

## World Breastfeeding Week (August 1 to 7)

- **The United States Congress** has passed the National Defense Authorisation Act-2019 (NDAA-19) which capped its security-related **aid to Pakistan** to **\$150 million**.
- Alphabet Inc's **Google** is planning a **censored version** of its **search engine for China** that will block websites and certain search terms. The project is a code named **“Dragonfly”**.
- **India and Pakistan** are set to install **new gates at the Attari-Wagah border**.

**List of countries with early initiation of breastfeeding** a new report released by UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (WHO)

### 1) Sri Lanka 2) Vanuatu 3) Burundi 4) Kazakhstan

- **India ranks 56th** among the 76 countries that were analysed.
- **Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Power** have joined hands under the **initiative SAATHI** to sustain and accelerate the **adoption of energy efficient textile technologies** in the powerloom sector and cost savings due to use of such technology.
- **MoU Signed between Environment & Skill Development Ministries** which jointly undertake upskilling and certification of 100,000 RAC service technicians on good servicing practices and knowledge of alternative refrigerants to ozone-depleting chemicals.
- **NHAI to Sign MoU with SBI** for a Long Term, **unsecured Loan** of Rs 25,000 Crore.
- The **Lok Sabha** unanimously **passed the 123rd Constitutional Amendment Bill** providing for a **National Commission for Backward Classes as a constitutional body**.
- **DRDO** conducted the successful test of the **Ballistic Missile Interceptor Advanced Area Defence (AAD)**, the endo-atmospheric missile, capable of intercepting incoming targets at an altitude of 15 to 25 kms.

- **Akshay Venkatesh [Indian-Australian mathematician], Caucher Birkar, Peter Scholze, Alessio Figalli** - Fields medal, known as the Nobel prize for math.