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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan was launched by Niti Aayog in association with Piramal Foundation.
  - It is focussed on ensuring the wellbeing of senior citizens during the COVID.
- ❖ The Jharkhand Government launched three schemes to increase working hours of MNREGA workers.
  - These are Birsa Harit Gram Yojana, Nilamber-Pitamber Jal Samridhi Yojana and Veer Shahid Poto Ho Khel Vikas Yojana.
- ❖ The US President appointed Indian American Diplomat Manisha Singh as his envoy to OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Develop).
- ❖ The Global Response International Pledging Conference, an online summit, was recently initiated by the European Union.
  - However, US and Russia did not take part in the conference.
- ❖ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy released report on “Impact of Energy Efficiency Measures, 2018-19”.
  - The report assessed annual savings of energy and carbon dioxide emissions.

## NATIONAL


### **GARUD**

- ❖ The Director General of Civil Aviation launched ‘GARUD’ portal to fast-track exemptions of coronavirus-related drone operations.
- ❖ GARUD means Government Authorisation for Relief Using Drones.

### **Darbar Move**


- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has asked the Centre and the Union Territory (UT) administration to take a final call on the continuation of Darbar move.
- ❖ It is a 148-year-old practice of shifting capitals annually between Srinagar (Summer Capital) and Jammu (Winter Capital).
- ❖ The practice was reportedly started in the late 19th century by Ranbir Singh, the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir.

## TWO CITIES




**SRINAGAR**  
Summer capital  
(May-Oct)

**JAMMU**  
Winter capital  
(Nov-Apr)



**145 yrs ago**  
Annual darbar move  
initiated by Maharaja  
Ranbir Singh




**52**  
Offices to be  
moved in camp\*  
\* 33% or 10 officials  
(whichever is less) of  
every office moved



Thousands of  
govt documents  
transported in  
**200 trucks**



**₹15,000**  
Paid as travel  
allowance to  
every employee




**2,000+\***  
Rooms booked  
in 79 hotels of  
Srinagar

### IMD on Gilgit

- ❖ The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has begun to include Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Ladakh and Muzaffarabad into its meteorological sub-division of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ This change comes after Pakistan Government decided to hold elections in Gilgit-Baltistan.




प्रादेशिक मौसम विज्ञान केंद्र, नई दिल्ली  
भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग  
पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय



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#### WEATHER WARNING FOR NORTHWEST INDIA

MET-SUBDIVISION	06 May	07 May	08 May	09 May	10 May
Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad	Thunderstorm /Lightning accompanied with gusty winds (Speed 30-40 kmph) and hail at isolated places.	NIL	NIL	Thunderstorm /Lightning at isolated places.	Thunderstorm /Lightning accompanied with gusty winds (Speed 30-40 kmph) at isolated places.
		NO WARNING	NO WARNING		



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Lost at Home**

- ❖ UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has published a report named “Lost at Home” report.
- ❖ The largest number of internally displaced children due to conflict are found in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and sub-Saharan Africa.
- ❖ Syrian Arab Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and Yemen accounts to more than half of persons displaced.

### **War Medal**

- ❖ The Russian President Vladimir Putin awarded the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un a commemorative war medal.
- ❖ The medal has been awarded to mark the 75th anniversary of victory over Nazi forces in the Second World War.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Minor Forest Produce (MFP)**

- ❖ Recently, Union government has revised the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP).
- ❖ MFP includes all non-timber forest produce of plant origin.
- ❖ It includes bamboo, canes, fodder, leaves, gums, waxes, dyes, resins and many forms of food including nuts, wild fruits, honey, lac, tusser etc.
- ❖ MSP for MFPs is revised once every three years by the Pricing Cell constituted under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ❖ The MSP is the rate at which the government buys produce from farmers and tribal.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Hypoxia**

- ❖ Recently medical practitioners have reported a condition called silent or happy hypoxia.
- ❖ In this case, Covid-19 patients have extremely low blood oxygen levels, yet they do not show signs of breathlessness.

- ❖ Hypoxia is a condition wherein there is not enough oxygen available to the blood and body tissues.
- ❖ A medical device called a pulse oximeter can be used in the early detection of silent hypoxia.

### **Takis - Italian Firm**

- ❖ Italian researchers from Takis company claim to have developed the world's first coronavirus vaccine.
- ❖ The potential coronavirus vaccine neutralised the virus in human cells for the first time.
- ❖ All potential coronavirus vaccine candidates are being developed based on the genetic material of DNA protein "spike".
- ❖ Spike is the molecular tip used by the coronavirus to enter human cells.



## **STATES**

### **Ayush Kavach App**

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Government launched Ayush Kavach App to help people access prescriptions.
- ❖ It will help the people to strengthen their immunity through ancient practices Ayurveda and Yoga.

### **Bishnu Sendra Parva**

- ❖ Bishnu Sendra Parva is an annual hunting festival observed by tribals of Jharkhand and the neighbouring Odisha and West Bengal.

- ❖ For the first time in History, not a single animal was killed in this year's event because of a complete lockdown.



### **Nigah**

- ❖ The Himachal Pradesh Government is to launch a new programme called “Nigah”.
- ❖ The programme aims at educating family members that are coming from other parts of the country.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Pulitzer Prize 2020**

- ❖ Three photojournalists from Jammu & Kashmir have won Pulitzer Prize 2020 in photography.
- ❖ These include Yasin Dar, Mukhtar Khan, and Channi Anand.
- ❖ The award was established by Joseph Pulitzer in 1917.
- ❖ The award is administered by Columbia University.
- ❖ It has been awarded for the achievements in magazine, newspaper, online journalism, musical composition, and literature.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **Vesak – Buddha Poornima - Full Moon Day - May 7th**

- ❖ It is the most sacred day to the Buddhists all over the world.
- ❖ It was on the Day of Vesak, two and a half millennia ago, in the year 623 B.C that Buddha was born.
- ❖ It was also on the Day of Vesak that Buddha attained enlightenment.
- ❖ It was on the Day of Vesak that Buddha in his eightieth year passed away.
- ❖ The Day is commemorated by the United Nations every year since 2000.



### **World Athletics Day – May 7th**

- ❖ It was celebrated in 1996 for the first time.
- ❖ International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) introduced this Day.



❖ It is to boost the participation of youths in athletics.

