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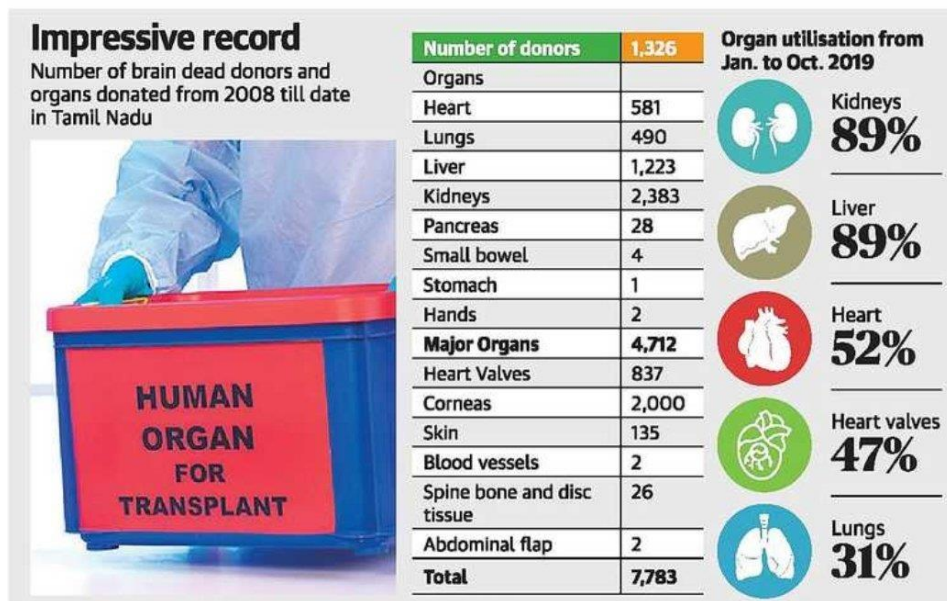
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Minister for Food Processing, Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated the Central India's 1st Avantee mega Food Park in Dewas, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Chief Minister of Telangana released a book named "Kaleswaram project: Telangana Pragathi Ratham (Kaleswaram project: The Telangana Development Chariot) at Pragati Bhavan.
 - The book was authored by Sridhar Rao Deshpande.
- ❖ India has extended one Line of Credits (LOC's) and two Solar projects in Guinea.
- ❖ The 63rd edition of the National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) in shotgun events organised by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) was held in New Delhi.

NATIONAL

NOTTO awards

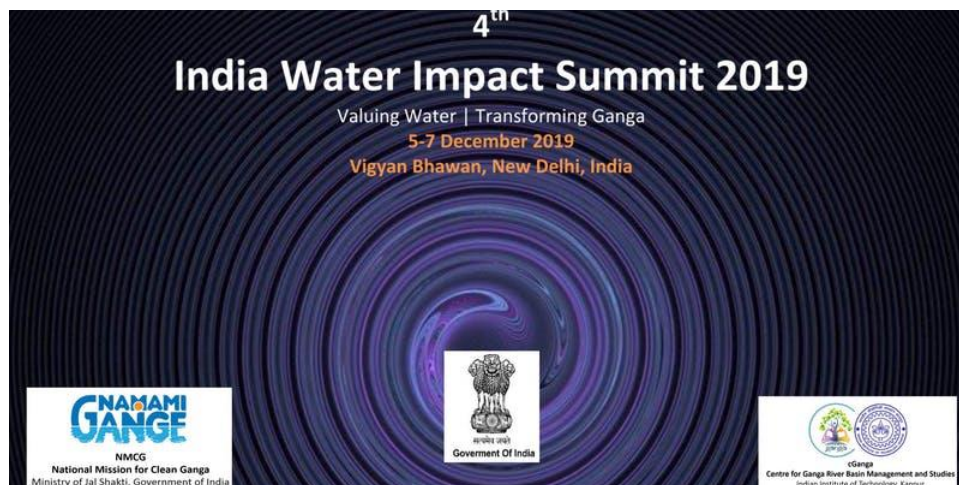
- ❖ The 10th Indian Organ Donation Day was celebrated on 30 November 2019.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh were bestowed with awards for organ donation the event was organized by NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization) of Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry (MoHFW).



- ❖ Tamil Nadu was bestowed with Best State award in cadaveric organ donation for the fifth time.
- ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu won the Best Performing Hospital award.
- ❖ According to the Global Observatory on Donation and Transplantation (GODT), India performs second largest number of transplants in the world next to the USA.

Fourth water impact summit

- ❖ The Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the fourth water impact summit in New Delhi.
- ❖ The summit is to focus on integrated management of water resources in rural and urban areas.
- ❖ The summit will hold second Water Finance Forum that focusses on bringing global financial investors and institutions together.
- ❖ During the event, report on river restoration and conservation was released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.



Heat Wave 2020

- ❖ National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with Karnataka government has organised a national workshop “Heat Wave 2020” on preparedness, mitigation and management of Heat Wave in Bengaluru city of Karnataka.
- ❖ The workshop has been conducted well in advance of the heat wave season to manage the hot weather conditions for the year 2020.

