

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Special digital exhibition marking 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha

- This exhibition has been organized to mark 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha, which was Mahatma Gandhi's first experiment in using non-violence and non-cooperation as methods to protest.
- Three books to mark 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha – 'Gandhi in Champaran', 'Romain Rolland and Gandhi Correspondence' and "Mahatma Series (8 volumes)" have been released.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's four day visit to India

- In a bid to strengthen bilateral ties, India and Bangladesh signed **22 agreements** for cooperation in various areas viz. civil nuclear cooperation, cyber security, media, judicial sector, peaceful uses of outer space, defence, information technology, electronics and transport connectivity.
- India announced **\$4.5 billion** line of credit for development projects in Bangladesh.
- Trial run of the Kolkata-Khulna passenger train. This train service has been named as **Maitree Express-II**.

11th Standing Committee Meet of Interstate Council

- The ministers from states of **Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan** represented these states at meeting.
- Members of Standing Committee includes Union Minister for finance, Corporate Affairs and defence minister, Information and broadcasting, Road transport and shipping.
- The 11th Standing Committee meeting of the council will discuss the **recommendations of the Punchhi Commission on Center-State relations**.
- Its major agenda is the role of governors, centrally sponsored schemes and financial transfers from center to the states, creation of a unified agricultural market
- Measures to involve States more closely in planning and delivery of services.
- Steps to be taken to make the Inter State council more dynamic and measures towards better fiscal management by the centre and states.

A First in Indian Law: Court Orders Summons on Whatsapp

- The respondent who involves in a property partition dispute was got a writ on Whatsapp messenger Service.
- In such cases summons are usually sent by registered post to the respondent address
- The court in its order mentioned that **Order V Rule 9(2) of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC)** specifies that summons may be sent in such a manner as the court may direct.
- It shall be treated as a proper mode of service as provided in order **V Rule 10 the CPC**.

India Mongolia Military Exercise kicks off in Mizoram

- **India-Mongolia** military exercise training has started at **Vairengte** in Mizoram. **Mongolian Army** is represented by 9 officers and 36 soldiers of the elite 084 Special Forces Task Battalion

while Indian contingent comprises 3 officers 4 Junior Commissioned officers and 39 soldiers of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles.

- The joint exercise will help in boosting defence co-operation and military relations between the two nations
- It is platform through which both armies are able to share their experiences and gain from it.
- Training includes **important aspects like convoy protection, room intervention drills; ambush/counter-ambush drills terrorist operations.**
- Its major focus on conducting operations by a cohesive sub-unit, which comprises troops from both the armies.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

FINO Paytech inks deal with ICICI group companies to distribute insurance products

- FINO Paytech primarily a business correspondent received a license to launch a Payments Bank by RBI.
- FINO Payments Bank will sell Life and General insurance products of ICICI Prudential and ICICI Lombard.
- The Payments Bank will launch its operations with **3-4 products** which include **current and saving account, Business correspondent lending, remittances and insurance.**
- The Bank will also offer products which are related with mobile recharge and bill payments that is currently offered through FINO money mart.
- ICICI group has **16% stake** in the business correspondent and it is the largest domestic shareholder
- FINO Paytech has **70% stake** with foreign entities.
- The tie-up with ICICI bank will help FINO to extend services which a payments bank is not allowed to offer.

India Nears No.2 Spot as Steel Producer on Record Output

- India set to become the world's largest steel producer after China while boosting exports to the highest ever.
- India's output jumped **11% to 101.3 million metric tons** and the nation was become a net exporter for the first time in 3 years.
- According to Provisional Steel Ministry data Doubling Shipments reached to 8.2 million. India will overtake Japan as the **second biggest producer by 2019.**

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Ajit Kumar Srivastava & Shabri Bhattasali new CBDT member

- **Ajit Kumar Srivastava and Shabri Bhattasali** appointed members of Central Board Of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

- The role of CBDT is to provide inputs for policy and planning of direct taxes in the country.
- It functions like Financial Action Task Force which deals in Money laundering and Black money.
- It helps in administration of Direct taxes throughout India through Income Tax.

Spain's First Female Defence Minister Carme Chacon Dies

- **Carme Chacon**, Spain's **first female defence minister** and she was a prominent socialist party leader has died at the age of 46.
- She was the party's secretary for international relations between 2014 and 2016.
- Before taking charge of the Defense Ministry she had previously been minister of housing and a national law

AWARDS

Judge Tej Bahadur Singh Family Court Judge Created Guinness World Record

- **Tej Bhadur Singh** has set a Guinness World Record for disposing of **6065 cases** in just **327 working days**.
- Tej Bahadur mentioned in an interview that he decided 6065 cases in 327 days despite lawyers strike in the district.
- His aim was to diminish the number of pending cases in the court in order to provide justice to petitioner as soon as he can.
- This is also the highest number of cases ever disposed of in the country.