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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on its 60th Foundation Day.
 - It was established in 1963 as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop a theme park called “Ramaland”, which will be modelled on Disneyland.
 - It aims to narrate the legendary tales of Lord Ram and Ramayana.
- ❖ Foreign ministers meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) recently held in Goa.
 - The theme of India’s Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is ‘SECURE-SCO’.

NATIONAL

Notification to Tweak PMLA



- ❖ The Union government’s tweaked PMLA rules were disclosed as part of two gazette notifications.

- ❖ The rules putting non-government organisations (NGOs) and “politically exposed persons” under tighter scrutiny.
- ❖ It significantly widening the range of people and entities whose financial transactions agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate will have access to.
- ❖ The expanded definitions also included cryptocurrencies under provisions to monitor illicit financial flows.
- ❖ The new rules make it mandatory for banking/financial companies to record transactions of several entities and individuals.
- ❖ They were not earlier included in the PMLA (prevention of money laundering act).
- ❖ These rules brought host of activities carried out “for or on behalf of” another person through cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and Ethereum under PMLA.
- ❖ The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is the main agency probing allegations under PMLA.

INTERNATIONAL

Coronation of King Charles III




- ❖ King Charles III was crowned as the fortieth Sovereign on May 6, alongside Queen Consort Camilla, at Westminster Abbey in London, England.
- ❖ It is also known as “Operation Golden Orb”.
- ❖ The coronation is the first since 1953 and the first of a king since 1937.
- ❖ In 1953, before 70 years, her mother Elizabeth II's coronation was done.

- ❖ In 1937, King George VI's coronation was done.
- ❖ For the first time, the Prime Minister of the U.K. is a south Asian man, Rishi Sunak, who is a Hindu, read a verse from the Bible.
- ❖ The Scottish First Minister Humza Yousaf, a south Asian and Muslim Briton, wore a kilt to event.
- ❖ There was a Black gospel choir and female bishops, and a Welsh song opened the ceremonies.

STATES

ST Status of Meitei Community

CHEQUERED HISTORY	
<p>Manipur, which has over 35 communities inhabiting the valleys and hills of the state, has a chequered history of violent and deadly clashes.</p>	
 <p>Naga-Kuki Fight The Kukis are hill tribes spread across the Northeast besides Myanmar and the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh. On September 13, 1993, militants of National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak Muivah) massacred around 115 Kuki civilians in the hills of Manipur. However, NSCN-IM refuted the allegation.</p> <p>NSCN-IM Integration of Naga-inhabited areas of Northeast is the core demand of NSCN-IM which has been holding peace parleys with the Centre. There was violent protest in Manipur in 2001 when the cease fire agreement signed between the Government of India and NSCN-IM was extended.</p>	<p>Meitei Pangal and Meiteis In 1993 there were clashes between Meitei Pangal (Muslim) and Meitei. A bus carrying Muslim passengers was set on fire. Over 100 people were killed.</p> <p>Insurgency Manipur had scores of militant outfits and violence was largely triggered by insurgents. The NSCN-IM entered a ceasefire agreement with the Government of India in 1997.</p> <p>Valley-based militant outfits (Meitei groups) such as the UNLF, PLA, KYKL etc. are yet to come to the negotiating table.</p> <p>The Kuki outfits under two umbrella groups, the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF), also signed the tripartite Suspension of Operation (SOO) pacts with the Centre and Manipur on August 22, 2008.</p>
<p>Rivalry between Nagas and Kuki started in the colonial era. In 1990 there were clashes over land. Kukis often claimed 350 of their villages were uprooted, over 1,000 killed and 10,000 were people displaced. Chins are called Kukis on the Indian side.</p>	<p>Hill and Valley The current conflict between Meiteis and tribes is the extension of hills versus plains conflict. Meiteis account for 95% of the population, while tribal communities account for around 40% of the population. Naga Tribes make up for (24%) and Kuki/Zomi tribes (16%).</p>

