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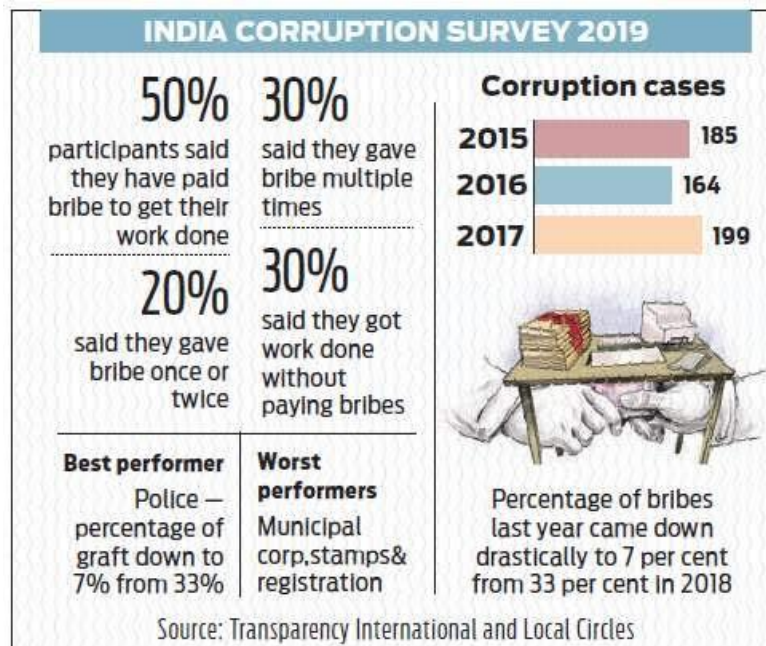
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The first night trial of long-range nuclear capable Agni-III surface-to-surface Ballistic Missile was carried out at APJ Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast.
 - However, the Agni-III missile's maiden night trial ended in 'failure'.
- ❖ An 18,000-year-old puppy buried for centuries in a lump of frozen mud was unveiled recently in Russia.
- ❖ The Indian army launched a month-long operation 'Him Vijay' exercises in Arunachal Pradesh to test its offensive capabilities.

NATIONAL

India Corruption Survey 2019

- ❖ As per the India Corruption Survey 2019, Rajasthan and Bihar fared the worst in country with 78% and 75% of respondents admitting to paying bribes, while Telangana topped the list in south India.
- ❖ The survey was carried out between October 2018 and November 2019 and was conducted by Local Circles, a social media firm and the Transparency International India.



- ❖ Bihar follows Rajasthan and was placed at second spot.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks seventh in most corrupt state's list. Around 62% of citizens admitted to paying bribes to get their work done.
- ❖ Besides Kerala, Goa, Gujarat, Odisha, West Bengal, Haryana and Delhi are least corrupt states.

Conference on Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat

- ❖ The 2-day Regional Conference on 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' with focus on 'Jal Shakti and Disaster Management' was held in Jammu.
- ❖ It organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with Governments of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

- ❖ It was launched by Prime Minister on Ekta Diwas (31st October 2016) on the occasion of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.
- ❖ It aims to Strengthen cultural relations of various parts of country and to embolden mutual connection between people dwelling in different states.

47th All India Police Science Congress

- ❖ The 47th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC) was organised from 28-29 November 2019, at Police Headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The chief guest for event was former cop and current Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi.



- ❖ The event was organised by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh is hosting this annual event after 22 years.
- ❖ The Congress focused on challenges in policing, and 5 other related topics which are need of the hour.

INTERNATIONAL

Rare Buddha statue at Pakistan

- ❖ The Islamabad Museum has put on display a rare statue of Buddha's head after retrieving it from its reserves.
- ❖ The sculpture, from the period between the 3rd and the 4th century AD, was discovered by the first Italian archaeological mission in Pakistan.
- ❖ The artefact was excavated in the 1960s and it was last displayed in a museum in 1997.



1st International Conference on Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience

- ❖ The 1st International Conference on 'Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience – 2019' was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The first of its kind conference was organized by National Institute of Disaster management (NIDM).

- ❖ It aims to bring together all stakeholders as well as experts to discuss/debate/disseminate practically useful knowledge, experiences, information and innovations for landslides risk reduction and resilience at national and international levels.



