

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Animal Welfare Board Chaired By Environment Ministry

- This action is made by the center due to the “JALLIKATTU PROTEST” and both these bodies had their different opinion.
- AWBI board of members supported JALLIKATTU while the MoEF stayed against it.
- All the administration and financial sectors will be looked after by the government and there will be no concession and negligence in its work.

Aadhaar Seeding Of Jan Dhan Accounts – Lead By Andhra Pradesh

- **Andhra Pradesh** tops the list with most number of aadhaar cards linked with Jan dhan accounts.
- **73%** of its accounts are seeded by **aadhaar numbers** and this was followed by **Tripura at 87.08 per cent** and **Telangana 83.56 per cent**.
- By this move, 01 Crore Jan dhan accounts are created and Aadhaar-seeded accounts has risen to 63.61 per cent
- By this linking, transparency in the banking account will be achieved and it will be easy to track all IT returns.

Centre Approves Constructing 10 Million MT Capacity Silos by 2019-20 End

- **Government of India** has given its approval to the action plan of **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** for construction of **10 Million MT capacity steel silos** by FCI as well as **State Governments** in **Public Private Partnership (PPP)** mode in a phased manner (**3 phases**) by the **end of year 2019-20**.
- Under the agreement, Food Corporation of India (FCI) has already awarded contracts for creation of **1.6 Million MT** silos while the State Governments have awarded contracts for **2.15 Million MT** silos which means that contracts for 3.75 Million MT silos have been awarded.
- The responsibility of designing, building, financing and operating the silos will be of private parties.

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

UNHRC Grants Additional 2 Years to Sri Lanka's To Deliver War Probe

- **Sri Lanka** has been granted the **two years of extension** it sought from the **UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** to set up a mechanism to probe alleged war crimes committed during the 37-year civil war which ended in May 2009.
- The two year extension was approved by total **40 countries** by adopting UNHRC resolution in Geneva.
- The new resolution requests the Sri Lankan government to fully implement the measures identified in the **Resolution 30/1 (in October 2015)**.

- UNHRC has suggested Sri Lankan government to adopt laws allowing for special hybrid courts to try war criminals.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Karnataka Bank Launches RuPay International Platinum Debit Card

- **Karnataka Bank** has launched a new card option for its premium and HNI (high net worth individual) customers in line with the bank's digital banking initiative.
- The novel card named '**MoneyPlant RuPay International Platinum Debit Card**' can be used for domestic and international cash withdrawals and purchases.
- Withdrawal limit of **Rs. 75,000** and purchase limit of **Rs 2 lakh** a day at point-of-sales terminals and e-commerce sites.
- **Two free accesses** to airport lounges per quarter across above 30 airports in India and 300 plus airports worldwide.
- Personal accident insurance coverage of **Rs 2 lakh**
- Platinum debit card can be used to shop, dine-out, fill fuel, book tickets, pay bills online and withdraw cash in ATMs in India & worldwide.

PEOPLE IN NEWS

BSF get Women Combat Officer Tanushree Pareek After 51 Years

- **Tanushree Pareek** commissioned by BSF, the country's largest border guarding force at the age of 25
- She also led the passing out parade of 67 trainee officers at the Border Security Force camp at Tekanpur.
- She was selected in the all-India exam conducted by the UPSC in 2014 and went for a 52-week Assistant Commandant training program at BSF Academy.

AWARDS

Inclusion Of Five Indian Cities In World Heritage Site

- **UNESCO** (UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC and CULTURAL ORGANISATION) has added five Indian cities in its list of tentative world heritage site.
- **These cities include**
 1. Historic City of Ahmedabad,
 2. Delhi – A Heritage City,
 3. Jaipur City, Rajasthan,

4. Ekamra Kshetra- The Temple City, Bhubaneswar and
5. The Victorian & Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Three New Naval System To Indian Navy By DRDO

- **DRDO** (DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION), has provided the **INDIAN NAVY** with three new naval systems to enhance its operation.
- About **Rs 2.56 lakh crore** has been allotted for these system and **Rs 1 lakh crore** has been used in past two years.
- **IP based secured phone** and **gallium nitride technology** has also been released.
- The navel system include
 - Ushus –ii submarine sonar
 - Directing gear for hull-mounted sonar array
 - Internal navigation system for ship application

Scientists Working on Developing Solar-Powered Prosthetic Limbs

- Researchers from the **University of Glasgow** have developed a unique technology that would make it possible to use the sun's energy to charge the **Prosthetic Limbs** rather than using batteries
- The technology involves installing a thin layer of pure carbon called **Graphene**, around a prosthetic arm, hand or leg. This allows light to pass through it and be easily used as solar energy.
- The sun can provide up to **15 times more energy** than is usually needed to power a prosthetic limb. The extra and renewable energy can be used to power sensors that increase sensation and feeling in a limb to the extent that the prosthetic can feel pressure, temperature and texture like natural skin.
- The technology could also increase the functionality of robots, allowing them to have a better understanding of what they touch and interact with.

Indian Navy Conducts Successful Test-Firing of Surface-to-Air Missile from INS Vikramaditya

- **Indian Navy** successfully conducted the maiden trial firing of newly installed **surface-to-air Barak missile system** from its aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya**
- During the testing, the missile was fired against a **live low flying high speed target**, which was successfully destroyed by the Barak missile.
- The success of the missile marks a significant milestone in enhanced operational and defence capabilities and providing air interception by the Navy's aircraft carrier and the fleet.