

Ministry of Home Affairs- Major Achievements, significant Developments and important events for the month of November, 2016

The Government of India, in collaboration with the United Nation International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) hosted the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), 2016 in New Delhi from 03-05 November, 2016. Delegations from 41 Asia and Asia Pacific countries participated in the Conference.

2. The theme of AMCDRR 2016 was "Risk Sensitive Development for Community Resilience". The Conference had 6 Technical Sessions, 3 Featured Events, 3 Ministerial Sessions and 22 Thematic Events on various cross-cutting issues such as strengthening community resilience; risk resilient critical infrastructure; implementing the various aspects of Sendai frameworks; promoting educational continuity and resilience of children and communities; disaster risk identification and financing solutions etc. The Conference concluded with (i) a Political Declaration, reaffirming the government and stakeholders' commitment to Disaster Risk Reduction, and (ii) Adoption of Asia Regional Plan for implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
3. 14th Meeting of National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS) against threats from Sea was held on 24th November, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary.
4. During the month there were a number of visits of foreign dignitaries and meetings with Hon'ble Home Minister:
 - Visit of Japanese Parliamentarians on 3.11.2016
 - Visit of H.E. Mr. Salammeh Hammad, Hon'ble Minister of interior of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 3.11.2016.
 - Visit of Mr. Lufi Elvan, Hon'ble Minister of Development of Republic of Turkey on 4.11.2016
 - Visit of Mr. DawaGyaltshan Hon'ble Minister of Home & Cultural Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan on 4.11.2016
 - Visit of Mr. KurelsukhUkhnaam, Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia on 4.11.2016
 - Visit of Chinese delegation led by Mr. Meng-Jianzhou, Politburo Member and Secretary of the Political and Legislative Affairs Committee of the CPC Central Committee.
5. Annual Secretary level Meeting between India and Bhutan was held on 7-8 Nov, 2016.
6. 33rd High Level Empowered Committee meeting was held by the Home Secretary on 15.11.2016 and 22.11.2016.

7. Notification dated 4.11.2016 was issued declaring the whole of Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh and the areas falling under the jurisdiction of 16 Police Stations of various districts of Arunachal Pradesh bordering State of Assam as 'disturbed area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 for a period of six months w.e.f. 4.11.2016.
8. Notification dated 4.11.2016 was issued declaring the entire State of Assam and the 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Meghalaya bordering Assam as 'disturbed area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 for a period of six months beyond 3.11.2016.
9. On 24.11.2016, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Special Secretary (IS), MHA to review the repatriation process of Bru migrants from Tripura to Mizoram as per Action Plan.
10. Meetings were held during the month at the level of Additional Secretary (LWE) to review the progress of various schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in LWE affected States and review the progress of railway projects viz. Mallacheruvu-Janpahad new rail line project in Khamman district; Hajipur-Sagauli rail line project in Muzaffarpur and Jepore-Malkangiri and Jeypore-Nawarangpur rail project in Odisha.
11. Under the scheme 'Construction/ Strengthening of Fortified Police Station', 356 PSs have been completed so far including 04 PSs completed during November, 2016.
12. During the month, 07 advisories were issued to the State Governments/ CAPFs to sensitize them to counter the LWE activities in the LWE affected areas.
13. During the month sanction for prosecution for filing charge sheets against 7 accused persons was accorded under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 in cases relating to terrorist and anti-national activities.
14. Jatha of 1382 Sikh pilgrims visited Gurudwaras in Pakistan on the occasion of birthday of Shri Guru Nanak Devji from 12.11.2016 to 21.11.2016.
15. Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) has been declared as an Unlawful Association in terms of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
16. A total amount of Rs. 119.17 crore was released to the states in respect of Modernization of Police Forces scheme till November, 2016. An amount of Rs.27.46 crore was released to the Ordinance Factory Board (OFB).
17. An amount of Rs.512.71 crores was sanctioned for Authorization Provisioning & Expenditure for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for provision and procurement of different items.
18. Transfer of Sentenced Persons agreement was signed with Estonia on 15.11.2016.
19. One Indian Prisoner from UK was transferred to India on 22.11.2016 under Transfer of Sentenced Persons agreement with UK.

20. 97 Coys of CAPFs were deployed in various States (J&K, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh) for Law and Order duties as well as various festivals.
21. On the recommendations of Election Commission of India, additional CAPFs were ordered for Bye Election and counting duties in 6 States i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Puducherry.
22. The Union Cabinet at the meeting held on 30.11.2016 approved the proposal for liberalization, simplification and rationalization of visa regime in India. The approval will facilitate legitimate foreign travellers leading to stimulation of economic growth, increase in earnings from the export of services and make various flagship programmes of the Government successful. The proposals approved are as under:-
- Changing the nomenclature of e-Tourist Visa scheme to e-Visa scheme and liberalization thereof; i) increasing the window for application from 30 days to 120 days; ii) increasing the duration of stay from 30 days to 60 days with double or triple entry; iii) provision of e-visa at 5 major Indian Ports; iv) extending e-visa facilities to 8 more countries etc.
 - Liberalization of existing Tourist, Business and Medical Visa regime
 - Fixing the minimum salary limit for grant of Employment Visa in Indian rupees as against US Dollars.
 - Introduction of Intern visa to foreign nationals coming for internship
 - Introduction of Films Visa to foreign nationals coming for shooting for feature film/reality TV shows and/or commercial TV serials
 - Rationalization of the existing Visa categories.
23. The Union Cabinet in its meeting on 30.11.2016 approved a proposal for Rehabilitation Package for Displaced families from Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) and Chhamb under the Prime Minister's Development Package for Jammu & Kashmir, 2015.
24. Under ACC Vacancy Monitoring System (AVMS), Divisions are taking necessary action for registering and updating the status relating to ACC posts.
25. The Scheme of updation of National Population Register (NPR) is under progress in States/UTs. The field work for seeding of Aadhaar number in NPR database has been completed. The data entry of corrections/modifications has started in 22 States and 5 UTs and the same is under progress. The work has been completed in A& N Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu, D&N Haveli and Sikkim.
