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## Important Facts For Prelims (8th May 2019)

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### Elections at International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)

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- **Jagjit Pavadia** is **re-elected at INCB** for another five-year term.  
She has been a member of the International Narcotics Control Board since 2015, and second vice-president and chair of the standing committee on estimates since 2015 and 2017 respectively.
- The **INCB** is an independent, quasi-judicial expert body established in 1968 as a monitoring body for the implementation of the United Nations international drug control conventions.  
It has 13 members, each elected for a period of five years. Once they have been elected, INCB members **serve impartially** in their personal capacity, **independently** of Governments.
- **Importance:** India's another victory at the United Nations including the most celebrated re-election of Dalveer Bhandari to the International Court of Justice in 2017. It shows testimony to India's growing clout globally.
- The next big election where India is fielding a candidate is for the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

### B2B Tech Start-ups Treble in 5 Years

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A study jointly done by NetApp and Zinnov has found that in India Business-to-Business (B2B) technology start-ups have more than trebled from 900 to over 3,200 in the last five years.

#### Key Highlights

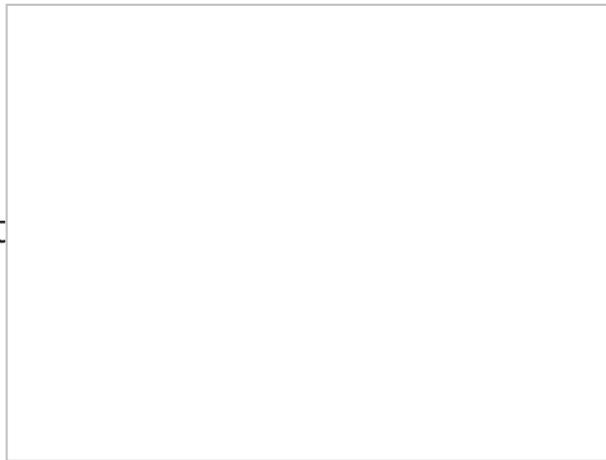
- The growth was **driven by the spurt in the need for digital transformation of enterprises**, financial institutions, hospitals, government and small and medium enterprises (SMEs), among others.
- 70% of the B2B start-ups are in the area of enterprise technology, financial technology and health technology.

- Within the B2B technology segment, **'advanced tech start-ups' have grown at a higher pace** when compared to the entire technology start-up segment.  
Advanced B2B tech start-ups typically deal in 3D printing, blockchain and robotic process automation.
- **Bengaluru is the top city for B2B technology start-ups** followed by Delhi NCR and Mumbai, with the three cities accounting for about 60% of all B2B technology start-ups.
- The study found that **corporate incubators and accelerators are emerging as the backbone of start-up technology.**

### Business-to-Business (B2B)

- B2B is the **exchange of product, service or information between two companies.**
- **Business conducted between private sector firms and Governments** is referred as Business-to-Government or B2G.
- While **B2C**, or Business-to-Consumer, is the type of commerce transaction in which companies sell products or services to consumers.

### Kalasa-Banduri Project



- Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (KNNL), is executing the **Kalasa-Banduri project** worth nearly ₹850 crore.
- The project aims to provide water to **Belagavi and Dharwad districts of Karnataka.**
- It involves the construction of dams and canals across **Kalasa and Banduri**, two **tributaries of the Mahadayi river** to divert 7.56 TMC of water to the **Malaprabha river (a tributary of Krishna river)**, which supplies the drinking water needs of the said 3 districts, i.e., Dharwad, Belagavi and Gadag.
- The project was in a legal battle between **Karnataka and Goa government** over sharing of water of **Mahadayi river.**
- Nearly 4 sq.km of forestland of **Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary (eco-sensitive zone)** is expected to be submerged by the three dams to be constructed across the Haltara, Kalasa and Banduri streams of Mahadayi river.

## Two Indian UN Personnels Honoured for Sacrifice

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- An **Indian police officer Jitender Kumar** deployed to the UN mission in Congo and **Shikha Garg, a UN development programme consultant**, attached with India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **are among 115 UN peacekeepers** and staff **honoured by the UN** for their sacrifice in the line of duty.
- The lives of 115 colleagues **who lost their lives between the beginning of last year and the end of March**, serving the United Nations, were honoured at the annual Memorial Service for Fallen Staff, in New York.
- **United Nations Peacekeeping** helps countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace. It is comprised of civilian, police and military personnel.