

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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17 &18 May 2020

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- Rajnath Singh approves Rs 400 crore Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme**
- Centre approves modified DPR of Ujh Multipurpose Project in Jammu and Kashmir**
- Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan Part-3: Package for agriculture Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors detailed by Nirmala Sitharaman**
- 3rd advance estimates of production projects all time high foodgrain production of 295.67 million tonnes**

for 2019-20

- e-NAM reaches target 1000 mandis across 18 states and 3 Union Territories

**- Ultra-mega solar parks initiated
India's clean energy transition: US-based IEEFA report**

- GoM headed by Thawar Chand Gehlot proposes land pooling to corporatise agri, merging MGNREGA with skilling programmes

- Centre, WB govt inked loan agreements with AIIB and World Bank for "West Bengal Major Irrigation and Flood Management Project"

- Rs 1,500 crores sanctioned for

Punjab to ensure continuous credit flow to farmers: NABARD

- Zubair Iqbal appointed as MD of J&K Bank, Chibber to continue as chairman**
- Godrej consumer products arm picks balance 25% stake in Kenya's Canon Chemicals**
- Indian Navy commissions 7th ship of MK IV class Landing Craft Utility 'IN LCU L57' at Port Blair**
- CSIR collaborates with Intel India and IIT-Hyderabad to develop solution and strategies to combat COVID-19**
- Scientists of JNCASR Develops Injectable Silk Fibroin-based hydrogel**

for Insulin delivery in diabetic patients

- Bhopal's CSIR-AMPRI faculty Rajeev kumar develops lightweight carbon foam that can replace lead batteries

- COVID-19: University of Hyderabad, CSIR-CCMB ties up with Vins Bioproducts for antibody therapy

- A novel tool to help gain deeper insights into Parkinson's disease

- Union HRD Minister e-Launches seven titles on "Psycho-Social Impact of Pandemic & Lockdown and How to Cope With"

- A Book titled "Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City" authored by Fang Fang

- International Day of Light 2020: May 16

- National dengue day 2020, May 16

- AP govt forms 5-member panel headed by Neerabh Kumar Prasad to probe Vizag gas leak. About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

Capital– Amaravati

Chief minister– Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Governor– Biswabhusan Harichandan

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