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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Three States namely Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura celebrated their Statehood Days on January 21, 2020.
  - On this day in 1972, all the three states became full-fledged states under the North Eastern Region (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.
- ❖ The realty developer DLF, backed by Singapore's sovereign fund GIC, will develop an IT park in Taramani, Chennai.
  - With this, Chennai will become DLF's second largest market after Gurugram.

## NATIONAL

### National Media Award

- ❖ N. Ram, chairman of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited, has been selected as the outstanding media person in a national award.
- ❖ It is instituted by Kerala Media Academy of the Government of Kerala.
- ❖ The award instituted for fearless and brilliant journalistic work at a national level.

## INTERNATIONAL

### BREXIT

- ❖ The UK Parliament ratified the Brexit law on January 22, 2020, finally approving the terms of Britain's historic departure from the 28 member European Union on January 31.
- ❖ Queen Elizabeth II gave her royal assent to the Brexit law on January 23, 2020, paving the way for Britain's smooth exit from the European Union.
- ❖ The nation will become the first-ever to leave the major bloc.
- ❖ The people of Britain had voted to leave the European Union in a historic referendum on June 24, 2016.

### Time to Care Report

- ❖ A report titled "Time to Care" has been released by Oxfam International.
- ❖ The report focuses on global inequalities and alleviation of global poverty.

- ❖ The report suggested steps for inclusive development by taking gender inequalities measures.
- ❖ In 2019, there were a total of 2,153 billionaires in the world, all combine having more wealth than about 60 percent of the global population (4.6 billion people).
- ❖ World's richest 1% have more than twice as much wealth as 6.9 billion people.
- ❖ As per the report, it would take a female domestic worker 22,277 years to earn what a top CEO of a technology company makes in one year.
- ❖ It also revealed a comparison that the total wealth of 63 Indian billionaires is higher than the total Union Budget of India for the fiscal year 2018-19
- ❖ India's richest 1 per cent hold more than four-times the wealth held by 953 million people who make up for the bottom 70 per cent of the country's population.



## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

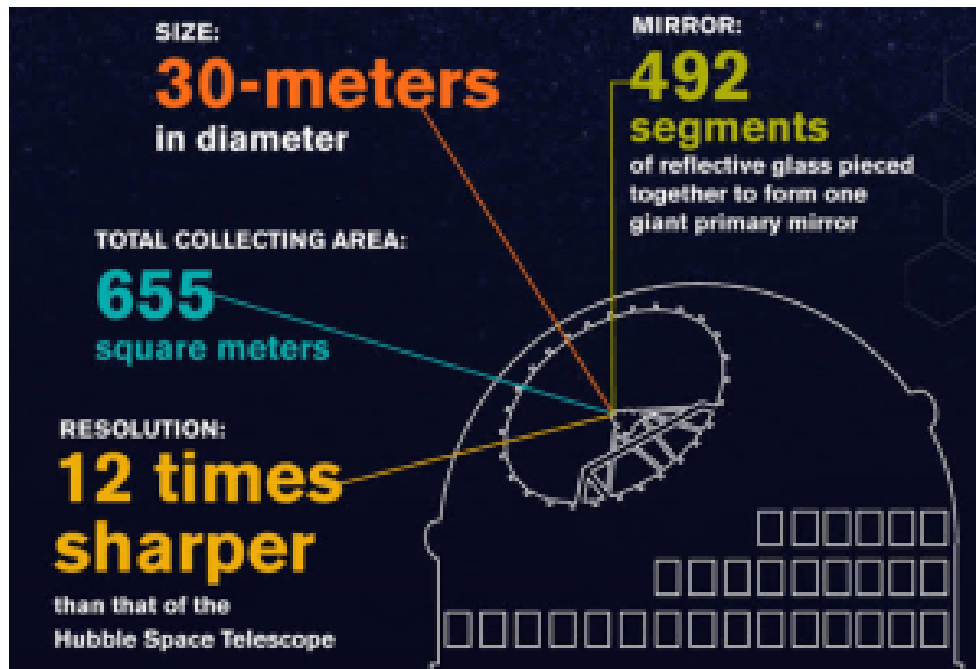
### **Thirty-Metre Telescope**

- ❖ India Wants Thirty-Metre Telescope Shifted Out of Hawaii of USA.
- ❖ India has committed 10% of the project's resources, a sum of about Rs 1,423 crore.
- ❖ Once it is built, the Thirty-Meter Telescope (TMT) will become one of the world's largest general-purpose observatories and one of the largest visible-light telescopes.

- ❖ It will allow astronomers to study the outer reaches of the universe and study distant stars and exoplanets than much greater detail than is currently possible.
- ❖ TMT has been proposed atop the dormant Mauna Kea volcano in Hawaii.
- ❖ The Volcano is also a sacred location for the island's native population.

