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Organisation	Agenda	Place in News	Why in news?
ASEAN	<p>the aims and purposes of ASEAN are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accelerate economic growth, social progress, and cultural development in the region. To accelerate economic growth, social progress, and cultural development in the region. To promote regional peace and stability. To promote collaboration and mutual assistance on matters of common interest. To provide assistance to each other in the form of training and research facilities. To collaborate for the better utilisation of agriculture and industry to raise the living standards of the people. To promote Southeast Asian studies. 	Vientiane, Laos , 29th ASEAN summit	<p>The theme of the summit was “Turning Vision into Reality for a Dynamic ASEAN Community”.</p> <p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi had represented India at the ASEAN summit at the 14th ASEAN-India summit.</p> <p>ASEAN-India adopted a document aiming at politically cohesive, economically integrated, socially responsible and people oriented people centered ASEAN-India Community. India is not a member state. India has FTA with ASEAN</p>
SAARC		Islamabad, Pakistan	<p>19th SAARC summit was to be held at Islamabad, Pakistan, but got cancelled as India backed out after Uri attack and soon Nepal, Bangladesh and Afghanistan also cancelled the visit.</p>
BIMSTEC	<p>seven Member States namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. BIMSTEC is a sector-driven cooperative organization.</p>		<p>Starting with six sectors—including trade, technology, energy, transport, tourism and fisheries—for sectoral cooperation in the late 1997, it expanded to embrace nine more sectors—including agriculture, public health, poverty alleviation, counter-terrorism, environment, culture, people to people contact and climate change—in 2008.</p>

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UN Electoral Assistance Division (EAD)	UNEAD is division of UN Department of Political Affairs		India made quaterd million Dollar contribution to the UN programme for helping countries to hold elections and develop their electoral system.
World Economic Forum	<p>The World Economic Forum, committed to improving the state of the world, is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.</p> <p>The Forum engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas.</p>	Headquarters - Geneva	Travel and Tourism Index - India's rank is 40th , improved from 52nd in 2015.
South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)	The South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) program brings together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka in a project-based partnership that aims to promote regional prosperity, improve economic opportunities, and build a better quality of life for the people of the subregion.	Headquarters - Manila Phillipines	The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a total of nine projects costing \$2.42 billion as part of the Operational Plan (OP) 2016-2025 of the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) program. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a total of nine projects costing \$2.42 billion as part of the Operational Plan (OP) 2016-2025 of the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) program.

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Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)	The objective of CIRDAP is to promote regional cooperation and act as a serving institution for its member countries for promotion of integrated rural development through research action, training, information dissemination etc.	Headquarter - Dhaka	The CIRDAP is a regional Inter - Governmental and autonomous institution which came into existence in 1979 at the initiative of the countries of Asia Pacific region and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) with support from several other UN bodies and donors. India is one of the key founder members of this Organisation. CIRDAP center is being established at Hyderabad.
Internatioanl Energy Agency (IEA)	It's mandate is to work towards ensuring reliable, affordable and clean energy mainly for its 29 member countries by coordinating collective response to major disruptions in oil supply through release of oil stocks into the global markets.	Headquarter Paris - Autonomus body	India's relation with IEA has been upgraded to Association Status from Partnership status. India is not a member.
G - 20	It was founded in 1999 with the aim of studying, reviewing, and promoting high-level discussion of policy issues pertaining to the promotion of international financial stability.	The 4th Meeting of G-20 FWG Meeting under the German Presidency will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.	G-20 Framework Working Group (FWG) in its 3rd Meeting at Varanasi discusses the Current State of the Global Economy as well as G-20 agenda on Inclusive Growth and Reports on Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth & G-20 Enhanced Structural Reform Agenda among others. India is a member
World Food Program	A world in which every person has access to food.	Headoffice - Rome	The World Food Programme is the United Nations' frontline agency in the fight against global hunger. With operations in over 80 countries feeding about 90 million people, WFP is the world's largest international food aid organization.

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World Happiness Report	It is a measure of happiness launched by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.		India ranked 122 out of 155 countries.
Trans Asia Connectivity conference	Strengthening Railway transport connectivity in South and South - West Asia.		It was organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in coordination with the Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD) and Indian Railways.
International Tribunal for the Law of the seas (ITLOS)	Independent body established by UNCLOS to adjudicate disputes rising out of interpretation and application of the convention.	Administrative center - Hamberg Germany	India has filed a nomination to be a member of ITLOS
South Asia Training and technical assistance center (SARTTAC)	IMF's first fully integrated capacity development center to provide training and technical assistance.	Center - New Delhi	SARTTAC, the newest addition to the IMF's global network of fourteen regional centers , is a new kind of capacity development institution, fully integrating customised hands-on training with targeted technical advice in a range of macroeconomic and financial areas, and generating synergies between the two. SARTTAC is located in world class facilities in New Delhi and is financed mainly by its six member countries - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka - with additional support from Australia, the Republic of Korea, the European Union and the United Kingdom.

