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## Important Fact For Prelims (2nd March 2019)

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Guinness Book of World Record

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- Recently the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)**, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has created **“7<sup>th</sup> Guinness Book of World Record”**.
- The record was created for implanting **‘Modern Artificial Limbs (Legs)’ on 260 Divyangjans within eight hours**.
- It can be noted that the DEPwD has **already created Six World Records** in other categories.
- This was announced by the Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment on the occasion of National Conference on **“Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)”**.
- The Conference was organised by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- The objective of the conference was to sensitize the stakeholders of the scheme i.e. Programme Implementing Agencies (PIAs), District level officers & State Government officers.
- Recently the **second edition of the Indian Sign Language dictionary was launched by Indian Sign Language Research and training Center ( ISLRTC)** for the hearing impaired Divyangjans.

### Construction Technology India-2019

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- Recently, the Prime Minister of India has inaugurated **Construction Technology India -2019 conference**.
- The aim of the conference is to identify **proven, innovative & globally established technologies** for use in the Indian context.
- The conference is being organized as a **component of the Global Housing Technology Challenge**.

## Global Housing Technology Challenge

- Global Housing Technology Challenge – India is an initiative by **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India**, with an aim to identify, evaluate and shortlist a basket of proven & potential innovative technologies from across the globe and subsequently mainstream them in the Indian construction sector that is sustainable, green, disaster resilient.
- GHTC-India has the following **three components**:
  - **Component 1** - Conduct of EXPO-Cum-Conference
  - **Component 2** - Identifying Proven Demonstrable Technologies: Inducting suitable established technologies from across the globe to the Indian market through shortlisting and actual construction of **Light House Projects**.  
The selected sites for **lighthouse projects** will be used as an **'open laboratory'** for live demonstration and will receive due attention from academia, practitioners, policy makers (Central/ State) and media apart from felicitation/ recognition in Grand Expo-cum-Conference.
  - **Component 3** - Establishment of **Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators India (ASHA-India)** for Indian technologies which have potential but not market ready yet.

## Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) – PMAY-U- Housing For All

- PMAY (U) is a Mission to provide **housing for all by 2022** and is being implemented **from June 2015 by Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation**.
- It provides **central assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)** and other implementing agencies through States/UTs for in-situ Rehabilitation of existing slum dwellers.
- The scheme emphasises on using land as a resource with private participation, Credit Linked Subsidy, Affordable Housing in Partnership and Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction/enhancement.
- PMAY-U targets the construction of **1 Crore housing units by 2022**.

## Poshan Pakhwada

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- The Minister for Women and Child Development has announced that the Government will celebrate **'Poshan Pakhwada' from 8th to 22nd March 2019 across the Country**.
- The celebrations will mark the **first anniversary of POSHAN Abhiyaan on 8th March (International Women's Day), 2019** by organising Poshan Pakhwada across the Country.
- The Poshan Pakhwada will be celebrated on **lines of 'Poshan Maah' held in the month of September, 2018**.

- Following activities will be undertaken during the observance of Poshan Pakhwada:
  - Poshan Melas, Rally on nutrition at all level, Session on nutrition at schools, Self help group meetings, anaemia camps, etc.
  - Further Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities through mass media, and Social Media will be carried out.
  - Social Media Campaign Hashtag **#PoshanPakhwada** through media partners and team of Swasth Bharat Preraks would be carried out for maximum reach.