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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Weightlifter Seema, who won a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games 2017, has been banned for 4-years by National Anti-Doping Agency.
- ❖ Venkaiah Naidu has unveiled a book titled “The Renaissance Man-The Many Facets of Arun Jaitley”.
 - This book which describes about Arun Jaitley was compiled by Deepa Venkat and Muppavarapu Harshavardhan.
- ❖ Harjeet Kaur Joshi has been appointed as the full-time Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of privatization-bound Shipping Corporation of India.
 - By this appointment she became the 13th CMD and also the 1st ever woman CMD of SCI.
- ❖ Afghanistan spinner, Mujeeb Ur Rahman has broken Rashid Khan’s record of being the youngest bowler to reach the tally of 100 wickets in T20 cricket.
- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs has included Madagascar and Comoros in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Division.

NATIONAL

e-BCAS Project Training Module

- ❖ The Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the Biometric enabled Centralised Access Control System (CACCS) and ‘e-BCAS Project Training Module’ in New Delhi.
- ❖ These 2 projects were launched to enhance security and to improve ease of doing business at airports.
- ❖ CACS project aims to digitize the employee movement process at the airports.
- ❖ Through the e-BCAS Module, more than 1.5 lakh employees will be migrated from manual to digital platform.
- ❖ The project is envisaged to achieve “paperless office” under e-Governance initiative of Govt. of India.

80th session of the Indian History Congress (IHC)

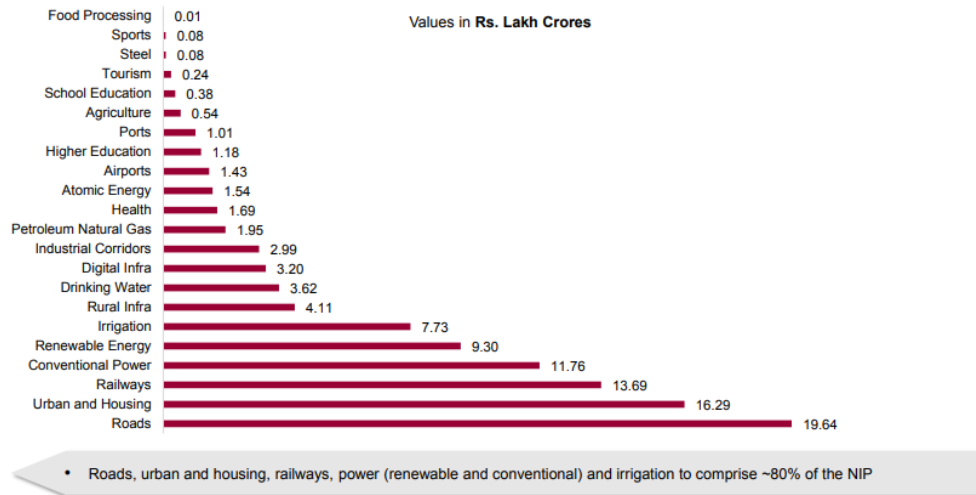
- ❖ The 80th session of the Indian History Congress (IHC) was held at Kannur, Kerala between 28th and 30th December 2019.

- ❖ IHC was founded in 1935.
- ❖ It is the largest association of professional historians in South Asia.
- ❖ The first session of IHC took place in Bharat Itihas Sanshodhak Mandal, Poona in 1935.
- ❖ The main objective of IHC is
 - To regulate the standard of works of history produced in India
 - To promote impartial and substantive history and
 - To commit to a fair and scientific history, devoid of bias and politics.
- ❖ The Bharata Itihasa Samshodhaka Mandala (BISM) was founded by Vishwanath Kashinath Rajwade in 1910 in Pune with the support of K C Mehendale.

National Infrastructure Pipeline

- ❖ The Government has released a report of the task force on National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) for 2019-2025.
- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has unveiled a ₹102 lakh crore national infrastructure pipeline project.
- ❖ The finance ministry had set up a task force headed by Economic Affairs Secretary to prepare a road map for this project from 2019-20 to 2024-25.
- ❖ During the fiscals 2020 to 2025, sectors such as Energy (24%), Roads (19%), Urban (16%), and Railways (13%) amount to around 70% of the projected capital expenditure in infrastructure in India.
- ❖ It has outlined plans to invest more than ₹102 lakh crore by the Centre, States and the private sector to share the capital expenditure in a 39:39:22 formula.