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Joint International Taskforce on Shared Intelligence and Collaboration (JITSIC)	To deal with Tax avoidance		<p>The JITSIC brings together 37 of the world's national tax administrations that have committed to more effective and efficient ways to deal with tax avoidance. It offers a platform to enable its members to actively collaborate within the legal framework of effective bilateral and multilateral conventions and tax information exchange agreements – sharing their experience, resources and expertise to tackle the issues they face in common.</p> <p>Open to all members of the OECD's Forum on Tax Administration (FTA)</p>
Coalition for Epidemic preparedness Innovation (CEPI)	A new alliance to finance and coordinate the development of new vaccines to prevent and contain infectious diseases.		Announced at World Economic Forum , Davos. It is initially funded by the Governments of Germany, Japan and Norway and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)	International Organisation with 21 member states for regional cooperation.		India signed an MoU with IORA members for MSME Cooperation
Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)	It is a triennial international survey to assess education systems by testing the knowledge and skills of 15 year old students.		It is run by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). It was first performed in year 2000.

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International Vaccine Institute (IVI)	International organization devoted to developing and introducing new and improved vaccines to protect the people, especially children, against deadly infectious diseases.	Headquater - Seoul, South Korea	It is an initiative of UNDP. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the proposal for India's taking full membership of the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Governing Council. The move involves payment of annual contribution of US \$ 5,00,000 to the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), Seoul, South Korea.
International Solar Alliance (ISA)	To bring together more than 121 solar resource rich nations for coordinated research, low cost financing and rapid deployment.	headquater - Gurgaon, Haryana	Jointly launched by India and France at 21st meeting of CoP of UNFCCC in Paris.
Carbon offsetting and reporting Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)	It calls for International Aviation to address and offset its carbon emissions through reduction of emissions elsewhere. Involving the concept of emission units.		
International Gas Union	A worldwide non profit organisation aimed at promoting the political, technical and economic progress of Gas industry.	Registered at Vevey, Swit. Secretariate @ Oslo Norway	Organises World Gas Conference in every three years. Next in Washington D.C. in 2018.

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United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)	International Trade cooperation and consequently maintain peace and security.		50th anniversary. India is a founding member of UNCITRAL. It is the core UN body for International Trade law.
Climate Vulnerable Forum	International partnership of countries highly vulnerable to global warming.	Current Chair Ethiopia	Forum serves as South - South participation platform to fight global warming. Recently 5 more members added - Columbia, Gambia, Palestine, Samoa and Lebanon.
Kimberly Process Certificate scheme	To prevent conflict diamonds from entering the mainstream by UN General Assembly.		India has been elected as vice Chair for 2018 and 2019. KPCS is based on ' Flower Report '. 54 participants representing 81 countries are the part of KPCS.
UN Economic and social commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Regional development arm of UN for Asia Pacific region. Covers region from Turkey in the west to Kiribati islands in the east.	Headquarters - Bangkok	India hosted Asian Ministerial conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. For this we asked for UNESCAP's support.
Global TB report	Released by WHO.		Considers India as the most vulnerable country . World Lung conference showed concern on the increasing number of new TB cases. The 47th world lung conference was held in Liverpool.

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Athlete's Commission	The Athletes' Commission serves as a link between athletes and the IOC. The mission of the Commission is to ensure that the athletes' viewpoint remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement decisions.		Saina Nehwal has been appointed as a member of IOC's Athlete's commission.
Conference on Disarmament	The Conference on Disarmament (CD) is a forum established by the international community to negotiate multilateral arms control and disarmament agreements. Established in 1979, it was the forum used by its member states, currently numbering 65, to negotiate the Biological Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention.		Not formally a UN organisation. A person nominated by UN General Secretary acts as the GS of the Conference.
African Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO)	Its main objective is to promote cooperation among countries of African-Asian Region in direction of eradicating hunger, thirst, poverty, illiteracy and disease in region	Headquarter - New Delhi	India is one of the founder Members of AARDO and is the largest contributor in terms of membership contribution. The Union Cabinet gave its approval to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) for capacity building programmes in the field of rural development.
Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries	To coordinate and unify the petroleum policies of its member countries and ensure the stabilization of oil markets, in order to secure an efficient, economic and regular supply of petroleum to consumers, a steady income to producers, and a fair return on capital for those investing in the petroleum industry.	Headquarter - Vienna	Currently it has 14 member countries. Gabon recently rejoined the organisation after leaving it in 1995.

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UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)	Responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.	Headquarters - Madrid, Spain	2016 Theme - Tourism for All - Promoting Universal Accesibility
MERCOSUR	Its purpose is to promote free trade and the fluid movement of goods, people, and currency.		It is a sub-regional bloc. Its full members are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela (which was suspended on December 1, 2016). Its associate countries are Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Suriname. Observer countries are New Zealand and Mexico. Brazil has urged India to increase its presence in MERCOSUR.
Transpacific Partnership Pact (TPP)	The pact aimed to deepen economic ties between 11 Pacific rim nations, slashing tariffs and fostering trade to boost growth.		America has withdrawn from the Partnership. Japan is the only country that has ratified it.
Amnesty International (AI)	Amnesty International's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights.	Headquarters - London	It had to close its office in India because of the sedition charges.

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