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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Indians are the largest diaspora to get Australian citizenship in 2019-20.
- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurated the new Supreme Court built in the capital city of Mauritius Port Louis with Indian grant assistance.
- ❖ Ministry of Finance has allowed Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to have 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Air India.
- ❖ The Polycarbonate facility of SABIC in Spain, is set to become the World's first large scale industry to completely run on renewable power.
- ❖ The Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has developed 'Aashray', the Medical Bed Isolation System to fight against COVID-19 pandemic by controlling the spread of infection released by the patient.
- ❖ Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) launched the underground ballistic missiles during the 'Great Prophet 14' military exercise.

TAMIL NADU

100th year of Bharathi speech

- ❖ In 1921 July 31, Mahakavi Bharathi came to the Karungalpalayam Reading Room at Erode to deliver a speech for the public on the topic Man is Immortal.
- ❖ The speech he gave in Karungalpalayam was his last public speech.
- ❖ Later it was renamed as Mahakavi Bharathi Memorial Library.
- ❖ It is a Public Library located in Karungalpalayam, Erode.



Mahakavi Bharathi Memorial Library



NATIONAL

Indo Islamic Cultural Foundation

- ❖ This trust has been set up to build a mosque in Ayodhya.
- ❖ It is in line with the November 2019 order of the Supreme Court in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board will be the founder trustee of the trust.

INTERNATIONAL

5th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

- ❖ It was held virtually under the theme of Connecting for Tomorrow.
- ❖ The meet saw the re-election of Jin Liqun of China as AIIB President.
- ❖ Currently, India has a 7.65% vote share in the AIIB, while China holds 26.63% stake in the organisation.
- ❖ During the meet, the Board of Governors approved the application of Liberia to join the Bank.
- ❖ AIIB has grown from 57 founding members to 103 approved members.
- ❖ The sixth Annual Meeting will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) in 2021.
- ❖ It will be the first annual meeting in the Middle East.

The Toxic Truth

- ❖ The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the international non-profit organization Pure Earth authored and published the first of kind report on the health crisis.
- ❖ It has been titled "The Toxic Truth: Children's Exposure to Lead Pollution Undermines a Generation of Future Potential".
- ❖ It highlights the lead poisoning which affects large number of children all across the globe.



ENVIRONMENT

Ammonia in Yamuna Water

- ❖ High levels of ammonia (3 ppm) were recently detected in the Yamuna river.
- ❖ The acceptable maximum limit of ammonia in drinking water, as per the Bureau of Indian Standards, is 0.5 ppm.
- ❖ Ammonia is a colourless gas and is used as an industrial chemical in the production of fertilisers, plastics, synthetic fibres, dyes and other products.

Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards [CA|TS]

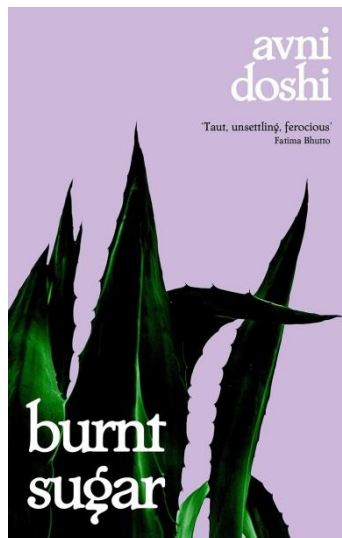
- ❖ It is a conservation tool developed in 2013.
- ❖ Tigers are the first species selected for the initiative.
- ❖ CA|TS is being adopted for use beyond tigers, including potentially jaguars, lions and freshwater dolphins.
- ❖ The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is helping tiger range countries to implement CA|TS.
- ❖ National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) announced the adoption of the across all of the country's 50 Tiger Reserves.
- ❖ This announcement further strengthens India's contribution to the global goal set in 2010 to double the number tigers in the wild, known as TX2.
- ❖ These 50 Tiger Reserves are spread across 18 states containing over 70% of the world's tiger population.
- ❖ By this, India becomes first among the 13 tiger range countries to nationally adopt CA|TS.
- ❖ As per the Tigers Report 2018, an increasing rate of 6% per annum of Tiger population in India from the year 2006 to 2018 was observed.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

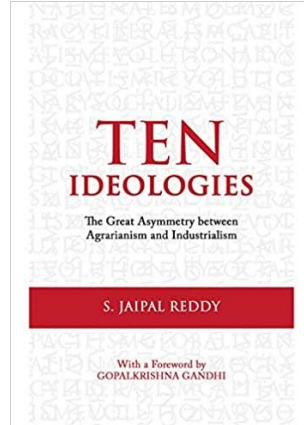
Burnt Sugar - Book

- ❖ A debut novel 'Burnt Sugar' authored by Avni Doshi has been published in the United Kingdom (UK).
- ❖ A version of the same novel has been published in India under the title Girl in White Cotton.
- ❖ It was one among the 13 authors longlisted for the prestigious 2020 Booker Prize.
- ❖ The award is based on a novel of the year written in English and published in the UK or Ireland.



Padi Bhavajaalalu - Book

- ❖ M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India virtually unveiled the “Padi Bhavajaalalu” book.
- ❖ It is the Telugu version of Ten Ideologies book authored by former Union Minister Late S Jaipal Reddy.



National Awards for excellence in Earth System Science

- ❖ The Ministry of Earth Sciences has announced these awards.
- ❖ The Ministry has awarded the Lifetime Excellence Award 2020 to Professor Ashok Sahni for his major contributions in the field of Biostratigraphy, Geology and Vertebrate Paleontology.
- ❖ The National Award for the Ocean Science and Technology has been awarded to Dr. V.V.S.S. Sharma.
- ❖ He is a Senior Principle Scientist at National Institute of Oceanography at Vishakhapatnam.
- ❖ M Ravichandran, Director of National centre for Polar and Ocean Research of Goa has also been awarded the National Award for Ocean Science and Technology.

