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PART I

MOST IMPORTANT FACTS

- ***A Horse Walks Into a Bar:***

Israeli author David Grossman has won the **Man Booker International Prize for 2017** for his novel "*A Horse Walks Into a Bar*". This novel is about a failing standup comic (Dovaleh Greenstein) and his final performance. Grossman shared this prize with book's translator Jessica Cohen. The prize was previously a career honor, but changed last year to recognize a single book in a bid to increase the profile of international **fiction in English-speaking countries**. It is worth mentioning that Man Booker International prize is different from the annual Man Booker Prize, which was also known as **Man Booker Prize for Fiction**. Man Booker International is an offshoot of Man Booker and is given every two years.

- **'SATH' stands for – 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital'**

Furthering the agenda for cooperative federalism, NITI Aayog during June 2017 launched 'SATH', a new programme with the prime objective of initiating transformation in the education and health sectors. The term 'SATH' stands for – 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital'. During June 2017 NITI Aayog launched 'SATH', a program to provide 'Sustainable Action for

Transforming Human capital'. The vision of the program is to initiate transformation in the education and health sectors. The program addresses the need expressed by many states for technical support from NITI Aayog.

- **Indian and Pakistan on 9 June 2017 became full official members of which international organisation with its headquarters in China? – Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**

Explanation: India and Pakistan became full members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 9 June 2017, thus ending an administrative process that began two years ago. The SCO membership of both countries was announced by the President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev. Kazakh capital Astana hosted the annual Summit of SCO on 8 and 9 June 2017, which was the 17th Summit of the organisation. SCO is a Eurasian political, economic, and security organisation, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai, China by the leaders of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Now with India and Pakistan as its full members, the total membership of SCO is eight.

- **Rohan Bopanna lifted his maiden Grand Slam title by winning the French Open mixed doubles trophy on 8 June 2017. Who was his partner in this title win? – Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada)**

Rohan Bopanna lifted his maiden Grand Slam title by winning the French Open mixed

doubles trophy with Canadian partner Gabriela Dabrowski. The duo defeated Germany's Anna-Lena Groenefeld and Colombia's Robert Farah by 2-6, 6-2, 12-10 to win the title. Bopanna thus became the fourth Indian to clinch a tennis grand slam title. Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi and Sania Mirza have won Grand Slam trophies for India.

- **Arunachal wants Separate time zone to improve efficiency, work hours**

The demand for a separate time zone for the northeastern states has a new champion in Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu. The separate time zone was needed to improve work efficiency and save electricity in the region. A study by Bengaluru-based National Institute of Advanced Studies claimed in a report that such a move could save up to 2.7 billion units of electricity.

- **DRDO successfully test fires 'Nag' missile**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired Anti-tank Guided Missile (ATGM) 'Nag' in a desert in the western sector of Rajasthan. The "fire and forget" third generation anti-tank guided missile 'Nag' is equipped with the highly advanced Imaging Infrared Radar (IRR) seeker with integrated avionics, technology which is possessed by very few nations.

- **Haryana frames new Ayush policy**

Haryana has framed a new Ayush policy under which dispensaries and hospitals upto 20 beds would be opened in rural and urban areas of the state, Health minister Anil Vij said. Under this, approval for opening of

Ayush dispensary in a rural area having a population of 5,000 in a radius of 6 km would be provided, which would be opened at the places adjacent to villages.

- **Kolkata to get India's first underwater Metro**

Kolkata will soon have an underwater Metro which will pass through tunnels several feet under the Hooghly. The first underwater transportation tunnel of India is ready with the second one nearing completion. The Kolkata Metro transportation tunnel is unique to India because never before in the history of the country has a tunnel been made under a flowing river.

- **World's largest floating Solar Farm launched in China**

China flicked the switch on the world's largest floating solar energy plant. The massive waterborne plant is expected to generate 40 megawatts at one time and could supply electricity for over 15,000 homes. The pioneering project, located in eastern China, is thought to cement China's status as a top producer of solar energy in the world. The plant has been built in Huainan city, Anhui Province, by Sungrow Power Supply, a Chinese company specialised in renewable energy.

- **Shashikant Kutwal wins gold at world chess championship for differently-abled**

Shashikant Kutwal has won the gold medal at the 17th World Individual Chess Championship for differently-abled. The World Chess Championship was held in Slovakia. Shashikant Kutwal is a railway employee with Pune Division.

- **Rafael Nadal wins 10th French Open title**

Rafael Nadal described his 10th French Open title as one of his most special. He became the first player in the Open Era to lift 10 titles at a grand slam tournament. A crushing 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Stan Wawrinka on Court Philippe Chatrier made the 31-year-old Spaniard the most successful player at a single Slam in the professional era.

- **Soumitra Chatterjee to receive Legion d'Honneur**

Thespian Soumitra Chatterjee has been conferred with the highest French civilian honour, the Legion d'Honneur. The 82-year-old veteran actor, who is getting the honour 30 years after legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray had received the same. Chatterjee has previously been conferred with the Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, France's highest award for artistes and is the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award which is India's highest award in cinema.

- **Jelena Ostapenko stuns Simona Halep to win French Open**

Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko stunned third seed Simona Halep 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to win her maiden Grand Slam title and become the lowest-ranked champion in French Open history. Ostapenko, 20, is the first unseeded player to lift the Roland Garros title in the Open era and the first Latvian major champion in history.

- **Indian American Raja Chari among 12 new astronauts chosen by NASA**

U.S. Space Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has chosen 12 new astronauts, including an Indian-

American, from a record number of over 18,000 applicants, who will be trained for missions into Earth orbit and to deep space. Lt Col Raja "Grinder" Chari, 39, is a commander of the 461st Flight Test Squadron and the director of the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

- **SpaceX successfully launches recycled spaceship for 1st time**

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket recovered at sea from its maiden flight last year blasted off again from Florida in the first successful launch of a recycled orbital-class booster, then capped the feat with another return landing on an ocean platform. The unprecedented twin achievements of re-launching a used rocket and salvaging the vehicle yet again were hailed by billionaire SpaceX founder Elon Musk as a revolutionary step in his quest to slash launch costs and shorten intervals between space shots.

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