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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Karnataka government has decided to amend the Karnataka Industrial Employment (Standing Orders), Rules, 1961 to give primacy to Kannadigas in jobs under Group C and D category in the private sector.
 - Sarojini Mahishi report had recommended granting primacy for the Kannadigas in the private sector jobs.
- ❖ Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has started a pilot project for using FASTags for parking purposes at Hyderabad Airport. Conceptualised as FASTag 2.0, it covers parking payments, fuel payments, etc.
- ❖ A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) and Suadi Aramco (Saudi Arabian oil company) for the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Ecosystem in India in Oil & Gas Sector.
- ❖ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) reported U.S. companies, which sell arms and military services, dominate the top 5 of global largest 100 arms companies.
- ❖ The World's first fully electric commercial aircraft takes test flight in Vancouver, Canada.
 - The electrical flight was designed by the company Harbor Air.

NATIONAL

Digital Exhibition on the History of the Constitution of India

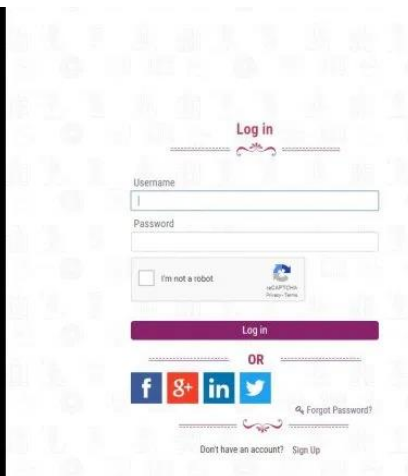
- ❖ The 'Digital Exhibition on History of Constitution of India' was inaugurated in New Delhi on December 9, 2019.
- ❖ It is an important day as the first sitting of Constituent Assembly was held on this day in 1946.
- ❖ The current year 2019 marks 70th Year of adoption of Constitution.
- ❖ It has been organised by Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) in collaboration with Parliament Museum and Archives of Lok Sabha Secretariat and Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC).

1st Pashu Kisan Credit Cards of India

- ❖ The 1st Pashu Kisan credit cards (Animal husbandry Credit Card) in India were distributed in Haryana.
- ❖ These credit cards were launched to promote animal husbandry and agri business to help the livestock owners.

Indian Culture Web Portal

- ❖ Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism launched the Indian Culture Web Portal in New Delhi.
- ❖ The main aim of the portal is to promote awareness among the citizens of India about the diverse heritage of the country.
- ❖ It is available in both English and Hindi.
- ❖ The web portal was proposed by the Ministry of Culture and was developed by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay and the data were organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).



Initiative AGNIi

- ❖ An American company- DuPont de Nemours, Inc (commonly known as DuPont), has partnered with AGNIi (Accelerated Growth of New India's Innovations) of Indian govt.
- ❖ AGNIi is a nation-wide initiative of Indian Government.
- ❖ It aims to supporting the ongoing efforts to boost the innovation ecosystem by connecting innovators across industry, and helping commercialize innovative solutions.



- ❖ AGNIi is not a funding agency and does not provide direct financial support to innovators.

DefExpo 2020

- ❖ The 11th edition of the biennial flagship event DefExpo 2020 will be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The theme of the DefExpo 2020 is 'India – The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub' and 'Digital Transformation of Defence'.



Must-See Monuments' in India

- ❖ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has identified 138 monuments as 'Must-See Monuments' in the country.
- ❖ There are 38 World Heritage Sites in India, out of which 22 Cultural Sites including monuments, buildings and caves are under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India.





7th India Skills Report 2020

- ❖ The 7th edition of the India Skills Report 2020 for the year 2019-20 was launched.
- ❖ Maharashtra emerged as the top ranked state in terms of employability.
- ❖ It was followed by Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third rank respectively.
- ❖ The India Skills Report, is a joint initiative of
 - Wheebox (global talent-assessment company),
 - People Strong and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with UNDP (United Nations Development Programme),
 - AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) and
 - AIU (Association of Indian Universities).

INTERNATIONAL

17th edition of BioAsia 2020

- ❖ Switzerland will be the country partner at the 17th edition of BioAsia 2020 scheduled to be held from February, 2020 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ❖ The theme of this edition: “Today for Tomorrow”.
- ❖ In the year 2018, India was Switzerland’s 8th largest trading partner with a total bilateral trade of \$19.7 billion.



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Ports of Call under “Coastal Shipping Agreement

- ❖ Mongla and Chattogram (Both in Bangladesh) have been declared as Ports of Call under “Coastal Shipping Agreement” between India & Bangladesh.
- ❖ The Port of Mongla is declared as Port of Call under PIWT&T (Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade) and Chattogram port is not part of PIWT&T.



