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NATIONAL NEWS

- Food regulator FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) and Nasscom Foundation, a trade association of Indian IT and Business Process Outsourcing industry, have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly **build a technology platform to prevent food wastage and encouraging food donation** by developing an app for the purpose.
 - The collaboration is a significant step in the direction of leveraging technology for solutions of social problems.
 - **Related Keys**
 - FSSAI Headquarters: New Delhi
 - FSSAI Founded: August 2011.
- **The Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 has been passed by the Parliament, with the Rajya Sabha approving it.** 125 members supported the legislation while 105 opposed it. The House also negated the amendments moved by Opposition parties while approving the Bill.
 - The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 9 December. 311 members had voted in its favour and 80 members opposing it.
- The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approved the enactment of the Andhra Pradesh Criminal Law (Amendment) Act also known as the **Disha Act** that provides for **harsher punishments**, including **death sentence to those guilty of heinous crimes against women**.
 - As announced earlier in the assembly by Chief Minister, in the presence of adequate conclusive evidence in cases of crime against women such as rape, acid attacks among others the judgment must be pronounced within 21 days and trial must be completed in 14 days.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Andhra Pradesh Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan

- Andhra Pradesh Literacy rate: 67.41% (2011)

- **A three-day National Tribal Dance Festival will be held in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur from December 27 to 29.**
 - In the event international folk artists from 23 states and six other countries are expected to take part and portray their respective tribal folk culture.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Chhattisgarh Governor: Anusuiya Uikey
 - Chhattisgarh Chief minister: Bhupesh Baghel

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The representatives from the United States, Mexico and Canada inked a revamped version of their regional trade pact after months of negotiations. The **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)** will now go to the countries' legislatures for final approval.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The accord is meant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), a deal in place since 1994.
 - The NAFTA trade bloc is one of the largest trade blocs in the world by gross domestic product.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Lethal** - sufficient to cause death.
 - Similar Words - fatal , deadly.
 - Antonyms - harmless , safe.

- **Leverage** - the exertion of force by means of a lever.
 - Similar Words - grip , hold.
 - Antonyms - weakness.