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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Chennai Mathematical Institute is to establish Dr F C Kohli Centre of Excellence for advanced research in mathematical and computing Sciences.
- ❖ US President Donald Trump honoured Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the 'Legion of Merit' award for his role in uplifting the US-India strategic partnership.
 - It was also presented to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe by the US President.

NATIONAL

100th year of ASSOCHAM

- ❖ The Associated Chambers of Commerce of India represents the interests of trade and commerce in India.
- ❖ ASSOCHAM is authorised by the Government of India to issue Certificates of Origin, certify commercial invoices, and recommend business visa.
- ❖ It was established in 1920.
- ❖ The theme of this celebration is “India’s resilience: Atma nirbhar roadmap towards a US\$5 Trillion economy”.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi bestowed the ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award to industrialist Ratan Tata.
- ❖ Ratan Tata received the prestigious award on behalf of the Tata Group.

INTERNATIONAL

4th Asian Water Development Outlook 2020

- ❖ It was released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ❖ It has been jointly prepared by the ADB Asia-Pacific Water Forum and Australia.
- ❖ It assesses national water security across the Asia and the Pacific.
- ❖ According to this, 1.5 billion people in rural areas and 0.6 billion in urban areas still lack adequate water supply and sanitation.
- ❖ The top 3 performers in the Asia Pacific are China, Kyrgyzstan and Maldives.



ECONOMY

17th Ease of Doing Business

- ❖ The report is released by the World Bank.
- ❖ In August 2020, the World Bank had decided to pause the publication of the report due to irregularities in the data.
- ❖ 4 countries such as China, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan have submitted the data irregularities.
- ❖ As per new report, China's rank slipped from 78th rank to 85th rank.
- ❖ The rankings of three other countries - Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan have also changed.
- ❖ As per 2020 report, India is placed at 63rd position among 190 countries.
- ❖ India improved its positions by 14 places from the previous year.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First Potential Radio signal from Exo planet

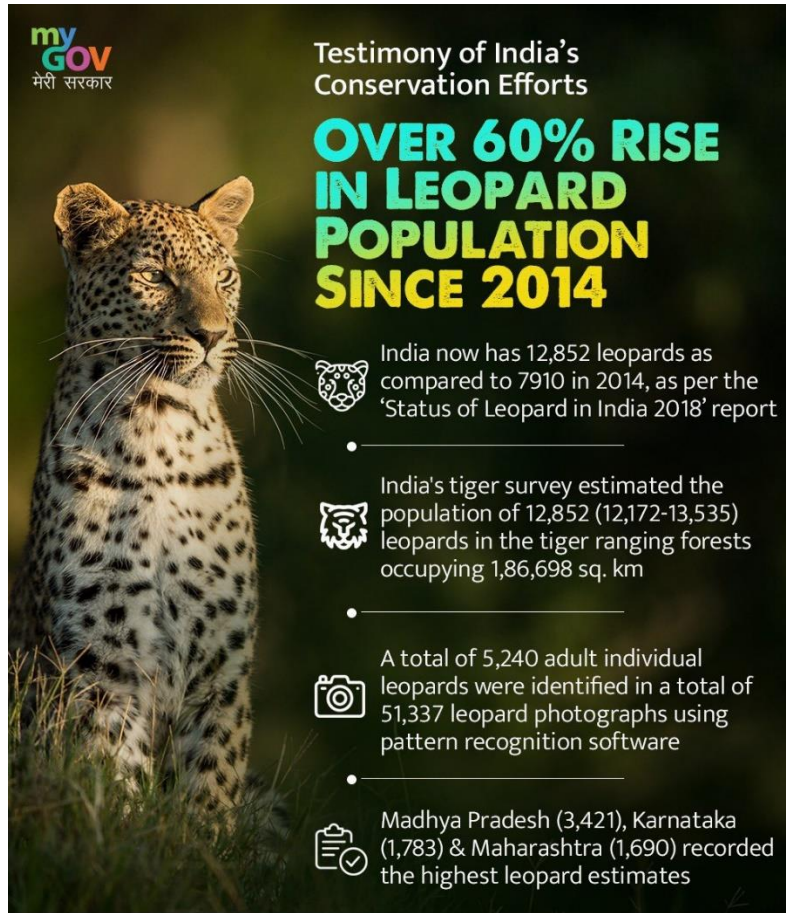
- ❖ An international team of scientists at a Low Frequency Array radio telescope located in Netherlands have collected the first possible radio signal from an exoplanet.
- ❖ This is possibly the first radio signal received from a planet beyond solar system.
- ❖ The exoplanet is 51 light years away from the earth located in the Tau Bootes star-system.

ENVIRONMENT

Status of Leopards report 2018

- ❖ It was released recently by the Environment Ministry of India.
- ❖ India now has 12,852 leopards.
- ❖ 60 percent rise was witnessed in Leopard population across the Country.
- ❖ India has 7910 leopards in 2014.
- ❖ The States of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra recorded the highest leopard estimates at 3,421, 1,783 and 1,690 respectively.

- ❖ Leopards are listed as “Vulnerable” in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.



