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## Economy

### Govt. collected Rs95610crore GST in May

Revenue from goods and services tax paid for the month of May was Rs95610crore as compared to Rs94016crore collected in April and Rs1.03 lakh crore in March.

### FDI Growth rate hit five year low in last financial year

- Foreign Direct Investment in India retarded with the growth rate recording a five-year low of 3 percent to \$44.85 billion in financial year 2017-18.
- Early Foreign inflows in the country grew 8.67 percent in 2016-17, 29 percent in 2015-16, 27 percent in 2014-15, and 8 percent in 2013-14 as per data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.
- However outflows from India the main source of FDI in South Asia more than doubled to \$11 billion.

*A UNCTAD report has recently stated that FDI in India decreased to \$40 billion in 2017 from \$44 billion in 2016.*

*Mauritius has emerged as the largest source of FDI in India with \$15.94 billion in 2017-18, followed by Singapore (\$12.18 billion), Netherlands (\$2.8 billion), the U.S. (\$2.1 billion) and Japan (\$1.61 billion).*

### NABARD sanctioned over Rs735crore for Bengal for rural infrastructure projects

- NABARD has sanctioned Rs735.53crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for West Bengal for facilitating the execution of 86 projects.
- Projects includes include six solar power, one medium irrigation, five minor irrigation and 12 flood protection projects and besides this, 57 projects are for the widening and strengthening of roads and five rural bridges.

- Grid connected solar power projects would generate 88.61 MU of green energy per annum which is expected to benefit 11,554 hectares of land addressing the problems of water sewage in the upstream areas, seepage loss, deposition of silt etc.

### About NABARD

- Established on 12 July, 1982
- Headquarters – Mumbai
- This bank has been entrusted with "matters concerning policy, planning and operations in the field of credit for agriculture and other economic activities in rural areas in India.

### Sunil Mehta Panel on NPAs submitted its report with recommendations to FM

- The Sunil Mehta committee which was formed with a view to tackle Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and creating credit capacity submitted its report with recommendations to Finance Minister Piyush Goyal.
- **Sunil Mehta panel presented project 'Sashakt'** and has recommended a five-pronged strategy to deal with stressed assets.
- The plan focuses on turning around assets in a manner that will create additional jobs by reviving businesses and prevent job losses from foreclosures. It will bring in credible long term external capital to limit the burden on the domestic banking sector.

### PNB to concentrate processing big loans to 60 designated branches

- PNB has decided to designate 60 systematically important branches (SIB) to carry out all lending operations of above Rs 50 crore to ensure better checks and balances over large accounts. The bank will create these SIBs across the country as part of its credit restructuring exercise.
- Most of the bigger accounts will be operated from branches designated as Large Corporate Branches (LCBs) and regular branches will concentrate on regular savings accounts and CASA (current account savings account).

*The lender suffered huge losses on account of over USD 2 billion fraud perpetrated by diamond jeweller Nirav Modi in collusion with a few bank officials.*



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- **As part of its Mission Parivartan**, the bank said it will establish centralised loan processing centres across the country in a phased manner for processing of loans above Rs 50 lakh.

### **About Punjab National Bank**

- Founded in 1894.
- Headquarters - New Delhi
- Tagline – The Name You Can Bank upon

### **RBI tightened banks' statutory auditor rules**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) tightened rules on banks' statutory auditors -it reserved the right to not approve appointments of such auditors for a specified period if their audit quality was not found satisfactory.

### **About RBI**

- Established on 1st April, 1935
- Bank was nationalised on 1st January, 1949.
- RBI is banker of the banks.

### **Bank of China to operate in India**

- The Reserve Bank of India issued licence to Bank of China to operate in India - the decision was based on the commitment made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Chinese leadership.

*The Bank of China (BoC) opened its first branch in South Asia in Pakistan's Karachi last year.*

### **India had cut import duties on 3142 products from china and Asia-Pacific nation**

- To boost India-China trade, the government announced the slashing of import duties on as many as 3,142 items from China and 5 other nations from the Asia Pacific. Beijing had done the same for more than 8500 items.

