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NATIONAL UPDATES – Daily Current Affairs

UIDAI : 1st Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Delhi and Vijayawada

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalized 1st ‘Aadhaar Seva Kendra’ (ASKs) in Delhi and Vijayawada.
- The new centres are functioning on a pilot basis.
- UIDAI’s ambitious plan is to set up 114 such centers by the end of 2019.
- The objective of setting these new centers is to provide more touch points to public for availing Aadhaar enrolment and updating services and other related services.
- The Delhi centre is located at Akshardham metro station premises and has a capacity to handle 1,000 enrolment/updation requests a day.
- Vijayawada Centre’s capacity is half that of the Delhi centre.

Extra Shots:

- UIDAI – The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (“Aadhaar Act 2016”) on 12 July 2016 by the Government of India, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- Founded: 28 January 2009, India
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- CEO: Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- Founder: Government of India

UP govt to set up Committees in all 25 districts situated on banks of river Ganga

- In Uttar Pradesh, State Government has decided to set up Ganga Committees in all 25 districts situated on the banks of river Ganga.
- The objective of setting this committee is to clean the holly river.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and discussed issues like water conservation, revival of dry rivers, rainwater harvesting and plantation drive.
- The state has listed 15 rivers which gone dry at present and will be revived under the action plan.
- A total of 85 projects related to Clean Ganga Mission worth 1185 crore rupees are running in the state, out of which 15 have been completed so far.

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Extra Shots:

- Uttar Pradesh – Capital City (Lucknow) CM (Yogi Adityanath) Governor (Ram Naik)
- Union Jal Shakti Minister- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES – Daily Current Affairs

US declares Balochistan Liberation Army as global terrorist organization

- The United States has declared the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) as a global terrorist organization.
- Pakistan banned the outfit in 2006 and have been urging the US to do the same.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY – Daily Current Affairs

Ola Electric invests \$250million funding from SoftBank

- Ola Electric Mobility Pvt. Ltd has raised about \$250 million from SoftBank Group Corp.
- The electric vehicle unit Ola becomes the newest unicorn from India.
- Japanese investor paid a total of Rs 1,725.04 crore (around \$250 million).
- The SoftBank funding was received on Tuesday in light of a special resolution passed by the board of Ola Electric on June 25
- SoftBank will end up owning about 22-24% stake in Ola Electric.

Extra Shots:

- Ola Cabs, is an Indian origin online transportation network company developed by ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- Founded: 3 December 2010, Mumbai
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- Founders: Bhavish Aggarwal, Ankit Bhati
- CEO: Bhavish Aggarwal
- Ola Electric – Director –Arun Sarin
- SoftBank Group Corp. is a Japanese multinational conglomerate holding company headquartered in Tokyo, Japan.
- Founded: 3 September 1981, Tokyo, Japan
- Founder: Masayoshi Son

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS – Daily Current Affairs

N S Vishwanathan gets one year extension as RBI deputy governor

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan has been given a one-year extension by the government.
- According to RBI law, of the four deputy governors, two are outside specialists — usually an economist and a career banker, while two are career RBI central bankers.

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- The Department of Banking Regulation (headed by Vishwanathan) and Department of Currency Management (headed by B P Kanungo) are reserved for RBI insiders. Monetary Policy Department (headed by Viral Acharya) and Department of Banking Supervision (headed by M K Jain) are reserved for outsiders.

Extra Shots:

- RBI - The Reserve Bank of India is India's central banking institution, which controls the issuance and supply of the Indian rupee.
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata
- Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Karnam Sekar takes over as new MD and CEO of IOB

- Former Dena Bank MD Karnam Sekar has taken over as the new Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- He replaces R Subramaniakumar.
- His appointment will come into effect on July 1, 2019.
- He served State Bank of India as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Credit Officer.
- He also headed Sal as Manager-Treasury in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Extra Shots:

- Founded: 10 February 1937
- Tagline: Good people to grow with
- Founder: M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar

P.K. Purwar appointed as the CMD of BSNL

- The government has appointed MTNL Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) P.K. Purwar as the CMD of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) for a period of three months starting July 1.
- He replaced Anupam Shrivastava.

