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NATIONAL

Centre amends Civil Services Pension Rules

- ❖ The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions informed that the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 are being amended.
- ❖ The newly amended Civil Services Pension Rules state that no retired official of security and intelligence organizations will publish material, including information about their experience and expertise gained in the organizations, without clearance from the head of the organization.
- ❖ In case of any failure to abide by the rules, their pension can be withheld or withdrawn in part or full.

Group for fixing minimum wages

- ❖ The Union Labour and Employment Ministry had set up an expert group for fixing minimum wages and national floor minimum wages.
- ❖ The group, set up for three years, would be chaired by Professor Ajit Mishra, director of the Institute of Economic Growth.
- ❖ The decision is part of the Centre's implementation of the Code on Wages, 2019.
- ❖ Code on Wages, 2019 mandates a statutory national level floor wage.

E-100 Ethanol Project

- ❖ PM Modi launched the E-100 Project.
- ❖ It was launched with the aim of setting up a network for production and distribution of ethanol in India.
- ❖ Prime Minister also launched 'Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025'.
- ❖ It was released in line with the theme of World Environment Day - "promotion of biofuels for a better environment".

Note

- ❖ PM Modi also launched a Pilot Project of E 100 ethanol dispensing stations at three locations in Pune.
- ❖ The government has reset the target to achieve 20 per cent ethanol blending in petrol by 2025.
- ❖ Earlier this target was to be met by 2030.

YounTab scheme

- ❖ Ladakh Lt Governor has launched the YounTab scheme for students in the Union Territory to encourage digital learning.
- ❖ It is an initiative of Department of School Education.
- ❖ Under the scheme, 12,300 tablets with pre-loaded online and offline content.
- ❖ It includes textbooks, video lectures and online class applications.
- ❖ It would be distributed to government school students from Class 6th to 12th.



Performance Grading Index

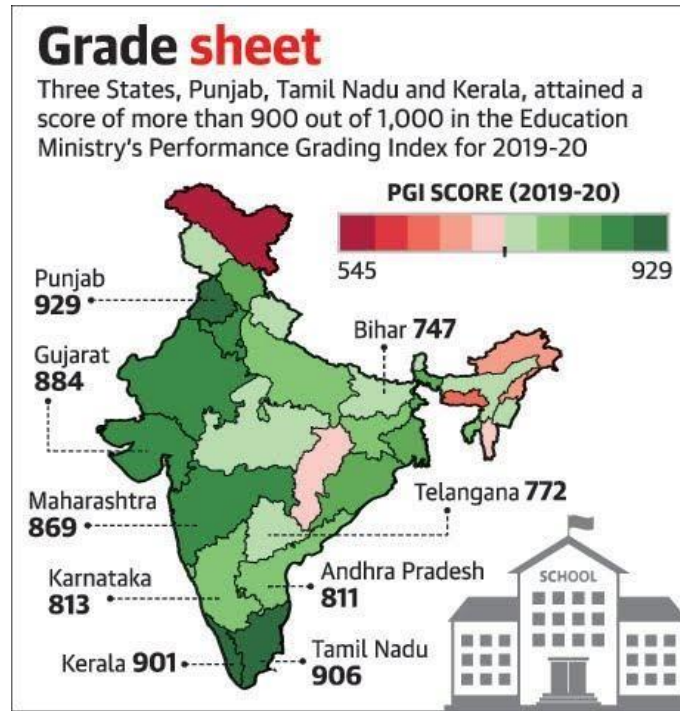
HOW THE REGION FARED						
The states and UTs were scored on 70 parameters under five main heads						
State (Rank)	Learning outcomes, quality (180)	Access (80)	Infra and facilities (150)	Equity (230)	Governance processes (360)	Total (1000)
Punjab (1)	126	79	150	228	346	929
Delhi (6)	124	77	149	224	324	898
Haryana (11)	134	75	131	217	305	862
HP (13)	140	77	131	220	271	839
J&K (26)	132	55	114	208	254	763

- ❖ The Ministry of Education has released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for 2019-20.
- ❖ PGI is a tool to grade all States and UTs on their performance across 70 indicators on school education.
- ❖ It was first published in 2019 with reference year 2017-18.

