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NATIONAL NEWS

- **On November 21, 2019, the Union Cabinet approved the introduction of Industrial Relations Code, 2019.** This is the third code under labor reforms. Under the new code, forty-four laws are to be amalgamated into four codes.
 - The four codes include wage rates, social security, industrial relations and industrial security and labor welfare.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The code intends to simplify and rationalize the Trade Union Act, 1926, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Industrial Employment Act, 1946.
 - The Economic Survey, 2018 highlighted that the labor reforms in Rajasthan increased growth rates of firms.
- University Grants Commission, **UGC has issued circular to higher educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day on 26th of November.** On this day in 1949, the Constitution was adopted which came into force on 26th January 1950.
 - **Related Keys**
 - UGC Founded: 1956
 - UGC Headquarters: New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **The National Investigation Agency will host the first “Counter Terrorism Exercise” between November 21, 2019 and November 22, 2019.** The CT-TTX, Counter Terrorism Table Top Exercise will exercise the Quad countries namely India, Japan, US and Australia.
 - **Related News**
 - The dialogue between the four countries was initiated in 2007 by the Japanese President Shinzo Abe.
- The annual report by the Sydney-based Institute for Economics and Peace states that the country most affected by terrorism in 2018 was Afghanistan (7,379 killed), displacing Iraq (1,054 killed). Iraq, now at second place, is

followed by Nigeria, Syria, Pakistan and Somalia, in that order.

- **India is at seventh place in a global think tank's list of countries most affected by terrorism.**
- **Related News**
 - Since 2015, IEP has been an active member of the UN Global Compact Expert Group.
 - Institute for Economics and Peace chaired by - Steve Killelea

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- **The Defense Research and Development Organization has allowed free access to its 450 patents.** The organization intends to provide a boost to domestic industries, especially startups and the strategic sector that has a network of 50 national laboratories that are involved in research and development
 - The DRDO operating under the Ministry of Defence will offer complete access to its patents without charging royalty fees or licensing fees.
 - **Related Keys**
 - DRDO Founded: 1958
 - DRDO Minister responsible: Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence.

ECONOMY

- **The government has approved the sale of its stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs.** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA, gave its nod to strategic disinvestment in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDC).

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **subdue** - overcome, quieten, or bring under control.

- Similar Words - conquer , defeat .
- Antonyms - liberate , aggravate.

- **satiate** - satisfied to the full
 - Similar Words - sate , slake.
 - Antonyms - deprive , dissatisfy


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