Extra Shots:

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is an Indian state-owned telecommunications company.
- Founder: Government of India
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- CEO: Shri Anupam Shrivastava

V K Tyagi takes over as chief vigilance officer of PNB

- V K Tyagi has assumed charge as chief vigilance officer of Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- Prior to joining PNB, he was director in the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under the finance ministry.

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Extra Shots:

- Punjab National Bank is an Indian multinational banking and financial services company.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- CEO: Sunil Mehta
- The Name you can Bank Upon

AGREEMENTS & MOUs – Daily Current Affairs

Asian Development Bank approved \$350 Million Loan for Chhattisgarh Road Improvement Project

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved \$350 million in loans to rehabilitate and upgrade two state highways.
- There are around 23 major district roads totaling about 850 kilometers in Chhattisgarh.
- The total cost of this project is \$521.69 million and the state government of Chhattisgarh to provide \$171.69 million.

Extra Shots:

- ADB - Asian Development Bank
- President: Takehiko Nakao
- Founded: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Manila, Philippines
- Membership: 68 countries
- Chhattisgarh – Capital City (Raipur) CM (Bhupesh Baghel) Governor (Anandiben Patel)

State Bank of India & NIIIF tie-up to finance infrastructure projects

- State Bank of India (SBI) and India's sovereign wealth fund, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIIF) signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) to provide financing solutions to the infrastructure sector.
- The tie-up helped in equity investments, project funding, bond financing, renewable energy support, and take-out finance for operating assets.

Extra Shots:

- NIIIF - National Investment and Infrastructure Fund is India's first sovereign wealth fund that was set up by the Government of India.
- Establishment: 2015
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- CEO: Sujoy Bose
- SBI – The State Bank of India is an Indian multinational, public sector banking and financial services statutory body.
- Founded: 1 July 1955
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Chairperson: Rajnish Kumar

AWARDS & RECOGNITION – Daily Current Affairs

Aparna Kumar becomes the first civil servant & IPS Officer to conquer the 'Seven Summits' challenge

- Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Aparna Kumar became the first civil servant to scale Mount Denali.
- It is the highest peak in North America.
- This was her 7th summit challenge.

Extra Shots:

- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces of India, raised on 24 October 1962, under the CRPF Act, in the wake of the Sino-Indian War of 1962.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founder: Government of India
- Founded: 24 October 1962
- Motto: Shaurya – Dridhata – Karm Nishtha

BOOKS & AUTHOR – Daily Current Affairs

The Book 'Whispers of Time' launched by Smriti Irani

- Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani launched new book "Whispers of Time"
- It is written by Dr. Krishna Saksena (91) at the India International Centre in New Delhi
- The book was published by Prabhat Prakashan.
- It is the ninth book of Saksena.

SPORTS – Daily Current Affairs

Ambati Rayudu retires from all forms of cricket

- Indian middle-order batsman Ambati Rayudu retired from all forms of cricket.
- The 33-year-old Andhra Pradesh batsman was in India's official standbys list for the on-going World Cup but was omitted twice.
- Rayudu played 55 ODIs for India, scoring 1694 runs at an average of 47.05. He, however, did not play any Test.

Odisha to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019

- Department of Sports and Youth Service of the Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and Odissi Tennis Association (OSTTA).
- They decided to host the 21st Commonwealth Championship for the year 2019. from July 17-22, 2019 at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha.

Extra Shots:

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- Odisha – Capital City (Bhubaneswar) CM (Naveen Patnaik) Governor (Ganeshi Lal)

OBITURIES – Daily Current Affairs

Birla group patriarch BK Birla passes away

- Birla Group patriarch B.K Birla passed away in Mumbai at an age of 98.
- Mr. Birla was the chairman of Century Textiles and Industries.

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