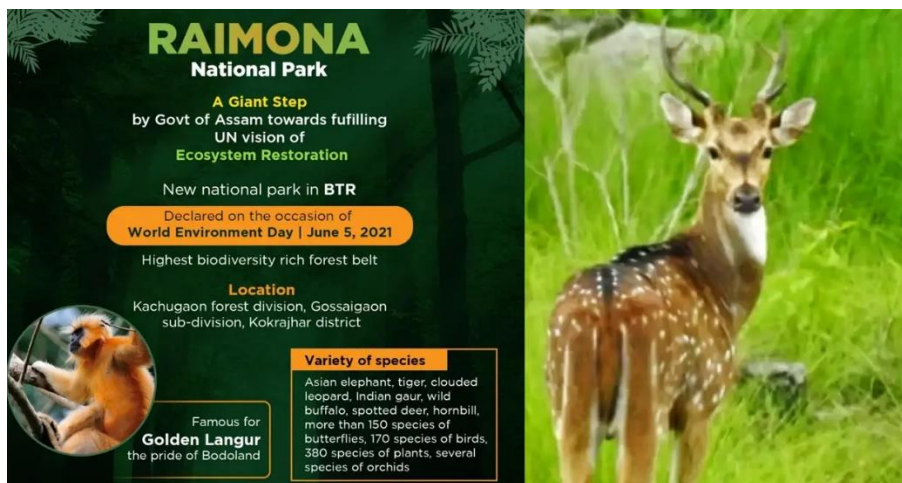
Findings

- ❖ Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Kerala occupy the highest-grade A++ in 2019-20.
- ❖ Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli are in the A+ category.

- ❖ Punjab has scored the maximum points for governance and management.
- ❖ Bihar and Meghalaya have scored the lowest in terms of infrastructure and facilities.



Raimona reserve forest



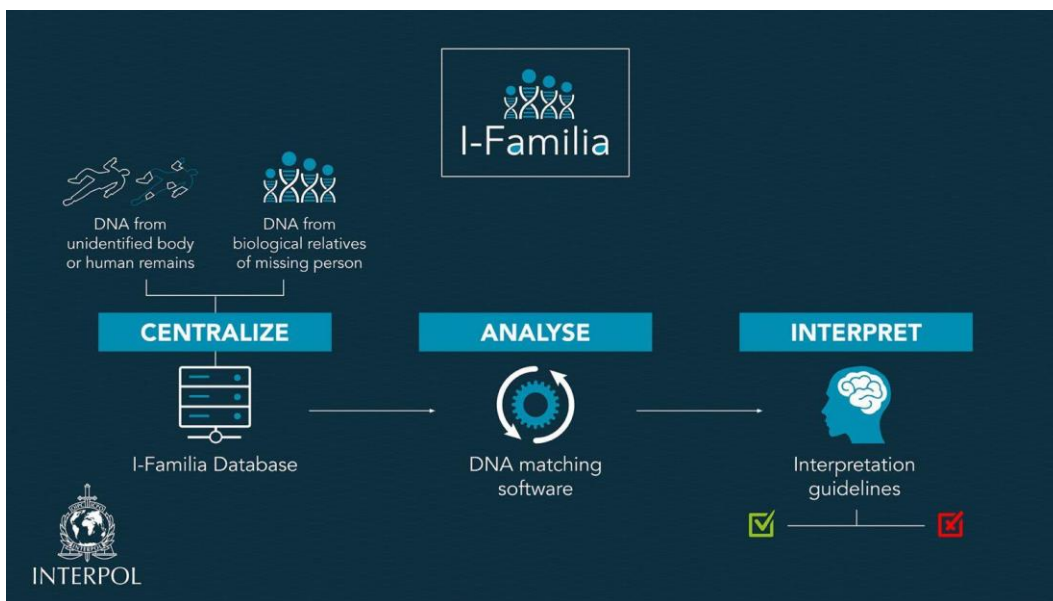
- ❖ Raimona reserve forest in Kokrajhar district has been upgraded to sixth national park of Assam.
- ❖ This forest comes under Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) across the border with Bhutan.

- ❖ Assam already has five national parks,
 - Kaziranga National Park
 - Manas National Park,
 - Nameri National Park,
 - Orang National Park and
 - Dibru-Saikhowa National Park.

INTERNATIONAL

I-Familia

- ❖ It is a Global database to identify missing persons.
- ❖ It is launched by Interpol.
- ❖ It can identify missing persons through family DNA.
- ❖ It also helps the police solve cold cases in member countries.



Tulsa Massacre

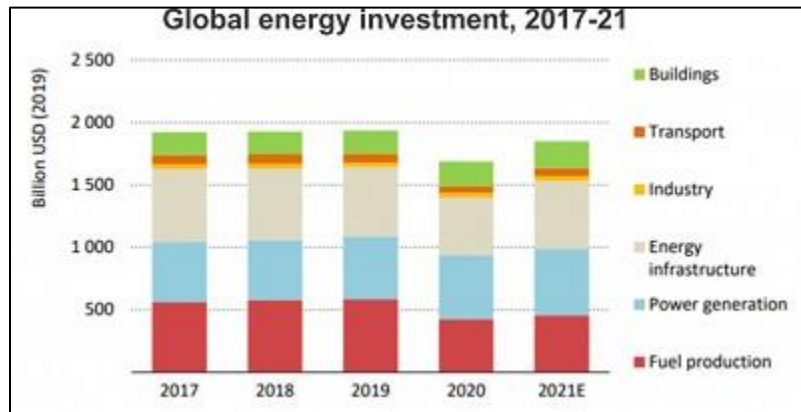
- ❖ U.S. President Joe Biden recently became the first sitting American head of state to officially recognise the 1921 Tulsa Massacre.
- ❖ It is one of the worst incidents of violent racial hate in the US' modern history.
- ❖ Tulsa was especially known for being an unofficial sanctuary city for African Americans.

