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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Punjab Chief Minister Amrendra Singh launched a scheme to provide free sanitary pads to high school and college girls.
 - Also, he launched the Basera program to give property rights to slum dwellers.
- ❖ After Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh states, Telangana has become the third state to successfully undertaken the urban local body reforms stipulated by the Ministry of Finance.
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recently chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the scheme to boost the industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir.
 - It has allocated 28,400 crores of Rupees for that scheme.
- ❖ In a first of its kind initiative to promote education of the girl child, the Assam State Government has said every school-going girl student will get Rs 100 per day for attending classes.
- ❖ According to a new German law, the Listed companies with four executives or more must appoint at least one woman to their boards.
 - It was proposed after voluntary efforts failed to close a gender gap at Germany.
- ❖ India's head coach Ravi Shastri launched a book 'India's 71-year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia'.
 - The book reflects on India's first 12 tours to Australia – from 1947/48.
- ❖ Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank (SMCB) becomes first urban co-operative bank to transition to Small Finance Bank.
 - It currently operates in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The Tripura state cabinet has decided to provide government jobs to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in political violence till March 2018.
- ❖ The Defence Ministry of India has launched the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO).

NATIONAL

Bureau of Indian Standards

- ❖ It celebrates its foundation day on 6th January 2021.

- ❖ It is the National Standard Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- ❖ The Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 made the BIS a National Standards Body.



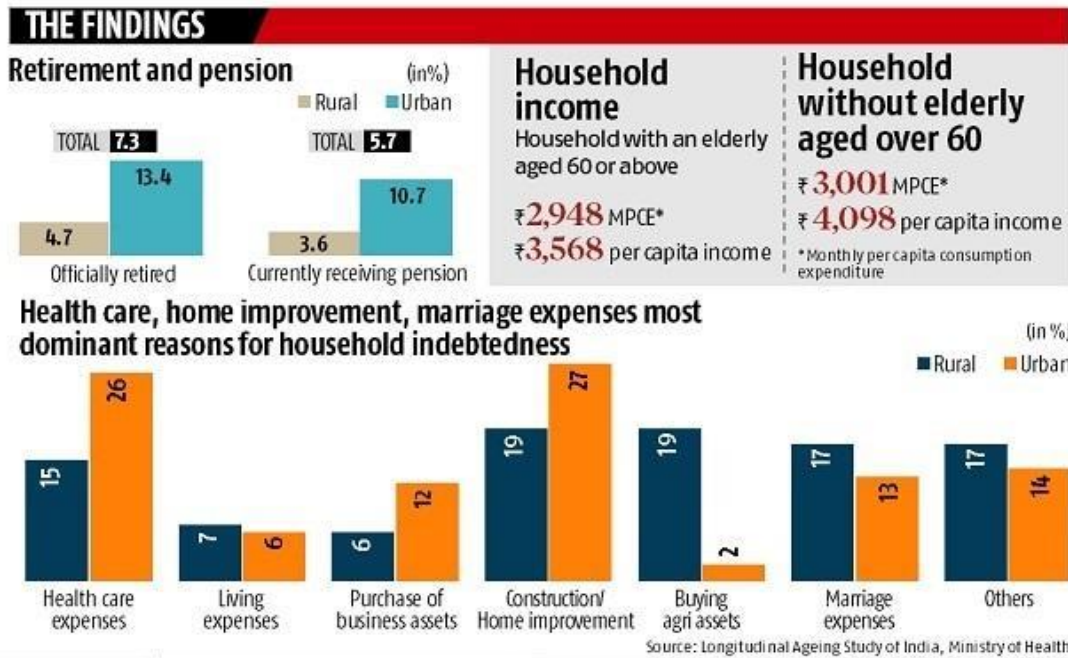
Longitudinal Ageing Study of India

- ❖ The Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan released the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI).
- ❖ It is a full-scale National survey of scientific investigation of economic, health and social determinants and consequences of population ageing in India.
- ❖ This report will provide a base for national and state level programmes and policies for elderly population.
- ❖ It has been undertaken by the National Programme for Health Care of Elderly, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❖ The report was prepared by the International Institute for Population Sciences, (IIPS), Mumbai
- ❖ It is India's first and the world's largest-ever survey for designing policies and programmes for the old age people.
- ❖ It covers all States and Union Territories (UTs) of India (excluding Sikkim).

Key Findings

- ❖ There will be over 319 million elderly by 2050, threefold the number identified by the Census in 2011.

- ❖ While 75% of them suffer from one or the other chronic disease, 40% have one or the other disability and 20% have issues related to mental health.



EDUCON 2020

- ❖ The union Education Minister Ramesh pokhriyal nishank inaugurated at today virtual International Akhand conference EDUCON 2020.
- ❖ Theme of this conference is envisioning education for transforming youth to restore global peace.
- ❖ The conference is organised by Central University of Punjab and global Educational Research Association.

16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)

- ❖ It is organized on 9th January 2021 by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ❖ The theme of this year is “Contributing to Aatma nirbhar Bharat”.
- ❖ The event also featured the keynote address by the Chief Guest President of Suriname, Chandrikapersad Santokhi.
- ❖ It is celebrated on 9th January to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.
- ❖ It was on this day in 1915 that Gandhi returned to India from South Africa.
- ❖ PBD conventions were held every year since 2003.

- ❖ Since 2015, its format has been revised to celebrate the PBD once every two years.

