

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

On 26.2.2018, a meeting of High Level Committee (HLC) was held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Home Minister for central assistance to the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, affected by Cyclone Ockhi/Flood.

2. 24th All India Forensic Science Conference was organised by Directorate of Forensic Sciences (DFSS) in collaboration with Gujarat University and Raksha Shakti University in Ahmadabad on "Harnessing new Vistas in Academics and Forensic Science" from 10-12th February, 2018. The conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Home Minister.

3. Union Home Secretary held meetings on 02.02.2018 and 15.2.2018 to review repatriation of Bru migrants from Tripura to Mizoram. Special Secretary (IS) also held a meeting on 16.2.2018 to discuss the issues relating to imparting skill development training to youths of Bru community on their repatriation from Tripura to Mizoram.

4. On 02.02.2018, Union Home Secretary held a meeting to review the re-deployment of CAPFs in LWE areas and on 16.02.2018 to review the development issues of the Department of Posts, Department of Telecommunication, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the Department of School Education and Literacy in LWE areas.

5. Union Home Secretary wrote letters to the Chief Secretaries of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Telangana, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal sharing with them the LWE scenario for 2017 and the way forward.

6. A total number of 268 Coys of CAPFs were deployed in various States (Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Puducherry, Gujarat, Meghalaya, Daman & Diu, Punjab and Tripura) for law and order duties, VVIP Security and various festivals. On the recommendations of Election Commission of India, a total of 29 Coys of CAPFs have been deployed in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha for Bye-Elections and in Meghalaya for Assembly elections.

7. A Committee under the chairmanship of Special Secretary (IS) has been constituted to review the security of CARGO Complex at Airports.

8. The Narcotics Control Bureau seized large quantities of heroin, ganja, opium, cocaine and other narcotics. 52 persons including 4 foreign Nationals were arrested in connection with drug trafficking.

9. The Second Meeting of the Joint Steering Committee and the three Joint Working Groups between India and Israel took place on 27 and 28 February, 2018. Issues of mutual interest between the two countries, covering areas related to Capacity Building, Border Management and Police Modernization, were discussed.

10. An amount of Rs. 147.58 crore was released to the State Governments of Meghalaya, Gujarat, Manipur, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Rajasthan and Uttrakhand under the Border Areas Development Programme (BADP). The total funds released under BADP so far during the current financial year 2017-18 works out to Rs. 1000.23 crore.

11. The President of India gave assent to 6 State Bills namely the Apprentices (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Commonwealth Trust, Kozhikode (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Bill, 2012, the Sales Promotion (Conditions of Service) (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Second Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands (Ceiling and Holdings) (Amendment) Bill, 2017 and the Maharashtra Essential Services Maintenance Bill, 2017 during the month.

12. An amount of Rs.175 crore was released to 35 worst LWE affected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Telangana and Odisha (@ Rs.5 crore per district) under Special Central Assistance scheme.

13. During the month, sanction for prosecution for filing the charge sheet against 09 accused persons was accorded under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 relating to seizure of Fake Indian Currency Notes and for carrying out anti-national activities.

14. The Director Generals of CAPFs have been delegated financial power for procurement of motor vehicles for their newly raised units/establishments up to Rs. 20 Cr. In each case. CAPFs/NIA/IB has also been allowed to procure new vehicles against condemnation on "Category to Category basis".

15. An amount of Rs.385.27 crore was sanctioned for authorization provisioning and expenditure for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) etc.
