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INTERNATIONAL

India and Bangladesh to institute CORPAT

- ❖ India and Bangladesh have agreed to institute Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) as an annual exercise between navies of two neighboring countries.
- ❖ The first edition of CORPAT between two navies was inaugurated by Indian Navy's Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba during his visit to Bangladesh.
- ❖ The first edition of CORPAT saw the participation of two frigates from Bangladesh Navy (BNS Dhaleswari and BNS Abu Bakar) and two from Indian navy (INS Kadmatt and INS Satpura).
- ❖ Indian Navy regularly conducts CORPATs with Indonesia, Thailand, and Myanmar.
- ❖ It also conducts EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) surveillance of Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles on their request.
- ❖ The CORPAT exercise between navies carries out search and rescue operations, institutes measure for vessels indulged in unlawful activities as well as control pollution.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Remove DEBRIS

- ❖ The first-ever satellite to test possible solutions in cleaning up space junk has been deployed by the International Space Station (ISS) and would soon begin experiments in orbit.
- ❖ The Britain-built satellite, named Remove DEBRIS mission, is one of the world's first attempts to tackle the build-up of dangerous space debris orbiting the Earth.
- ❖ It was transported to ISS via SpaceX CRS-14 launch in early April 2018.
- ❖ The satellite was designed, built and manufactured by a consortium of space companies and research institutions led by Surrey Space Centre at the University of Surrey, United Kingdom.
- ❖ The project is co-funded by European Commission.

ENVIRONMENT

National Wetland Committee

- ❖ The Union government has appointed Uday Vora the Chief Conservator of Forest as the member of the National Wetland Committee.
- ❖ The National Wetlands Committee (NWC) under the chairpersonship of the secretary, MOEF&CC has been constituted.
- ❖ The Committee has been formed under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.
- ❖ Other than Vora,
 - HS Singh was appointed as the member of the standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife and
 - CN Pandey was appointed as chairman of the 14-member Expert Appraisal Committee for Environment Clearance to Industry-I projects.

STATES

Gujarat launches Suryashakti Kisan Yojana

- ❖ Gujarat government has launched Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY), solar power scheme for farmers.
- ❖ It will enable them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.



- ❖ It is claimed to be first such scheme in the country, where the farmer will produce his power and sell the surplus to State power utility.

- ❖ The State and Central governments will give 60% subsidy on the cost of the project.
- ❖ The farmer is required to take 5% cost, while 35% will be provided to him as an affordable loan with interest rates of 4.5 to 6%.

Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Policy-2018

- ❖ The Gujarat government has announced its wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018 to promote setting up of wind as well as solar power projects at one location.
- ❖ The 'Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Policy-2018' will remain in force for five years.
- ❖ The key objective of the policy aims to make optimum utilization of land and grid lines.
- ❖ The policy would enable the developer of an existing solar project to use the same land for setting up wind and solar power units.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

World's Richest Man

- ❖ The Forbes World's Billionaires list showed that Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has become the richest man in the world with a net wealth of USD 141.9 bn.



- ❖ Bill Gates, the principal founder of Microsoft Corporation, is the second-richest man in the world with USD 92.9 bn.
- ❖ Warren Buffet, one of the most successful investors in the world, trailed in the third place with a total wealth of USD 82.2 bn.



Peter Thomson passes away

- ❖ Australian golfing great Peter Thomson, who won the British Open five times, died at 88 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.
- ❖ The World Golf Hall of Fame called him "the thinking man's golfer".



- ❖ Thomson was the first Australian to win the British Open, claiming the famous claret jug on five occasions between 1954 and 1965, including three consecutive wins.

SPORTS

England records highest ODI score

- ❖ England broke their own all-time record for the highest ODI score in men's cricket when they hammered 481/6 off 50 overs against Australia at Trent Bridge, Nottingham.
- ❖ This is now the second-highest total ever in ODIs.
- ❖ The highest score belongs to New Zealand's women's team, who had amassed 490/4 against Ireland on June 8, 2018.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day of the Seafarer – 25 June

- ❖ The Day of the Seafarer is being observed every year on 25 June across the globe as an expression of thanks to the seafarers for their contribution to the economy and civil society of the world.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2018 is ‘Seafarers wellbeing’. It highlights issues of seafarers wellbeing, particularly mental health.



- ❖ The Day of the Seafarer was designated by International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in 2010.
- ❖ It was established in a resolution adopted by 2010 Diplomatic Conference in Manila to adopt revised Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) Convention, 1978.
- ❖ For the first time it was observed in 2011 and since then it is observed annually. It has also been included in the list of observances by United Nations.

MISCELLANEOUS

McKinsey Report – India

- ❖ According to a new McKinsey report, Indian cities fare poorer than even their Latin American and African counterparts when it comes to adoption of technology for smart cities

- ❖ McKinsey Global Institute measured “smartness” by the adoption levels of technology-led infrastructure.
- ❖ The 50 major cities around the world measured on their smart progress included three Indian cities in the report.
- ❖ With a maximum of 37 points for the strength of smart city technology base, Jaipur scored only 2.7 (lowest among the cities studied), Pune 6.4 (at par with Nairobi) and Mumbai 8.8, even below Cape Town, Mexico City and Tel Aviv.
- ❖ The smart cities mission was launched in 2015 in Pune.