*The reduction in tariff by both nations are part of their commitments to liberalise trade further through the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) and will be in effect from*



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***July 1<sup>st</sup>. India signed the APTA, the oldest preferential trade agreement among countries in the Asia-Pacific region, back in 1975.***

### **Cabinet approved accession to WIPO treaties**

- The government approved a proposal regarding accession to WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performers and Phonograms Treaty which extends coverage of copyright to internet and digital environment.
- The proposal was submitted by Commerce and Industry Ministry.
- Both treaties provide framework for creators and right owners to use technical tools to protect their works and safeguard information about their use.

*WIPO Copyright Treaty came in force on March 6, 2002 and has been adopted by 96 contracting parties till date and is a special agreement under Berne Convention (for protection of literary and artistic works).*

### **KVIC launched its e-marketing system**

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched its, in-house developed, single-umbrella e-marketing system named Khadi Institution Management and Information System (KIMIS) in New Delhi.
- The system can be accessed from anywhere in the country for the sale and purchase of Khadi and Village Industries products and system has full-proof software which may have cost of millions of rupees if purchased from third party.
- This software will give real-time data of sales and will also give the updated status of stocks of khadi bhawans and godowns.

***First director of Khadi – Late Sardar KA Venkataramaiya***

### **Centre to give Rs500crore to SCI to promote cruise tourism under Sagarmala Project**

- Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari under Sagarmala project has said - Centre will provide 500 crore rupees to Shipping Corporation of India to lease out cruises to promote cruise tourism.

***Govt. is looking towards doubling the foreign tourist arrivals in three years.***

### **US imposed tariff on USD 34 billion worth of Chinese goods**



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- US has imposed tariff on 34 billion worth US Dollar Chinese goods, which has come in to effect and it is imposed on Chinese machinery, electronics and high-tech equipment, autos, computer hard-drives and LEDs mark.

*It was opening the way for an outright trade war between two economic giant.*

### **Income Tax Department launched ‘instant’ Aadhar based PAN**

- The Income Tax department has launched an ‘instant’ Aadhaar-based PAN allotment service for individuals seeking to obtain the unique identity number for the first time.
- It will be allotted on the basis of a one-time password (OTP) sent over the “active mobile number” linked with the valid Aadhaar number of a person.
- The e-PAN facility is only for resident individuals and not for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), firms, trusts and companies etc.

*Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique identity number that can be obtained by residents of India, based on their biometric and demographic data.*

## International

- Canada struck back at the Trump administration over U.S. steel and aluminium tariffs, imposed punitive measures on C\$16.6 billion (\$12.63 billion) worth of American goods, effective from July 1.
- Tariff on U.S. steel and aluminium products along with foodstuffs such as coffee, ketchup and whisky.

*Rising trade tension between Canada and the United States and a pushback from U.S. businesses on further tariffs pressured a White House that has championed an “America First” protectionist stance since Trump took office in January 2017.*

- Asia's first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in Tokyo, it will resolve the growing number of disputes in the region.
- Sri Lanka is shifting a naval base to a port built and controlled by China - The base is currently in the tourist district of Galle will be moved 125 km (80 miles) east along Sri Lanka's southern coast to Hambantota.
- A move that will strengthen security at a harbour that foreign powers fear China could use for military purposes.

*The \$1.5 billion deep water port is likely to play a major role in China's "Belt and Road" initiative and is under a 99-year lease to China Merchants Port Holdings at a cost of \$1.12 billion.*

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a grant of \$100 million to Bangladesh to develop basic infrastructure and services for refugees (Rohingyas) from neighbouring Myanmar. The project will provide to link essential food storage and distribution centers, hospitals, schools, and improve emergency access.
- Bangladesh will supplement the grant with \$20 million to fund the first phase, estimated to cost \$120 million over 2-1/2 years.

