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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ December 9th is the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime.
 - The same day marks the anniversary of the first human rights related treaty 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide known as the “Genocide Convention”.
- ❖ West Bengal approved construction of its first deep sea port in Tajpur.
 - A deep-water port is usually made up for the usage of very large and heavily loaded ships.
- ❖ The essential workers such as doctors, nurses, grocery store employees, delivery people who risk their lives in fighting against the covid-19 pandemic have won TIME’s 2020 Person of the Year.
- ❖ On December 8, 2020, the Indian Navy observed the 53rd submarine day to commemorate the maiden unfurling of the naval ensign on INS Kalvari.

TAMIL NADU

Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) quota

- ❖ The Governor of Tamilnadu Banwarilal approves Bill for providing 20 pc quota for Tamil medium candidates in TNPSC.
- ❖ It will now be filled by candidates who had completed their education in the State language, Tamil.
- ❖ According to the amendment, the candidate will have to have be completed their studies up to the qualifying exam as specified by the exam.
- ❖ The Tamil Medium Act 2010 came into force during DMK regime.



INTERNATIONAL

International Religious Freedom Act

- ❖ The US State Department has placed various countries in different lists pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA).
- ❖ Pakistan and China among eight other countries that are of particular concern (CPC) for violation of religious freedom.
- ❖ Others include- Myanmar, Eritrea, Iran, Nigeria, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.
- ❖ Notably, the State Department did not accept the USCIRF recommendation that India, Russia, Syria and Vietnam be also designated as CPCs.
- ❖ Comoros, Cuba, Nicaragua and Russia on a Special Watch List (SWL) for governments that have engaged in or tolerated severe violations of religious freedom.
- ❖ Al-Shabaab, al-Qaida, Boko Haram, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the Houthis, ISIS, ISIS-Greater Sahara, ISIS-West Africa, Jamaat Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin and the Taliban are 'Entities of Particular Concern'.

Google Searches

- ❖ Indian Premier League has beaten Coronavirus to become India's most searched word on Google in 2020 according to Google India's 'Year in Search' results.
- ❖ The most searched personality in India in 2020 was US President-Elect Joe Biden, followed by Arnab Goswami, Kanika Kapoor, Kim Jong Un and Amitabh Bachchan.
- ❖ Internationally, "Coronavirus" topped Google searches, followed by "Election results", and "Kobe Bryant".

ECONOMY

PM-WANI

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the setting up of public Wi-Fi networks all over the country for strengthening the Wi-Fi services for the public.



- ❖ This Public Wi-Fi Access Network Interface set up by the government will be known as PM-WANI.
- ❖ The PM-WANI will promote the growth of Wi-Fi networks in the country.
- ❖ This is very much similar to that of the PCO model (PCO is Public Call Office).
- ❖ The public Wi-Fi services are to be provided through Public Data Offices.
- ❖ The National Digital Communication Policy, 2018 has set the target of reaching internet to 5 million people by 2020 and 10 million by 2022.

ENVIRONMENT

New Zoos

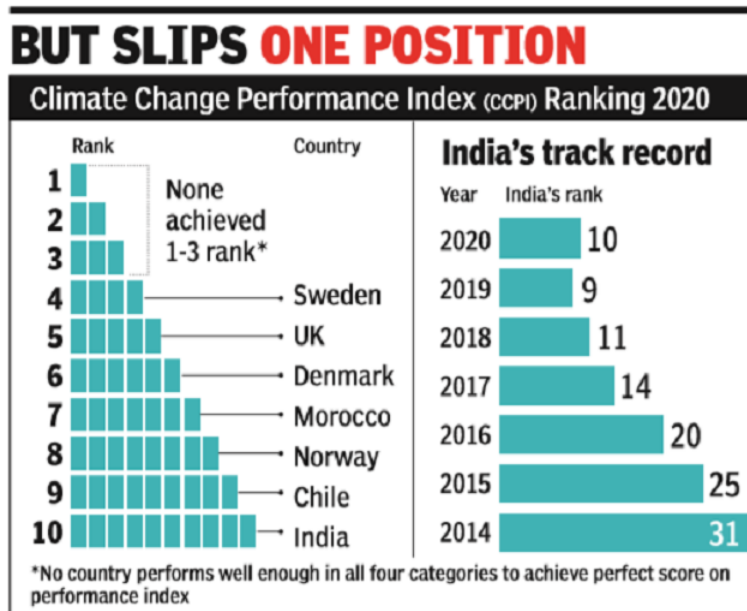
- ❖ The Union Minister of environment, forest and climate change Prakash javadekar chaired the 37 the General Body Meeting of Central zoo authority.
- ❖ During the meeting two new zoos were granted recognition.
- ❖ They were the Rajgir Zoo Safari in Nalanda, Bihar and the Ashfaque Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan of Gorakpur, Uttar Pradesh.

