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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Microsoft Corporation has surpassed Apple to become the world's most valuable publicly-traded company by market capitalisation.
- ❖ The Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has dedicated to the nation "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie of Uttarakhand.
 - The facility was inaugurated on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31, 2021.
- ❖ The Asian Development Bank has approved a USD 250 million (about Rs 1,875 crore) loan to support India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP).
 - This is the first subprogram of the programmatic USD 500 million loans to develop 11 industrial corridors spanning 17 states.
- ❖ The National Small Matchbox Manufacturers Association has increased the price of a matchbox from Rs.1 to Rs. 2 per box.
 - The increase in the price of matchbox has been done after 14 years since last increase in 2007 from 50 paise to Re. 1.
- ❖ The World Vegan Day is observed globally on 1st November every year.
 - This day is celebrated to spread the benefits of veganism for humans, non-human animals, and the natural environment.

NATIONAL

Climate Equity Monitor

- ❖ Climate Equity Monitor is an online dashboard that went live recently.
- ❖ India's Climate Equity Monitor (CEM) will assess equity in climate action, inequalities in emissions, energy & resource consumption across the world, and ongoing climate policies of several countries.
- ❖ This will encourage a vigorous discussion on this crucial issue and engage experts from all countries.



NCLAT Chairperson - Ashok Bhushan

- ❖ The Centre has appointed former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ashok Bhushan as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- ❖ He was the former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.
- ❖ NCLAT was formed by the government under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013.



November 01

INDIAN STATE FOUNDATION DAY 1 November

- ❖ In India, seven states namely, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Punjab & Madhya Pradesh and two union territories Lakshadweep & Puducherry are celebrating Foundation Day on November 1, 2021.
- ❖ Earlier, Tamil Nadu also used to celebrate its foundation day on November 1.
- ❖ On October 30, 2021, the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu announced that Tamil Nadu Formation Day will be celebrated on July 18.

- ❖ In Karnataka, this day is celebrated as “Rajyotsav”.

Dairy Sahakar Scheme

- ❖ The Union Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched the “Dairy Sahakar” scheme of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- ❖ The overall objectives of the Dairy Sahakar scheme are
 - Doubling the farmers’ income and
 - Atma nirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ Dairy Sahakar with a total investment of Rs. 5000 crores will be implemented to realize the vision, “from cooperation to prosperity”

INTERNATIONAL

Milu Deer



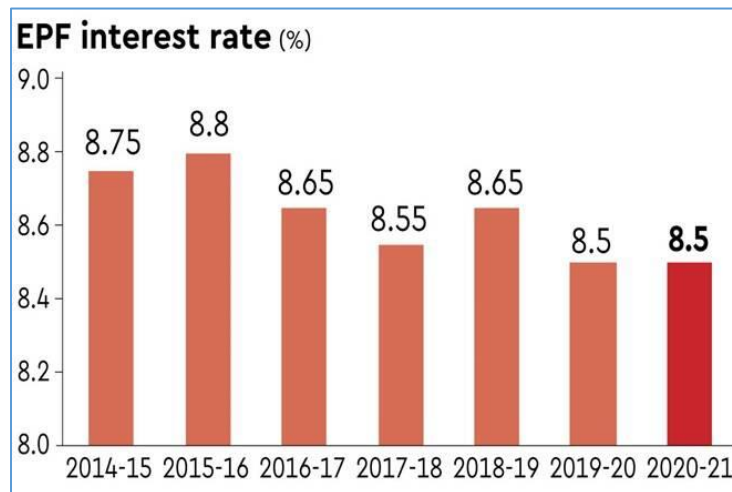
- ❖ The comeback of Milu Deer from the brink of extinction marks a rare success for China's conservation efforts.
- ❖ Milu deer (*Elaphurus davidianus*) is a rare and endangered species.
- ❖ Also known as Pere David's deer, these animals were on the verge of disappearing towards the end of the 19th century.

- ❖ Milu deer is native and endemic to the river valleys of China.

ECONOMY

Interest rate on EPF

- ❖ The Ministry of Finance has approved the interest rate on employee's provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020-21 at 8.5%.
- ❖ The rate has been kept unchanged for the year 2019-20.
- ❖ EPF is one fixed-income instrument that is completely tax-free under the exempt-exempt-exempt (EEE) regime, along with PPF and the Sukanya Samriddhi Account.



ENVIRONMENT

India endorses Emission list

- ❖ India officially endorsed a website made by Indian climate experts, listing the historical carbon dioxide emissions of developed countries.
- ❖ An emission list was created with the aim of highlighting the disparity between the emissions of developed and developing countries.
- ❖ Countries like the United States, Australia, Canada & countries in Western Europe are shown as having a net carbon debt.
- ❖ Developing countries like India & China are having net credit.
- ❖ Thus, the database highlights that, it is only fair that developed countries should commit to steeper targets for curbing emissions as compared to developing countries.



Note

- ❖ India is the third-largest emitter of carbon emissions on yearly basis.
- ❖ However, it is the sixth-largest with respect to its historical emissions.
- ❖ When the size of its population is considered, it is among the lowest per capita emitters.

STATES

Apple Festival

- ❖ Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar and Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha have virtually inaugurated Apple Festival.
- ❖ This is organized for the first time in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ With an annual production of more than 2 million metric tonnes, apple from J&K contributes to 87% of the national production.

Indus River dolphin - Census

- ❖ The state of Punjab is set to start the Census of Indus River dolphin.
- ❖ Indus River dolphin is scientifically called *Platanista gangetica minor*.
- ❖ It is a freshwater dolphin, found in the river Beas.
- ❖ The project will be implemented over five years.
- ❖ In 2019, the Indus River dolphin was declared as the State aquatic animal of Punjab.

