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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Ministry for Women and Children Development along with an alliance of national and international partners has launched a new initiative called YuWaah.
 - The initiative aims to transform the country into a hub of education, skilling and employment for young people aged between 10-24 years.
- ❖ Prithvirajsing Roopun has been elected as President of Mauritius.
- ❖ Advocates Day is celebrated in India every year on December 3rd to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. He was an advocate by profession.
- ❖ India officially handed over "Made in India" Fast Interceptor Craft to Coast Guard of the Maldives. It is expected to enhance Maldives' maritime security, and promote the blue economy and tourism.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has referred Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL) to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for insolvency proceedings.
 - DHFL thus becomes the first financial services player to go NCLT for a possible debt resolution.

NATIONAL

Supreme Court approves Green Crackers Production

- ❖ The Supreme Court has approved the commercial production of 'green' crackers.
- ❖ The crackers have to comply with the new chemical composition approved by the CSIR and National Environmental Engineering Research Institute.
- ❖ To ensure compliance, cracker manufacturers have to set up a "testing unit" which will be supervised by Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organisation.
- ❖ The green crackers can reduce pollution by upto 30%.

Ganga Centralized Aqualabs @ Dehradun

- ❖ The aquatic life forms found in the 2525-km-long Ganga river would be preserved in the country's first 'Ganga Centralised Aqualabs'.
- ❖ It will be established at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in Dehradun.
- ❖ The aqualab, first of its kind for any river in the country, will
 - Maintain genes of each species found in the river.

- Record baseline data of the river.
- ❖ Tributaries of Ganga like Gomti, Betwa and Kosi will also be scientifically studied and their biological components will be preserved at the lab.

SURYA KIRAN – XIV

- ❖ The joint military exercise ‘SURYA KIRAN – XIV’ between India and Nepal will be conducted in Nepal from 3rd- 16th December 2019.
- ❖ The exercise is an annual event which is conducted alternatively in Nepal and India.
- ❖ The previous edition of the exercise was conducted in Uttarakhand, India.

Euromonitor International – Top Global Destinations 2019

- ❖ Britain based research agency Euromonitor International has released its annual list of 100 most popular destinations in the world.
- ❖ Hong Kong was world’s No 1 tourist destination for the tenth consecutive year in 2019.
- ❖ Delhi occupied the 11th spot globally.

TOP 10 CITY DESTINATIONS 2019

International Arrivals

in Million		
1	Hongkong	26.7
2	Bangkok	25.8
3	Macau	20.6
4	Singapore	19.8
5	London	19.6
6	Paris	19.1
7	Dubai	16.3
8	Delhi	15.2
9	Istanbul	14.7
10	Kuala Lumpur	14.1



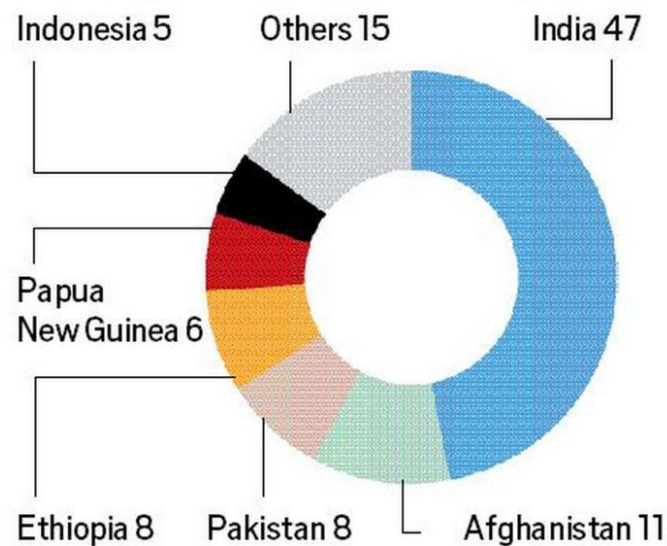
Poshan Anthem

- ❖ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched the "Bharatiya Poshan Anthem" which aims at taking the message of "Making India Malnutrition-free by 2022" to all corners of the country.
- ❖ The anthem was conceptualised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, penned by lyricist Prasoon Joshi and sung by Shankar Mahadevan.
- ❖ 'Poshan Abhiyan or National Nutrition Mission' was launched in 2018.
- ❖ According to the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey 2016-18, 34.7 per cent of Indian children aged less than five are stunted.

World Malaria Report 2019

- ❖ World Malaria Report 2019 has been released by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ Globally, there were 228 million cases of malaria in 2018.
- ❖ The highest number of cases were reported from African region, followed by South-East Asia.
- ❖ Nigeria had the highest burden of all malaria cases, at 24%.

***P. VIVAX* MALARIA CASES, 2018 (% DISTRIBUTION)**



India Specific Data



- ❖ The Incidence of Plasmodium vivax malaria (the second most common form of the disease) was the highest in India.
- ❖ In India, 7 states account for about 90% of malaria cases.
- ❖ They are Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Gujarat, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Compared to 2017, India reported 2.6 million fewer cases in 2018.
- ❖ This makes India the country with the “largest absolute reductions” among the countries that share 85% of the malaria burden.