*Bangladesh is facing a challenge in managing refugee camps in its southern district of Cox's Bazar, flooded by more than 700,000 people who fled violence in Rakhine State since late August.*

## Polity

### **Niti Aayog – GNFC to use blockchain technology for subsidy payments**

- NITI Aayog and Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC) signed a statement of intent (SOI) to work together towards using the blockchain technology for fertiliser subsidy management.
- They will jointly develop the use case, undertake research, interact with multiple stakeholders, develop blockchain solutions, exchange learnings, organise forums, and disseminate learnings across their networks.

### **Niti Aayog launched baseline ranking for 115 aspirational districts**

- The NITI Aayog launched the baseline ranking for 115 aspirational districts based on 49 indicators across five sectors that include health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development, and basic infrastructure.
- Ranking would be followed by delta ranking of these districts from May 2018 based on their "incremental progress".

### **Sushma Swaraj inaugurated heads of mission meet**

- External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated the 9th Heads of Mission Conference that had seen all Indian ambassadors and high commissioners deliberating on key foreign policy issues and goals
- **Theme - 'Unprecedented Outreach: Unparalleled Outcomes'.**

### **SC asked states to stop violence on the name of cow protection**

- A three-judge bench comprising of Chief Justice Dipak Misra, Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud said cow vigilantism is a law and order issue and each state has to be responsible and would pass an order on the pleas describing cow vigilantism as mob violence.
- The contempt petition has been filed by Tushar Gandhi, the great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

*The apex court had sought response from Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh governments on a plea seeking contempt action for not following its order to take stern steps to stop violence in the name of cow vigilantism.*



### **Competition Commission of India (CCI) launched an Online Guidance System for determining notifiability of Merger & Acquisitions**

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) launched an Online Guidance System for determining notifiability of merger & acquisitions (combinations) in terms of the Competition Act, 2002.
- The Guidance System has been named as *“Do It Yourself (DIY): A notifiability check for mergers & acquisitions under the Competition Act, 2002”*.
- It is launched as part of CCI's outreach initiatives and measures to simplify compliance requirements regarding combinations.

### **Piyush Goyal launched the coal mine surveillance & Management system (CMSMS) and ‘Khan Prahari’ app**

- Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application ‘Khan Prahari’.
- It is developed by CMPDI, Ranchi a Subsidiary of CIL and Bhaskarcharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG) at a ceremony at, New Delhi.
- The basic objective of CMSMS is reporting, monitoring and taking suitable action on unauthorised coal mining activities.
- The CMSMS is a web based GIS application through which location of sites for unauthorised mining can be detected.
- Khan Prahari is a tool for reporting any activity taking place related to illegal coal mining like rat hole mining, pilferage etc.

### **Uttarakhand HC declared animal Kingdom a legal entity with rights of a ‘living person’**

- The Uttarakhand high court declared the entire animal kingdom, including birds and aquatic animals, as a legal entity having rights of a “living person”.
- Invoking Article 21 of the Constitution, the court said: “Article 21 of the Constitution, while safeguarding the rights of humans, protects life and the word ‘life’ means animal world”.

## **Defence Ministry approved 17 baffle shooting ranges for army**

- The defence ministry has approved the construction of 17 new baffle shooting ranges which costs army Rs238crore.
- Seven of 17 ranges are under army's southern command at military ranges, cantonments and training establishments, three in eastern command, two in northern command and one each in south-western command and central command.

*Baffles are smaller and covered shooting practice areas to prevent possible accidents due to stray bullets.*

## **NITI Aayog to hold India's first 'Global Mobility Summit' in sept**

- Niti Aayog will hold the India's first 'Global Mobility Summit on September 7-8'.
- The six themes of the summit are: Asset utilisation and service, comprehensive electrification, alternative energy, reinventing public transit, logistics and goods transport and data analytics and mobility.

*The summit will help drive government's goal for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India's transition to a clean energy economy.*

## **Chairperson NCST presented Special Report on “Indira Sagar Polavaram Project affected Tribal People” to President**

- National commission for Scheduled Tribes – chairman, vice chairman and its members called on the President of India and presented a special report of the commission on “Indira Sagar Polavaram Project Affected Tribal People” to him.
- Under article 338A(5)(e) of the constitution, report is on measure to be taken by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for the effective implementation of constitutional safeguards and other measures for the protection, welfare and socio-economic development of the Scheduled Tribe.

