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## NATIONAL NEWS

- In **Himachal Pradesh Around 2,209 panchayats** were brought under natural farming under **Prakritik Kheti Khushshal Kissan Yojana**. The State is promoting Organic and Zero Budget Natural Farming under the scheme.
  - Under the scheme, a target of 50,000 farmers have been set for the year 2019. So far 20,579 farmers have been trained.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Himachal Pradesh Capital: Shimla
    - Himachal Pradesh Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya.
- The **state government of Odisha** has **signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with UNICEF** (United Nations Children's Fund) to provide safe drinking water to every household in the state. The LoU was signed by state housing and urban development department (HUDD) to provide 24-hour safe drinking water.
  - **Related Keys**
    - UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946
    - UNICEF Head: Henrietta H. Fore
- **The joint military exercise of India and French troops is to be held between 31st October 2019 and 13th November 2019.** It is a biennial exercise conducted alternately in India and France. The exercise is to be conducted at the Foreign Training Node at Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Bangladesh will hold the first phase of Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of Muslim community after Hajj, from January 10 to 12, 2020 in Dhaka. The second phase of the Ijtema will be held from January 17 to 19.
  - **Bishwa Ijtema is an annual event which is held in a 160-acre field on the bank of the Turag River at Tongi on the outskirts of Dhaka since 1967.**
  - **Related Keys**
    - Bangladesh Prime minister - Sheikh Hasina

- Bangladesh President - Abdul Hamid

## BANKING NEWS

- **The Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 35 lakh on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for violating norms on frauds classification and notification.** The RBI said in a release that it imposed the fine via an order dated October 24, 2019.
  - It stated that the bank has been penalised for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by RBI on frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs directions 2016.
  - **Related Keys**
    - RBI Headquarters: Mumbai
    - RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das

## AWARDS

- **President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the first National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards** to the companies for their outstanding contribution in the area of **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**.
  - Commending the efforts of Ministry of Corporate Affairs for initiating the National CSR Awards in the year of Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary, he said, these awards will be conferred every year on 2nd October.

## WORDS OF THE DAYS

- **Emanate** - issue or spread out from
  - Similar words - emerge, flow , Came Out.
  - Antonyms - absorb, conceal , hold
- **facile** - ignoring the true complexities of an issue;
  - Similar Words - simplistic, superficial
  - Antonyms - thorough , profound