- ❖ Under the PIWT&T between India and Bangladesh, there are 6 existing Ports of Call in the two countries on Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route.
- ❖ Chattogram is the other name of Chittagong port in Bangladesh.

STATES

Paika memorial in Odisha

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind recently laid the foundation of a memorial dedicated to the 1817 Paika Rebellion.
- ❖ Paika memorial is to mark 200 years of the Paika Rebellion.
- ❖ It will come up at Barunei Hill in Odisha's Khurda district.

About Paika Rebellion

- ❖ Paikas under the leadership of Baxi Jagabandhu, the hereditary chief of the militia army of the Gajapati King of Khurda (a kingdom near Puri), rose in rebellion in March 1817.
- ❖ It was an uprising against colonial rule that predates the rebellion of the sepoys in 1857.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Diwali-Power of One Awards

- ❖ United Nations has honoured Four eminent diplomats with the 'Diwali – Power of One' award for a secure and peaceful world.
- ❖ The awards which have now come to be known as 'Oscars of Diplomacy' were established by Diwali Foundation USA, Inc in 2017.
- ❖ The diplomats who were honoured are:
 - Kairat Abdrakhmanov (Kazakhstan)
 - Nicholas Emiliou (Cyprus)
 - Frantisek Ruzicka (Slovakia)
 - Volodymyr Yelchenko (Ukraine).

World Habitat Award - 2019

- ❖ Odisha won the 'World Habitat Award' for Jaga Mission also called Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM).

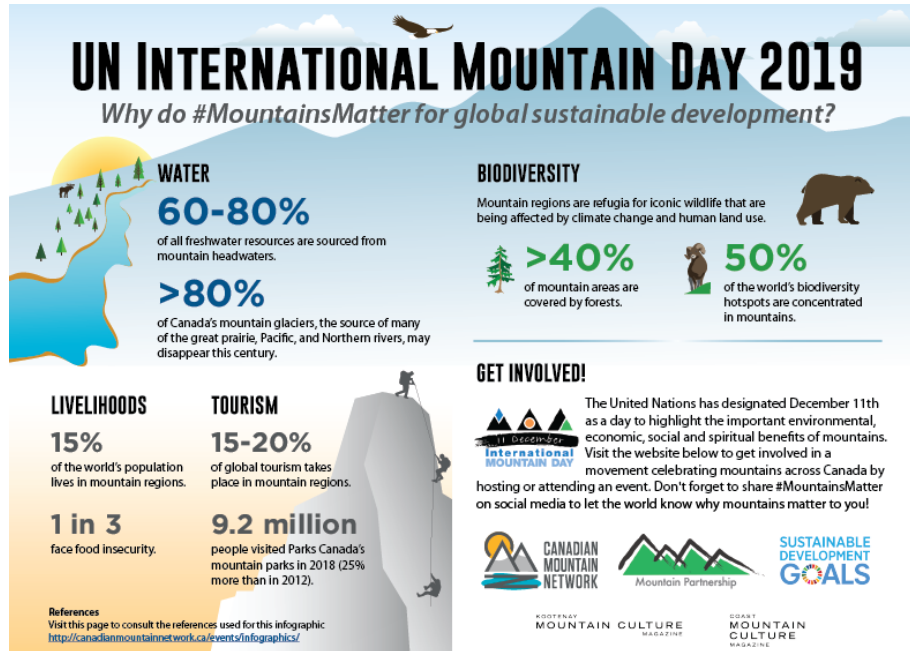
- ❖ This mission is a slum land titling project executed for the benefit of millions of urban-poor people living in slums.
- ❖ The award was given by the World Habitat, a UK (United Kingdom) based organization which gives the award annually to recognize innovative housing projects around the world.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Mountain Day – December 11

- ❖ This day is celebrated since 2003.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness and focus on the importance of Mountains' inhabitants, ecosystem and the environment.
- ❖ The theme of this year is "Mountains Matter for Youth".
- ❖ UN declared 2002 as the UN International Year of Mountains.
- ❖ As per the United Nations, mountains are home to 15 per cent of the world's population and a quarter of the world's animals and plants.



UNICEF – creation day – December 11

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly created United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on December 11, 1946.
- ❖ In 1953, UNICEF became a permanent part of the United Nations System.
- ❖ It provides humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing country.
- ❖ It is headquartered in New York City.
- ❖ It is one of the members of the United Nations Development Group and its Executive Committee.