*Scheduled Tribes are affected on account of Polavaram Irrigation Project, Andhra Pradesh.*

## **SC said CJI is master and has authority to allocate cases to different branches**

- A bench comprising justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan in their separate concurring verdicts said the CJI occupies the role of first among equals and he is



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empowered to exercise leadership in administration of court which includes assignment of cases to different benches of the apex court.

*In accordance with Article 145 of the Constitution of India and the Supreme Court Rules of Procedure of 1966, the Chief Justice allocates all work to the other judges who are bound to refer the matter back to him or her (for re-allocation) in any case where they require it to be looked into by a larger bench of more judges.*

### **GoI, Govt. of Maharashtra and World Bank signed US \$420 million**

- The Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and the World Bank signed a US\$ 420 million project to help small and marginal farmers in the Marathwada and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra.
- Project is to increase climate resilient practices in agriculture and ensure that farming continues to remain a financially viable activity for farmers.
- The project is expected to benefit over 7 million people spread over an area of 3.0 million ha and cover 5,142 villages across 15 most climate vulnerable districts of the region.

*The \$420 million loan from the International bank for reconstruction and development has a 6-year grace period and a maturity of 24 years.*

## Events

- Artist Anjolie Ela Menon, 78 received the National Kalidas Samman in Delhi for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government. She is recipient of numerous national and international awards including the Padma Shri.

***Artist A. Ramachandran also conferred with the Kalidas Award.***

- The first 'Khadi Mall' of the country would be opened in Jharkhand, as announced by state's chief minister Raghubar Das while addressing the "Karigar Panchayat" organized by the Khadi Board at Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium.
- According to the latest analysis of a census released this week, more than 19,500 languages or dialects are spoken in India as mother tongues. Exact number of such raw returns of mother tongues has totalled 19,569 as per the report of the 2011 census.
- There are 121 languages which are spoken by 10,000 or more people in India

***However, 96.71 per cent population in the country have one of the 22 scheduled languages as their mother tongue.***

- Major General Vikram Dogra has become the first Indian Army officer to complete the Ironman Triathlon event - one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world.

***The Ironman Triathlon comprised three consecutive events 3.8 km swim, 180km cycling and 42.2 km marathon -- all completed in a day without a break.***

- Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. (TPREL), a subsidiary of Tata Power, has announced the successful commissioning of two solar projects of 50 MW each in Ananthapuramu Solar Park.
- Park is spread over a total area of 7,924.76 acres in Nambulapulakunta mandal located in the Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh.
- The company has signed a 25 years power purchase agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).
- Its total renewable power operating capacity has reached ~2.2 GW, out of which ~1.3 GW consists of solar projects and 931 MW comprises wind projects.

***These two grid connected solar power projects have been developed under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) Phase II, Batch-III and have been implemented through Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Mode.***



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*According to the latest India Solar Market Leaderboard 2017, in the calendar year 2017, **Tata Power was the top rooftop installer in 2017 followed by CleanMax and Fourth Partner Energy.***

- Angela Ponce has become the first-ever transgender woman to be crowned Miss Universe Spain after beating 22 participants, this comes six years after the Miss Universe organisation put an end to the ban on transgender contestants in the competition.

*This move was facilitated by the legal battle of 29-year-old Canadian model Jenna Talackov in 2012. After her brilliant win, all transgender women in America were allowed to compete in Miss Universe beginning from 2013.*

- As per union minister of chemical and fertilizer announcement, country's **first e-waste plant will come up in Bengaluru in 4 months** and is in keeping with Swacch Bharat Abhiyan Drive.
- Bengaluru is ranked third after Mumbai and Delhi in waste generation, of nearly 92000 tonnes of e-waste annually.
- The country's e-waste generation is on the rise and estimated to reach 52 lakh tonnes.

