

September 22nd news:

International issues:

- **UN treaty to ban nuclear weapons, nations signed**

About fifty countries signed the United Nations treaty to ban nuclear weapons. Brazil was the first country to sign onto the ban, followed by nations from Algeria to Venezuela. More than 120 countries approved the new nuclear weapons ban treaty in July.

Nuclear Treaty: The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, or the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty, is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons, with the goal of leading towards their total elimination. It was passed on 7 July 2017

- **China launches fastest bullet train in the World**

China has again launched the world's fastest bullet train on 21st September, running at 350 kilometers (217 miles) per hour. The trains will service the route from China's capital Beijing to Shanghai, making the 1,250-kilometre (777-mile) journey in under four hours and 30 minutes.

China first ran trains at 350 kilometers per hour in August 2008, but cut speeds back to 250-300 kilometer per hour in 2011, following a two-train collision near the city of Wenzhou that killed 40 people and injured 191.

National issues:

- **First of six Scorpene-class submarines handed over to Navy**

The state owned Mazagon Dock Limited in Mumbai delivered the first of six Scorpene-class submarines to the Indian Navy on 21st September. The submarine will be commissioned soon. The development marks a major milestone in Indian Navy's submarine programme as the vessel is expected to bolster India's maritime prowess.

- **New campus of Indian Aviation Academy launched**

The Union Minister of Civil Aviation P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju on 21st September inaugurated the new state of the art campus of Indian Aviation Academy (IAA) in New Delhi. The Indian Aviation Academy was constituted under the aegis of NIAMAR (National Institute of Aviation Management and research Society) on 22nd July, 2010 as a joint training academy of Airports Authority of India, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

The aim of the academy is to provide training and conduct research and consultancy services in various areas of the aviation sector, like Airports and Aviation Management, Safety Regulations, Security and other related areas, said a statement from Aviation ministry.

Economy issues:

- **World trade likely to grow at 3.6% in 2017**

According to World Trade Organization, the world is expected to grow 3.6 per cent in 2017 compared with the 1.6 per cent increase in 2016. Growth in global trade for 2017 was earlier projected at 2.4 per cent by WTO, which has now attributed the improved outlook to a resurgence of Asian trade flows. This was mainly due to intra-regional shipments picking up and a recovery in import demand in North America

World Trade Organization: The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations.

Fact file of World Trade Organization

- Location: Geneva, Switzerland
- Established: 1 January 1995
- Created by: Uruguay Round negotiations (1986-94)
- Membership: 164 countries on 29 July 2016
- Head: Roberto Azevedo (Director-General, he belongs to Brazil)

Functions:

- Administering WTO trade agreements
- Forum for trade negotiations
- Handling trade disputes
- Monitoring national trade policies
- Technical assistance and training for developing countries
- Cooperation with other international organizations

Sports:

- **FIFA Women World Cup France 2019 official slogan, emblem launched**

Official emblem and slogan for FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 were unveiled on 19th September

- Emblem is - To symbolise the eighth edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup, competition trophy wrapped in blue and white, with eight shards of light around football at the top of the trophy.
- Slogan is - "Dare To Shine".

Persons in news

- **UNHCR Award**

For Educating Boko Haram Victims, a Nigerian, Mr Zannah Mustapha, the Director, Future Prowess Islamic Foundation School, has won the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) 2017 Nansen Refugees Award. Mr Mustapha will be presented with his award at ceremony in the Swiss city of Geneva on 2 October.