

November - 19

TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Renowned author Mannu Bhandari has passed away at the age of 90.
 - Bhandari was also one of the key members of the Nayi Kahani movement of Hindi literature.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, inaugurated the “Duare Ration Scheme”.
 - Under this scheme, 10 crore people will get their ration at their doorstep on a fixed day in every month.
- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced cricket legends Mahela Jayawardena (Sri Lanka), Shaun Pollock (SA), and Janette Brittin (England) were inducted into the hall of fame.
 - 106 players have been inducted into the hall of fame since its launch in 2009.

NATIONAL

Antibiotic consumption

- ❖ The Global Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (GRAM) Project published a study in Lancet Planetary Health.
- ❖ As per the study, global antibiotic consumption rates have increased by 46% in the last two decades.
- ❖ Antibiotic consumption rates in South Asia are increased by 116%.

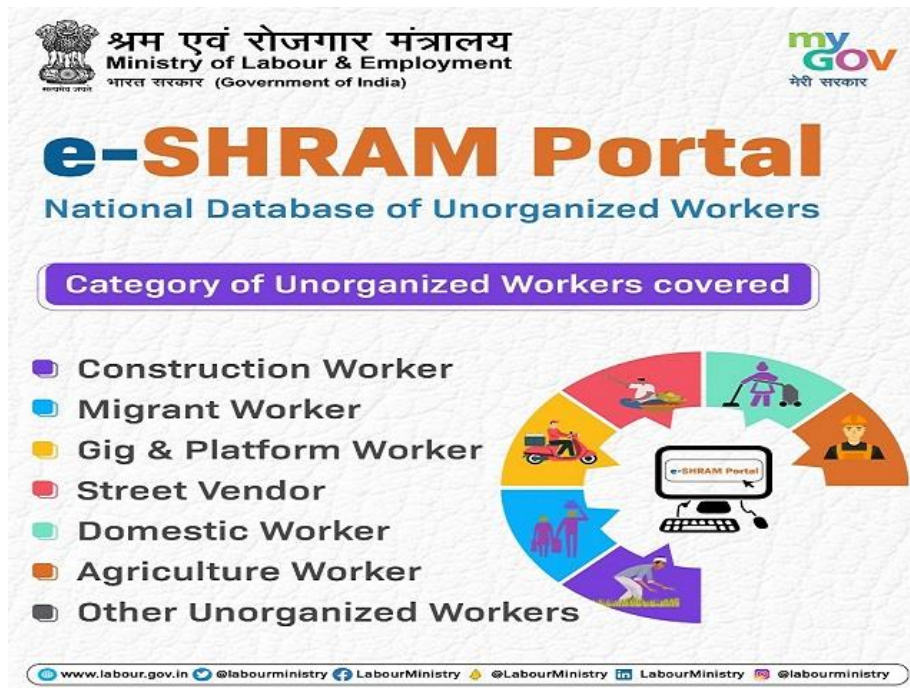
MoU on Renewable Energy

- ❖ The National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) signed an MoU with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).
- ❖ This is to collaborate in the field of Renewable Energy and mutually explore opportunities for the supply of low carbon/RE RTC (round the clock) captive power.
- ❖ This is a first-of-its-kind novel initiative by two leading national energy majors of India, to support the country’s commitment to achieving renewable energy targets and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Bhumi Samvaad

- ❖ The Ministry of Rural Development organized a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme.
- ❖ The workshop was organized in a bid to boost to national land record modernization program.
- ❖ This workshop would enable States to share the best practices with each other in the field and learn regarding the latest software developments.

e-Shram portal



The image is a promotional graphic for the e-SHRAM Portal. At the top left is the Government of India emblem and the text 'श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय Ministry of Labour & Employment भारत सरकार (Government of India)'. At the top right is the 'my GOV मेरी सरकार' logo. The main title is 'e-SHRAM Portal' in large orange and blue letters, with the subtitle 'National Database of Unorganized Workers' below it. A purple banner reads 'Category of Unorganized Workers covered'. Below this is a list of categories with corresponding icons: Construction Worker (purple), Migrant Worker (blue), Gig & Platform Worker (yellow), Street Vendor (red), Domestic Worker (teal), Agriculture Worker (orange), and Other Unorganized Workers (grey). To the right of the list is a circular graphic with a central computer monitor displaying 'e-SHRAM Portal' and icons for each worker category. At the bottom, there are social media handles for the Labour Ministry: www.labour.gov.in, @labourministry, and LabourMinistry on various platforms.

- ❖ More than 7.86 crore registrations have been done in the e-Shram portal.
- ❖ Out of this number,
 - 40.5 percent belong to Other Backward Classes (OBCs),
 - 27.4 percent general category,
 - 23.7 percent scheduled castes (SCs) and
 - 8.3 percent to scheduled tribes (STs).
- ❖ The e-Shram portal is India's first centralised database of unorganised workers.
- ❖ These estimations are significant as they offer an indicator of the social profile of informal sector workers in India.

Grass conservatory

- ❖ India's first 'grass conservatory' or 'germplasm conservation center' spread over an area of 2 acres was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Almora district of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ This conservatory is funded under the Central Government's CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme.
- ❖ This was developed to create awareness about the importance of grass species, promote their conservation, and facilitate research in the field.

Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv



- ❖ 3-day Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv is being held in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh,
- ❖ 19th of November is the Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai.
- ❖ She is the epitome of bravery and courage and a great National icon of Rashtra Raksha and India's Independence struggle.
- ❖ As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv is organized from November 17 to November 19, 2021.
- ❖ This event is being organized by the defence ministry in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The Most polluted cities - IQAir

- ❖ Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai are among the top ten most polluted cities in the world.
- ❖ This is according to the data from air quality and pollution city tracking service from IQAir, a Switzerland-based climate group.



