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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has released the book titled 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing' in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Defence Minister has laid the foundation for a missile-seeker facility and a warhead production unit at Bharat Dynamics Limited at Hyderabad.
- ❖ The Prime Minister of Lebanon, Hassan Diab announced his resignation following over the biggest ammonium nitrate blast in the capital of the country, Beirut.
- ❖ India will host the 2021 edition of the T20 World Cup while the postponed 2020 edition will be held in Australia in 2022.
 - India is also set to host the 50-over World Cup in India in 2023.

NATIONAL

Dashboard of the National Infrastructure Pipeline

- ❖ The Union Finance Minister has launched the dashboard of the National Infrastructure Pipeline.
- ❖ It will manage and integrate all the details regarding the projects at one place.
- ❖ This online portal is now showcasing 6800 live projects being implemented in the country.

National portal of Project Elephant

- ❖ The National Portal named, Surakhsya has been launched on the occasion of the World Elephant Day on August 12.
- ❖ Booklet on "Best practices of Human-Elephant Conflict Management in India" also was released on that occasion.
- ❖ This portal is going to help in the collection of data for analysis and inferring important outcomes based on that data.
- ❖ Project Elephant was launched in 1992
- ❖ The Indian Elephants come under:
 - Appendix I of the Convention of Migratory Species.
 - Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

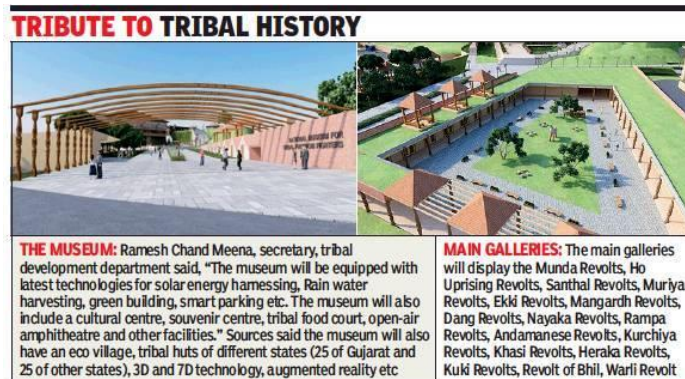


Equal heirship rights to daughters

- ❖ The Supreme Court has ruled that the daughters in the Hindu families have equal coparcenary rights in the joint Hindu family property even if the father died before the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005.
- ❖ The verdict makes it clear the amendments to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, granting equal rights to daughters to inherit ancestral property would have retrospective effect.

Tribal freedom fighters' museums

- ❖ The Tribal Affairs Ministry has stated that all the nine museums dedicated to tribal freedom fighters will be completed by 2022.
- ❖ New museums will be sanctioned in the future in collaboration with the states.
- ❖ The largest of these museums is being built in Rajpipla in Gujarat.





Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2020

- ❖ The Human Resources Development Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', has launched the 'Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2020.'
- ❖ The previous Regulations were made in 1983.
- ❖ The regulations have been prepared by the experts of the Council of Architecture.
- ❖ It is a statutory body constituted by the government under the provision of the Architects Act 1972.

INTERNATIONAL

IC - IMPACTS Annual Research Conference

- ❖ The India-Canada IC-IMPACTS Annual Research Conference was held in order to discuss the ways for taking cooperation between the two countries to a new level.
- ❖ This conference is organized virtually by the India-Canada Centre for Innovative Multidisciplinary Partnership to Accelerate Community Transformation and Sustainability (IC-IMPACTS).

Indian flag at Times Square

- ❖ For the first time, a leading diaspora group (Federation of Indian Associations) in the US will hoist India's National Flag at the Times Square in New York on August 15.
- ❖ This is the first occasion on which the tricolour will be unfurled at the iconic location in the US.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First registered COVID 19 vaccine

- ❖ Russia has named its first COVID 19 vaccine as 'Sputnik V' for the foreign markets.
- ❖ This name is a reference to the first artificial satellite of the world.
- ❖ Russia is the first country to register a vaccine for the COVID 19 disease.

ENVIRONMENT

Critical pathogens in Yamuna

- ❖ A team of researchers from the IIT Delhi has found some pathogens that are actually critical in nature, in the Yamuna River.
- ❖ The resistant bacteria found are very much harmful to rivers and they can also harm animals as well as human beings.
- ❖ Pathogens is a term used to define infectious microorganism or agent such as virus, bacteria, protozoa, etc.

Mount Sinabung

- ❖ Volcanic Mountain Sinabung on Sumatra Island in Indonesia erupted recently.
- ❖ It was the second eruption of the volcano in as many days.
- ❖ It is one of the 120 active volcanoes in the country and it is also prone to seismic activity on the Pacific Ring of Fire.



STATES

Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana - Gujarat

- ❖ The Gujarat government has launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana' as a temporary replacement of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for a year.
- ❖ The main reason has been cited as the high premiums quoted by insurance firms in the state.
- ❖ PMFBY was launched in 2016 to provide comprehensive insurance coverage against crop failure and all kinds of oilseed and annual commercial/horticulture crops are covered.

Indira Van Mitan Yojana - Chhattisgarh

- ❖ On the occasion of the World Tribal Day (9th August), Chhattisgarh government has decided to launch Indira Van Mitan Yojana.
- ❖ This scheme will open employment opportunities for the tribal people so that they become self-reliant and also prosper in life.

Smartphones to students - Punjab

- ❖ The Punjab government has started to distribution of smartphones to students free of cost.
- ❖ Previously the state government had announced to give smartphones to all boys and girls studying in Class XII in all the government schools in the state.
- ❖ The reason is that online classes have become very much necessary in this pandemic situation.

1.75L PHONES TO BE GIVEN AWAY IN 1ST PHASE

- Punjab government received the first consignment of 50,000 smartphones and the remaining is in the pipeline
- Around 1.75 lakh smartphones to be given in the first phase
- Smartphones will be given to boys and girls studying in Class XII of government schools

CM Amarinder Singh hands over smartphones to Class XII students >>

