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NATIONAL NEWS

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- Minister of State for Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh launched **Good Governance Index** in New Delhi on the occasion of Good Governance.
- The Good Governance Day is observed on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- That Good Governance Index has been scientifically designed on **various parameters of governance.**
- It has been designed keeping in mind the citizen-centricity, which is the prime mantra of Government.
- **Good Governance Index will also seek to determine the status of governance and provide reference threshold for future also.**
- That documentation of good governance index is the effort in the direction to carry forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for good governance.
- That good governance initiatives are being replicated not only by the states in India, but also by the other countries.

Govt approves updation of National Population Register

- Union Cabinet approves conduct of **Census of India 2021** and **updation of National Population Register.**
- Cabinet approved expenditure of over 8 thousand 754 crore rupees for the exercise of Census of India 2021 and over 3 thousand 941 crore rupees for updation of National Population Register.
- The next decennial Census is due in 2021 and would be conducted in two phases.
- The House listing and Housing Census will be carried out from April to September, 2020 and Population Enumeration from 9th February to 28th February, 2021.
- That Census exercise will be done by using App based technology to make it easier.
- No proof, document or biometric will be taken during the process of NPR from the people.

15 crore households to get clean drinking water in next five years

- Launching the Atal Bhujal Yojana in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Mod said, Atal Jal Yojana or the guidelines related to the Jal Jeevan Mission are big steps to deliver water to every household in the country by 2024.
- The water crisis not only affects citizens and families but also the nation and its development.
- Only three crores out of 18 crore rural households today have clean piped water and the Government has aimed to provide the remaining 15 crore rural households with piped water in the next five years.

Digital Radio to be launched in 2024

- **Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar has said that NDA government is bringing Digital Radio in 2024.**
- Addressing the annual Akashvani awards function in New Delhi yesterday, Mr Javadekar said, the audio of digital radio will be clearer and its reach will be higher.
- The Minister said, All India Radio is an institution which is a part of people's lives, be it music, news or entertainment.

Free Wi-Fi to all villages connected via Bharat Net till March 2020

- Wi-Fi services being provided through BharatNet in villages across India will be free of charge till March 2020, by Telecom and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad
- To promote utilisation of BharatNet services, we will provide Wi-Fi free in all villages connected through BharatNet till March 2020
- Currently, 48,000 villages connected under the BharatNet project have WiFi access.

FACTS

Minister of Telecom and Information Technology- Ravi Shankar Prasad

NITI Aayog to launch 2nd edition of SDG India Index on Dec 30

- NITI Aayog will launch the second edition of the Sustainable Development Goals, SDG India Index on 30th of this month in New Delhi.
- The SDG India Index documents the progress made by India’s States and Union Territories towards implementing the 2030 SDG targets.
- The SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019-20 have been developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the United Nations in India, and the Global Green Growth Institute.

SCHEMES

PM Modi launches Atal Bhujal Scheme for better management of groundwater

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Atal Bhujal Scheme for better management of groundwater, stressing on the need to use technology which helps prevent wastage of water in various spheres, including agriculture.
- He also named Rohtang passageway in Himachal Pradesh as Atal Tunnel to mark the 95th birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

STATE NEWS

CSMT gets 'Eat Right' station certificate

- Iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station in Mumbai has been conferred with 'Eat Right Station' certification with the five-star rating by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for food safety and hygiene.
- The CSMT is the first station on the Central Railway to get this certification.
- The CSMT has been judged on the basis of compliance of food safety and hygiene, availability of healthy diet, food handling at preparation, food waste management, promotion of local and seasonal food and creating awareness on food safety and healthy diet.
- 'Eat Right Station' initiative is a part of the 'Eat Right India' movement launched by FSSAI and an FMCG major which is aimed at promoting food safety and hygiene at the static catering

units at railway stations.

Telangana govt raises retirement age of RTC staff

- Telangana government has decided to raise the retirement age of employees of the Road Transport Corporation, RTC to 60 from the current 58 years.
- The decision will be applicable to all cadres of employees of the state-owned RTC.
- Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao also asked RTC management to launch cargo and parcel services to all destinations wherever an RTC bus could reach in the state.

RESIGN

Leander Paes to retire from Tennis in 2020

- Indian tennis ace Leander Paes has announced that 2020 will be his last year as a professional tennis player.
- The 46-year old will bid adieu to the sport after next season. Leander announced that he will be picking and choosing tournaments next year to meet his fans all around the world.
- Leander, who made his Olympic debut in 1992, will look for one final flourish at Tokyo Olympics next year. The Indian has made 7 appearances in a row at the Olympics making him the only tennis player ever to do so.
- Paes has won eight doubles and ten mixed doubles Grand Slam titles

IMPORTANT DAY

"Good Governance Day" being celebrated-December 26

- The birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee is celebrated as Good Governance Day across the country.
- Established in 2014, Good Governance Day aims to create awareness among the people about accountability of Government and governance.
- Several programmes will be held across the country to mark the occasion.