- ❖ It was also called as the “Black Wall Street” of the U.S.

ECONOMY

World Energy Investment Report 2021

- ❖ The International Energy Agency (IEA) has released the World Energy Investment Report, 2021.
- ❖ According to this report, global energy investment is expected to rebound this year and increase 10% year-on-year to around \$1.9 trillion.
- ❖ Most of this investment will flow towards power and end-use sectors, shifting out of traditional fossil fuel production.
- ❖ The global energy demand is projected to rise 4.6% year-on-year in 2021, offsetting its contraction in 2020.
- ❖ Energy efficiency sector will see a 10% rise in investment, though the low fossil fuel price may act as a deterrent.



STATES

Kerala launches ‘Knowledge Economy Mission’

- ❖ The project will be launched to bring ongoing efforts of providing employment to educated people and support ‘knowledge workers’ under a single programme.
- ❖ It was being spearheaded by Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC).
- ❖ For implementation and funding purposes, a ‘knowledge economy fund’ will be created.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards

- ❖ Kerala-based Thomas Vijayan has won the 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards.
- ❖ This is for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree.
- ❖ The photograph is titled 'The World is Going Upside Down'.
- ❖ Vijayan was adjudged as the overall winner of the competition from over 8,000 entries.
- ❖ Nature TTL is the world's leading online nature photography resource.



IMPORTANT DAYS


BIMSTEC Day - June 06

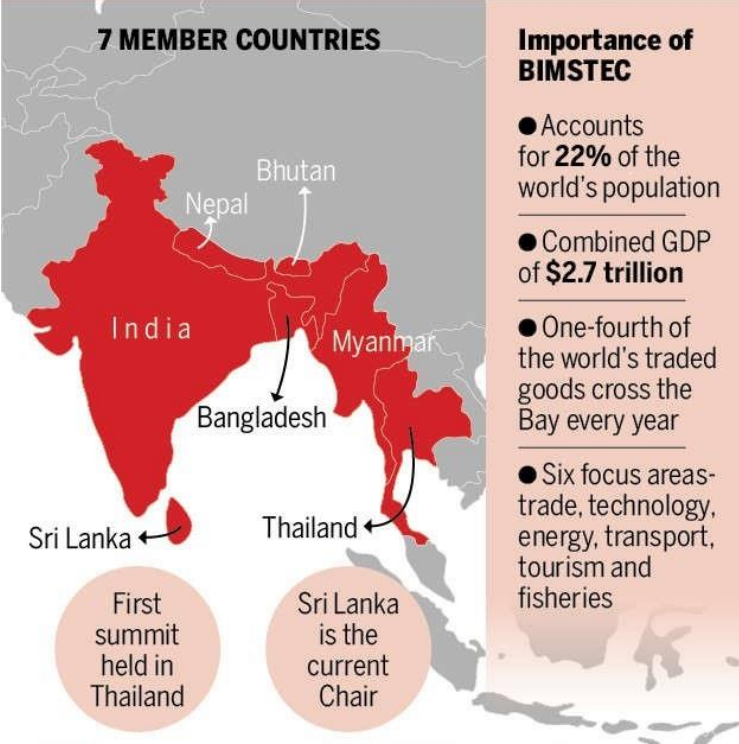
- ❖ Prime Minister extended his greetings on the occasion of 24th BIMSTEC Day on June 6, 2021.
- ❖ The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional multilateral organisation.
- ❖ It consists of seven South and South-East Asian countries.
- ❖ These countries are- India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Myanmar.

- ❖ Under India's Vaccine Maitri initiative, India sent the life-saving doses to BIMSTEC neighbours on priority.
- ❖ The supply has been sent to five BIMSTEC Nations - Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

BIMSTEC

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



<p>Stands for The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation</p>	<p>Founded in 1997 through Bangkok Declaration</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7 MEMBER COUNTRIES</p>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>First summit held in Thailand</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Sri Lanka is the current Chair</p> </div> </div>	<p>Importance of BIMSTEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accounts for 22% of the world's population ● Combined GDP of \$2.7 trillion ● One-fourth of the world's traded goods cross the Bay every year ● Six focus areas- trade, technology, energy, transport, tourism and fisheries

World Ocean Day - June 08

- ❖ This day is observed to raise global awareness about the importance of the ocean in our lives and the ways through which we can protect it.
- ❖ "The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods" is the theme for World Oceans Day 2021.
- ❖ The government of Canada had proposed the concept of World Ocean Day, at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.



MISCELLANEOUS

Times Higher Education Asia university rankings 2021

- ❖ IISc Bangalore, IIT Ropar and IIT Indore have secured ranks among the top 100 universities in Asia.
- ❖ IISc Bangalore ranked at 37th position.
- ❖ IIT Ropar is placed at 55th rank.
- ❖ IIT Indore at 78th rank among the top 100 universities.
- ❖ Tsinghua University, China has gained the first position in the Asia university rankings 2021.
- ❖ The second place is also secured by China's Peking University.

