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### NATIONAL NEWS

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- Indian manufacturers import Li-ion batteries from **china, japan and south Korea**, becoming the world's largest importers.
- Indian imports of Li-ion batteries were **175mn in 2016, 313mn in 2017, 712mn in 2018 and 450mn** in 2019.
- In 2018, the **Central Electro Chemical Research Institute(CECRI)** in Tamilnadu, under the council of scientific & industrial research (CSIR) and RAASI solar power Pvt ltd signed MoA for transfer of technology for India's first lithium-ion battery project.
- **China** dominates the lithium-ion battery market.

#### Cauvery delta: a protected agriculture zone- TN government.

- The Chief Minister of Tamilnadu had announced the **Cauvery delta region** as a **protected special agriculture zone(SAZ)** as a step towards **food security of the state**.
- The special agriculture zone will have 24-hour power supply for agricultural activities, priority treatment for conservation, irrigation facilities and marketing, collection and processing Centre's and concessions on agro-equipment's and recurring and non-recurring expenses.
- The hydrocarbon exploration will not be permitted in the delta region says TN government.
- Chief minister of Tamilnadu: **Edappadi K.Palaniswami**.

#### Government condemned US government's centers for disease Control and Prevention(CDC).

- The US government's CDC was censured for funding **an unapproved Indian laboratory in Manipal**, and for not attaining proper permissions for undertaking training in India for work on **NIPAH virus** by the government of India.
- These high risk pathogens are tested only in **BSL4 lab**, for the highest level of microbial safety.
- The ministry of health and family welfare had directed both CDC and **Manipal Centre for virus research(MCVR)** to close their study and to transfer all the NIPAH virus samples to the certified **ICMR- National Institute of Virology in Pune**.
- Government directed **Centre for disease control and prevention(CDC)** to stop all the unauthorized funding.
- Union minister of health and family welfare: **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**.

## Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Campaign

- The ministry of information and broadcasting organised an **18-day long** campaign called “**Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Campaign**” across the nation.
- The main aim of the campaign is to commemorate the Unity in Diversity of our country and to promote the spirit of national integration through a mutual understanding between all states and union territories.

## DefExpo 2020 concluded in Lucknow

- A three-day event of DefExpo 2020 was concluded at Lucknow, in Uttar Pradesh.
- Almost 200 cooperation involving Signing of **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs), Transfer of Technology (ToTs) and launching new products** were held in DefExpo.
- In particular, **23 MoUs** were signed between the UP Government and private companies and **14 MoUs** between Indian and Russian companies.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Bangladesh to undergo disinvestment in 4- govt owned banks

- The Bangladesh government has decided to disinvest in its four State Owned Commercial Banks.
- The four banks are namely, **Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDBL), Agrani Bank Ltd, Janata Bank Ltd and Sonali Bank Ltd.**
- The process of disinvestment will also be extended in the seven state owned enterprises in the energy sector by the government of Bangladesh.

### Switzerland votes for law against HOMOPHOBIA.

- Switzerland votes in a **referendum** in favour of a new law against homophobia.
- **60.5%** voted in favour of widening existing law against discrimination of resentment to hatred on ethnic or religious views to include sexual orientation.

### BBIN MVA held at New Delhi.

- **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Act(MVA)** was held at new delhi.
- The meeting was convened to talk over on the Regulation of Passenger, Personal and Cargo Vehicular Traffic between the four countries signed in 2015.

## OBITUARY NEWS

### Padma shri Giriraj Kishore passes away

- Renowned hindi novelist **Padma shri giriraj Kishore** passes away in Kanpur.
- He was best known for his novel “**Pehla Girmitya**” which is based on mahatma gandhi’s stay in south Africa.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri by the President of India in the year **2007** and also was the recipient of Sahitya Akademi award.
- He was also presented the **Vyas Samman** in 2000 and **Ph.D. by Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University** in 2002.

## ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

### RBI to bring up a customer agency for digital payments sector.

- RBI announced that it is to prepare an agency to look after the interests of **digital payment platform customers and their securities** as large number of Indians opting digital payments for their transactions.
- RBI will establish an **SRO (Self-Regulatory Organisation)** by April 2020. And that will foster best practices on security and protection of customers and the pricing.

### PFRDA doubles minimum net worth for pension fund managers

- The regulator of the National Pension System (NPS), Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has doubled the minimum net worth for pension fund managers from **₹25cr to ₹50 cr.**

## SPORTS NEWS

### Bangladesh won U-19 world cup

- Bangladesh beat India to win the ICC U-19 world cup cricket title **in south Africa** by three wickets.
- Bangladeshi **skipper Akbar Ali** was declared the **Player of the Match** for his captaincy.



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