

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February inaugurated the two-day **Global Investment Summit in Guwahati**, a **first of its kind initiative in the northeast**, and said a new terminal being constructed at Guwahati airport would boost the region's connectivity with Asean countries.

The India - UK Createch Summit took place in Mumbai in February and is **the first conference in India dedicated to the new and emerging field**.

For the first time, **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** launched '**Ombudsman Scheme**' for non-banking financial companies (NBFC) for redressal of complaints against them.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in February released **India's first highway capacity manual "Indo-HCM"** which will guide road engineers and policymakers on issues related to road expansion.

Yes Bank in February announced the listing of the Bank's debut **US \$600 million bond issue under its first ever US \$1 billion medium-term note (MTN) bond** on country's first international exchange BSE's IndiaINX at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City.

Kisst, an EMI payment and digital lending platform, in February **announced the launch of an exclusive feature 'Scan and Pay Later' credit wallet, a first of its kind in the Indian Fintech ecosystem**.

Reliance would be establishing **India's first-ever integrated industrial area for the fourth Industrial Revolution in the state of Maharashtra**.

North Eastern Region' first Centre for Agriculture, with collaboration of **Israeli expertise**, is going to be inaugurated in Mizoram on March 7, 2018.

Telecom Major Bharti **Airtel** and equipment maker **Huawei** said in February that they have conducted **India's first 5G network trial** achieving over 3 gigabit per second data speed.

MoU between Indian Consortium (OVL, BPRL & IOCL) and ADNOC: This is the **first Indian Investment in upstream oil sector of UAE**.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has launched **CriSidEx**, **India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs)** developed jointly by credit rating body **CRISIL** and **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.

First in India

The South Central Railway (SCR) in February said it has **become the first railway zone in the country to complete 100 per cent LED lighting at all the stations under its jurisdiction**.

On World Radio Day, **India's first online radio station "Radio Umang"** launched.

Union Tourism and Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma on February 13, 2018 announced that **India for the first time will host the 8th edition of Theatre Olympics 2018 from February 17 to April 8, 2018**. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate the Theatre Olympics at the majestic Red Fort in New Delhi.

India's first radio festival was held in **New Delhi** on February 15, 2018, to mark the World Radio Day.

The state of **West Bengal** on February 13, 2018 **became the first one in India to opt out of the Union Government's National Health Protection Scheme** that was announced in Union Budget 2018-19.

Scripting history, flying officer **Avani Chaturvedi** has become the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft, Mig-21 bison an IAF official said.

Iran president **Hassan Rouhani** visited India between 15 and 17 February. *In his first-ever visit after taking over as President of Iran*, Rouhani met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February and held "substantive and productive" talks to boost cooperation in areas of defence and security, trade and investment, and energy, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Wadhvani AI, India's first research institute dedicated to developing artificial intelligence solutions for social good was inaugurated in Mumbai in February.

Narendra Modi inaugurated the **World Conference on Information Technology (WCIT-2018) in Hyderabad** through video-conferencing from Delhi. *The event is being held for the first time in India in partnership with NASSCOM, WITSA and the government of Telangana.*

The **Gandhi Nagar railway station in Jaipur**, in February became the country's first non-sub-urban railway station to be fully-managed by women. **Matunga railway station** in Mumbai was the first in the country to have deployed all-women staff at the station to manage all railway operations.

Andhra Pradesh Real Time Governance CEO Ahmed Babu in February said *India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) University would be set up at futuristic capital coming up at Amaravati with the support of Finland.*

Civil Aviation Minister P Ashok Gajapathi Raju inaugurated a first of its kind **Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre at the Chandigarh Old Airport Terminal building.**

After reaching **Ramallah**, the de facto capital of the Palestine Authority, **Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Palestine.**

PM Modi witnessed the foundation stone laying ceremony of a temple in the UAE via video-conferencing. According to India's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Navdeep Suri, **this first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi will come up on 55,000 sq m of land and construction will be completed by 2020.**

First Person

PepsiCo Chairman and CEO **Indra Nooyi** appointed first independent female director of International Cricket Council.

First in Sports

India's veteran pacer **Jhulan Goswami** is now the **first female cricketer to take 200 ODI wickets.**

Indian opener **Shikhar Dhawan** became **the first Indian batsman to score a century in his 100th One-day International** on February 10, 2018.

Pune-based Indian long-distance swimmer, **Rohan More**, has become **the first Asian and the youngest to swim across the Cook Strait between North and South Islands of New Zealand.**

Pune adventurer **Shital Rane-Mahajan** set a new record in February as **she became the first Indian to skydive donning a traditional Maharashtrian Nauvari Saree.**

Indian team led by an inspirational Virat Kohli in February scripted history by winning its **first ever series across formats on the South African soil** as they crushed South Africa by 73 runs thereby taking an unassailable 4-1 lead in the six-match ODI series.

Yuki Bhambri has become *the first Indian tennis player to reach the quarter-finals of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament.*

Odisha becomes **first state government to sponsor India hockey teams for 5 years.**

Roger Federer became **the oldest world number one after** he defeated his Dutch opponent Robin Haase in Rotterdam at the ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament on February 16, 2018.

Aruna Budda Reddy in February created history by becoming *the first Indian gymnast to win an individual medal at the Gymnastics World Cup* as she clinched a **bronze** in the women's vault event.

First in the World

Vodafone with **Nokia, Audi** to set up **first 4G network on moon by next year.**

Bermuda has become **the first country to annul same-sex marriage.**

Roads and Transport Authority of **Dubai** launched the test **of the world's first 'Autonomous Pods' during the World Government Summit on February 11, 2018.**

Saudi Arabia will host its **first-ever Arab Fashion Week in Riyadh in March 2018.**

Venezuela become **first sovereign country to officially launch its own cryptocurrency called Petro** backed by oil, gas, gold and diamond reserves.