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Testimony of India's
Conservation Efforts

**OVER 60% RISE
IN LEOPARD
POPULATION
SINCE 2014**

- India now has 12,852 leopards as compared to 7910 in 2014, as per the 'Status of Leopard in India 2018' report
- India's tiger survey estimated the population of 12,852 (12,172-13,535) leopards in the tiger ranging forests occupying 1,86,698 sq. km
- A total of 5,240 adult individual leopards were identified in a total of 51,337 leopard photographs using pattern recognition software
- Madhya Pradesh (3,421), Karnataka (1,783) & Maharashtra (1,690) recorded the highest leopard estimates

SPORTS

Awards in Tennis 2020

- ❖ Novak Djokovic (Serbia), Rafael Nadal (Spain) and Roger Federer (Switzerland) won the top awards of ATP for the year 2020.
- ❖ Djokovic won the “Year-end No. 1” award.
- ❖ Nadal received the “Stefan Edberg sportsmanship” award.
- ❖ Tiafoe (USA) won the Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Tea Day (ITD) – December 15

- ❖ The first ITD was held at New Delhi in India in 2005.



- ❖ It is observed on December 15 in many countries including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Uganda, India and Tanzania, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, France and Germany as well.
- ❖ It is celebrated on the motto “Harnessing Benefits for all From Field to Cup”.
- ❖ In 2019, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) decided to observe this day on May 21.
- ❖ The season of tea production begins in May in most of the tea producing countries.
- ❖ China is currently the largest exporter of tea.

15th December is celebrated as International Tea Day.

It is celebrated in tea producing countries like India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Uganda, and Tanzania whereas in other countries it is celebrated on 21st December. aims to draw global attention of governments and citizens to the impact of the global tea trade on workers and growers, and has been linked to requests for price supports and fair trade.

World Arabic Language Day – December 18

- ❖ The theme of this year is “Arabic Language Academics: Necessity or Luxury”.
- ❖ It was established by the UNESCO in 2010.
- ❖ In 1973 the United Nations General Assembly approved Arabic as an official UN language.
- ❖ There are six official languages of the UN.
- ❖ These are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Arabic (18 December)

Chinese (20 April)

English (23 April)

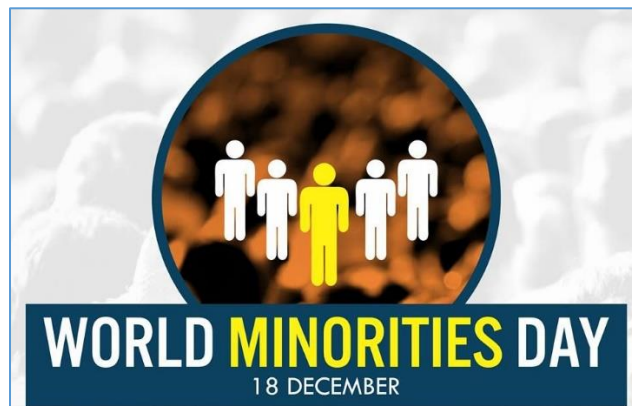
Spanish (23 April))

French (20 March)

Russian (6 June)

Minorities Rights Day – December 18


- ❖ In India it was first observed on December 18, 2013.
- ❖ On December 18, 1992, the United Nations had declared the Statement on the Individual's Rights belonging to Religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities.
- ❖ It is observed to safeguard the Constitutionally-guaranteed rights of religious minorities in the country.
- ❖ In India, six religious communities have been notified as minorities.
- ❖ These include Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists and Zoroastrians or Parsis and Jains (2014).
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Lakshadweep are the only states where any notified minority is in majority.
- ❖ The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was established under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.



Goa Liberation Day – December 19

- ❖ Goa was liberated in a military operation by the Indian armed forces in 1961.
- ❖ It was done by the Operation Vijay to liberate Goa from the Portuguese rule.
- ❖ This year marks the 60th anniversary of this operation.
- ❖ Also, India was completely free from European rule on this day.
- ❖ The Portuguese governor Afonso de Albuquerque captured in 1510.
- ❖ By the end of 19th century their colonies were limited to Goa, Diu, Daman, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

GOA LIBERATION DAY



1510
The Portuguese colonised India conquering many parts of the western coast.

BY THE 1940S
the Goan independence movement had gained momentum, inspired by the Indian independence movement.

FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 1946
a series of satyagrahas (non-violent civil-disobedience actions) were held in Goa.

Following national Indian independence, a separate demand for independence was raised by Dr. Froilano de Mello, a prominent Goan microbiologist in the Portuguese National Assembly.

1950S
Azad Gomantak Dal, a revolutionary group, vowed to fight the Portuguese using direct action strategies. The Goa Liberation Army, founded by Shivajirao Desai, an Indian army officer.

18 AND 19 DECEMBER 1961
After failure of diplomacy with the Portuguese, Nehru ordered the Indian Armed Forces to take Goa by force. In a military operation conducted on 18 & 19 December 1961, Indian troops captured Goa with little resistance. The governor-general of Portuguese India signed an instrument of surrender.

