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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Social media firm Twitter has permanently suspended US President Donald Trump's account.
- ❖ The North Korean leader Kim Jong-un recently called the United States the "biggest enemy" of his country.
- ❖ The Justice Hima Kohli was sworn in as the first female chief Justice of the High Court of Telangana.
- ❖ The fashion designer Satya Paul passed away at the age of 79.
  - He launched the first saree boutique in India L'Affaire.
- ❖ Punjab dedicates the month of January to girl child as 'Dheeyan Di Lohri' scheme.
  - Lohri is the harvest festival of north India celebrated annually on January 13.

## NATIONAL

### **Jammu & Kashmir cadre officers with AGMUT**

- ❖ The central government has merged the Jammu & Kashmir cadre for all India Services with that of AGMUT - Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territory.
- ❖ It was done through an ordinance for the amendment of the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019.
- ❖ This move will allow the officers posted in these UTs and states to work in Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ The all-India Services include IPS, IAS, and IFoS officers.

### **Citizen-centric reforms**

- ❖ The Centre has given additional financial assistance of Rs 1,004 crore to Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

- ❖ It is given under the newly launched Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.
- ❖ Both the states completed three out of the four citizen-centric reforms.
- ❖ They have completed the One Nation, One Ration Card Reforms, Ease of Doing Business Reforms, and Urban Local Bodies Reforms.
- ❖ The 4th reform is Utility Reform and Power Sector Reform.



### **NCAVES India Forum 2021**

- ❖ NCAVES means Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of the Ecosystem Services
- ❖ It is being organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- ❖ India is one of the five countries taking part in this project.
- ❖ The other countries are Brazil, China, South Africa and Mexico.
- ❖ The project is funded by the European Union.

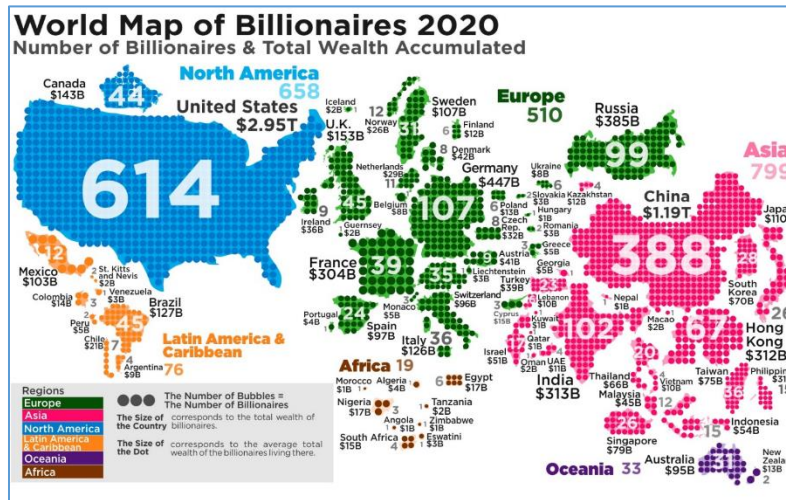


## INTERNATIONAL

### South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)

- ❖ It has been set up under the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ❖ It will be headed by former Union Power Secretary Ram Vinay Shahi.
- ❖ It is to build a South Asia-focused energy security architecture.

### Richest person in the world 2020



- ❖ As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Elon Musk of the USA becomes the richest person in the world surpassing Jeff Bezos of the USA.
- ❖ As of 2020, the USA is the home to the highest numbers of billionaires worldwide (614).

- ❖ It is followed by China (389), Germany (107) and India (102), as per Forbes.

### **South Asia multilateral meet**

- ❖ China has held its third multilateral dialogue with countries from South Asia.
- ❖ It has brought together every country in the region barring India, Bhutan and the Maldives.
- ❖ All three dialogues have been attended by Pakistan and Nepal.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **IN Domain**

- ❖ The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) announced that it will offer a free IDN (Internationalized Domain Name) in any of their preferred 22 official Indian language.
- ❖ It will be available along with every IN domain booked by the registrant.
- ❖ This offer has been created to stimulate the adoption of IDN domain name and proliferation of local language content.
- ❖ National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is a not-for-profit organization
- ❖ It is working since 2003 for spreading the internet technology to the citizens of India.

