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## • India favours first discussion at UNGA

- India has favoured a discussion in UN General Assembly, 1st in 12 years, on 'Responsibility to Protect' & prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing & crimes against humanity
- As many as 113 countries, including India voted in its favour, while 21 others including Pak opposed the idea
- This is the for the first time in 12 years that Assembly voted to include the item on formal agenda
- Basu gets 1-yr extension
  - Noted scientist Sekhar Basu was given one-year extension as Atomic Energy Secretary, till mid-September next year.
  - This is his second extension on the post. He was appointed to the post in October 2015 and his tenure was to end in September 2016.
  - He had been the Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and chief executive of the Nuclear Recycle Board.
- World's oldest person dies aged 117
  - The oldest person in the world, Violet Mosse Brown, has died in Jamaica aged 117.















- Known as 'Aunt V' to friends, she was born in Trelawney on March 10, 1900
  and lived there all of her phenomenally long life.
- She succeeded Italy's Emma Morano, who was the last person whose life spanned three centuries, from 1899 to 2017.
- $_{\odot}$   $\,$  Violet was named 'World's Oldest Person' on April 15 this year.

# • Abanti Sankaranarayanan as Chairman

- The Advertising Standards Council of India has appointed Abanti Sankaranarayanan as the chairman of its board.
- Sankaranarayanan, former Vice-chairman of Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies, has been a member of the Board of Governors for four years.
- She is also the Chief Strategy and Corporate Affairs Officer at Diageo India.

# Least and Most Stressful Cities Ranking

- According to 2017 Global Least & Most Stressful Cities Ranking, Stuttgart is the least stressed out city across the globe, with 4 of top 10 relaxing cities situated in Germany.
- Luxembourg stood at 2nd spot while Hanover was at 3rd place in the ranking.
- Of the 150 cities ranked, Delhi ranked 142, while Bengaluru stood at 130 and Mumbai at 138.
- $_{\circ}$   $\,$   $\,$  The most stressed city in the list is Baghdad.

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# • Trawl System by DRDO

- DRDO has undertaken design & development of Trawl System for minefield area in the battle zone to meet the operational requirements of Indian Army.
- It is employed for breaching of land mines & creating a vehicle safe lane, through a minefield for advancing columns of mechanized forces in combat zone
- It is capable of breaching a variety of land mines including passive & active influence mines

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#### • Amazon ties up with Bank of Baroda

- Amazon has tied up with Bank of Baroda to offer micro loans to its sellers.
- $_{\odot}$  Loans will be extended in the range of Rs 1 lakh to Rs 25 lakh at an annual interest rates b/w 10.45% & 11.5% RPT.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Loans will be offered on invite-only basis to marketplace sellers.
- Repayments will be done through a locked account provided by Bank of Baroda, thus helping the bank, too, to grow its customer accounts.
- TOP athletes to get monthly stipend
  - Ministry of sports & youth affairs has decided to pay a monthly stipend of Rs 50,000 to each elite athlete preparing for the coming Commonwealth & Asian Games.
  - The govt has selected 152 athletes under the TOP scheme, stipend will be paid with effect from Sept 1.
  - The announcement meant that the sports ministry has accepted recommendation of Olympic Task Force, headed by Abhinav Bindra.

## Odia language university

- The Odisha government passed a bill to launch the first-ever Odia language university for post-graduation.
- The university which will be established in Bhubaneswar will also devise ways to make Odia script more adaptable to technology.
- In February 2014, Odia became the sixth language of the country to get classical language status.

#### • Hydro electric projects to come up in AP

- The North Eastern Electric Power Corporation said its two hydro-electric projects in Arunachal Pradesh are on the verge of completion and they would be commissioned next year.
- Commissioning of the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Electric Project and the 110 MW Pare Hydro Electric Project was delayed by about a couple of months due to floods and landslides.















• NEEPCO was formed in 1976.

#### Salman Khan honoured

- Salman Khan received a Global Diversity Award at Britain's House of Commons.
- Salman received the award from Keith Vaz, British Parliament's longestserving Asian MP.
- The Global Diversity Award is given to people of immense stature in terms of diversity in the world, and he is certainly one of them.

#### • Pakistan beat World XI

- Pakistan rode on Ahmed Shehzad's 89 and Hasan Ali's 2/28 to beat the World XI by 33 runs and clinch the three-game series 2-1.
- Pakistan beat the World XI by 20 runs in an exciting finish to the first Twenty20 match in Lahore.
- It was only the second time Pakistan has hosted an international match since a 2009 terror attack on the Sri Lankan team bus, also in Lahore.

## • NASA finds 'shape-shifting' bacteria

- Bacterial cells treated with a common antibiotic have been spotted changing shape to survive while aboard the International Space Station.
- The way bacteria act in near-zero gravity environments could pose a serious problem for treating astronauts with infections.
- The group of researchers was led by Luis Zea of the University of Colorado.

#### • International Day of Democracy

- In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe 15 September as the International Day of Democracy—with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy.
- In September 1997 the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) adopted a Universal Declaration on Democracy.
- $_{\odot}$   $\,$  The theme for 2017 is, "Democracy and Conflict prevention".

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#### • India, China unlikely to grow

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- According to UNCTAD's recently released Trade and Development Report
  2017, India and China at their current levels of growth will not serve as
  "growth poles" in near future.
- TDR is flagship report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and is treated as a barometer for assessing the global economy.
- World economy is expected to reach 2.6%.
- India, Japan sign open sky agreement
  - India and Japan signed an agreement that will allow their airlines to operate unlimited number of flights between the two countries.
  - The open sky agreement will be signed in accordance with the National Civil
    Aviation Policy (NACP), 2016
  - The NACP allows government to enter into 'open sky' air services agreement on reciprocal basis with SAARC nations as well as countries with territory
- Harry Dean Stanton dies
  - Actor Harry Dean Stanton, known for his roles in films like The Godfather II, Alien and Cool Hand Luke, has died of natural causes at the age of 91.
  - The Kentucky-born star had a career which spanned more than six decades, appearing in dozens of films, including 1984's Paris, Texas.
  - More recently, he appeared in the hit HBO show Big Love, and this year's revival of the cult classic Twin Peaks
- World Ozone day
  - The International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer is being observed today.
  - The day marks commemoration of the date of signing of Montreal Protocol in 1987 on substances that deplete Ozone layer.
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$  This year, the theme for the Day is 'Caring for all life under the sun'.

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It is mainly intended to spread awareness of depletion of the Ozone Layer
 & search for solutions to preserve it.

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#### India inks \$76-mn loan deal with JICA

- Govt of India has signed a loan worth \$76 mn with Japan International Cooperation Agency for a project to upgrade environment management plan at Alang-Sosiya ship recycling yards.
- The project will be executed by Gujarat Maritime Board and is likely to be completed by 2022.
- This project will help Alang-Sosia ship-recycling yards to comply with international safety & environmental regulations.

#### • Export of tur, moong and urad

- Govt has opened up exports of tur, moong & urad dal after more than a decade.
- India had banned export of pulses in 2006, which was extended from time to time.
- It will help support prices of urad & moong currently being harvested & bumper tur crop, which will hit the markets in a next 2/3 months.
- At present, only organic pulses & kabuli chana are allowed to be shipped in a limited quantity.

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