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1. World Championship

Syllabus: World of Sports

Prelims: Neeraj Chopra wins Silver Medal at World Championship in Men's Javelin.

Context:

PM, Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Neeraj Chopra on winning silver medal.

Details -

- PM congratulated Neeraj Chopra on winning a historic silver medal at the world's championship.
- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra scripted yet another history as he became only second and first male to win a medal at the World Championship held in the United States. He produced a best throw of 88.13m to finish second.
- Anju Bobby George, a renowned long jumper, was the first Indian to win a medal-Bronze in the World Championship in the 2003 edition in Paris.

2. Savner-Dhapewada-Gondkheri Section of NH 547 E in Nagpur

Syllabus: GS 3-Infrastructure, Roads and Transport.

Prelims: NH,547-E

Context:

Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Savner-Dhapewada-Gondkheri section of National Highway 547 -E in Nagpur worth Rs. 720 cr.

Details -

- The total length of the highway = 28.88 km.
 - This highway section is provided with various features like greenfield bypass, big bridge, railway flyover as well as vehicular underpass, overpass, bus shelter on both sides. The four laning of the Savner-Dhapewada-Gondkheri section will provide better connectivity to the pilgrims to the famous Ganesha temple at Adasa and the Vithal Rukmini temple at Dhapewada in the area.
 - The highway will lead to growth in logistics and industrial parks in Gondkhairi and Chinchbhavan areas. Also Nagpur city will get relief from heavy traffic, coming and going from Bhopal, Indore to Mumbai, Hyderabad.
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3. Global Best Standards in Cotton Productivity

Syllabus: GS 3, Indian economy and issues relating to planning, mobilisation of resources, growth, development and employment.

Prelims: Best standards in Cotton Productivity.

Context:

Meeting at the level of Union Ministers of Agriculture and Textiles where core issues pertaining to cotton value chain were deliberate at length with outcome oriented targets assigned to Industry Captains and Government Functionaries alike.

Details -

- An interactive meeting with stakeholders of Cotton Textile Value Chain on improving cotton productivity and branding of Indian cotton was held at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi in the august presence of Shri Narendra Singh Tomar (Minister of Agriculture and Farmers welfare), Shri Piyush Goyal (Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Distribution and Textiles) and Smt Darshana V. Jardosh (Minister of State for Textiles and Railways).
- Shri Piyush Goyal said that all stakeholders must share best practices to boost cotton productivity in India and to boost farmers' income.
- Goyal said that cotton works like a bridge between agriculture and the textile sector. Cotton based products have a significant share of total textiles and apparel products both at Domestic and international level.
- With market access opening through FTA's (Free Trade Agreements), it is imperative to act together to enhance productivity and quality both. Shri Goyal said that we need to bring back our dominance in the global cotton industry and India looks at textiles as a key sector that will help us build an "Atma Nirbhar Bharat".
- He also said that the centre is working on the "5F" vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister- farm to

fibre, fibre to factory, factory to fashion, fashion to foreign.

- The textile sector has taken great strides from RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and levies) to RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) and NTTM (National Technical Textiles Mission) to PM Mitra (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) for increasing cotton and textile production in India. Agreements for duty free access of textiles with Australia and UAE have given a new impetus to trade and similar agreements with EU, UK and Canada are being negotiated.
- Shri Narendra Tomar said that short term and long term strategies are needed to be worked out for boosting productivity. He said that High Density farming and micro irrigation are key to boosting cotton production in large parts of the nation.

