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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel launched the digital exhibition on Indian Heritage in New Delhi.
 - This digital exhibition is first of its kind in the country.
- ❖ The first session of India-Norway trade and investment dialogue was held in New Delhi.
 - It was the first meeting of the countries after they signed an agreement in 2019.

NATIONAL

Saksham

- ❖ The Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) operating under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched fuel conservation campaign.
- ❖ PCRA is a Government think tank that proposes strategies and policies on petroleum conservation and environment protection.
- ❖ This is to reduce the country's dependence on oil.

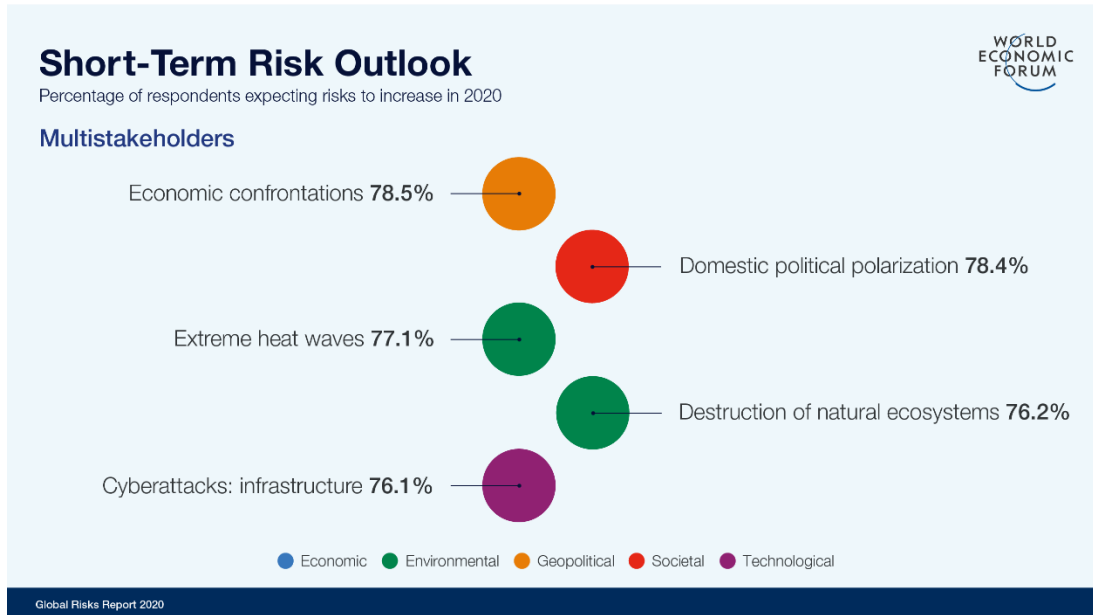
INTERNATIONAL

Global Risks Report

- ❖ The World Economic Forum released its Global Risks Report.

Top 5 Global Risks

- ❖ The Forum reported that Climate-related risks had the greatest likelihood of severe impacts.
- ❖ The other threats include geopolitical turbulence.
- ❖ The retreat from multilateralism has threatened the ability of the world to deal the global risks.



- ❖ The current economic stagflation according to the report will increase.
- ❖ This might even lead to increased social issues, protests, increased populists' movements.
- ❖ Though the Digital Technology is in its peak of evolution, the unequal access of the technology across the globe will increase.
- ❖ The social demographic, environmental and technological pressure on health systems is growing.

Global Health Challenges for 2020

- ❖ The World Health Organization releases list of Global Health Challenges of the forth coming year
- ❖ The list included 13 potential threats. The foremost threat was Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) and climate crisis.
- ❖ Climate change has increased malnutrition and is fueling the spread of infectious diseases such as malaria.
- ❖ The other threats that have topped the list includes influenza epidemic and spread of infectious diseases such as HIV, malaria and tuberculosis.
- ❖ A new entrant to the list of top 13 potential threats is Lack of Access.
- ❖ Shortage of health care workers is also the major global concern.
- ❖ Above of all unhealthy food diets is also major threat. Lack of food, unhealthy diets and unsafe food are responsible for one-third of global disease burden.