*According to ASSOCHAM and KPMG ranking, India ranked among the top five countries in the world in e-waste generation with an estimated 52 lakh billion tonne e-waste generated annually.*

- The Election Commission launched a mobile app for citizens to report any violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during elections. **The app is called as "cVIGIL".**
- The app will not facilitate saving of the photos or videos recorded using the 'cVIGIL' app into the phone gallery either.
- UNESCO will soon set-up Design University for gaming in Visakhapatnam, as UNESCO delegation on July 4 entered into an agreement with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board for the establishment of a gaming digital learning hub.
- **The world's first digital art museum opened to the public in Japan** at Digital Art Museum: teamLab Borderless in Tokyo's Mori Building
- It is a collaboration between Japanese art collective teamLab and Tokyo-based urban developer Mori Building.
- **Anju khosla became the oldest Indian women to complete Ironman Triathlon** at the age of 52 in 15 hours, 54 minutes and 54 seconds in Carinthia, Austria.



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***Triathlon comprised 3.86 Km swimming leg, 180.25 Km bike leg and marathon 42.2 Km to be completed without break.***

- According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Facebook shares climbed 2.4 percent, making Mark Zuckerberg third richest person overtaking Warren Buffet.
- Zuckerberg has now worth \$81.6 billion about \$373 million more than Buffet and he trails only Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and Microsoft founder Bill Gates.
- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organised a two-day International Round Table Conference at New Delhi on 9-10th July, 2018.
- The objective of the Round Table Conference is to identify innovative ideas for improving the statistical system in India.
- **Dr Tapan Kumar Chand received Knowledge Excellence Award from Secretary, Mines, Govt of India for Outstanding Contribution in Aluminium Knowledge domain at 22nd International Conference on Non Ferrous Minerals and Metals 2018 at Ranchi.**

***A special NALCO booklet on Sustainable Mining titled 'Mine with Mind' was released at the International Conference at Ranchi.***

- Government of Mongolia opened the three-day Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction in Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar to review challenges in the region on reducing disaster losses through increasing action at the local level in the world's most disaster-prone region.

***In 2017, then Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Mr. Khurelsukh was recognized as a UNISDR Asian Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction.***

***Over the last 50 years the region has suffered nearly \$1.3 trillion in economic losses to disasters.***

***Mongolia was also the first country in Asia Pacific to fully commit all its municipalities to UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient Campaign which aims to help cities and local governments***

## Sports

- Dutee Chand broke her national 100 metres mark on the final day of the Inter State Athletics Championships. She clocking 11.29 sec in the semi-finals and wins final in 11.32 sec., way ahead of Jakarta Asian Games qualifying mark of 11.67 sec.
- India defeated Iran by a margin of 18 points to lift the Kabaddi Master's cup with scores 44-26 at Al Wasl Sports Club, Dubai.. Indian team was led by star raider Ajay Thakur.
- Australia won by 1-3 after defeating India in final clash of Champions Trophy hockey held in Breda, the Netherlands.
- India won their second silver medal after winning their first in 2016.

*History repeated itself - In the 2016 edition, India had lost to the same opponents in a similar manner.*

- Malaysian veteran Lee Chong Wei beat young Japanese shuttler Kento Momota to grab the Malaysia Open title for a historic twelfth time.
- MS Dhoni became the third Indian Cricketer to play 500 international games, list is topped by Sachin Tendulkar and at 2nd place lies Rahul Dravid. Dhoni played 500th T20 International match against England.

*Sachin played a total of 664 international matches during his 24year long international career and Rahul Dravid played a total of 509 international games.*



## Science & Technology

- Rabies is the disease that had a 100% death rate in India in 2017 as compared to 12% for Japanese encephalitis and 6% for H1N1 (popularly known as swine flu) according to data from the National Health Profile 2018.

**Rabies** - This is 100% vaccine-preventable viral disease that spreads to people through bites or scratches of animals, mostly infected dogs, almost always causes death according the World Health Organisation, which has set a target of “zero human rabies deaths by 2030”.

