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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Second National Judicial Pay Commission has filed the Report covering the subject of Pay, Pension and Allowances, in the Registry of the Supreme Court.
 - It was headed by Justice (Retd) J P.Venkatrama Reddi, former Judge of Supreme Court.
- ❖ WHO launched global research forum to mobilize international action in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

NATIONAL

Transfer of Technology Ceremony – DefExpo

- ❖ The transfer of technology ceremony was held at DefExpo 2020 in Lucknow.
- ❖ The ceremony was named Bandhan.
- ❖ According to the agreement, the organization transferred 15 licenses to 17 industries.
- ❖ The licenses transferred were all on technologies developed by DRDO.
- ❖ The transfer of technologies will boost greatly to the development of Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor.
- ❖ The 11th edition of DefExpo 2020 being held at Lucknow is the largest of all the defence exhibition held so far.

Digital payment index

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India announced that it will create a Digital Payment Index by July 2020.
- ❖ The main aim of the index creation is to capture the extent of digitization of monetary payments in the country.
- ❖ In order to monitor the digital payments, the Central Bank is to release Digital Payment Index.
- ❖ RBI has planned to introduce classification in the index.
- ❖ The classification will include rural, urban and semi-urban geographies.



Supreme Court on reservation rights

- ❖ The Supreme Court (SC) has recently ruled that the states are not bound to provide reservation in appointments and promotions.
- ❖ SC also ruled that there is no fundamental right to reservation in promotions.
- ❖ Articles 16 (4) and 16 (4-A) of the Constitution only empowers the State to make a reservation in matters of appointment and promotion in favour of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
- ❖ The judgement also noted that even the courts could not issue a mandamus directing the States to provide reservation.

Background

- ❖ The apex court said this while dealing with pleas regarding Uttarakhand government's September 5, 2012 decision.
- ❖ Uttarakhand government has announced to fill up all posts in public services in the state without providing reservations to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Indra Sawhney vs Union of India and M Nagraj case (1992):

- ❖ In its landmark decision Supreme Court had held that reservations under Article 16(4) could only be provided at the time of entry into government service but not in matters of promotion.

Exercise Ajeya Warrior-2020

- ❖ The fifth edition of Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 will be conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom.
- ❖ Exercise Ajeya warrior is a joint military exercise between India and the UK.
- ❖ It was held for the first time in 2013.
- ❖ Its aim is to conduct company level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorists operation in Urban and Semi Urban areas.
- ❖ Other exercises between India and UK are,
 - Exercise Konkan: It is an annual maritime bilateral exercise.
 - Exercise Indradhanush: It is a joint bilateral air exercise.

INTERNATIONAL



Travel to Midnight Zone

- ❖ A team of scientists is preparing to dive deep into the depths of the Indian Ocean into a “Midnight Zone”.
- ❖ Light barely reaches Midnight zone. But life still thrives.
- ❖ The five-week expedition is targeting seamounts — vast underwater mountains that rise thousands of meters from the sea floor.

Ciara Storm

- ❖ It is a major storm hit northern Europe, disrupting travel and public events in the region.
- ❖ The storm, named ‘Ciara’ in the UK, is expected to hit Ireland, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Germany.
- ❖ In Germany, it is being referred to as ‘Sabine’.
- ❖ The storm has two names because there isn’t yet a pan-European system in place for labeling weather systems.

ENVIRONMENT

Pangolin - the host of Corona Virus

- ❖ Pangolin was identified as the host of the Corona virus by the researchers of China.
- ❖ According to them, the outbreak that killed around 636 people in China has started from a market in Wuhan city through Pangolin.
- ❖ The Genome sequence of the corona virus separated from Pangolin was 99% identical to those of the virus stains obtained from infected persons.

Pangolin

- ❖ Pangolin is used in medicines in China.
- ❖ It is the only scaly mammal on the planet.
- ❖ The most trafficked mammal of Asia.
- ❖ The investigations suspect that the virus has entered China through Pangolin trade.
- ❖ Chinese pangolin has been listed as “critically endangered” by International Union for Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) Red List.
- ❖ Indian pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) has been listed as “endangered” in IUCN Red List.

