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Category: POLITY

1. <u>â€~Preventive detention no quick fixâ€</u>™

In news:

- Supreme Court ruling: Preventive detention of a person by a State after branding him a â€~goonda' merely because the normal legal process is ineffective and time-consuming in â€~curbing the evil he spreads' is illegal.
- The detention of a person was a serious matter affecting the liberty of the citizen.
- Preventive detention cannot be resorted to when sufficient remedies are available under the general laws of the land for any omission or commission under such laws.

Category: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. India, Spain call for â€~zero tolerance' to terrorism

In news:

- India and Spain stressed that there should be "zero tolerance†to terrorism and called on the international community to end "selective or partial†approaches in combating the menace which posed the gravest threat to international peace and stability.
- Agreements signed: transfer of sentenced persons and visa waiver for holders of diplomatic passports.
- Five MoUs were signed between the two countries on cooperation in organ transplantation, cybersecurity, renewable energy, civil aviation and one between India's Foreign Service Institute and Diplomatic Academy of Spain.

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Category: ECONOMICS

1. India is no longer the fastest-growing economy

In News:

• India lost its **fastest-growing major economy** tag in the fourth quarter of 2016-17, with GDP growth coming in at 6.1% compared with China's 6.9% in the same period.

Key data:

- GDP grew 7.1% in the financial year 2016-17, slower than the 8% registered in 2015-16.
- The GDP numbers were based on the new 2011-12 base year recently adopted.

• Gross value added (GVA) growth was 6.6% for 2016-17 and 5.6% in the fourth quarter, compared with 7.9% in 2015-16 and 8.7% in Q4 of that year.

Reason:

2. Plan for Indian SEZs in Bangladesh hits bump

In news:

- India's plan to step up investments in Bangladesh by setting up three mega Special Economic Zones (SEZ) at Mongla, Bheramara and Mirsarai the sites in Bangladesh , exclusively meant for Indian companies in the latterâ €™s territory has hit a major hurdle.
- Constraints:
 - Inadequate infrastructure and lack of uninterrupted power supply
 - Ambiguity and uncertainty regarding incentives offered by the Bangladesh Government to develop the SEZs

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- India and Bangladesh had inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in June 2015 â€" during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh â€" for cooperation on establishing Indian SEZs in Bangladesh.
- The plan was to develop Indian SEZs at Mirsarai (1,005 acres), Bheramara (about 480 acres) and Mongla (200 acres).
- The construction of these SEZs and Indian investment in the zones were to be facilitated through concessional Line of Credit extended by India to Bangladesh.

Category: INTERNAL SECURITY

1. Strategic Partnership model takes effect

In news:

• Strategic Partnership (SP) policy which intends to promote Indian private sector participation in defence manufacturing, formally came into effect.

Strategic Partnership (SP) policy:

- The SP model is being implemented to enable participation of private Indian firms in â€~Make in India' in defence.
- The SP is expected to play the role of a system integrator by building an extensive ecosystem comprising development partners, specialised vendors and suppliers.
- Various selection and evaluation criteria have been stipulated for short-listing the SP.
- SPs will be identified primarily based on their experience and competence in integration of multi-disciplinary functional system of systems, engineering and manufacturing
- Of the four segments under SP, two are for the Navy: submarines and utility helicopters. The others are single-engine fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force and armoured vehicles for the Army.

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