◆ PBD Convention is an important platform **to engage & connect with the overseas Indians**

◆ The theme of this year's convention is **"Contributing to AatmaNirbhar Bharat"**

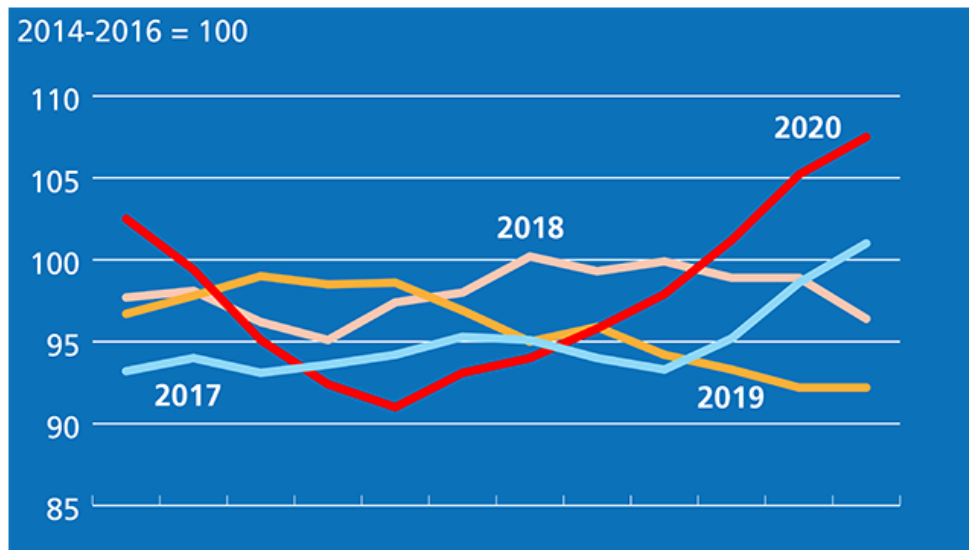
The Inaugural session will be followed by the two Plenary sessions :

◆ Plenary on Role of Diaspora in **AatmaNirbhar Bharat**

◆ Plenary on Facing Post Covid Challenges - **Scenario in Health, Economy, Social & International Relations**

INTERNATIONAL

Food Price Index

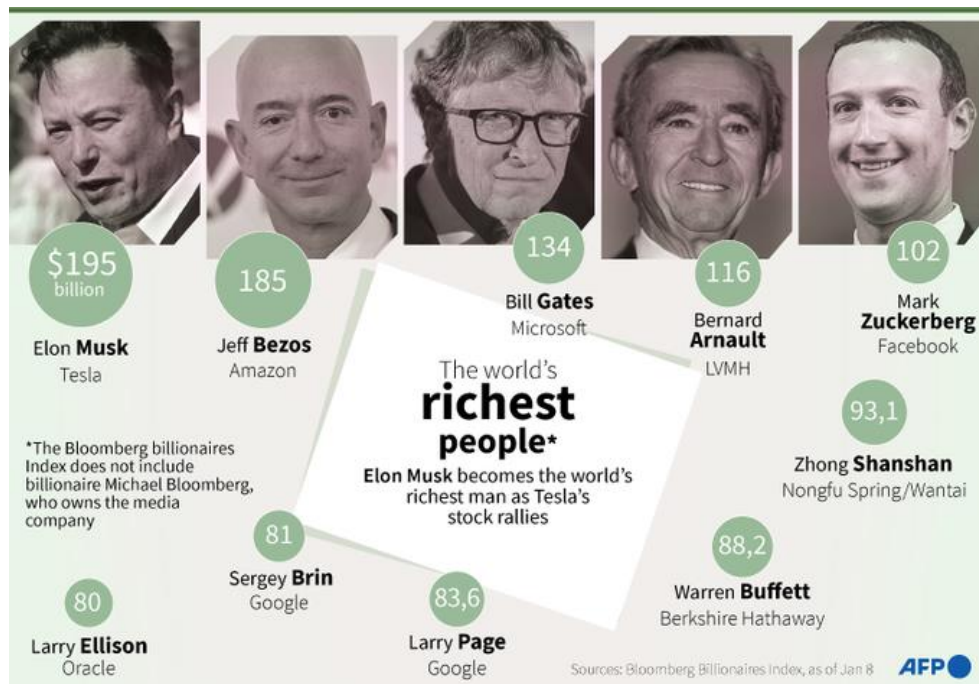


- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization recently released the Food Price Index.
- ❖ It rose in December 2020 for the seventh month in a row.
- ❖ It measures monthly changes in international prices of cereals, dairy products, oilseeds, meat and sugar.

- ❖ For the year of 2020, the food price index was 97.9 point.
- ❖ This is a three-year high and 3.1 % increase as compared to that of 2019.
- ❖ The historical peak of the food price index occurred in 2011.

Bloomberg Billionaires Index

- ❖ It ranks the world's 500 wealthiest people.
- ❖ Elon Musk has become the world's richest person, surpassing Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.
- ❖ Elon Musk is the CEO of SpaceX and Tesla.



UNSC's Counter-Terrorism Committee

- ❖ India has been asked to chair 3 major bodies of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- ❖ India is to chair this Counter Terrorism Committee in 2022.
- ❖ This committee was formed in September 2001 after the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre in New York, United States.
- ❖ India had last chaired this committee in 2011-12.
- ❖ India is also to chair the Taliban Sanctions Committee and Libya Sanctions committee.

ECONOMY

Legal Entity Identifiers

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India informed that the legal entity identifiers will be mandatory for all the fund transfers worth Rs. 50 crores and above.
- ❖ It is a 20-digit number that will be used to uniquely identify the parties involved in financial transactions all over the world.
- ❖ It will help banks and regulators in tracking large value transactions more closely.

