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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Every year on June 30, World Social Media Day is celebrated.
 - The day was first celebrated in 2010 by Mashable.

NATIONAL

Sankalp Parva

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Culture has announced to celebrate a 2-week long tree plantation campaign called 'Sankalp Parva' from 28th June to 12th July 2020.
- ❖ Under the Sankalp Parva, the Ministry of Culture has recommended planting 5 trees: Bargad, Awla, Peppal, Ashok and Bel.
- ❖ These 5 trees represent the herbal heritage of the country.



Sankalp Parva

28th June to 12 July 2020

Pledge to plant trees

#SankalpParva | #संकल्पपर्व

Surakshit Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani Abhiyan

- ❖ It has been launched to ensure well-being of Senior Citizens amid COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The campaign is a collaborative effort between NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation.



Nasha Mukht Bharat: Annual Action Plan

- ❖ Recently, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has released the 'Nasha Mukht Bharat: Annual Action Plan (2020-21)'.
- ❖ It is released on the occasion of 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking'.
- ❖ It is a three-pronged attack combining efforts of Narcotics Bureau, Outreach/Awareness by Social Justice and Treatment through the Health Department.
- ❖ This campaign was originally launched in 2015 by Shiromani Akali Dal in Punjab.
- ❖ The Narcotics Control Bureau has identified the “most affected” 272 districts which mostly belong to Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and the North-East lead the states.

Postal Ballot System

- ❖ Recently, Union Law Ministry has reduced the age limit for senior citizens who opt for postal ballot in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.
- ❖ Now, the voters aged above 65 years or a Covid-19 suspect can opt for postal ballot.
- ❖ Earlier, in 2019, the Law Ministry had amended the Conduct of Election Rules to allow persons with disabilities and those who are 80 years of age or above to opt for postal ballot during Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.
- ❖ Voters of Bihar will be the first to benefit from the amended rules.
- ❖ Bihar will be the first state to have assembly polls after the coronavirus outbreak in India.

INTERNATIONAL

75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter

- ❖ The Charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945 and came into force on October 24, 1945.
- ❖ It is the foundational treaty of the United Nations.

Giant Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

- ❖ A consensus had been reached between the three countries (Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt) over the Giant Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD).
- ❖ The dam will not be filled unilaterally by Ethiopia.
- ❖ Ethiopia started construction for the dam on the Blue Nile river.
- ❖ Blue Nile river originates from Lake Tana in Ethiopia and flows downstream through Sudan to Egypt.



Kohala Hydro Power Project

- ❖ A Tripartite Power Purchase Agreement (TPPA) was signed for the construction of the Kohala Hydro Power Project.
- ❖ It was signed between the Government of Pakistan, Chinese Company - China Three Gorges Corporation, and Government of Azad Kashmir (Part of Pakistan occupied Kashmir).
- ❖ The Hydro Power Project is located on the river Jhelum.
- ❖ The project is part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Domestication of Chicken

- ❖ The DNA sequencing of 863 genomes has showed the first domestication of chicken occurred in south-western China, northern Thailand and Myanmar.
- ❖ According to Charles Darwin, chickens were domesticated around 4,000 B.C. from a single ancestor, Red Jungle Fowl in the Indus Valley.

New Clinical Management Protocol

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released an updated Clinical Management Protocol.
- ❖ Under this, Dexamethasone was advised as an alternative to Methylprednisolone.
- ❖ The Dexamethasone drug is to be only used for COVID-19 positive patients who require oxygen support or those with an excessive inflammatory response.

STATES

At One Click initiative

- ❖ The Gujarat Government has launched this online cash aid initiative.
- ❖ It has committed financial aid for the MSMEs and bigger industrial units (including the textile industry).

IMPORTANT DAYS

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Day - June 27

- ❖ United Nations on in 2017 has adopted a resolution to observe this day.
- ❖ This year marks the 4th MSME Day.
- ❖ The global theme for this Day in this year is 'MSME: First Responders to Social Needs'.
- ❖ In India, the theme is “COVID-19: The Great Lockdown and its impact on Small Business.”



Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day

FIRST RESPONDERS TO SOCIETAL NEEDS

National Statistics Day – June 29

- ❖ It is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Prof. P C Mahalanobis.
- ❖ He became 1st Indian statistician to receive world recognition and is called as Father of Indian Statistics.
- ❖ He is also referred as chief architect of Indian statistical system.
- ❖ In 1931, he established Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in Kolkata.
- ❖ He was also a member of the 1st Planning commission (1951-56) of Independent India.
- ❖ The theme of Statistics Day, 2020 is selected as SDG- 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) & SDG- 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls).

International Day of the Tropics – June 29

- ❖ It is to celebrate extraordinary diversity of tropics
- ❖ On 14 June 2016, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted this Day.
- ❖ On this day in 2014, Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi launched inaugural State of Tropics Report.
- ❖ Tropics are a region of Earth, defined as area between tropic of Cancer (23°27 N) and the tropic of Capricorn (23°27 S).



International Asteroid Day – June 30

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in this regard on December 2016.
- ❖ It is held on the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation that took place on June 30, 1908.
- ❖ It was the most harmful known asteroid-related event on Earth as it destroyed local plants and animals.

International Day of Parliamentarism – June 30

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly designated this day in 2018.
- ❖ The date also marks the day in 1889 when the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the global organization of parliaments, was established.
- ❖ Althingi, the Icelandic Parliament, founded in 930 is World's oldest parliament.

