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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India will provide 2 million doses of the 'Covishield' vaccine to Bangladesh as a gift.
 - The Covishield vaccine is locally manufactured by the Serum Institute of India.
- ❖ The Nepali Mountain climbers are the first to climb the world's second highest mountain K2 in winter.
- ❖ The Mountain is located in Gilgit-Baltistan side of Karakoram range.
- ❖ A bird festival is to be organised at Mahananda wildlife Sanctuary in West Bengal.
 - The festival is first of its kind in West Bengal.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Rs 1,000-crore 'Startup India Seed Fund'.
 - It was announced at the 'Prarambh: Startup India International Summit' 2021.

NATIONAL

India's first 'Labour Movement Museum'

- ❖ India's first Labour Movement Museum would be launched in Alappuzha, Kerala.
- ❖ It will showcase the history of world labour movement.

Republic Day parade, 2021

- ❖ The Republic Day parade of 2021 will feature the newly acquired Rafale fighter jets.
- ❖ The Rafael Jets will be a part of the Ekalavya formation.
- ❖ The Ekalavya formation will include one Rafale jet, two MiG 29s and two Jaguars.



Central Adoption Resource Authority

- ❖ The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) recently celebrated its 6th annual day on January 15, 2021.
- ❖ It was granted the status of statutory body on this day under the Juvenile Justice act, 2015.
- ❖ It operates under the Ministry of Women and Child development.
- ❖ It acts as the nodal body for the adoption of Indian children.

Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)

- The **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)** is an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India and is responsible for both in-country and inter-country adoptions in India.
- Its objectives are to find an **affectionate and caring family** for every orphan/destitute/surrendered child in the country.
- It firstly ensures that **no Indian child is given for inter-country adoption** without him/her having been considered by Indian families residing in India.
- It also **provides financial assistance to various NGOs** and Government run Homes to promote quality child care to such children and place them in domestic adoption.

Shree Somnath Temple Trust

- ❖ PM Modi was named as next Chairman of this trust.
- ❖ He becomes the second PM to hold the post after the former Prime Minister Morarji Desai.
- ❖ The temple is in Gujarat.
- ❖ Somnath temple is also believed to be the first among the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.
- ❖ The present Somnath Temple was reconstructed and was completed in 1951 in the Style of Hindu Temple Architecture.
- ❖ The reconstruction of the temple was started on the orders of former Home Minister of India Vallabhbai Patel.

- Architectural Style : Chalukya Style of Temple Architecture or Kailash Mahameru Prasad
- Architect : Prabhaschandra
- Period : No specific period, as it was rebuilt 7 times.
- Reason for Construction : It stands as a dedication to Lord Someshwar.

Parakram Diwas

- ❖ The central government has decided to celebrate Netaji's birth anniversary on January 23rd every year as Parakram Diwas.
- ❖ This year is the 125th Birth Anniversary year of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- ❖ The honour of Netaji was conferred on Subash Chandra Bose in Germany, in early 1942 by the Indian soldiers of the Indian Legion and by the German and Indian officials in the Special Bureau for India in Berlin.

Subhas Chandra Bose was born on Jan 23, 1897

The honorable Netaji

"Give me blood & I will give you freedom"

"Freedom is not given. It is taken"

"You give me your blood & I will give Independence"

"One individual may die for an idea, but that idea will, after his death, incarnate itself in a thousand lives"

"Nationalism is inspired by the highest ideals of the human race, *satyam, shivam, sundaram*"





Winter mountaineering

- ❖ The Indian Mountaineering Foundation recently approved a three-member team of mountaineers led by Arjun Vajpai for winter climbing expedition to Mount Trishul.
- ❖ In India, the mountaineering expeditions are taken up only during pre-monsoon and post-monsoon period.
- ❖ For the first time, the Indian Mountaineering Foundation has approved the concept of winter mountaineering.
- ❖ Arjun Vajpai is the youngest Indian to climb Mount Everest at the age of 16 in 2010.
- ❖ Mount Trishul is located in the western Kumaon of Uttarakhand.

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

- ❖ The NDRF celebrated its 16th Raising Day on 18th January.
- ❖ It is a specialized multi-skilled, humanitarian force of the country.
- ❖ It was setup under the Disaster Management Act, 2005
- ❖ It came into existence on January 19th, 2006.
- ❖ It is under the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- ❖ The Chairman of the NDMA is the Prime Minister.
- ❖ The responsibility of managing disasters in India is that of the State Government.
- ❖ The 'Nodal Ministry' in the central government for management of natural disasters is the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

India 1st air taxi

- ❖ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the country's first small aircraft air taxi service.
- ❖ The air taxi service in its first phase will function from Chandigarh to Hisar.
- ❖ It will be operated under UDAN scheme of the central government.



Driverless metro

- ❖ The Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) unveiled 'Driverless Metro Car' for Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA).
- ❖ It is a defence public sector equipment manufacturer under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).



Gucchi mushroom

- ❖ A geographical indication (GI) tag has been sought for Guchoi mushroom, one of the costliest mushrooms in the world.

- ❖ It grows in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.



ENVIRONMENT

Adaptation Gap Report 2020

- ❖ It was released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ❖ The report informs national and international efforts to advance climate change adaptation.
- ❖ The report has found that the annual cost of adaptation to the effects of climate change for developing countries would quadruple by 2050.
- ❖ Adaptation Finance Gap is the difference between Adaptation Cost and Adaptation Finance.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Bhawana Kanth

- ❖ She becomes the first woman fighter pilot to participate in Republic Day parade 2021.
- ❖ She will be the part of the tableau of the Indian Air Force.
- ❖ In 2019, Bhawana Kanth became the first female fighter pilot of India to qualify to undertake combat missions.
- ❖ She received the Nari Shakti Puraskar from President of India Ramnath Kovind in March 2020.
- ❖ She was one among the first women fighter Pilots inducted in Indian Air Force in 2016.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Youth Festival

- ❖ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized a week-long National Youth Festival in the country commencing from the 12th of this month.
- ❖ Every year, the festival is being held to commemorate the birth anniversary of youth icon Swami Vivekananda.
- ❖ It began in 1995 as a major activity under the programme of National Integration Camp (NIC).
- ❖ In collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and the National Service Scheme (NSS), the Government of India conducts this programme every year.

