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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission is to set up the first of its kind training cum production centre of silk in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The island of Mauritius declared environmental emergency due to oil spill caused by Japanese owned ship.
- ❖ The Government of India has set up a three-member committee for determination of ceiling rates under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme under the former Home Secretary GK Pillais.

NATIONAL

Envistats India 2020 report

- ❖ The National Statistical Office recently released the Envistats India 2020 report.
- ❖ The report says that the number of heat wave days in 2019 increased over 80%.
- ❖ The report was prepared by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Some Key findings

- ❖ The highest number of heat wave days was recorded in Rajasthan followed by Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The deaths due to acute respiratory infection in 2018 was the highest in six years.
- ❖ The highest number of deaths due to respiratory infection were reported in West Bengal.
- ❖ Delhi had the highest number of registered motor vehicles in the country followed by Bengaluru.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh had the highest number of slum population followed by Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Mobile App & Website for Handloom Scheme

- ❖ The Union Minister of Textiles launched the Mobile App & Backend Website for Handloom Mark Scheme (HLM) for the weavers on the occasion of 6th National Handloom Day.

- ❖ A website portal, 'My Handloom' for the individual weavers and organization was also launched by the minister.

Submarine optical fibre cable

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on inaugurated the submarine optical fibre cable (OFC) connecting Chennai and Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ❖ The submarine cable will also connect Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep (Havelock), Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Kamorta, Great Nicobar, Long Island, and Rangat of the Island.



Tabletop airports and Kozhikode incident

- ❖ An Air India Express Flight on special "Vande Bharat" Mission overrun the runway at Kozhikode and fell into a valley.
- ❖ In 2010, similar incident occurred in Mangalore airport.
- ❖ The Tabletop Airport is an airport that is built on top of hilly surfaces or plateau.
- ❖ The runways in these airports have one or both ends overlooking a drop.
- ❖ The tabletop airports in India include Shimla and Kullu (Himachal Pradesh), Lengpui (Mizoram), Pakyong (Sikkim), Kozhikode and Kannur (Kerala) and Mangaluru (Karnataka).
- ❖ The other Tabletop airports outside India include Kathmandu in Nepal and Paro in Bhutan.



Ban on 101 Defense items import

- ❖ The list of 101 items was prepared by the Defence Ministry.
- ❖ This is being done to make India self-reliant under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ The Defence Procurement Procedure, 2020 that was unveiled in March 2020 aims to increase indigenous manufacturing of defence equipment.
- ❖ It is to support “Make in India” initiative.
- ❖ A new category of Buy (Global-Manufacture in India) has been introduced with minimum 50% indigenous content.

SOME ON BAN LIST

- 7.62x51 Sniper Rifle
- Shipborne Cruise Missiles, Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles
- Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) MK I A and Light Combat Helicopter
- Fixed Wing Mini UAVs
- Wheeled Armoured Fighting Vehicle
- Light Machine Gun and Assault Rifle 7.62 x 39mm



Air Suvidha portal

- ❖ Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has developed AIR SUVIDHA portal.
- ❖ It is a first-of-its-kind portal allowing international arriving passengers to:-
 - Fill a mandatory self-declaration form and
 - Eligible passengers to apply for exemption from compulsory institutional quarantine for coronavirus.
- ❖ It will make passengers' journey more convenient and comfortable in a contactless way as they won't have to fill the physical copies of the forms on arrival.

INTERNATIONAL

War memorial for Indian soldiers

- ❖ The Bangladesh Government is to construct war memorial for Indian soldiers killed in 1971 war.
- ❖ The memorial is to be constructed in Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria bordering Tripura.
- ❖ This is mainly due to its significance in the Liberation War of 1971.
- ❖ India entered the war after Pakistan launched "Operation Chengiz Khan" striking 11 Indian airfields.

ECONOMY

Consumer Confidence Survey

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India recently released its report of Consumer Confidence Survey.
- ❖ It is aimed to find out how optimistic the consumers are in regard to their financial situation.
- ❖ The current index dropped to 53.8 in July, 2020 from 63.7 in May.

KV kamath committee for stressed assets

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has constituted a five-member committee under K V Kamath.
- ❖ The panel will make recommendations on financial parameters that are to be considered to structure loans that are impacted by COVID-19.

- ❖ Basically, the committee is to suggest parameters that will help in resolution of COVID-19 related stressed assets.


STATES

Gujarat Industrial Policy 2020

- ❖ The Gujarat State Government launched the “Industrial Policy 2020”.
- ❖ Under the policy, the State Government will appoint dedicated “relationship managers” to host Vibrant Gujarat Summit in January 2021.
- ❖ The policy will help industries willing to relocate from China through “Relocation Incentives”.


Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy

- ❖ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched “Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy”.
- ❖ Under the new policy, the State Government of Delhi will waive registration fee and road tax.
- ❖ The policy aims to boost economy, create jobs and reduce pollution levels.
- ❖ Also, it aims to constitute 25% electric vehicles by 2024.



**Hon'ble
Chief Minister
Shri Arvind Kejriwal**
announces Electric Vehicle policy.

**Bringing Electric
Vehicles to Delhi's
Aam Aadmi**



- ◆ Aim to constitute **25% E-vehicles by 2024**
- ◆ **Upto ₹30,000 subsidy** on two wheelers, auto-rickshaws, freight vehicles, e-rickshaws
- ◆ **Upto ₹1.5 lakh** subsidy on cars
- ◆ Waiver on Registration **Fee & Road Tax for E-Vehicles**
- ◆ **Low interest loans** on purchase of E-Vehicles
- ◆ **200 public charging stations**



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

GYTI Awards 2020

- ❖ Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards 2020 is bestowed to a group of researchers from IIT Kharagpur.
- ❖ This is given for developing a mechanism for generating electricity from wet clothes left under sunlight to dry.
- ❖ The same award was presented separately to another team of the IIT Kharagpur for addressing the problem of energy conservation and thermal management in wearable and flexible electronic devices.