#### **What is Domain Name:**

- A domain name is a **Web address**, such as **google.com**, that is linked to an IP address (which represents a physical point on the Internet). When someone types a domain name google.com into a Web browser, the requested Web page displays.
- **Domain Name** is an **identification string** controlling the realm on internet
- Ex:- **.com , .net , .edu , .org etc.**



## ENVIRONMENT

### Asian Waterbird Census

- ❖ The two-day Asian Waterbird Census-2020 commenced in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ It is an annual event started in the year 1987.
- ❖ Its main focus is to monitor the status of waterbirds and the wetlands.
- ❖ It is annually coordinated by the Bombay Natural history Society (BNHS) and Wetlands International.

### Caracal



- ❖ It is a medium size wild cat found in parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- ❖ It has been included into the list of critically endangered species by the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL).
- ❖ The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is the apex body in India for all wildlife-related matters.
- ❖ Constituted in 2003, it is chaired by the Prime Minister.
- ❖ The Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

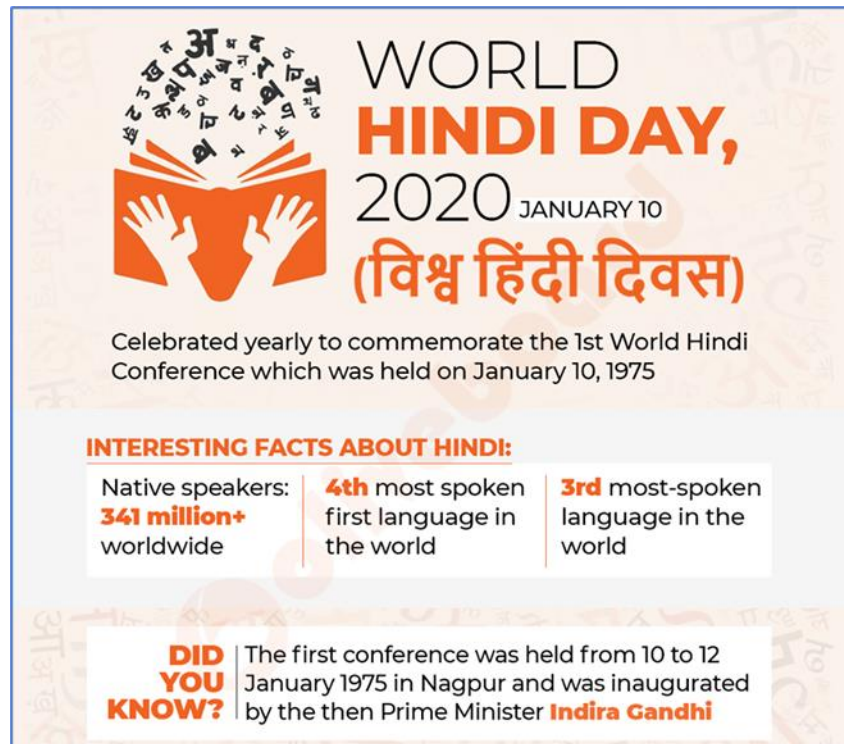
- ❖ It is a statutory body constituted under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (WLPA).
- ❖ It approves projects (including government projects) in and around the protected areas such as national parks and wildlife sanctuaries etc.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Marathi Journalism day – January 6

- ❖ On 6th January 1832, Balshastri Jambhekar started the first newspaper 'Darpan'.
- ❖ It was also the first Marathi News Paper.
- ❖ Jambhekar is known as Father of Marathi journalism.
- ❖ He was also born on January 6 in 1812 at the Konkan region of Maharashtra state.

### World Hindi Day – January 10



**WORLD HINDI DAY, 2020** JANUARY 10  
(विश्व हिंदी दिवस)

Celebrated yearly to commemorate the 1st World Hindi Conference which was held on January 10, 1975

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HINDI:**

Native speakers: <b>341 million+</b> worldwide	<b>4th</b> most spoken first language in the world	<b>3rd</b> most-spoken language in the world
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**DID YOU KNOW?** | The first conference was held from 10 to 12 January 1975 in Nagpur and was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi**

- ❖ The first World Hindi Day was first celebrated in 2006 by former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.
- ❖ It is to mark the anniversary of world's first Hindi conference.
- ❖ That was organised by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on this day in 1975.
- ❖ Hindi is derived from Sanskrit and written in Devnagari script.
- ❖ Hindi is among the fourth most spoken languages of the world.
- ❖ Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14th September every year to honour the Hindi writers, thinkers and philosophers.
- ❖ It is observed to mark adaptation of Hindi written in Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union by the Constituent Assembly on September 14, 1949.