ECONOMY

Retail Inflation

- ❖ According to the data released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the food inflation increased to 14.12% in December 2019 as compared to 10.01% in November 2019.
- ❖ The CPI (consumer Price Index) rose to 7.35% as compared to 5.54% the previous month.
- ❖ The inflation was increase was mainly due to vegetables.
- ❖ For the first time, the inflation has breached RBI's target inflation of 4% ($\pm 2\%$).

ENVIRONMENT

Camel Culling

- ❖ Australia initiated culling of up to 10,000 camels, using sniper fire from helicopters.
- ❖ The exercise was taking place in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (called APY Lands) in South Australia state.



- ❖ Unless their breeding is controlled, the camel population doubles every 9 years.
- ❖ The animals also have a massive carbon footprint, each camel emitting methane equivalent to one tonne of carbondioxide a year.



STATES

Highest Inpatient Department care

- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir have registered the highest Inpatient Department (IPD) care in the country.
- ❖ The state-wise fact sheets were released by National Health Systems Resource Centre, New Delhi.
- ❖ According to the report overall all women in J&K are availing Antenatal Care (ANC) services.
- ❖ Also, 96 percent IPD care in rural areas of J&K is provided by Public Health Facilities which is highest against the country's average of 85 percent.
- ❖ In 2016, Jammu and Kashmir had surpassed Kerala as the state with the highest life expectancy in India for all ages, barring life expectancy at birth.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Armed Forces Veterans Day – January 14

- ❖ The day is being celebrated since 2017.
- ❖ Every year, January 14 is marked as Armed Forces Veteran Day as the Field Marshal KM Cariappa, the first Commander-in-chief of Indian Armed Forces retired on the day.
- ❖ The day was initially called Armistice Day.
- ❖ The Day began its journey as Armistice Day in order to reflect upon heroism of those who died in country's service.
- ❖ Unlike Memorial Day, on armistice day, the world pays tribute to living veterans who were part of the war.

About

- ❖ Armistice Day is celebrated on November 11 all over the world.
- ❖ It was commemorated on November 11 to mark the armistice that was signed between Allies of World war I and Germany.
- ❖ The first Armistice Day was celebrated on November 11, 1919 marking the anniversary of the end of World War I and celebrating the brave soldiers who were part of World War I.
- ❖ However, in India the day was first marked through a resolution passed by the Congress in 1926.



IMD Foundation Day – January 15

- ❖ The IMD (Indian Meteorological Department) under the Ministry of Earth Science celebrated its 145th Foundation Day.
- ❖ It is the principle agency that makes weather forecasts, meteorological observations and seismological observations.
- ❖ The headquarters of IMD is in Delhi.
- ❖ It operates observatory station in India and in Antarctica.
- ❖ The major IMD centres are located in Guwahati, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, New Delhi and Nagpur.
- ❖ IMD is one of the six regional specialised Meteorological centres of WMO.
- ❖ Around 5 observatories of IMD received recognition from World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- ❖ It includes Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram and Panjim.

72nd Indian Army Day – January 15

- ❖ It is observed in India, in recognition of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa's taking over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Butcher, the last British Commander-in-Chief of India.
- ❖ This year, Captain Tania Shergill from the Corp of Signals was leading an all men contingent on Army Day Parade at Delhi.
- ❖ It will be the very first time when the woman army officer will be seen leading the Army Day Parade.
- ❖ 'Digital Transformation of Defense' is the Indian Army Day 2020 Theme.
- ❖ The Indian Army was formed in 1776 by the East India Company in Kolkata.
- ❖ Later, the Indian Army was founded almost 125 years ago by the British on April 1, 1895.
- ❖ Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa became the first Indian Army Chief of Independent India on 15 January 1949.
- ❖ The motto of the Indian Army is 'service before self'.
- ❖ According to the Global Fire Power Index 2017, India's army is considered the world's fourth strongest army.
- ❖ America, Russia, and China have a better army than India.



31st National Road Safety Week 2020

- ❖ The 31st Road Safety Week was observed from 11th January to 17th January 2020.
- ❖ The theme for National Road Safety Week 2020 is: 'Bringing Change Through Youth'.
- ❖ The Road Safety Week observance is being initiated by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
- ❖ It is organised every year in January by the National Safety Council of India since 2011.
- ❖ On 15 March 2010, India's Union Cabinet approved the National Road Safety Policy based on the Sunder Committee's recommendation.
- ❖ In 2015, India became a signatory of the Brasilia Declaration, committing to reduce its road deaths rate by 50 per cent by 2020.



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