*Only six persons have survived rabies infection in India since 2010, with the first case of partial recovery documented in 2002.*

*Globally, there are only 15 known survivors of rabies.*

- The Indian Space Research Organisation successfully carried out a flight test for a newly-designed Crew Escape System, meant for saving lives of astronauts in an exigency.
- It was the first in a series of tests to ascertain the trustworthiness and efficiency of the Crew Escape System.
- The first ‘Pad Abort Test’ demonstrated the safe recovery of the crew module in case of any exigency at the launch pad.
- The crew module reached an altitude of nearly 2.7 km under the power of its seven specifically designed quick-acting solid motors to take it away to a safe distance without exceeding the safe g-levels.

*The system is an emergency measure designed to quickly pull away the crew module along with the astronauts to a safe distance from the launch vehicle if the mission gets aborted.*



## Appointments

- Portuguese politician and former EU commissioner Antonio Vitorino elected to become the next director general of the United Nations migration agency.
- Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan has been appointed Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Mohit Gupta, chief operating officer in MakeMyTrip, has joined the Zomato as CEO of its food delivery business.
- **IPS officer Sundari Nanda assumed charge as Puducherry Director General of Police. She becomes the first woman to head the force in the Union Territory.**
- Uttam Dhillon, an Indian-origin lawyer serving in the White House, has been named the acting administrator of the drug enforcement administration (DEA).

*In 2006, he became the first director of the office of counter narcotics enforcement at the department of homeland security.*

- Payments Council of India has announced the appointment of Vishwas Patel as its new Chairman and PCI also appointed Loney Antony as co-chairman.
- Justice L Narasimha Reddy has been appointed as chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).
- Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel has been appointed the chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for five years.
- Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan was sworn in as new Chief Justice of the Hyderabad High Court for the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- Senior bureaucrat Saraswati Prasad has taken over the additional charge as chairman and managing director of steel PSU SAIL succeeding P K Singh.
- Veteran Journalist Rajat Sharma defeated World Cup winning cricketer Madan Lal to become the new president of Delhi and Districts Cricket association.

## State

- Chief minister Vasundhara Raje launched a scheme to provide milk thrice a week to 62 lakh children studying in state-run schools and madrasas.
- Under the scheme, more than 62 lakh students at 66,506 government schools will be provided warm milk as part of the mid-day meal.
- Students till Class 5 will get 150 ml of warm milk thrice a week while those in class 6 to 8 will get 200 ml.
- Milk supply in schools should be given to woman milk producing cooperatives.
- **Delhi govt. launched “Happiness Curriculum” for its school students.**
- Curriculum is for students from class nursery to class 8.
- Curriculum includes meditation, value education, and mental exercises.
- It is designed and prepared by a team of 40 Delhi government teachers, educators and volunteers over a period of six months.
- Rajasthan Govt. approved 1% reservation to 5 communities including Gujjars under most backward class category.
- Five castes are Gujjars, along with nomadic communities Banjara, Gadia-Lohar, Raika and Gadariya.
- Five castes are also entitled to the 21 percent quota under the OBC category for admission to educational institutions and recruitment in government jobs in the state.
- On his visit to Jaipur, PM Modi inaugurated dozen of projects worth Rs2100crore including drinking water supply, sewerage schemes, construction of elevated roads and various other aids.
- Among the schemes Modi Ji inaugurated Integrated Structural Planning in Udaipur and schemes for Ajmer, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Hanumangarh, Sikar and Mount Abu.
- **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched 'Poshan Abhiyan'**--a state-wide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres.
- Minister also launched 'Purna' Project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18. Minister allocated Rs270crore for the project. It would ensure that every newborn and mother get nutritious food for the first 1000 days of the birth.

### ***'Purna' stands for Prevention of under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent Girls.***

- Madhya Pradesh government has launched an outstanding **power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme 'Sambal' for labourers and poor families.**
- Under the waiver part of scheme, the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of 200 rupees per month.
- Under the subsidised power segment of this scheme, registered labourers of the unorganised sector and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of 200 rupees per month.



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- Power connection would be provided free of cost to the beneficiaries.

*Objective of this scheme to make sure that all the households have power facility in the state.*

- Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh has ordered mandatory dope test of all govt employees, including police personnel, from the time of their recruitment through every stage of their service.

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