ECONOMY

Panel on Code for Responsible Lending

- ❖ H R Khan, former deputy governor of RBI has been appointed as first chairman of steering committee panel on Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in Micro-Credit.
- ❖ CRL is a self-regulatory step for micro-credit industry making diverse entities such as banks, Non-Banking Financial Company – Micro Finance Institution and NBFCs, adhere to standards of customer protection.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Navy version BrahMos missile test fire

- ❖ Indian Navy test-fired the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, from the Navy's stealth destroyer INS Kochi.
- ❖ The supersonic missile successfully hit a decommissioned target ship in Arabian Sea.

- ❖ Earlier the BrahMos missile has been successfully test fired twice from INS Kolkata, (one in June 2014 and February 2015) and one successful test firing has been from INS Kochi in November 2015.
- ❖ BrahMos is the world's fastest cruise missile and has a strike-range of over 290 km.

ENVIRONMENT

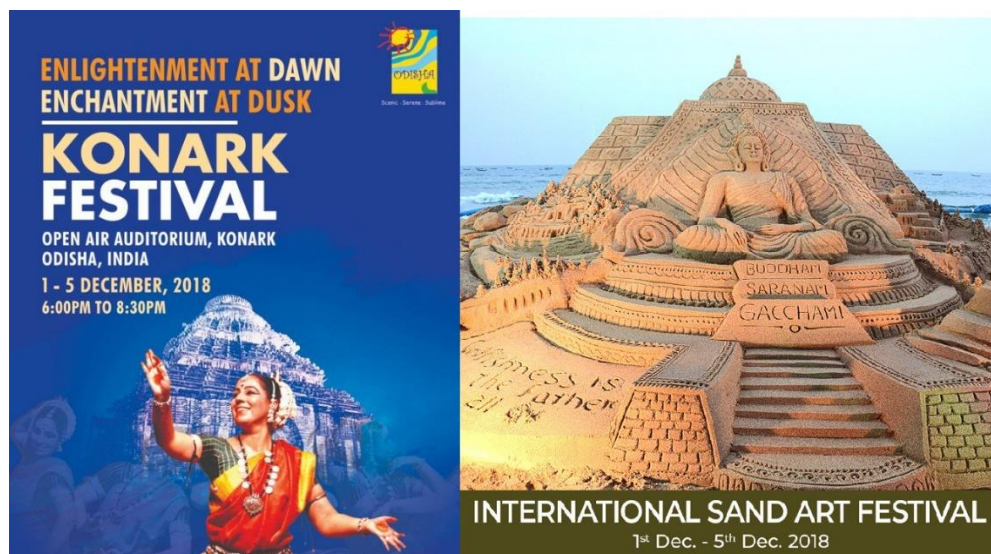
New fish species - *Schistura syngkai*

- ❖ Team of scientists have discovered a new fish species in West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.
- ❖ The fish which has the scientific name "*Schistura syngkai*" was found at the Twahdidoh stream, a tributary of Wah Blei river.
- ❖ Both sexes of the fish have golden-brown bodies along with blackish lateral stripes and slightly emarginate tail fins.

STATES

30th edition of Konark festival

- ❖ Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal has inaugurated the 5-day long 30th edition of Konark festival.



- ❖ It is a showcase of Odisha's art, culture and tradition has started in Odisha.
- ❖ The theme of the festival is based on eco-tourism, culture, Fairs, women empowerment, and no to plastic and heritage.

- ❖ Along with this, the 8th edition of the International Sand Art Festival 2019 has been started in Chandrabhaga Beach in Odisha.

SPORTS

3rd Khelo India Youth Games 2020

- ❖ The union sports minister Shri Kiren Rijiju launched the 3rd edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ The games are scheduled to be held from January 10-22, 2020.

