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## NATIONAL NEWS

- India has found issues with the present method under which the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** ranks countries based on their Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI).
  - A study commissioned by the **Commerce Ministry** stated that the OECD index has numerous problems associated with it.
- **Sushma Swaraj**, External Affairs Minister met **Umer Daudzai**, (during his visit to India) Afghanistan's High Peace Council Secretary who briefed her on the outcome of the recently held the historic '**Loya Jirga**' or **peace meeting in Kabul**.
- **The Geological Survey of India (GSI)** in its report said that about **35% of India's total Graphite reserves are found in Arunachal Pradesh**. This is the **highest** found in the country.
  - The GSI presented the said data during its annual interactive meeting with the **Department of Geology and Mining & Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in Itanagar**.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **US President Donald Trump** in an announcement in **Rose Garden speech**, unveiled a new '**Merit-Based Immigration System**'. This is a point based system for professionals where skills of the people will be preferred for permanent residency against the current country based quotas which requires family ties for green cards.
  - It will replace the existing green cards with '**Build America**' visa.

## ECONOMY

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has partnered with Google on the occasion of World Telecom Day. The objective is to expand BSNL's Wi-Fi footprint in the country.
  - Currently, there are around 38,000 BSNL Wi-Fi hotspot locations working

across the country and one can use these after buying the Wi-Fi vouchers worth of Rs 19 and more.

## AWARDS

- On May 17, 2019, India achieved a **Guinness World Records** of '**largest laundry lesson**' with the participation of **400 young Indian men**. The event was a part of **#sharetheload campaign**.
  - It was done to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes at home along with the female members of the family.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Museum Day 2019** is celebrated on **May 18** annually. It is observed to create awareness on the importance of museums for the development of society. The theme of International Museum Day 2019 is "Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition".



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