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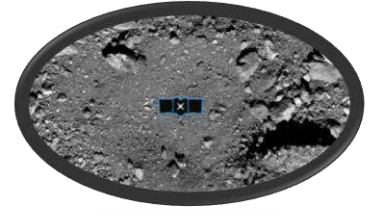
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** chaired the **first meeting of the National Ganga Council** in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh on 14 December.
  - **Aim:** The first meeting of the Council was aimed to reinforce the importance of a Ganga-centric approach in all departments of the concerned states and relevant Central Ministries.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - The Council is given overall responsibility for superintendence of pollution prevention and rejuvenation of River Ganga Basin, including Ganga and its tributaries.
- Government said that **over 1,65,000 lakh farmers** across India have been registered on the **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform**.
  - The announcement was made by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh
  - **Related Keys:**
    - National Agriculture Market or **eNAM** is an online trading platform for agricultural commodities in India. The market facilitate farmers, traders and buyers with online trading in commodities.
- The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** had announced that **FASTags** will become mandatory for all vehicles, private and commercial from **15 December**. Earlier the deadline was set to 1 December 2019.
  - If the vehicle owners do not have a FASTag, they should pay twice the regular amount if you pass a toll booth and your vehicle. incubators that are established by the government or private sector as a startup grant.

- **Related Keys:**
  - **FASTag** is an **electronic toll collection system**. The prepaid rechargeable tags that employ Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for making toll payments directly from the prepaid or savings account linked to it or directly toll owner.

## APPOINTMENTS

- The government appointed **TV Somanathan** as an expenditure secretary in the finance ministry. Somanathan will replace **Girish Chandra Murmu**, who was named the first lieutenant governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in October.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - TV Somanathan is a **1987 batch IAS officer** from the **Tamil Nadu cadre**. Somanathan served as a commercial tax commissioner and principal secretary, Planning & Development, in the Tamil Nadu government.

## SCIENCE & TECH UPDATES

- **NASA** has finally selected a **sample collection site** on **asteroid Benu** after the arrival of **OSIRIS-REx spacecraft in December 2018**.
  - The OSIRIS-Rex mission team has selected the site **designated Nightingale**, which is located in a crater high in Benu's northern hemisphere. The team has also selected site **Osprey of Benu** as a **backup** sample collection site.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - Site Nightingale is located in a northern crater 460 feet wide of the asteroid. As per the observation, Nightingale's **regolith or rocky surface material is dark**, and images show that the crater is relatively smooth.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Accrue** – accumulation of something
  - Synonym – amass, collect
  - Antonym – disperse, distribute
  
- **Unbridled** - uncontrolled; unconstrained
  - Synonym – rampant, unchecked
  - Antonym – controlled, subdued

  
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