

### **Centre approves setting up of e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam**

The Centre has approved setting up of e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam. The CEO of e-FT Mission Anand Prakash Tiwari said that the proposed integrated e-FT IT system will be implemented across the state for effective monitoring and resolution of cases registered with Foreigner Tribunal.

### **Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2019 in Mumbai**

The Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP) is being hosted by India from 17th to 21st June, 2019 in Mumbai. Besides meetings of different Working Groups and Committees of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), two special forums regarding Diamond Terminology and Artisanal Mining – Small Steps to Larger Outcomes, will be held during the Intersessional. Around 300 delegates from the Government of India and other participating countries, industry and civil society will be attending the five-day Meeting.

### **Kimberley Process Certification Scheme ?**

The **Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)** is the process established in 2003 to prevent "conflict diamonds" from entering the mainstream rough diamond market by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 55/56 following recommendations in the Fowler Report. The process was set up "to ensure that diamond purchases were not financing violence by rebel movements and their allies seeking to undermine legitimate governments."

### **ISRO to launch its own space station by 2030: ISRO Chief**

In one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by India, the country is planning to launch its own space station, Indian space agency ISRO chief K Sivan said. India is targeting 2030 as the date to launch a 20 tonne space station, which will most likely be used to conduct microgravity experiments.

### **Joshna Chinappa wins record 17th national squash title**

Joshna Chinappa won a record 17th national squash title after outplaying Tamil Nadu's Sunayna Kuruvilla in the final. The top seeded Chinappa won the match 11-5, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5 and thus broke a 27-year-old record set by Bhuvneshwari Kumari, who had won 16 titles.

### **Peter Gilchrist wins Pacific International Billiards Championship**

Multiple times world champion Peter Gilchrist defeated India's Sourav Kothari in final to win the 2019 Pacific International Billiards Championship played at the Yarraville Club in Melbourne, Australia.

### **Akshaya Patra's school meals project wins BBC World Service Global Champion Award**

Akshaya Patra, a non-profit organisation running one of the world's largest school meals project in India, has been awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award for the programme. The Award, presented at the BBC Food and Farming Awards in Bristol, recognises a person or project who is changing the way the world produces, processes, consumes or thinks about food for the better.

### **Social activist Makarand Tiloo receives 'Save Water Hero Award'**

Social activist Makarand Tiloo received the 'Save Water Hero Award' for his efforts to raise awareness about water conservation in the city. A Laughter Yoga trainer and motivational speaker by profession, Makarand Tiloo started a campaign to save water by replacing leaking taps with new ones.

### **International Day of Family Remittances**

The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is a universally-recognized observance adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and celebrated every year on 16 June.

### **J&K Bank Is Now Under The Purview Of RTI Act And CVC Guidelines**

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank is now under the purview of Right to Information Act and Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines. The decision was taken by the Board of Directors of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank.

### **Agartala airport to be 3rd international airport in northeast**

After Guwahati and Imphal, the Agartala airport is set to become the third international airport in the northeastern region by the end of this year or by early 2020.

The Airport Authority of India (AAI) had undertaken a Rs 438 crore project to upgrade the Agartala airport to international standards by providing world-class facilities.

## **India to overtake China as world's most populous nation by 2027: UN**

India is projected to overtake China as the world's most populous country around 2027, according to a UN report.

The world's population is expected to increase by two billion in the next 30 years, from 7.7 billion currently to 9.7 billion in 2050, said 'The World Population Prospects 2019: Highlights' published by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

## **Fitch pegs India's growth at 6.6% in 2019-20**

Fitch Ratings saw India's growth for FY 2019-20 at 6.6 per cent and 7.1 per cent in 2021-22.

Fitch was optimistic on India's growth, saying that the monetary and regulatory easing from the Reserve Bank of India, along with a recovery in portfolio inflows, should support a recovery in credit to the private sector and reverse the drag from the negative credit impulse.

## **World Food India to be held in New Delhi**

Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal World Food India will be held in New Delhi from 1st of November this year. She said, the event which will continue till 4th November, will position India as Food Processing Destination of the World.

## **WTA, ATP rankings**

Japan's Naomi Osaka and Novak Djokovic of Serbia continue as World Number ones in the latest WTA and ATP rankings. The rankings were announced ahead of Wimbledon which is just two weeks away.