Sector-wise break-up of the NIP



ECONOMY

From January – MDR

- ❖ From January onwards, all companies with a turnover of Rs 50 crore or more need to provide the facility of payment through RuPay Debit card and UPI QR code to their customers.
- ❖ Based in this new announcement, Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) fee will not be charged from customers as well as merchants.
- ❖ MDR is a fee charged from a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from customers through credit and debit cards in their establishments.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Rohini 200 sounding rocket

- ❖ Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has successfully launched Rohini 200 sounding rocket from Thumba in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ❖ Under this mission, it aims to study changes in the earth's upper atmosphere during the eclipse.
- ❖ VSSC has also launched a 2nd RH 200 flight on the very next day.

Sounding rocket

- ❖ It is also known as research rocket.



- ❖ It is an instrument-carrying rocket designed to take measurements and perform scientific experiments during its sub-orbital flight.
- ❖ These rockets have been launched from Thumba since the 1960s.

STATES

ePAUTI App

- ❖ Odisha govt has launched an e-certificate portal and ePAUTI App.
- ❖ The e-certificate project is a part of 5T model of Governance by the revenue and disaster management department.
- ❖ Using this App, people can pay land revenue online with the help of their smartphones without visiting a government office.
- ❖ According to CM, no fees will be charged for the certificates specifying these services as the rights of the people.



Kerala - Anti-CAA Resolution

- ❖ Kerala has become the first state in India to pass a resolution demanding rollback of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019.
- ❖ According to the Kerala Government, the CAA Act contradicts secularism - the basic principles of Constitution.
- ❖ The Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 was passed in December 2019.
- ❖ The Act amended Citizenship act passed in 1955.

- ❖ It allows Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains, Christians and Parsi religious minorities to gain Indian citizenship.
- ❖ The issue around the Act is that it does not include Muslims.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dhanu Jatra festival

- ❖ Dhanu Jatra, the famous 11-day long open-air theatre festival begins at Bargarh in western Odisha.
- ❖ Jatra's drama is based on the story of Lord Krishna and his uncle Kansa.
- ❖ It is the world's longest open-air drama named in the Guinness book of records.
- ❖ To celebrate Indian's Independence and to symbolize the victory of good over evil this festival was celebrated from 1947-1948.
- ❖ Government of India gave the National Festival Status to Dhanu Jatra in November 2014.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Family Day – January 01

- ❖ Global Family Day is also known as One Day of Peace and Sharing.
- ❖ The celebration of this holiday begins in 2007 at the initiative of the American World Family Foundation with the support of the US Congress and the UN General Assembly.
- ❖ The Family Day recognizes that we are a part global family that ultimately makes up the human race.



Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti – January 02

- ❖ India celebrated the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh.
- ❖ He is considered to be the 10th Guru of Sikhs.
- ❖ He was born on January 5, 1666.
- ❖ Guru Gobind Singh founded Sikh Warrior community called Khalsa in 1699.
- ❖ He introduced five Ks in Sikhism.
- ❖ It is called the “Panj Kakar”, They are uncut hair (Kesh), an iron bracelet (kara), a wooden comb (Kangha), 100% cotton undergarment (Kachera) and iron dagger (Kirpan).
- ❖ In Sikhism, the holy text Dasam Granth is dedicated to Guru Gobind Singh.



MISCELLANEOUS

11th CEBR's report

- ❖ UK based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) released its 11th annual report titled 'World Economic League Table 2020' (WELT 2020).
- ❖ According to the report, India is expected to overtake Germany as the fourth-largest economy in the world by 2026.
- ❖ It also estimated that India will overtake Japan as the third-largest economy by 2034.
- ❖ The report estimated that India, Japan and Germany will battle for the 3rd position in the next 15 years.
- ❖ USA will remain as the world's largest economy throughout 2020s and may be overtaken by China in 2033.



TOP 10

The World's Biggest Economies for 2019 and 2020