Fit India School – Ranking Schools based on Fitness

- ❖ A new initiative called Fit India Schools has been launched.
- ❖ It is a grading/ranking system of schools across India based on
 - Importance given by the school to inculcate fitness among its students and teachers
 - Facilities available for fitness activities
- ❖ The Fit India School rankings have been divided into three categories -- The Fit India Schools, which is the first level of ranking, Fit India School (3 star) and Fit India School (5 star).
- ❖ The schools that achieve this ranking will also be able to use the official Fit India logo and flag.





Blue Flag Programme

- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has selected 13 beaches across the country for 'Blue Flag' Certification programme.
- ❖ Chandrabhaga beach of Odisha's Konark coast was the first to complete the tag certification process.
- ❖ It will also be the first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification.
- ❖ The Blue Flag Programme for beaches and marinas is run by the international, non-governmental, non-profit organisation FEE.
- ❖ It started in France in 1985 and has been implemented in Europe since 1987.
- ❖ Japan and South Korea are the only countries in South and south eastern Asia to have Blue Flag beaches.
- ❖ Spain tops the list with 566 such beaches.
- ❖ Criterion for being certified include having waste disposal facilities, being disabled- friendly, having first aid equipment and no access to pets in the main areas of the beach.

ECONOMY

Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund

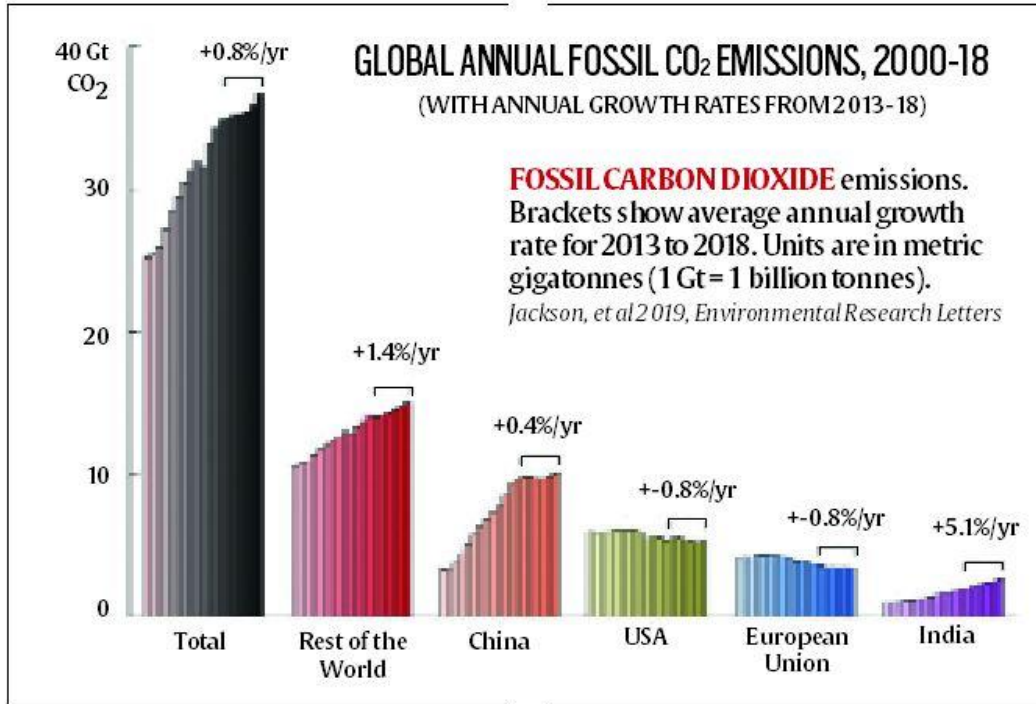
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval for creation and launch of Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF).
- ❖ This would be the first corporate Bond ETF in the country.
- ❖ This will create an additional source of funding for Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), Central Public Financial Institutions (CPFIs) and other Government organizations.

ENVIRONMENT

Global Carbon Budget 2019

- ❖ The Global Carbon Project (GCP) has released a report titled 'Global Carbon Budget' for the year 2019.
- ❖ Established in 2001, GCP is an organisation that releases global budgets for three dominant greenhouse gases
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Methane

- Nitrous oxide
- ❖ The Atmospheric CO₂ concentration in 2019 are 47% above pre-industrial levels.
- ❖ Global CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels and industry have increased every decade since 1960s.
- ❖ India's emissions in 2019 (2.6 billion tonnes or giga tonnes) was likely to be only 1.8 per cent higher than in 2018.
- ❖ The slower rise in emission rates was linked to slower growth in economy.



STATES

Madhu App for School Children - Odisha

- ❖ Odisha government has launched an e-learning mobile phone application called "Madhu" help school students to understand their subjects in a better and efficient way.
- ❖ The app is named after 'Utkala' Gouraba' Madhusudan Das, the first graduate and advocate of Odisha.
- ❖ He is known as "Kulabruddha", which means Grand Old Man in Odisha.



SPORTS

Spirit of Cricket Award

- ❖ The New Zealand cricket team has been awarded the Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award.
- ❖ The team has been awarded for its exemplary show of sportsmanship during the final match of the ICC World Cup at Lord's in July 2019.
- ❖ Martin-Jenkins was the former MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) president and BBC Test Match Special commentator.

