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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **NASA successfully places next generation tracking and data relay satellite TDRS-M into orbit**

- ❖ NASA on 18 August said its third and final in a series of next generation communications satellites has successfully been placed into orbit.
- ❖ TDRS-M will become part of NASA's Space Network providing navigation and high-data-rate communications to the International Space Station, NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, rockets and a host of other spacecraft.
- ❖ TDRS-M's predecessors, TDRS-K and TDRS-L, also launched on Atlas V rockets from the same launch complex in January 2013 and January 2014, respectively.

## **NATIONAL**

### **EESL becomes largest streetlight management company**

- ❖ Street Lighting National programme has illuminated 50 thousand Kilometres of the Indian roads with installation of 30 lakh LED street lights across the country.
- ❖ With this milestone, Energy Efficiency Services Limited(EESL), a government company has become the world's largest street light management company. The installation of the LED street lights has resulted in saving of 39 crore kilowatt hour of annual energy. In an official release, Power Ministry said, this programme has helped in reduction of 3.29 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

### **RBI to issue new 50 Rupee Note**

- ❖ RBI will shortly issue new banknotes of Rs 50 denomination in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series.
- ❖ A RBI press release has informed that the base colour of the new notes will be fluorescent blue and its dimension will be 66 mm x 135 mm.
- ❖ It will have a motif of Hampi with Chariot on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage along with the Swachh Bharat logo, year of printing, numeral 50 in devnagiri and the language panel.
- ❖ The banknote will bear the signature of RBI Governor Dr.Urjit R. Patel on the front side along with the guarantee and promise clause and the RBI emblem.
- ❖ Micro letters 'RBI', 'भारत', 'INDIA' and '50' and Ashoka Pillar emblem on the right will also feature on the front side.



- ❖ RBI has clarified that all banknotes in 50-rupee denomination issued in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **World Humanitarian Day: 19 August**

- ❖ World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is held every year on 19 August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly.
- ❖ 2017 WHD campaign theme: Not A Target

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