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NATIONAL NEWS

- On October 14, 2019 the union minister of Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, **Shri Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated conference on **‘One Nation One Tag – FASTag’** in New Delhi for rolling out usage of unified electronic system in the country.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- On October 15, 2019, The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) released a report titled **“The State of the World’s Children (SOWC) 2019: Children, food and nutrition- Growing well in a changing world”**. It was for the first time in 20 years, it evaluated the issue of children, food and nutrition.
 - At least 1 in 3 children under 5 or over 200 million are either undernourished or overweight.
 - **Related Keys**
 - UNICEF Headquarters: New York, US
 - UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946
 - UNICEF Executive Director: Henrietta Holsman Fore
 - It was originally known as the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund
- On October 10, 2019 **Wealth intelligence firm New World Wealth(NWW)** released its report on wealthiest city worldwide 2019. Among Indian cities, Mumbai was the only city to be placed in the top 20 list at 12th rank followed by Delhi at 22nd rank, Bangalore at 26th Rank, and Hyderabad at 28th rank. The list was **topped by America’s New York City (NYC)**.
 - **Related Keys**

- NWW specializes in ratings, surveys, country reports and wealth statistics and also provides management services.
- Headquarters- Johannesburg, South Africa.

BANKING NEWS

- In order to strengthen its oversight of commercial banks, urban co-operative banks (UCBs) and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), the country's central bank, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to **operationalise unified Department of Supervision (DoS) & Department of Regulation (DoR)** with effect from November 1, 2019.
 - **Related Keys**
 - RBI Formation: 1 April 1935
 - RBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das

ECONOMY

- On October 15, 2019, Air India has become the first airline in the world to use taxibot on an **A320 aircraft** with passengers onboard at **Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi**. The taxibot is a pilot-controlled semi-robotic aircraft tractor, bringing the aircraft from the parking bay to the runway and vice versa.
 - **Related Keys**
 - **Air India Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Air India Slogan :** Air India, Truly Indian
 - **Air India CMD:** Ashwani Lohani

AWARDS

- On October 13, 2019, Indian nun Mariam Thresia of Kerala and four others (English Cardinal John Henry Newman, Swiss laywoman Marguerite Bays, Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes and Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini) declared Saints by **Pope Francis** (head of the

Catholic Church) at a **grand ceremony** at the **Vatican City**, a city-state surrounded by **Rome, Italy**.

- The title was conferred on Theresia 93 years after her death

- On October 14, 2019 4 heritage landmarks from India were chosen for the **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2019**.
 - The awards were announced at a ceremony held in Penang, Malaysia. Renewal of Tai Kwun – Centre for Heritage and Arts in Hong Kong received the Award of Excellence, which is the highest award among all categories.
 - **Related Keys**
 - UNESCO Founded- 16 November 1945.
 - UNESCO Headquarters- Paris, France.
 - UNESCO Head- Audrey Azoulay.

WORDS OF THE DAY

1) Dubious - Hesitating or doubting, doubtful, not reliable or of certain quality

Similar Words - Unsure , Indefinite.

Antonyms - Certain , Definite.

2) Disparate - Very different in kind, distinct.

Similar words - contrasting , dissimilar.

Antonyms - homogeneous