- ❖ Climate change led to rise of average summer temperature by 0.5°C in the past five years.
- ❖ This is the 4th annual workshop in a series that NDMA has been conducting since 2017.



Plogging Ambassador of India

- ❖ Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Kiren Rijiju felicitated Ripu Daman Bevli, popularly known as Plogman of India and named him as Plogging Ambassador of India.



- ❖ Sports Minister also launched nation-wide Plogging Ambassador Mission.
- ❖ Under this Mission, Indians who have been running and cleaning their cities/ towns/ districts, will be nominated as Plogging Ambassadors of their region.

- ❖ Ripu Daman Bevli started plogging in 2017.

National Public Procurement Conclave

- ❖ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 3rd edition of National Public Procurement Conclave (NPPC) in New Delhi.
- ❖ The conclave was organized by Government e-Marketplace (GeM) in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ❖ NPCC brings together a host of Buyers, Sellers and stalwarts of industry with massive opportunities in Public Procurement sector.



Child Rights and You Report on Indian Childs

- ❖ The Child Rights and You recently released a report “How Vulnerable are Children in India to crime?”.
- ❖ The report was based on the analysis of National Crime Records Bureau for 2016 - 17.
- ❖ The report says that the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh topped the list of states for crimes against children.
- ❖ The highest increase in crimes between the years 2016 and 2017 was seen in Jharkhand.

National Maritime Heritage Museum

- ❖ The Government of India is planning to establish a National Maritime Heritage Museum at Lothal in Gujarat.
- ❖ The museum will also act as an independent research centre for archaeology of boat building, reconstruction of maritime history and materials traded.

- ❖ It will hold display of salvaged materials from shipwreck sites in Indian Ocean waters.
- ❖ Lothal is an ancient city of Indus Valley Civilization.
- ❖ It was discovered in 1954 by the Archaeological Survey of India.



India's first Eat Right Station

- ❖ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) certified Mumbai Central railway station as India's first Eat Right Station.
- ❖ It rated the station with four stars rating.
- ❖ The move comes under the Eat Right India initiative started by FSSAI in 2018.
- ❖ Indian Railways (IR) launched the Eat Right Station as a part of efforts to help passengers make a healthy and right food choice.



INTERNATIONAL

Extensive and invasive use of biometric data

- ❖ India is fifth worst country after China, Malaysia, Pakistan and United States in terms of extensive and invasive use of biometric data.
- ❖ The new report prepared by Comparitech, a Britain-based tech research firm.
- ❖ India scored 19 and was ranked relatively lower in the list of worst countries for biometric data collection.
- ❖ United Kingdom, Portugal, Cyprus, Ireland and Romania emerged as 5 best countries in terms of collection, storage and use of biometric data.

4 key development projects in Maldives

- ❖ The prime minister of India and the president of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jointly inaugurated 4 key development projects in Maldives via video conference.
- ❖ The 4 projects are
 - Gifting of Made in India Coast Guard Ship (CGS) Kaamiyaab to Maldives,
 - Launch of RuPay card,
 - Lighting up of Malé using LED (Light Emitting Diodes) lights, and
 - Launch of 3 fish processing plants.

2019 NATO Summit

- ❖ The United Kingdom hosted 2019 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Summit in London.
- ❖ The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the summit.
- ❖ It was attended by NATO leaders and chaired by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.
- ❖ The 2018 NATO summit was held in Brussels, Belgium.

NATO

- ❖ North Atlantic Alliance, NATO is an intergovernmental military alliance between 29 North American and European countries.
- ❖ It was established at the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty on 4 April 1949.
- ❖ Montenegro was the 29th country to join NATO.



STATES

Anti - Depredation Squad

- ❖ Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the Anti- Depredation Squad of the Forest Department.
- ❖ The Squads will be to deploy in 15 major human-wildlife conflict districts to ensure the safety of both humans and wildlife.

Sarai Sewage Treatment Plant - Uttarakhand.

- ❖ King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden inaugurated Sarai Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Uttarakhand.
- ❖ It is the first STP to be completed under Hybrid Annuity (HAM) Based Public Private Partnership Model.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Civil Aviation Day - December 7

- ❖ The International Civil Aviation Day is observed every year on 7 December across the world.

- ❖ It aims to generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of importance of international civil aviation to social and economic development.
- ❖ The International Civil Aviation Day was established in 1994 as part of International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) 50th anniversary activities.
- ❖ It was officially recognised in the UN system by the UN General Assembly in 1996.

Armed Forces Flag Day - December 7

- ❖ The Indian Armed Forces Flag Day is observed every year on December 7 since 1949.
- ❖ It is a day to honour the soldiers, airmen and sailors of India who fought on the borders to safeguard the country.
- ❖ On Indian Armed Forces Flag Day, funds are collected for the welfare of war-widows, children of martyrs, war-disabled soldiers, and ex-servicemen.
- ❖ The Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) is used for the welfare of the Armed Forces personnel.

