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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Ebrahim Raisi had secured victory in Iran's presidential election.
 - He is a hardline judge who is under U.S. sanctions for human rights abuses.
- ❖ On June 19 every year, the World Sauntering Day is celebrated.
 - The day reminds everyone to slowdown, connect with nature and enjoy things around us.
- ❖ Father's Day is observed on the third Sunday of June.
 - This year the date is 20 June, 2021.

NATIONAL

Second National Sickle Cell Conclave

- ❖ The Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda, inaugurated the Second National Sickle Cell Conclave.
- ❖ It is being organised by Ministry of Tribal Affairs in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Apollo Hospitals, Novartis, Piramal Foundation etc.
- ❖ It will arrange discussions about latest advances and future trends in treatment of Sickle cell disease.

2nd NATIONAL SICKLE CELL CONCLAVE
WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY
19th June 2021 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (IST)

Speakers:

- Dr. Anil Kumar Jha, Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
- Dr. Anand Kulkarni, Director of Sickle Cell Disease, Apollo Hospitals
- Dr. Arjun Munda, Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
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MoU between India and Bhutan

- ❖ India and Bhutan have signed a MoU to develop cooperation between two countries in the area of environment.
- ❖ The MoU was signed virtually by Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar.
- ❖ It will open new vistas of bilateral cooperation in the area of climate change, waste management etc.

General Elections 2019: An Atlas

- ❖ The Election Commission of India released 'General Elections 2019: An Atlas' recently.
- ❖ This Atlas was released by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey.
- ❖ This document would be beneficial to researchers and academicians and help in exploring vast landscape of Indian elections.
- ❖ This General Election Atlas comprises of all statistical figures and data of General Elections 2019.

Flag Satyagraha

- ❖ The Ministry of Culture on 18th June had organised a programme to observe the Flag Satyagraha in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The Flag Satyagraha is a movement by the freedom fighters that shook the British government.
- ❖ It infused a new life into the freedom movement.
- ❖ It is also called the Jhanda Satyagraha.
- ❖ It was held in Jabalpur and Nagpur in 1923.

INTERNATIONAL

Children and Digital Dumpsites report

- ❖ The new report, titled Children and Digital Dumpsites, was recently released by the WHO.

Highlights

- ❖ More than 18 million children and adolescents working at e-waste dumpsites in low and middle-income countries are potentially at the risk of severe health hazards.
- ❖ They face risk due to discarded electronic devices or e-waste being dumped from high-income countries.
- ❖ The processing is done in low-income countries, which do not have proper safeguarding regulation.
- ❖ Children are especially preferred at these dumpsites because of their small and dexterous hands.
- ❖ About 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste was generated in 2019.
- ❖ Only 17.4 per cent of this e-waste was processed in formal recycling facilities.
- ❖ The rest of it was dumped in low or middle-income countries for illegal processing by informal workers.



Global Trends report

- ❖ According to the UNHCR's latest annual Global Trends report
 - 82.4 million people forcibly displaced globally.
 - 20.7 million refugees under UNHCR's mandate (20.4 million in 2019)
 - 5.7 million Palestine refugees under UNRWA's mandate (5.6 million in 2019)
 - 48.0 million internally displaced people (45.7 million in 2019)
 - 4.1 million asylum-seekers (4.1 million in 2019)

- 3.9 million Venezuelans displaced abroad (3.6 million in 2019)
- ❖ 2020 is the ninth year of uninterrupted rise in forced displacement worldwide.
- ❖ More than two thirds of all people who fled abroad came from just five countries
 - Syria (6.7 million),
 - Venezuela (4.0 million),
 - Afghanistan (2.6 million),
 - South Sudan (2.2 million) and
 - Myanmar (1.1 million).
- ❖ For the seventh year in a row, Turkey hosted the largest refugee population worldwide (3.7 million refugees).



ECONOMY

Centrum to takeover PMC bank

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cleared proposal to takeover of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperatives Bank (PMC Bank).
- ❖ The Consortium of non-bank lender Centrum Financial Services & fintech start-up BharatPe will take over it.
- ❖ This decision was taken in the backdrop of collapse of Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperatives Bank.



