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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ International Albinism Awareness Day is observed on 13th June every year.
  - The theme of this year is 'Made To Shine'.
- ❖ The International Labour Organization and the UNICEF have released a report on Child Labour.
  - The report has been released under the title of "COVID-19 and Child Labour: A Time of Crisis, A Time to Act".
- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organization has developed 'GermiKlean'.
  - It is a sanitising chamber that can be used to sanitise uniforms of security and police personnel.
- ❖ The National Institute of Space Research (INPE) announced that the increase in deforestation of Amazon forests has been the highest in 2019 as compared to last 5 years.
  - Deforestation in the region has increased after President Jair Bolsonaro took office in 2019.
- ❖ A list of countries such as New Zealand, Fiji, Montenegro, Tanzania, Vatican, Seychelles, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, St Kitts and Nevis have declared themselves as covid free.
  - The Punjab Government has launched "Ghar Ghar Nigrani" mobile application to undertake house to house surveillance to eliminate COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The Researchers of IIT Kharagpur have developed an Artificial Intelligence based cyber-physical system to monitor social distancing in public places.
- ❖ The Veteran Urdu poet Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar' Dehlvi recently passed away.
  - Gulzar was the editor of "Science ki Duniya", the only science magazine published in Urdu by the Government of India.
- ❖ The Government of Jammu and Kashmir recently launched the Poultry policy, 2020.
- ❖ The Chilean and Argentine researchers have unearthed teeth of a species called Magallanodon baikashkenk in the Patagonia region.
  - It is belonging to a mammal that lived 74 million years ago.

## **NATIONAL**

### **iFLOWS**

- ❖ iFLOWS is a flood warning system that alerts flood prone areas.
- ❖ It was launched in Mumbai.
- ❖ iFLOWS is Integrated Flood Warning System.



### **P K Mohanty Committee**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has constituted an internal working group to review guidelines of ownership of private sector banks.
- ❖ The group is to be headed by the Executive Director of RBI, P K Mohanty.
- ❖ It is to examine the regulations to hold financial subsidiaries through non-operative financial holding company.

### **DDMA**

- ❖ The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Anil Baijal has formed an Expert Advisory Committee to advise the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA).
- ❖ The Disaster Management Act, 2005 provides detailed legal frameworks of the disaster management authority at national, state and district levels.
- ❖ The State Disaster Management Authority is headed by the Chief Minister of the state.
- ❖ But in case of Delhi, the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi is the Chairperson of Delhi Disaster Management Authority and the CM of Delhi is the Vice-Chairperson of the authority.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Kathy Sullivan**

- ❖ The American Astronaut and Oceanographer Kathy Sullivan recently reached the deepest point in the ocean, Challenger Deep.
- ❖ With this she has become the first woman to reach the deepest point in the earth.
- ❖ In 1984, Kathy made her spacewalk debut and became the first woman to walk in space.
- ❖ Now by reaching Challenger Deep, she has created a new record of first person in the world to walk in space and also reach the deepest point on the earth.
- ❖ She is also the first woman to reach the deepest point in the ocean.
- ❖ Challenger Deep is located in the Western Pacific Ocean in the southern end of Mariana Trench.
- ❖ It is in the ocean territory of Federated States of Micronesia.



## ECONOMY

### **Universal Basic Income (UBI)**

- ❖ The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has informed the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) that the recommended implementation of a universal basic income was “under examination and active consideration” of the Centre.
- ❖ It is a programme for providing all citizens of a country or other geographic area/state with a given sum of money, regardless of their income, resources or employment status.

- ❖ The Economic Survey of India 2016-17 has advocated the concept of Universal Basic Income (UBI) as an alternative to the various social welfare schemes in an effort to reduce poverty.
- ❖ The main idea behind UBI is to prevent or reduce poverty and increase equality among citizens.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Lonar Lake

- ❖ The Team of Scientists To Examine Why Maharashtra's Lonar Lake has turned Pink.
- ❖ Some experts have attributed it to the salinity and presence of algae in the water body.
- ❖ Lonar crater lake was identified as a unique geographical site by a British officer named CJE Alexander in 1823.
- ❖ It is an ancient circular lake created by a meteorite strike in Maharashtra.
- ❖ Lonar crater became a geo-heritage site in 1979.
- ❖ It is relatively young geologically, at just 50,000 years old.
- ❖ Lonar Lake lies within the extraterrestrial impact crater found within the great Deccan Traps, a huge basaltic formation in India.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Blood Donor Day – June 14

- ❖ It is celebrated on the birthday of Karl Landsteiner, who discovered various blood groups including ABO group.
- ❖ This discovery made Karl Landsteiner win the Nobel Prize in the year 1930.

- ❖ The theme for this year is “Safe blood saves lives” with the slogan “Give blood and make the world a healthier place”.



### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15**

- ❖ It is celebrated on June 15 by the United Nations.
- ❖ Theme of this year is "Lifting up Voices".
- ❖ This year the world health organization has launched a campaign “Safeguard older persons during COVID-19 and beyond”.



### **World Wind Day - June 15**

- ❖ It was established by the EWEA (European Wind Energy Association) and the GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council) in 2009.

