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NATIONAL UPDATE – Daily Current Affairs

India, Bangladesh hold DG level talks between BSF and BGB

- India and Bangladesh held the Director General Level Talks between the Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in Dhaka.
- They discussed various issues related to control of fake currency, narcotics trade and cattle smuggling on the India-Bangladesh international border and confidence-building measures between the two forces.
- BSF delegation was led by Director General BSF Rajni Kant Mishra
- BGB delegation was led by its Director General Major General MdShafeenul Islam.

Extra Shots:

- Bangladesh (Capital/Currency) – Dhaka/Taka
- Prime Minister -Sheikh Hasina

Bilateral Meet between India and China

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- The talks were held on the side-lines of Shanghai Cooperation Organization- SCO summit.
- The two leaders discussed all aspects of enriching the bilateral relations between two countries.
- They recognised the positive role of strategic communication in deepening their partnership.
- NIRD-PR launches training programme of Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change
- Hyderabad-based National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) have launched a training programme of Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change (SLACC).
- The objective of this programme is to help Rural Poor Farm Holds adapt to Climate Change and sustain their livelihoods.
- This Programme is launched Under the National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- The National Institute has taken up training the first batch Climate-Smart Community Resource Persons so that they help the community at the grassroots level to combat the impact of climate change.
- The project has begun for Shivapur and Mandla districts of Madhya Pradesh and Madhubani and Gaya districts of Bihar on a pilot basis.

Clean drinking water to all by 2024

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- Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has set a target of providing clean drinking water to all by 2024.
- in states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha, the coverage of clean drinking water is less than five per cent.
- Only in Sikkim 99 per cent of households get tapped water.
- The Ministry assured that 14 cr households will get benefit by the plan.

Extra Shots:

- Minister of Jal Shakti - Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Constituency- Jodhpur, Rajasthan)
- “Nal se Jal” scheme launched by Jal Shakti Ministry- its aim is to provide drinking water by 2024

E-Governance Initiatives for ST Welfare Schemes by ArjunMunda

- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, ArjunMunda launched the e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes.
- These e-governance initiatives serve their purpose of the betterment of tribal communities across the nation.
- This Scheme is in the form of two digital portals under the aegis of the ministry — DBT Tribal and NGO Grants Online Application and Tracking System.

Extra Shots:

ArjunMunda - Union Minister for Tribal Affairs (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS – Daily Current Affairs

JNU to confer alumni award to Sitaraman and Jaishankar

- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) to confer its Distinguished Alumni Award to Union Ministers NirmalaSitharaman and SubrahmanyamJaishankar.
- These two ministers will be awarded during the third convocation of JNU to be held in August this year.
- Sitharaman completed her MA and M Phil degrees from the School of Social Sciences and School of International Studies, respectively.
- Jaishankar completed his M Phil and doctoral research in the School of International Studies where he specialised in nuclear diplomacy.

Extra Shots:

- Jaishankar – Minister of External Affairs
- NirmalaSitharaman – Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs (Andhra Pradesh)

Privanka Chopra to be Honoured with UNICEF's Humanitarian Award

- Unicef will honour Indian actress Priyanka Chopra with the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award at the Unicef Snowflake Ball in December.
- The event will be held on December 3 in New York.

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Extra Shots:

- UNICEF- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- Founded: 11 December 1946
- Headquarters: New York, USA
- Executive director: Henrietta H. Fore

AmitavGhosh conferred with Jnanpith award

- Renowned author AmitavGhosh was awarded the 54th Jnanpith Award for his contribution to the enrichment of Indian literature in English.
- AmitavGhosh is the first English writer to get this prestigious award.
- He was conferred the award by former governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi.

Extra Shots:

- Jnanpith Award – The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the BharatiyaJnanpith to an author for their "outstanding contribution towards literature.

RANKS – Daily Current Affairs

ViratKohli, in the list of Top-Paid athletes

- ViratKohli is back on the Forbes World's 100 Highest-Paid athletes list, making him the only Indian on to feature in the rankings.
- The Indian cricket team captain is ranked at No. 100 with total earnings of \$25 million.
- Footballer Lionel Messi was named the world's highest-paid athlete with total earnings of \$127 million.
- On No. 2 is Cristiano Ronaldo, with total earnings of \$109 million.

BUSINESS UPDATE – Daily Current Affairs

Microsoft launches AI digital labs in India

- Tech giant Microsoft announced that it will launch AI digital labs in the country in collaboration with 10 higher educational institutions.
- Microsoft will support the select institutions with infrastructure, curriculum and content, access to cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) services as well as developer support.
- The institutes covered under this programme include BITS Pilani, BML Munjal University, ISB, Kalpataru Institute of Technology, KL University, Periyar University, Karunya University, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, SVKM (NMIMS) and Trident Academy of Technology.

Extra Shots:

Microsoft –

- Founded: 4 April 1975

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- Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen
- Headquarters: Redmond, Washington
- CEO: Satya Nadella

OBITURIES – Daily Current Affairs

Pazhavila Ramesan passes away

- Poet and lyricist Pazhavila Ramesan passed away at an age of 83.
- He had received the 2017 Kerala Sahithya Akademi award for overall contributions.

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