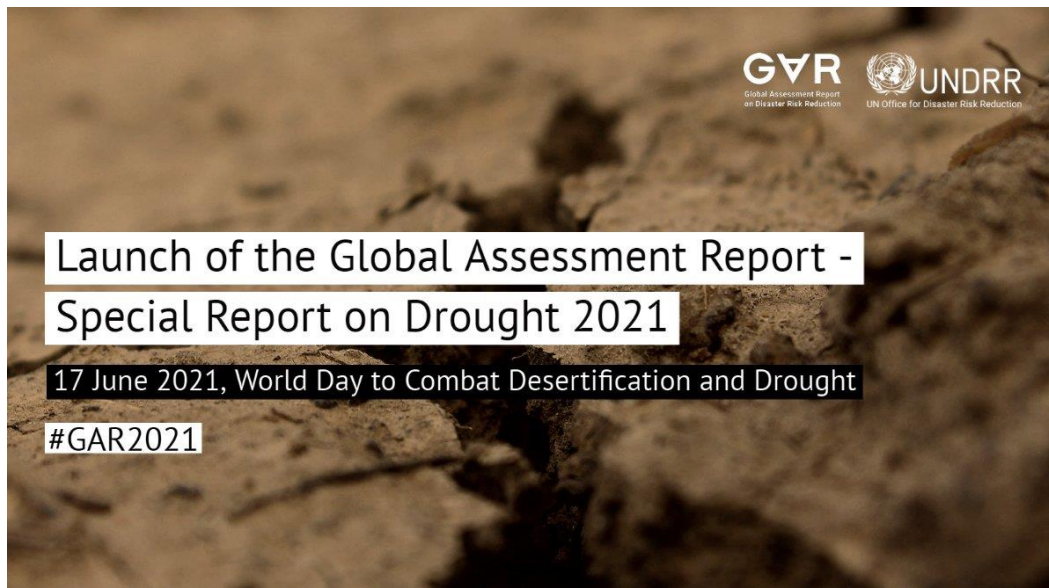
RBI's Approval

- ❖ The RBI has decided to grant in-principle approval to Centrum so as to set up a small finance bank.
- ❖ It will be set up under on-tap licensing norms.
- ❖ On-tap licensing means, when regulator gives out bank licences on continuous basis rather than once in several years.

ENVIRONMENT

Special Report on Drought 2021

- ❖ The report titled “Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Special Report on Drought 2021” was published recently.
- ❖ It was published by UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction).
- ❖ It will be a part of discussions at vital UN climate talks called Cop26.
- ❖ Cop26 is scheduled to take place in Glasgow of Scotland in November 2021.
- ❖ As per the report, Drought is a hidden global crisis which can become “the next pandemic” if no urgent action is taken.
- ❖ About 1.5 billion people are directly affected by drought this century.
- ❖ Economic cost was roughly estimated at \$124bn.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Sumant Sinha

- ❖ United Nations Global Compact has recognised Sumant Sinha, Chairman & MD of ReNew Power, as one of the ten SDG Pioneers 2021.
- ❖ This honour comes in recognition of Sumant's work to advance access to clean and affordable energy (SDG 7).
- ❖ SDG Pioneers are business leaders selected by the UN Global Compact.
- ❖ They are selected for doing an exceptional job to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Open Society Prize

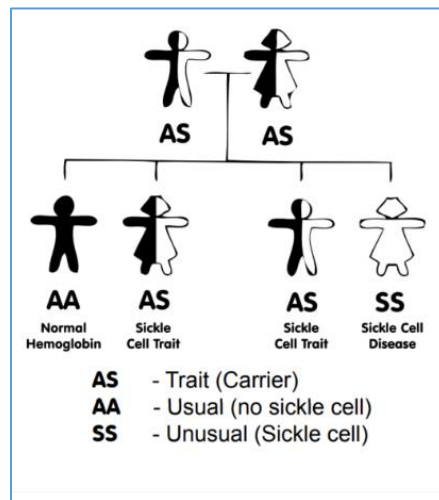
- ❖ The Former Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaja has been chosen for the prestigious Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize.
- ❖ She has been selected for the award in recognition of her commitment to public health services.
- ❖ The Open Society Prize, the highest civilian recognition by the university.
- ❖ It is annually awarded to persons of exceptional distinction who serve the ideals of an open society.
- ❖ In 2020, Nobel Laureate Svetlana Alexeyevich received the Open Society Prize.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sickle Cell Awareness Day - June 19

- ❖ This day is observed to increase awareness and understanding of the sickle cell disease and the challenges faced by its patients and their families.
- ❖ Sickle cell disease causes patients to have sickle-shaped red blood cells.
- ❖ This leads in blocking blood flow.
- ❖ It is an inherited blood disorder.



World Refugee Day - June 20





- ❖ The day seeks to honour refugees, highlights their plight to the world and seeks to improve their lives.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Together we heal, learn and shine.”