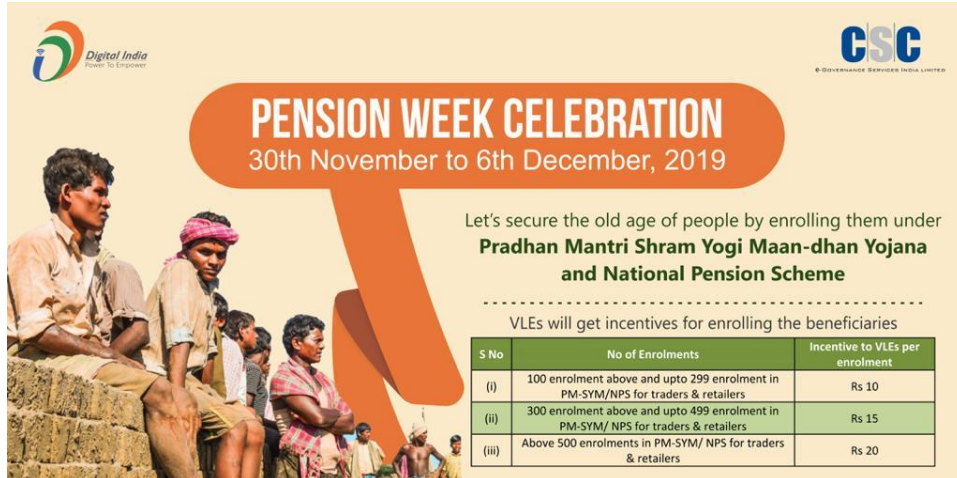


- ❖ Composite logo, players jersey, mascots and theme song of the 3rd edition of the games was launched during the launch.
- ❖ Also, the Assam Olympic Association (AOA) would launch a programme called 'Grassroot Olympic – Mission Talent Hunt' to identify the sports talent in the state and groom them.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Pension Week - 30th November - 6th December

- ❖ The Pension Week is being celebrated across India by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India from 30th Nov to 6th Dec 2019.
- ❖ It aims to generating awareness and maximizing registrations under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) and National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self-Employed Persons (NPS).



PENSION WEEK CELEBRATION
30th November to 6th December, 2019

Let's secure the old age of people by enrolling them under
Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana
and **National Pension Scheme**

VLEs will get incentives for enrolling the beneficiaries

| S No | No of Enrolments | Incentive to VLEs per enrolment |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| (i) | 100 enrolment above and upto 299 enrolment in PM-SYM/NPS for traders & retailers | Rs 10 |
| (ii) | 300 enrolment above and upto 499 enrolment in PM-SYM/ NPS for traders & retailers | Rs 15 |
| (iii) | Above 500 enrolments in PM-SYM/ NPS for traders & retailers | Rs 20 |

- ❖ It will organize awareness campaign among 10 crore Ayushman beneficiaries, 11 crore MGNREGA workers, 2.5 crore Self Help Group members, 40 lakh Anganwadi workers and 10 lakh ASHA workers about the benefits of these pension schemes.

World Computer Literacy Day - December 2

- ❖ World Computer Literacy Day is being Observed on 2nd December every year.
- ❖ The day is observed to mark the significance of computers and to promote awareness about computers and other electronic devices.
- ❖ World Computer Literacy Day was first observed in the year 2001 by the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT).

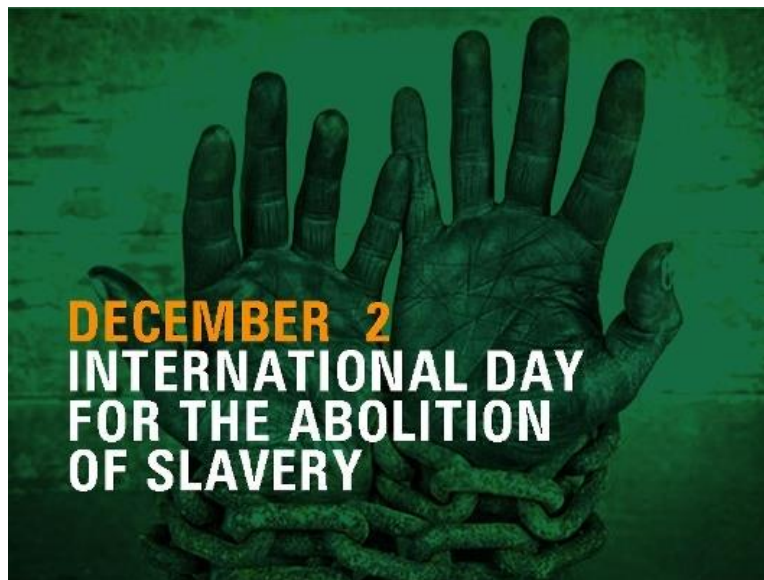
National Pollution Control Day - December 2

- ❖ The National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on December 2 to create awareness on controlling and managing pollution produced by industrial processes or human negligence.
- ❖ The day is observed in remembrance of the innocent lives that were lost in the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984.
- ❖ The year 2019 marks the 35th anniversary of the Bhopal gas tragedy.



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery - December 2

- ❖ The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed annually on December 02.



- ❖ The day was adopted by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in the year 1949.

