

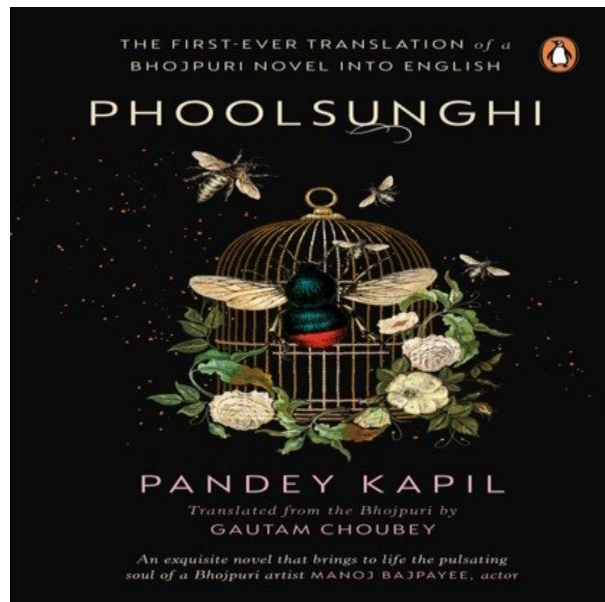
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's current account surplus rose to a record \$19.8 billion in April-June as its trade deficit narrowed sharply.
- ❖ Niti Aayog formed a panel to explore the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology.
 - The committee has Niti Aayog member VK Saraswat as its Chairman.
- ❖ Recently, Willow Warbler has been sighted for the first time in the country at Punchakkari, Kerala.
 - It is one of the longest migrating small birds that breed throughout northern and temperate Europe.
- ❖ The Malayalam film Jallikattu has been selected as India's official entry for Oscars in the foreign-language film category.

NATIONAL

Phoolsunghi novel

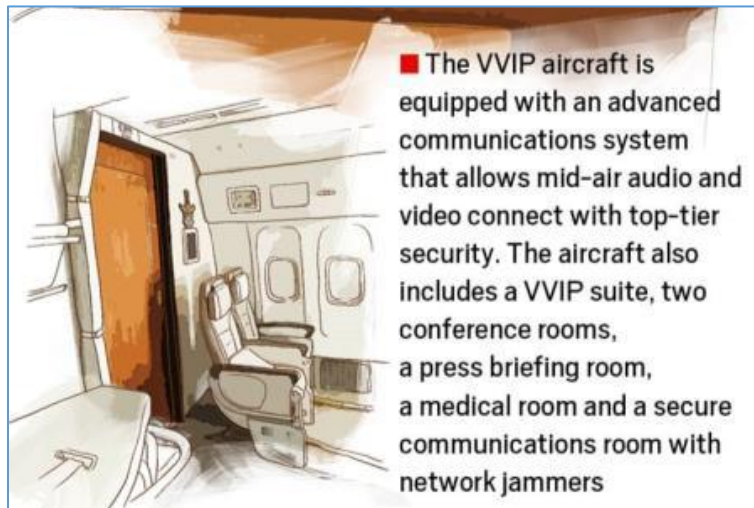


- ❖ The historical novel Phoolsunghi was written by the Bhojpuri writer Pandey Kapi.
- ❖ It will be the first ever Bhojpuri novel translated in English.
- ❖ It is translated by academic-writer Gautam Choubey.

- ❖ Bhojpuri is an Indo-Aryan language spoken in northern-eastern India and the Terai region of Nepal.
- ❖ It is chiefly spoken in western Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Bhojpuri is a descendant of Magadhi Prakrit.
- ❖ Along with the Rajasthani, both are not included into the 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Air India one - B777 aircraft

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind made the first official visit through Air India One-B777 from Delhi to Tirupati.
- ❖ Air India One is the VVIP aircraft of India.
- ❖ The aircraft is to be used by the president, vice president and prime minister of India.
- ❖ This has a longer range than that of the B747-400 aircraft deployed for similar VVIP operations.
- ❖ It is to be operated by the Indian Air Force air headquarters communication Squadron that is based at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is equipped with missile defence systems.
- ❖ This defence system installed brings Air India One on par with USA's Air Force One.
- ❖ The three aircrafts to carry the top three officials of India have been named as Rajdoot, Rajhans and Rajkamal.



