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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Border Security Force (BSF) of India and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) signed a Joint Record of Discussion at the 48th Director General (DG)-level talks in Dhaka, Bangladesh to implement the Coordinated Border Management Programme (CBMP).
 - They will increase the coordinated patrols to prevent cattle and narcotics smuggling, educate the border population about the sanctity of International Border (IB) and prevent criminals from crossing the IB.
- ❖ In addition to English and Hindi, the Uttar Pradesh government plans to issue press release in Sanskrit.
- ❖ In an environment-friendly initiative, the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) constructed its first plastic waste road according to guidelines set by the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI).
- ❖ The Executive Council of Jawaharlal Nehru University has decided to honour Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar with 'Distinguished Alumni Award'.
 - They will be the first recipients of this award.
- ❖ The High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh inspected the ongoing construction of the Feni Bridge in Bangladesh which will connect Tripura with Chittagong port of Bangladesh.
 - It is being developed as a corridor for trade and commerce between India's North-East and Bangladesh.
- ❖ India's leading two-wheeler company Hero MotoCorp Ltd has appointed Colombian professional footballer Yerry Fernando Mina González (24) as its new brand ambassador.
 - Yerry Mina has the record for most goals in a single World Cup at the 2018 FIFA World Cup, France.
- ❖ The 14-year-old Indian Chess Grandmaster Nihal Sarin has secured a win at the Asian Continental Chess Championship in Xingtai, China.
- ❖ In the FIH (Federation Internationale de Hockey) Men's Series Finals hockey tournament 2019, India thrashed South Africa with 5-1 in a summit clash at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
 - With this win, India is placed in the top five of the FIH World Rankings.

- ❖ Indian professional squash player, Joshna Chinappa won the national squash title for the record 17th time at the 76th Senior National Squash Championship, 2019 held in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The three-time Olympian Brady Ellison defeated Malaysia's Khairul Anuar Mohamad in World Archery championships finals.
 - India ended the campaign with one silver and two bronze medals in the women's compound team and individual events.
- ❖ According to a study conducted by Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR), e-commerce player Amazon India has been rated as India's most 'attractive employer brand, followed by Microsoft India which emerged as the runner-up.

TAMIL NADU

Avadi Corporation

- ❖ The Avadi special grade municipality in Tiruvallur district has been upgraded as the 15th Municipal corporation on 18.06.19.
- ❖ This new corporation will have a Mayor, a council, a standing committee, awards committee and a Commissioner.
- ❖ The provisions of the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920, will not be applicable to Avadi anymore.
- ❖ The provisions of the Avadi Corporation will be in line with the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation Act, 1981, since the provisions of the latter have been adopted for Avadi.
- ❖ Other Corporations in Tamilnadu are - Chennai, Coimbatore, Erode, Madurai, Tiruchy, Tirunelveli, Dindigul, Salem, Thanjavur, Tirupur, Thoothukudi, Vellore, Nagercoil and Hosur.

Distinction to Chennai Meteorological Department

- ❖ Chennai's two meteorological centres in Nungambakkam and Meenambakkam have been recognised as long-term observing stations by the World Meteorological Organisation.
- ❖ They have been chosen among 5 other stations in India that have made weather observations for more than 100 years.

- ❖ It is a recognition for maintaining 100 years of data that could be used as vital records to assess climate variability and understand changes in the climate system.
- ❖ The first meteorological station in the country was established at Chennai in 1792.



The first weather observatories of India located at Chennai.

NATIONAL

17th Lok Sabha convened

- ❖ The first session of the 17th Lok Sabha commenced on 17.06.19.
- ❖ The Protem Speaker Virendra Kumar was in the Chair when the MPs took their oath.
- ❖ Members of Parliament from Tamilnadu took oath in Tamil.
- ❖ The oath or affirmation may be made and subscribed by a member in any of the languages specified in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

Beating China

- ❖ According to 'The World Population Prospects 2019', India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country by 2027.
- ❖ In 2019, India has an estimated population of 1.37 billion and China 1.43 billion.

- ❖ 'The World Population Prospects 2019' is published by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

World Food India

- ❖ Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal announced that the biennial event World Food India (WFI) 2019 will be held in New Delhi from 1-4 November, 2019.
- ❖ It will be the biggest gathering of all global and domestic stakeholders in Food Processing Sector.
- ❖ The tagline of the event will be "Forging Partnerships for Growth".

INTERNATIONAL

Facebook Cryptocurrency

- ❖ Facebook revealed plans to launch a cryptocurrency called Libra in 2020 and it plans to move into e-commerce and global payments.
- ❖ It has linked with 28 partners in a Geneva-based entity called the Libra Association, which will govern its new digital coin.
- ❖ Facebook has also created a subsidiary called Calibra which will offer digital wallets to save, send and spend Libras.
- ❖ According to them, the name "Libra" was inspired by Roman weight measurements, the astrological sign for justice and the French word for freedom.

ENVIRONMENT

Bonn Challenge

- ❖ Ahead of the COP-14 and part of an international initiative called Bonn Challenge, the Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has launched a flagship project to enhance India's capacity for forest landscape restoration.
- ❖ The Bonn Challenge is a global effort to bring
 - 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land under restoration by 2020.
 - 350 million hectares by 2030.

- ❖ The flagship project will be implemented during a pilot phase of 3.5 years in the five pilot states - Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Karnataka.
- ❖ A 2016 report by the Indian Space Research Organisation found that about 29% of India's land (in 2011-13) was degraded.
- ❖ Also, for the first time, India will host the 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Matri Shree Awards

- ❖ Twenty-nine journalists from print and electronic media were felicitated with Matri Shree Media Awards for their contribution towards journalism.
 - ❖ The Matri Shree Media Awards was constituted during the Emergency.
 - ❖ The first award was presented to journalist Lala Jagat Narayan.
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