New Wildlife Sanctuary of Maharashtra

- ❖ The Maharashtra state government approved the area at Kanhargaon in Gondpipri tehsil, Chandrapur as a wildlife sanctuary.
- ❖ It will be the 50th wildlife sanctuary in the state.
- ❖ Kanhalgaon is a corridor for tigers moving to Kawal tiger reserve in Telangana and Indravati reserve in Chattisgarh.
- ❖ It also decided to declare 11 areas in Kolhapur, Nagpur, Amravati, Satara and Sindhudurg districts as conservation reserves.
- ❖ Maharashtra will have 19 conservation reserves.
- ❖ Currently, there are 92 conservation reserves across the country.
- ❖ According to the Union environment ministry, conservation reserves are protected areas that act as buffer zones or connectors and migration corridors between established national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and reserved and protected forests.

Climate Change Performance Index

- ❖ It was recently released by the New Climate Institute, Germanwatch and CAN (Climate Action Network).
- ❖ The index has been rating the fifty-seven greenhouse emitters in the world since 2005.
- ❖ India, for the second time in a row, is ranked among the top 10, along with the EU and the UK.
- ❖ India slid one position down from ninth in 2019 to 10th this year.
- ❖ Only two G20 countries India and UK were among the high rankers.
- ❖ None of the countries were in top three ranks.
- ❖ It was because no country was doing enough to meet the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement.
- ❖ Sweden was at fourth place followed by UK, Denmark, Morocco, Norway, Chile.
- ❖ The United States, with a rank of 61, was the worst performer.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2020

- ❖ It was founded in 2018 by a US-based publisher Bundalo.

- ❖ Indian journalist-author Raj Kamal Jha has been honoured with the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2020 for his novel, *The City and The Sea*.
- ❖ Jha's book 'The City and The Sea' is based on the December 2012 Nirbhaya rape and murder case.
- ❖ The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for Social Achievement 2020 was conferred to the late Sultan of Oman, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said and The People of Oman.
- ❖ The social achievement prize had two winners this year.
- ❖ The other winner was renowned Indian choreographer Sandip Soparrkar.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Anti-Corruption Day – December 09

- ❖ The 2020 theme is 'Recover with Integrity/United Against Corruption.'
- ❖ The theme focuses on corruption as one of the biggest obstacles to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption on 2003.

Human Rights Day – December 10



- ❖ On this day the United Nations (UN) adopted Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.
- ❖ This was the first-ever global document on human rights.



- ❖ That outlines the fundamental rights of all human beings that need to be protected universally.
- ❖ The Human Rights Day was formally adopted at the 317th Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on 4th December 1950.
- ❖ The National Human Rights Commission is established in October, 1993 for the protection and promotion of human rights.
- ❖ 2020 Theme is 'Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights'.

International Animal Rights Day – December 10

- ❖ It aims to remember animal victims of human tyranny and call for the recognition of the Universal Declaration of Animal Rights.
- ❖ It is observed every year since 1998.
- ❖ The goal of this historic campaign is to build on the recognition of human rights, and persuade humanity that kindness and respect is due to all sentient creatures.

International UNICEF Day - December 11

- ❖ UNICEF is the organization guarding children's right.
- ❖ It was founded on December 11 in the year 1946.
- ❖ The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a United Nations agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children around the world.
- ❖ UNICEF's main goal is to give 'every child the chance to grow up healthy, happy and safe'.
- ❖ The organization was originally named United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
- ❖ In 1953, two words 'International and 'Emergency' were dropped but the acronym continued.

