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## Important Facts For Prelims (16th March 2019)

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### FINE-2019

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- Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship(FINE) is a unique initiative of the **Office of the President of India** to recognise, respect and reward grassroots innovations and foster a supportive ecosystem.
- This Festival is a **celebration of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship**.
- It was **organised by National Innovation Foundation(NIF)** and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- It was **started in 2015**.

### Objective

- FINE would provide an excellent platform to the **innovators for building the linkages** with potential stakeholders whose support can improve their prospects in coming years for the larger social good.
- It will also help in **promoting lateral learning and linkages** among the innovators to enrich the ecosystem for new India.

### NIF

- It was **established in year 2000**, with the assistance of Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- Contributed to strengthen the grassroots technological innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge in the country.
- NIF has **created a huge database of ideas, innovations** and traditional knowledge practices from all over the country.

### SBI launches 'YONO Cash'

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- State Bank of India recently launched 'YONO Cash' **for cardless withdrawal of cash at SBI ATMs across the country**.

- YONO app is designed to help its **users withdraw cash without a physical debit card.**
- Customers can initiate the cash withdrawal process on the YONO app and set **a six-digit YONO Cash pin** for the transaction.
- It will generate **six digit reference number for the transaction** and send on their registered mobile number via SMS.
- The cash withdrawal has to be completed within the next 30 minutes at the nearest ATMs using both PIN and the reference number received.

## Neolithic Era

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- According to a recent research, **changes to the human diet prompted by Neolithic advances in agriculture played a role in human jaw evolution that allowed people to pronounce the consonants 'f' and 'v'.**
- The study indicates that language is **not merely a random product of history** but was also linked to **biological changes at the time.**
- The **Neolithic era**, from **6,000 B.C. to 2,100 B.C.**, was when wheat and barley-based farming took root and animals such as goats, sheep and cows were domesticated.

## Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4)

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- Recently, the **fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4)** took place in **Nairobi, Kenya.**
- The **theme of UNEA-4** was **'Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production'.**
- During the assembly Nations agreed that they have to speed up moves towards a new model of development in order to respect the vision laid out in the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.
- Nations unanimously agreed to significantly cut down on single-use plastic products like cups, cutlery, and bags by 2030.
- Along with the summit, United Nation Environment Program has also launched the **Global Environment Outlook Report.**

## United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

- The United Nations Environment Assembly is the **governing body of UN Environment Program.**
- The United Nations Environment Assembly is the **world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment.**
- It addresses the **critical environmental challenges** facing the world today.
- The Environment Assembly meets biennially to set priorities for global environmental policies and develop international environmental law.

- The **United Nations Environment Assembly** was created in June 2012, during the **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**, also referred to as **RIO+20**.

## UNlocking NATional Energy Efficiency potential (UNNATEE)

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- The government has launched the **National Energy Efficiency Strategy Plan 2031 - UNNATEE (UNlocking NATional Energy Efficiency potential)**.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has developed a national strategy document for accelerating energy efficiency in India.
- The strategy document titled UNNATEE describes a plain framework and implementation strategy to establish a clear linkage between energy supply-demand scenarios and energy efficiency opportunities.
- The document offers a comprehensive roadmap to address India's environmental and climate change mitigation action through energy efficiency measures.