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Sisseri River bridge

- The bridge was recently inaugurated at Lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh.
- It will provide connectivity between Dibang Valley and Siang.
- It also provides connectivity to Tinsukia via Dhola-Sadia bridge.
- It was constructed by Project Brahmank of Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- It will be a part of Trans Arunachal Highway.



- Other Projects of BRO - Vartak, Arunank and Udayak for the development of road connectivity in the State.

Household Consumer Expenditure Survey

- The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation carried out an all-India survey on household consumption expenditure.
- The survey is usually conducted in quinquennial intervals and the last survey was conducted in 2011-2012.
- It generates estimates of household Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE) and the distribution of households and persons over the MPCE classes.
- It is designed to collect information regarding expenditure on consumption of goods and services (food and non-food) consumed by households.
- The data are also used for rebasing GDP and other macro-economic indicators.
- The government has decided not to release the survey results due to data quality issues.

Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh

- Ministry of Women and Child Development is going to launch Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh.
- It is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones in India.
- Its aim is to provide better nutritional outcomes and to fight malnutrition.

- Harvard Chan School of Public Health and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be a part of this initiative.
- They will document and evaluate promising regional dietary practices and the messaging around them and develop a food atlas on regional agro-food systems.
- It will select around 12 high focus states, which are representative of the geographical, social, economic, cultural and structural diversities of India.

New Rules for Financial Firms

- The government has recently issued framework for bringing 'systemically important financial service providers' under the purview of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- Accordingly, the ministry of Corporate Affairs has notified the IBC rules, 2019 to provide a generic framework for insolvency and liquidation proceedings of systemically important FSPs other than banks.
- Section 227 of the IBC Code enables the Central government to notify such rules for the purpose of insolvency and liquidation proceedings.
- Such rules will be notified in consultation with the financial sector regulators, financial service providers (FSPs) or categories of FSPs.

International Conference on Agricultural Statistics

- The 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS) will be held in New Delhi.
- It will be organized by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, FAO, Asian Development Bank, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are partners of this conference.
- The theme of the conference is "Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".
- ICAS is a series of conferences that started in 1998 based on overarching need for agricultural data worldwide.
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- The last conference was held in Rome in 2016.

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