STATES

First Disha Police Station

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh state government is preparing to implement the Disha Bill after getting the nod of the President.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated the first Disha Police Station.
- ❖ The police stations are first of their kind in the state and will deal with crimes against women.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Government is to inaugurate 18 Disha Police Stations by the end of February 2020.
- ❖ The stations are established under Disha act, 2019.
- ❖ In December 2019, the Andhra Pradesh Government passed the Disha Bill, 2019.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

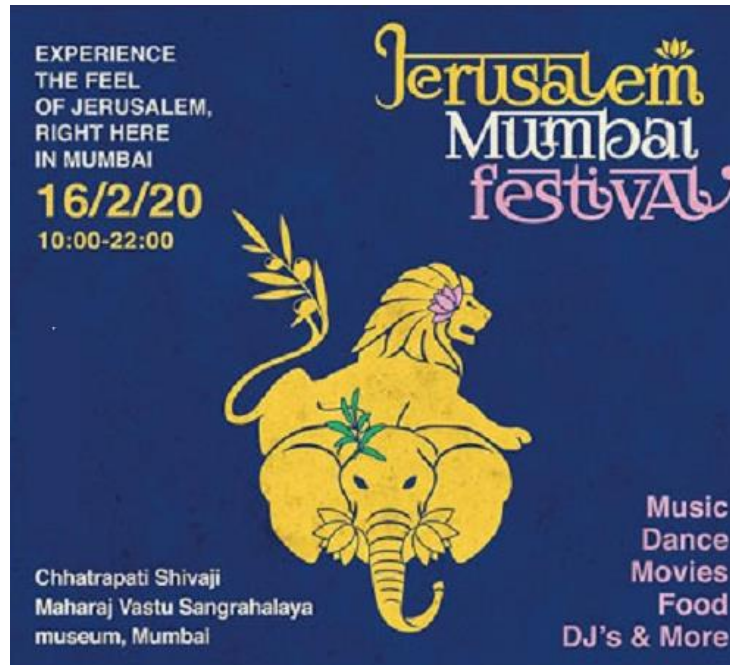
HK Firodia Memorial awards

- ❖ HK Firodia Awards for Excellence in Science & Technology are given to any Indian Scientist.
- ❖ The excellence may relate to any field of Scientific endeavor from Agriculture, Engineering, Medical Sciences to Space and Environmental Sciences.
- ❖ HK Firodia Memorial awardees are
 - K Sivan - chairperson of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and
 - Shekhar Mande - Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ❖ Sivan was presented with the Vijnan Ratna award while Mande received the Vijnan Bhushan award.
- ❖ As a senior molecular biologist, Mande has worked extensively on tuberculosis.



Jerusalem-Mumbai festival

- ❖ 'Jerusalem-Mumbai Festival' is set to be hosted by India, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The festival is celebrated to promote the ties between India and Israel.
- ❖ This festival comprises of several art and cultural events to showcase the tradition of both countries.



SPORTS

Under 19 - Bangladesh win

- ❖ The Cricket team of Bangladesh has clinched its maiden Under-19 World Cup title, in this year's ICC World cup cricket tournament.
- ❖ This tournament was held at Potchefstroom, South Africa.
- ❖ They beat the Indian team led by Priyam Garg.






IMPORTANT DAYS

National Deworming day – February 10

- ❖ Every year National Deworming Day is observed twice on February 10th and August 10th.
- ❖ The event is observed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❖ The implementing agency under the ministry is National Health Mission.
- ❖ Objective of the day is to reduce the prevalence of Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) commonly called the parasitic intestinal worms among all children and adolescents.
- ❖ The worms mainly spread from the faeces of people who defecate in open.
- ❖ On the Deworming Day, the deworming tablet Albendazole is administered to children.
- ❖ The event is being observed twice a day since 2015.



NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY

February 10, 2020

Know your program

1

National Deworming Day aims to deworm all preschool and school-age children between the ages of 1-19 years at *anganwadis* and schools.



2

To combat parasitic worm infections, all children will be dewormed using the effective and risk-free chewable tablets.

3

Albendazole is a universally accepted treatment for worm infections.

AGE

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| 1-2 years | 2-19 years |
|  DOSAGE HALF <small>Albendazole 400mg</small> |  DOSAGE FULL <small>Albendazole 800mg</small> |

Children and adolescents who could not be dewormed on National Deworming Day due to sickness or absenteeism will be dewormed on February 17, 2020 mop-up day.

For more information on National Deworming Day contact ANM/ASHA/Anganwadi worker/Teacher