- ❖ Delhi topped the list with AQI at 556, Kolkata and Mumbai recorded an AQI of 177 and 169, respectively, at 4th and 6th position.
- ❖ Lahore is on top of the list of the most polluted cities.

INTERNATIONAL

ADIPEC conference



- ❖ ADIPEC conference is being held in Abu Dhabi.
- ❖ During the conference, India's petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that India made a "concerted push" with OPEC+ on oil production.
- ❖ The conference is taking place in the backdrop of COP26 climate talks and increasing energy prices.

ECONOMY

Ombudsman mechanism

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has announced to introduce the Internal Ombudsman mechanism for the following two types of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- ❖ These two types of NBFCs are
 - Deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFCs-D) with 10 or more branches and
 - Non-Deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) with asset size of Rs.5,000 crore and above having a public customer interface.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DA-ASAT missile

- ❖ A direct-ascent anti-satellite (DA-ASAT) missile was tested by Russia.
- ❖ DA-ASAT missile struck a Russian satellite called COSMOS 1408, as a result, debris field in low-Earth orbit.
- ❖ This test has generated about 1500 pieces of trackable orbital debris, so far.
- ❖ It will generate hundreds of thousands of pieces of smaller orbital debris, in future tests.
- ❖ As per the initial assessment of USSPACECOM, these debris will remain in orbit for years.
- ❖ As a result, it poses a significant risk for the crew on the International Space Station.

STATES

Pakke Declaration



PAKKE 2047
DECLARATION

Climate Change Resilient & Responsive Arunachal Pradesh

I. ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE RESILIENT FORESTRY 1/4

- ➔ Protect and maintain the existing Very Dense Forest cover in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ➔ Improve the degraded forests.
- ➔ Strengthen fire protection measures for all vulnerable forest areas.
- ➔ Attenuate the drivers of deforestation such as illegal felling and encroachments in forest areas.
- ➔ Create high-tech nurseries for forest rehabilitation interventions and forest stand quality improvement.
- ➔ Eco restore degraded culturable lands and wastelands through cross sectoral action.

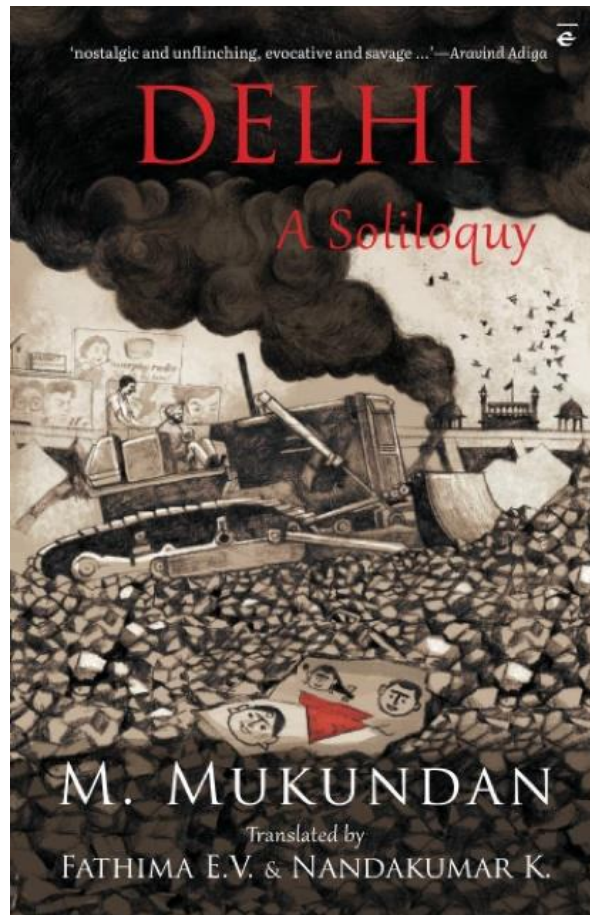
#Pakke2047Declaration

- ❖ The government of Arunachal Pradesh approved the 'Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh'.
- ❖ This aims to promote "climate-resilient development" in the state.
- ❖ The announcement is the first of its kind by any state government in the country.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

2021 JCB Prize for Literature

- ❖ The Author M Mukundan won this prize.
- ❖ This was awarded for his book 'Delhi: A Soliloquy'.
- ❖ The book, which has originally been written in Malayalam, has been translated into English by Fathima EV and Nandakumar K.
- ❖ The novel was published by Westland.
- ❖ It is a story about Delhi through the eyes of its Malayali youth protagonists.





SPORTS

VVS Laxman

- ❖ Former India batter VVS Laxman will be the next head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA).
- ❖ Laxman will take over from his former batting colleague Rahul Dravid.
- ❖ Rahul Dravid was recently appointed as chief coach of the Indian team following the end of Ravi Shastri's tenure.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World COPD Day - November 17



- ❖ The day is observed on the third Wednesday of November every year.

- ❖ This is to raise awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and improve COPD care throughout the world.
- ❖ The World COPD Day 2021 falls on November 17, 2021.
- ❖ The 2021 theme is 'Healthy Lungs – Never More Important'.

National Epilepsy Day - November 17

- ❖ In India, November 17 is observed every year as National Epilepsy Day by the Epilepsy Foundation.
- ❖ This is to create awareness about epilepsy.
- ❖ Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of the brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'.
- ❖ The month of November is observed as 'National Epilepsy Awareness Month'.
- ❖ The Epilepsy Foundation of India in Mumbai, Maharashtra was established by Dr Nirmal Surya in 2009.