- ❖ The Meitei community's demand for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) status got a boost recently.
- ❖ This is held after the Manipur High Court directed the state government to send a recommendation
- ❖ The Indian State maintains three lists of 'backward' communities for the purpose of its various affirmative action program.
- ❖ All the castes and tribes that are included in any of these three lists viz. SC, ST and OBC categories.
- ❖ Meitei's didn't meet the criteria for the ST status when the ST list was drawn up by the Government of India in the 1950s.
- ❖ Manipur has three major ethnic groups – Meitei, Naga, and Kuki.
- ❖ Manipur has more than 30 communities listed as Scheduled Tribes.
- ❖ All broadly belonging either to the Kuki or Naga ethnic groups, which had a combined population of 40.88% as per the 2011 census.
- ❖ Meitei's are primarily located in the valley, while the Naga and Kuki tribes occupy the hills surrounding the valley.
- ❖ The population of Meitei's is higher than the combined population of Nagas and Kukis.



- ❖ Even though the valley has only about 10% geographic area, majority of the state population lives there.
- ❖ The Meitei's also dominate the state legislature.
- ❖ In the 60-member Assembly, 40 MLAs are sent from the valley, while 20 are elected from the hills.
- ❖ If the Meitei's are added to the ST list, almost all the communities in Manipur will have ST designation.
- ❖ Scheduled Tribes are notified under Article 342 of Constitution.

Imposition of Art 355

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>PROVISION</u>
Art. 352	Proclamation of Emergency
Art. 353	Effect of Proclamation of Emergency
Art. 354	Application of provisions relating to distribution of revenues while a Proclamation of Emergency is in operation
Art. 355	Duty of the Union to protect states against external aggression and internal disturbance
Art. 356	Provisions in case of failure of constitutional machinery in states

- ❖ Violence erupted during the 'Tribal Solidarity March' organised by the All-Tribal Student Union Manipur (ATSUM) in the Torbung area of Churachandpur district, Manipur.
- ❖ The protest was against the demand of non-tribal Meiteis to be granted the Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.
- ❖ Due to this, Article 355 of the Indian Constitution was imposed in the state.
- ❖ The Union government assigned a security advisor to the state government.
- ❖ Article 355 is found in part XVIII of the Indian constitution which contains emergency provisions that are meant to be used in extremely rare circumstances.

- ❖ It provides an emergency provision for the Centre to intervene and safeguard a state against external aggression or internal disturbances.
- ❖ It states that the maintenance of law and order in a state fall under the jurisdiction of the central government.
- ❖ This article empowers the Centre to take necessary steps to protect a state from any kind of threat, be it internal or external.
- ❖ The provision is designed to ensure that the government can act swiftly and decisively in the event of any disturbance or threat to the peace and security of the country.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Midwives Day - May 05

- ❖ This day aims to honour the work done by midwives and to acknowledge their role in saving the lives of mothers and new-borns.
- ❖ The idea of this day born in 1987 International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) conference at Netherlands.
- ❖ This day was first observed in 1991.
- ❖ Theme of this year is 'Together again: from evidence to reality'.



World Hand Hygiene Day - May 05

- ❖ It aims to promote the importance of hand hygiene in preventing the spread of infection and promote good health.
- ❖ The history of this day can be traced back to the year 2009.

- ❖ The theme of this year's Day is "Together, we can accelerate progress on hand hygiene".



World Cartoonist's Day - May 05

- ❖ During the 1990s, the National Cartoonist Society declared this day to celebrate every cartoonist in the industry.
- ❖ The day is meant to promote the importance of cartoons in society, and to encourage artistry and reading.
- ❖ In 1946, the National Cartoonists Society (NCS) was established in England.
- ❖ This date was chosen to acknowledge the first appearance of the mischievous cartoon character "The Yellow Kid".
- ❖ This was appeared in the New York World newspaper on May 5, 1895.



World Portuguese Language Day - May 05

- ❖ The date of 5 May was officially established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP).
- ❖ It is an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000.

❖ In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference proclaimed this day.



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