#### About TMT

- ❖ The Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) is an astronomical observatory with an extremely large telescope (ELT).
- ❖ It is an international project being funded by scientific organisations of Canada, China, India, Japan and USA.
- ❖ The TMT is designed for near-ultraviolet to mid-infrared observations, featuring adaptive optics to assist in correcting image blur.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Most Polluted Cities in India

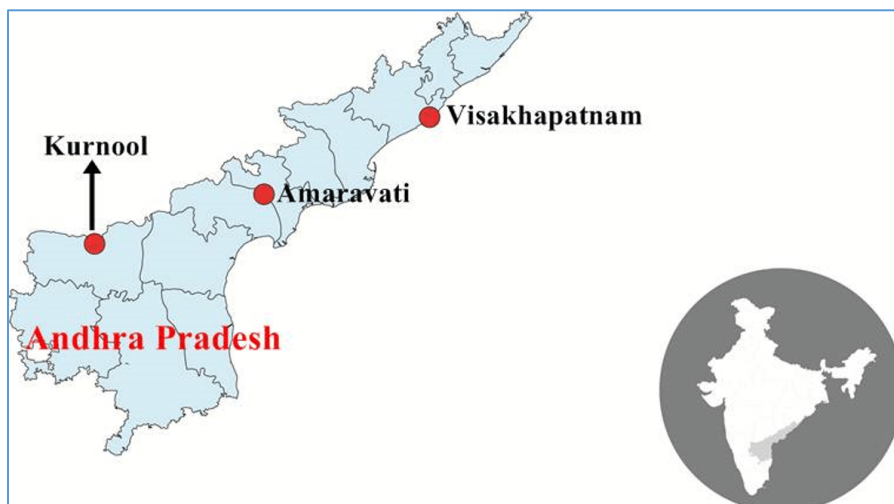
- ❖ Jharia, a city in Jharkhand is the most polluted city in India, which is followed by Dhanbad of the same state.
- ❖ Jharia and Dhanbad are twin cities in the coal mining belt of Jharkhand.
- ❖ The report also revealed that six of the country's ten most polluted cities are in the state of Uttar Pradesh (Noida, Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Allahabad, Firozabad, and Moradabad).

- ❖ Lunglei city of Mizoram is the least polluted city and it is the only city with Particulate matter (PM) levels under the World Health Organisation's (WHO) prescribed level.
- ❖ It was according to Greenpeace India's, an environmental non-governmental organization, fourth Airpocalypse report.
- ❖ In 2019, the central government launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) with 2017 as the base year.
- ❖ It is a five-year action plan with a target of reducing concentrations of PM-10 and PM-2.5 up to 30% by 2024 in 102 non-attainment cities.
- ❖ Greenpeace was founded in 1971 in Vancouver, Canada and is headquartered in the capital city of Netherlands, Amsterdam.
- ❖ In India, the organization's headquarter is in Bengaluru.

## STATES

### Andhra Pradesh – 3 Capital

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh assembly passed the Bill to establish three capitals.
- ❖ The state government plans to build three capitals--executive capital in Visakhapatnam, legislative capital in Amaravati and judicial capital in Kurnool.
- ❖ In 2014, when Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh, it was decided that Hyderabad would remain the joint capital of the two states (for a maximum of 10 years).
- ❖ During his chief ministership, Chandrababu Naidu pitched for making Amaravati the state capital.



### Other states in India



- ❖ Dehradun officially is Uttarakhand's "temporary capital" since November 2000.
- ❖ Gairsain is being considered as the future capital of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ One assembly session is held in Gairsain every year.
- ❖ Maharashtra has two capitals – Mumbai and Nagpur (which holds the winter session of the state assembly).
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh has capitals at Shimla and Dharamshala (winter).
- ❖ The former state of Jammu & Kashmir had Srinagar and Jammu (winter) as capitals.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2020**

- ❖ The Home Ministry announced the winners of Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2020.
- ❖ The award will be conferred to Uttarakhand's Disaster Mitigation & Management Centre in the institution category and Kumar Munnan Singh in the individual category.
- ❖ It is announced every year on January 23, on the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary.
- ❖ The award aims to recognise the excellent work done by individuals and institutions in India in the field of disaster management.
- ❖ Kumar Munnan Singh was appointed as a founder member of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in 2005 in recognition of his commendable work during the destructive 2004 Tsunami.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **National Girl Child Day - January 24**

- ❖ It was initiated by Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2008.
- ❖ The aim of the day is to spread awareness about inequalities faced by girls in the country.
- ❖ The international day of girl child is celebrated on October 11 every year.
- ❖ The Women and Child Development Department will be observing the National Girl Child Week during January 24-30, 2020.



## **International Day of Education – January 24**

- ❖ It was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 to honor education and its centrality to human well-being and sustainable development.
- ❖ The 2020 theme is 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace'.

### **About Education right**

- ❖ The right to education is enshrined in article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- ❖ The Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted in 1989, goes further to stipulate that countries shall make higher education accessible to all.
- ❖ Sustainable Development Goal 4 aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” by 2030.

