<u>First Part of Budget Session, 2017 of</u> Parliament concludes

The Budget Session, 2017 of Parliament commenced on Tuesday, 31st January, 2017 and subject to exigencies of government business, will be adjourned sine die on Wednesday, 12th April, 2017. Both the Houses have been adjourned for recess for a period of 27 days on Thursday, 9th February, 2017

<u>Defence Minister Holds Telephone</u> <u>Conversation with US Defence Secretary</u>

The Defence Minister, Shri Manohar Parrikar held a telephone conversation with the Defence Secretary of the United States, James Mattis on the evening of Feb 08, 2017.

India-UK Deal to Allow More Flights to Boost Tourism and Trade for Global India & Britain

India and the UK signed a MoU to ease restrictions on the number of scheduled flights between the two countries, following successful talks in India this week. Limits on flights from key Indian cities including Chennai and Kolkata have been scrapped, allowing for a greater range

<u>First Time a Buffer Stock of Pulses</u> Crosses 10 lakh MT

The meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on prices and availability of select essential commodities held on February 9, 2017 under the

chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs noted that for the first time a buffer stock of 10 lakh MT of pulses has been created through domestic procurement and imports.

<u>President's Estate to Generate 670 KW</u> <u>Solar Energy through rooftop Solar</u> Panels

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee will inaugurate the first phase of a Solarization Project in the President's Estate tomorrow (February 10, 2017) under which 670 KW of solar power will be generated through rooftop solar panels installed on seven buildings in the President's Estate