INTERNATIONAL

Global Center for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP)

- ❖ India and the USA have extended their Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation on the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) by 10 years.
- ❖ The GCNEP is a research and development institute in Haryana under the aegis of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- ❖ It aims to strengthen India's cooperation with the international community.
- ❖ It was originally signed on November 2010.
- ❖ The extension of the MoU was agreed during the 3rd US-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue held in New Delhi.
- ❖ 2+2 is a dialogue mechanism between two countries' defence and external affairs ministries.
- ❖ India has established the 2+2 dialogue with Japan and the USA.
- ❖ The USA and India signed the landmark Indo-US nuclear cooperation agreement in 2008.

2020 Afghanistan Conference



- ❖ India and Afghanistan concluded the agreement to construct the Shahtoot dam
- ❖ India has also announced the Phase-IV of the High Impact Community Development Projects in Afghanistan.

- ❖ It was announced during the 2020 Afghanistan Conference organized in Geneva.
- ❖ The conference was co-hosted by UN, the Government of Afghanistan, and the Government of Finland.
- ❖ India already completed the construction of 218 km road from Delaram to Zaranj (on Iranian border).
- ❖ It provides alternate connectivity for Afghanistan through Iran.
- ❖ It also helped to construct India-Afghanistan friendship dam, and the Afghan Parliament building.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Maradona (60) – passed away

- ❖ He was an Argentine professional football player.
- ❖ Maradona played in four FIFA World Cups (1982, 1986, 1990, 1994).
- ❖ In the 1986 World Cup, played at Mexico, he captained Argentina and beat West Germany in the finals.
- ❖ He was one of the two joint winners of the FIFA Player of the 20th Century award.
- ❖ Diego Maradona and Pelé (Brazil) were joint winners of that award.

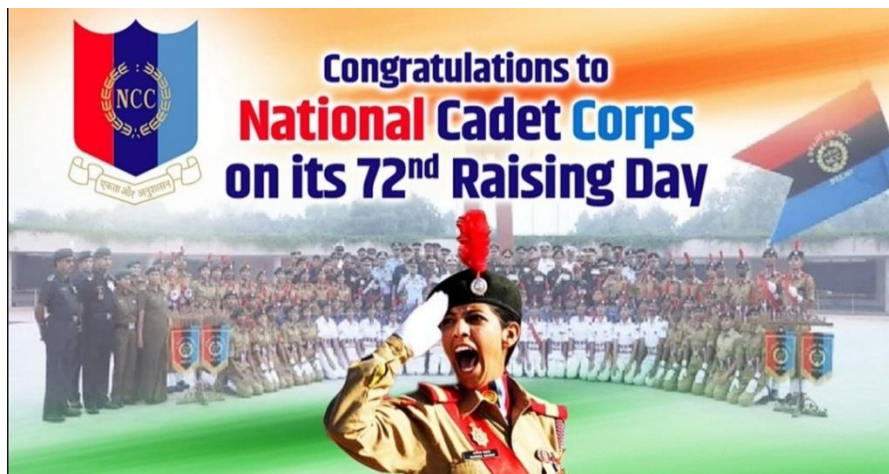


IMPORTANT DAYS

Awas Diwas and Awas Week – November 20

- ❖ It was decided to celebrate 20th November every year as “Awaas Diwas”.
- ❖ It aims to commemorate the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G).
- ❖ It aims to provide “Housing for All” by 2022.

72nd Raising Day



- ❖ The National Cadet Corps (NCC) celebrated its 72nd Raising Day on 22 November.
- ❖ It is the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world.
- ❖ It is the youth wing of Armed Forces with its headquarters at New Delhi.
- ❖ It is a voluntary organisation which recruits cadets from high schools, higher secondary, colleges and universities all over India.
- ❖ It is a Tri-Services Organisation, comprising the Army, Navy and Air Wing.
- ❖ It was formed by the National Cadet Corps Act of 1948.
- ❖ It can be traced back to the ‘University Corps’, which was created under the Indian Defence Act 1917.
- ❖ A scheme for expansion of National Cadet Corps coverage, in Border and Coastal regions of the country was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 August 2020.



World Heritage Week – November 19-25

- ❖ It is observed annually by the UNESCO.
- ❖ It is to make people aware of the rich heritage and also strive for its preservation.
- ❖ There are 38 world heritage UNESCO sites in India.
- ❖ It includes 30 cultural sites, 7 natural sites and one mixed site.

Aviation Awareness Week – November 23-27

- ❖ The Airport Authority of India launched Aviation Awareness Week.
- ❖ It is being celebrated to raise awareness on aviation safety.
- ❖ It will also stress on the long-term objective of zero fatality by 2030.

