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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Asia Health 2019 conference with the theme Serving the World's Fastest Growing Region through Healthcare Convergence, organized jointly by the National Health Authority and CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) held in New Delhi from 16 19 October 2019 with the aim to bring multiple stakeholders together to discuss the future of Health.
  - Related keys
    - CII Formation: 1895
    - CII Headquarters: New Delhi
    - CII President : Vikram Kirloskar
- India will host the 91<sup>st</sup> International Criminal Police organization (Interpol) General Assembly in 2022.
  - o The proposal was made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock during a meeting in New Delhi during Mr. Stock's official visit in August 2019.
  - Related Keys
    - Interpol Motto : Connecting police for a safer world
    - Interpol Established: 1923 (As International Criminal Police Commission)
    - Interpol Renamed as Interpol: 1956
    - Interpol Headquarters: Lyon, France

### **BANKING & FINANCE**

- On October 18, 2019, The Ministry of Finance notified that banks will not levy charges or **merchant discount rate** (MDR) on digital payments to the customers or merchants of the businesses with an annual turnover of more than Rs.50 crore from 1 November, 2019.
  - This move is to encourage digital payments and they will have to mandatorily offer electronic mode of payments to their customers from the said date.
  - o Key points:
    - i. In this regard, amendments have been made in the Income Tax Act 1961 an in the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007.
    - ii. The circular was issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

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#### **SCIENCE & TECH UPDATES**

- On October 18, 2019. The United States (US) Space agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) astronauts Christina Koch (40) & Jessica Meir (42) have created history by taking a walk outside the International Space Station (ISS).
  - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time that only a team of women astronauts has walked outside the ISS.
  - o Related keys
    - NASA formed : July 29, 1958
    - NASA Headquarters : Washington, D.C., United States
    - NASA Motto: For the Benefit of All

#### **SPORTS**

- PV Sindhu ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in Forbes list of world's highest paid women athletes for 2019; Serena Williams tops
  - o In the Forbes list of world's highest paid women athletes for 2019, Indian badminton player PV (Pusarla Venkata) Sindhu was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> with a total earning of \$ 5.5 million, comprising total prize money of \$500,000 and endorsements worth \$ 5 million.
  - Related Keys
    - o Forbes First published: September 15, 1917
    - Forbes in Chief: Steve Forbes

#### **APPOINMENTS**

- On October 18, 2019 the chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) Shri Rajnish Kumar was appointed as the new chairman of Indian Bank's Association (IBA).
  - He succeeds Sunil Mehta, the former Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Punjab National Bank (PNB)
  - Related kevs
    - IBA formed 26 September 1946
    - IBA Headquarters Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Word of the Day.

**Fraternity** – a group of persons formally joined together for some common interest Similar words – Association, Brotherhood, Board Antonyms: disfavor – Independence

