

Ministry of Home Affairs-Major Achievements, significant Development and important events for the month of April, 2018.

The Second Investiture Ceremony for conferment of Padma Awards was held on 2nd April, 2018 at Rashtrapati Bhavan where the President of India conferred Padma Awards on 43 awardees.

2. The third meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) was held on 24th April, 2018 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister.

3. The 23rd meeting of the Western Zonal Councils took place at Gandhinagar on 26.04.2018, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister.

4. On 25.04.18, Minister of State for Home, held a meeting to discuss mobile connectivity issues in LWE affected States.

5. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 was promulgated on 21.04.2018 to provide effective deterrence and stringent penalties for offences of rape.

6. A MoU on Exchange of Information for the purpose of Combating International Criminality and Tackling Serious Organized Crime was signed during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to U.K.

7. On 6.4.2018, the Union Home Secretary held a meeting at Ranchi on Transformation of Aspirational Districts and to review the LWE situation in Jharkhand.

8. Union Home Secretary wrote to the Chief Secretaries of Jharkhand and Maharashtra, respectively, on the success achieved by CRPF in Jharkhand and for successful anti-LWE operation in Maharashtra eliminating 39 LWE cadres.

9. During April 2018, 04 advisories were issued to the State Governments/ CAPFs to sensitize them to counter the LWE activities in the LWE affected areas.

10. Notification dated 1.4.2018 was issued declaring the whole of Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh and the areas falling within the jurisdiction of 8 Police Stations in the districts of Arunachal Pradesh, bordering the State of Assam as 'disturbed area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 w.e.f. 1.4.2018 upto 30.9.2018. Further, AFSPA, 1958 has been removed from the State of Meghalaya w.e.f. 1.4.2018.

11. Ceasefire agreements signed with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Reformation) [NSCN(R)] and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Neopao Konyak-Kitovi) [NSCN(NK)] were extended for one year i.e. upto 27.4.2019.

12. On 04.04.2018, Union Home Secretary held a meeting of Sub - Committee of National Executive Committee (SC-NEC) for central assistance to the States of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and UT of Lakshadweep for flood/landslides and Cyclone Ockhi of 2017.
13. The 43rd High Level Empowered Committee (HLEC) meeting on border infrastructure projects was held by the Union Home Secretary on 18.04.2018.
14. An amount of Rs. 22.28 crore was released to the State Government of Arunachal under Border Area Development Programme (BADP).
15. A total number of 148 Coys of CAPFs were deployed in various States for security arrangements, law and order duties, Amarnath Yatra etc. A total of 570 Coys of CAPFs/SAPs have been deployed for Assembly Elections, 2018 in Karnataka, on the recommendations of Election Commission of India,.
16. The President of India gave assent to 4 State Bills namely the Maharashtra Public Trust (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Bihar Agriculture and Rural Area Development Agency (Repeal) Bill, 2017, the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2018 and the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) (Amendment) Bill, 2017 during the month. One mercy petition of death row convict was decided by the Hon'ble President on 23.04.2018.
17. Sanction for prosecution for filing the charge sheet against 7 accused persons was accorded under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for carrying out anti-national activities.
18. During the month, Narcotics Control Bureau seized large quantities of heroin, ganja, opium, cocaine and other narcotics and arrested 65 persons including 08 foreign nationals in connection with drugs trafficking. Indian currency worth Rs. 18,46,600/- was also seized.
