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Important Facts for Prelims (30th July 2018)

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National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System-II (NASAMS-II)

- It is an advanced air defence system jointly developed by United States (US) and Norway.
- India is in talks with the US to procure NASAMS-II to defend the National Capital Region (NCR), Delhi from aerial attacks (9/11 type attacks). It is in the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) stage now.

NOTE: 'Acceptance of Necessity' clears the way for the tendering process to start.

- India is deploying a multi-tiered air defence network to fully secure its airspace from incoming fighter aircraft, missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).
- The system would complement other systems such as the medium and long-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems that are under procurement in India.
- Apart from these imports, India is also developing an indigenous Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) system.

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'DigiYatra'- A New Digital Experience for Air Travellers

- The Civil Aviation Ministry is close to rolling out DigiYatra service at airports which seek to make flying speedy and hassle-free.
- The basic objective is to reduce queues at airports and bring efficiency to the boarding process.
- The 'DigiYatra' is an industry-led initiative coordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in line with Digital India's vision to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society.
- The DigiYatra initiative envisages providing airline travellers in India, a pioneering 'digitally unified flying experience' across all stages of their journey.
- It will deliver Indian customers a seamless, consistent and paperless service experience at every touch point of their journey.

- The platform will be built on 4 key pillars, like Connected Passengers, Connected Airports, Connected Flying and Connected Systems.

World Tiger Day



- Global Tiger Day, often called International Tiger Day, is celebrated on **July 29** to give worldwide awareness about tigers.
- It was established at the **St. Petersburg Tiger Summit in 2010** as a means to draw worldwide attention to the global plight of wild tigers.
- The celebration is one of the many features of the **Tx2** pledge by **13 tiger range countries** who committed to efforts that would double the world's tiger population by 2022.
- Out of **9 subspecies** of Tigers, **4 have become extinct**. The extinct subspecies are: Bali, Javan, Caspian and South China tiger. The remaining 5-- Bengal, Indochinese, Malayan, Sumatran and Amur tiger are still found in the range countries.
- India had launched **Project Tiger in 1973** to conserve tigers. Till now, the coverage of "Project Tiger" has increased from 9 reserves to **50 tiger reserves** spread across 18 states.