

## **Civil Service Notes (Week 14)**

### **CAPTAIN ARJUN**

The Railway Protection Force of Central Railway (CR), Pune division, Maharashtra launched a Robotic ‘Captain Arjun’ (Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice) to intensify the screening and surveillance of passengers. It was launched online by Arun Kumar, Director General (RPF), Railway Board in the presence of Sanjeev Mittal, General Manager, Central Railway, among others. The BrainChild behind this innovation is Alok Bohra DIG/RPF, Central Railway.

### **INDIAN GAS EXCHANGE (IGX)**

India’s first nationwide online delivery-based natural gas trading platform, “Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)” has been launched by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during an e-ceremony (virtual). It has been launched on the lines of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision to provide clean, affordable, sustainable and equitable supply of energy to every citizen. Notably, IGX will work as a wholly owned subsidiary of the India Energy Exchange (IEX), which is India’s energy market platform. Headquarters of IGX located in New Delhi.

### **DECCAN DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (DDS)**

The Deccan Development Society (DDS), Hyderabad Based non-governmental organisation won the Biodiversity award 2020 and a grant of 40000 Euros (approx. Rs. 35 Lakhs) of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation for the contribution of DDS women in rehabilitation of degraded lands and to promote biodiversity.

### **FOREX**

In accordance with the weekly statistical data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India’s foreign reserves crossed the \$500 billion mark as the nation had forex reserves of \$501.7 billion as of June 5, 2020 a rise of \$8.22 billion in a week. India’s forex reserves comprise foreign currency assets (FCAs), gold reserves, special drawing rights (SDRs), and India’s reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

**STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
(SIPRI)**

In accordance with the “SIPRI Yearbook 2020-Armaments, Disarmament and International Security” of Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), from 2019 there is an increase in the nuclear weapons stockpile of India and China. The number of nuclear warheads in the Indian arsenal pegged at 150 in comparison to the 2019 report (on the basis of 2018) when India had 130-140. Importantly, in April 2020, SIPRI had identified India as the 3rd largest military spender in the world, behind the United States (US) and China.

**Following table shows the number of warheads of top rankers  
(As of January 2020):**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Nuclear Warheads</b>
1	US	5800*
2	Russia	6375
3	UK	215
6	India	150