bilateral trade and investment opportunities in Latin American and Caribbean regions.
- ✈️ Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan visited Thailand for attending 7th Asian Energy Ministers' Round Table organised by International Energy Forum (IEF) in Bangkok.
- ✈️ Prakesh Javedkar (Minister of Human Resource Development) Visited Paris (France) to attend 39th Bi-annual General Conference of UNESCO.
- ✈️ Minister of State (IC) of Youth Affairs and Sports, Rajyavardhan Rathore attended World Youth Forum 2017 in Egypt.
- ✈️ Harsh Vardhan (Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) visited Germany for 23rd United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✈️ Ayush Minister Sripad Naik visited UAE to participate in first International Ayush Conference and Exhibition in Dubai. He Announced that India will provide full scholarship to 100 non-Indian students for studying Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ayush) in any of public institutions across India.

172. ▶ Visits from India -

- ✈️ Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa visited Australia and USA.
- ✈️ Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu visited South Korea to participate in the 7th Asia-Europe (ASEM) Economic Ministers meeting.
- ✈️ Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan visited Kazakhstan to co-chair the 13th meeting of the India-Kazakhstan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC).
- ✈️ Maharashtra government signed MoU with South Korea for increasing co-operation in several infrastructure projects, during CM Devendra Fadnavis's visit to South Korea.

173. ▶ Visits from India -

- ✈️ Navy Chief Sunil Lanba visited Vietnam.
- ✈️ Science & Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan visited South Africa to mark 20 years of Science & Technology cooperation between India and South Africa.
- ✈️ Minister of Commerce & Industry Suresh Prabhu visited Sweden to attend *Make in India: Sweden 2017* organized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in Stockholm.
- ✈️ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited Philippines to attend Southeast Asian Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM).
 - ✈️ On sidelines of this meet, Mrs. Nirmala Met US Secretary of Defence Jim Mattis. India and USA agreed to implement programme for Helicopter Operations from Ships other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC).
- ✈️ Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley visited Bangladesh.
 - ✈️ Bangladesh signed USD 4.5 billion third line of credit (LoC) agreement with India for its social sector development and infrastructure. The agreement was announced during PM Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in April 2017.
- ✈️ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Visited Bangladesh. Bangladesh Petroleum Corp and Numaligarh Refinery Ltd signed long-term sales and purchase agreement . BPC will take up to 250,000 tonnes of gas oil each year from NRL for first 3 years. She inaugurated India's new chancery complex in Dhaka.
- ✈️ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan visited Japan to participate in 6th annual LNG Producers Consumer Conference.
- ✈️ Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh visited South Africa. He inaugurated Gandhi museum on a small piece of land once owned by Mahatma Gandhi in Durban.
- ✈️ Minister for Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu visited USA for attending 11th India-United States Trade Policy Forum (TPF) Meeting held in Washington DC.
- ✈️ Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Nitin Gadkari Visited UAE for India-United Arab Emirates (UAE) Partnership Summit in Dubai. It was organized under Business Leaders Forum (BLF), an organisation of business leaders in UAE that was set up by UAE Ministry of Economy, Embassy of India and Consulate General of India.

174. ▶ Visits to India (Dec 1 - 10, 2017)

- ✈️ Roberto Tomas Morales Ojeda, Public Health Minister of Cuba Visited India. During this Visit, India and Cuba signed MoU for enhanced cooperation in health sector.
- ✈️ Maurizio Martina, Italian Minister for Agriculture Food and Forestry Policies Visited India. During this visit, India and Italy signed MoU for cooperation in Agriculture and Phytosanitary issues.
- ✈️ Afghanistan's second vice president Mohammad Sarwar Danish visited India and attended an international conference on 'Harmony and Memorial of Mother Teresa', in Mumbai.

175. ▶ Visits to India (Dec 11 - 20, 2017)

- ▶ Russia, India, and China Foreign Ministers' 15th meet held in New Delhi. Visiting Foreign Ministers - Sergei Lavrov (Russia), Wang Yi (China).
- ▶ Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Emeritus Senior Minister of Singapore Visited India.
- ▶ Argentine Football legend Diego Maradona visited India and unveiled his huge statue in Kolkata.
- ▶ Morocco Minister of Health Abdelkader Amara visited India. MOUs -
 - ▶ Health Care.
 - ▶ Water Resources.
 - ▶ Cooperation in Indian Maritime University (IMU) and Higher Institute of Maritime Studies (ISEM) of Morocco AND National Ports Agency (NPA) of Morocco.
 - ▶ Cooperation between Institute of Training in Engines and Road Maintenance of Morocco (IFEER) and Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE).
- ▶ Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland Visited India.
 - ▶ 2018 Commonwealth Games will be held in April 2018 in Gold Coast (Australia).
- ▶ 4th India-Australia-Japan Trilateral Dialogue held in New Delhi. Visiting Delegates - Frances Adamson (Australia's Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Shinsuke J. Sugiyama (Japan's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs)

176. ▶ Visits to India (Dec 21 - 31, 2017)

- ▶ Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Dmitry Rogozin visited India. He attended Meeting of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) held in New Delhi.
- ▶ Jordan's External Affairs Minister Ayman Al Safadi visited India.

177. ▶ Visits to India -

- ▶ Tin Aung San, Navy Chief of Myanmar.
- ▶ Minister of Trade of Indonesia, Enggartiasto Lukita.
- ▶ US Secretary of Defense James Mattis.
- ▶ Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He inaugurated first ever India, US and Afghanistan joint trade and investment show in Delhi.

178. ▶ Visits to India -

- ▶ US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson visited India. Ashraf Ghani, President of Afghanistan also visited India and trilateral discussion of India-USA-Afghanistan held in New Delhi.
- ▶ French Defence Minister Florence Parly visited India.
 - ▶ India - France joint Naval exercise VARUNA will be held in early 2018.
- ▶ Prime Minister of Italy Paolo Gentiloni visited India. It marks 70 years of Diplomatic ties between India and Italy. MOUs Signed are -
 - ▶ Cooperation for Safety in Railway sector, Energy, Cultural Cooperation.
 - ▶ Promoting mutual investments between Italian Trade Agency and Invest India.
- ▶ Tunisian Foreign Affairs Minister Khemaies Jhinaoui Visited India for 12th Session of India-Tunisia Joint Commission Meet in Delhi.

179. ▶ World Health Organisation (WHO) announced Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's appointment as its Goodwill Ambassador has been cancelled, After criticism from around the globe for same.

180. ▶ World's oldest person Violet Mosse-Brown from Jamaica has died at age of 117.

181. ▶ Yarub Qudah (Industry and Trade Minister of Jordan) Visited India for 10th India-Jordan Trade and Economic Joint Committee (TEJC) Meeting held in New Delhi.

182. ▶ Yesteryear Bollywood actress Shakila passed away.

183. ▶ Yesteryear actress Madhubala became latest to join Bollywood celebrities whose wax figures will be set up at Madame Tussauds Museum to be open in late 2017 in Delhi Regal Building.

184. ▶ Yisrael Kristal (Israel), certified by Guinness World Records as world's oldest man, passed away at age of 113.

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