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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel to Name Town in Golan Heights Donald Trump

• Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced that he would name a new community in the Golan Heighs after US president Donald Trump, who officially recognized the dispute area as Israeli territory.

• Israel has stated that in appreciation of the U.S president, it intends to come a proposed train station near Jerusalem's Western wall after him.

Indonesia Release Special Stamp on Theme of Ramayana

• Indonesia has released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th establishment of its diplomatic ties with India. It featured a scene from Ramayana in which Jatayu fought valiantly to save Sita.

BANKING NEWS

RBI Announces Rs 25000 crore OMO in May

• The Reserve Bank announced a Rs 25000-crore liquidity injection through OMOs in May that will be undertaken in two equal tranches. RBI repurchased bonds of over Rs 2.8 lakh crore during the last fiscal year.

• OMO-Open Market Operation

RBI Approves Proposal of HDFC for Holding 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its nod to HFDC Ltd for acquiring up to 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank following the Gruh Finance deal. Gruh Finance was taken over by Bandhan Bank in a share swap deal in January.

FACTS

• HFDC'S CEO- Aditya Puri

• HQ-Mumbai

India Ranked 80th in Gobal Talent Competitiveness Index 2019

• India was ranked 80 out of 125 countries in Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2019.

• The theme of this year's report was 'Entrepreneurial Talent and Global competitiveness'

• Switzerland was ranked number 1 on the list.

APPOINTMENTS

Rajendra Kumar Nayak appointed as a 52nd CGDA

- **Rajendra Kumar Nayak took over as the 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts. He was additional Controller General of Defence Accounts.**

AWARDS

- **Bajrang punia Wins Gold in Asian Wrestling Championship**
- **Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia opened India's medal tally at the Asian Wrestling Championship with gold medal in the 65kg free style category.**

OBITUARY

Mountaineer Rama Sengupta Paul passed away

- **Mountaineer Rama Sengupta Paul who led the first successful women expedition to Kedarnath Domen in Garhwal Himalaya Passed away following a Cardiac arrest.**