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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The first-ever Aharbal festival was held in the Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir
 - The aim is to promote tourism in Kashmir, especially at Aharbal waterfall.
- ❖ The central government allotted Rs 10000 crore for MGNREGA Scheme.
 - While allotting the fund, the central government stated that Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) is a demand-driven scheme.

NATIONAL

India Internet Governance Forum 2021

- ❖ It is a 3-day online event on internet governance.
- ❖ It is jointly organized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).
- ❖ The event is centred around the theme “Empowering India through Power of the Internet”.



Ayurveda Parv-2021

- ❖ The Minister of State (MoS) for Ayush, Munjpara Mahedrabhai, virtually inaugurated the Ayurveda Parv-2021 in New Delhi.
- ❖ Ayurveda Parv-2021 is a three-day event.

- ❖ It is being organized to promote Ayurveda.



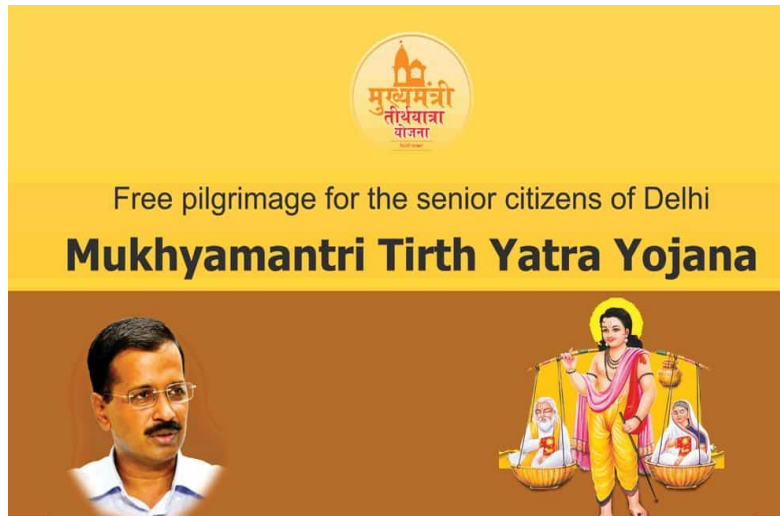
Participation of female voters in India

- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted an international webinar in New Delhi.
- ❖ The theme was “Enhancing electoral participation of Women, Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) & Senior citizen Voters: Sharing Best Practices and New Initiatives”.
- ❖ In the webinar, the chief election commissioner of India, Sushil Chandra, noted that women’s participation in exercising franchise has overpassed that of men, after 7 decades and 17 general elections.
- ❖ Women’s participation stood at more than 67 percent in the 2019 General Election.
- ❖ The gender gap was -16.71 percent in 1962, which has reversed to +0.17 percent in 2019.
- ❖ India has observed a 235.72 percent increase in female electors since the 1971 elections.

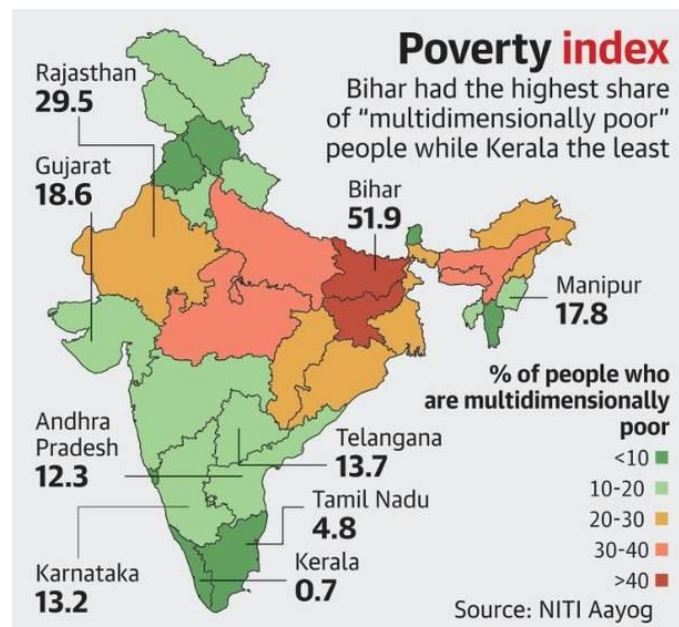
Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana

- ❖ The Delhi government announced to add Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan and Velankanni Church in Tamil Nadu to its pilgrimage scheme called “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana”

- ❖ The Delhi government also decided to add two more routes, apart from the existing 13 yatra routes.
- ❖ The two routes are Delhi-Velankanni-Delhi and Delhi-Kartarpur Sahib-Delhi.
- ❖ The devotees will travel on the Delhi-Velankanni-Delhi route in AC-III tier trains.
- ❖ For Kartarpur Sahib, they will go in air-conditioned buses.



Multidimensional Poverty Index report



- ❖ Bihar, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh have emerged as the poorest states in India.
- ❖ This is according to Niti Aayog's first Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report.

- ❖ As per the index, 51.91 percent population of Bihar is poor.
- ❖ It is followed by 42.16 percent in Jharkhand, 37.79 percent in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Top 5 Poor states are Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Kerala (0.71 per cent), Goa (3.76%), Sikkim (3.82%), Tamil Nadu (4.89%) and Punjab (5.59 %) are the top 5 lowest poverty states across India.
- ❖ Kottayam in Kerala is the only district that registered zero poverty across the country as per the index.
- ❖ Bihar also has the highest number of malnourished people.
- ❖ It is followed by Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh.

Driverless Metro railway network



- ❖ Driverless train operations on New Delhi's Pink Line were inaugurated recently.
- ❖ The move makes the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) the fourth biggest driverless Metro railway network in the world.
- ❖ The Pink Line, which connects Majlis Park with Shiv Vihar, is the longest Metro corridor in the Capital.
- ❖ The Pink Line is also the second Metro corridor in New Delhi to have driverless train operations.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first driverless operations on the DMRC's Magenta Line - connecting Botanical Garden with Janakpuri West - in December 2020.

"Most purposeful" brands in India 2021

- ❖ Amazon, Asian Paints, and Tata Tea have been named as the "most purposeful" brands in India 2021 in tech, non-FMCG, and FMCG categories.
- ❖ This is according to the latest BrandZ India report by insights and consulting firm Kantar shows.

- ❖ In the technology category, Amazon is followed by food delivery platform Zomato, Google-backed YouTube, food delivery platform Swiggy, and Walmart-backed Flipkart.
- ❖ In the non-FMCG category, Asian Paints is followed by Jio, Samsung, MRF, Tata Housing, and Airtel.
- ❖ In the FMCG category, Tata Tea is followed by Surf Excel, Taj Mahal, Maggi, Parachute, Britannia.
- ❖ The Kantar BrandZ database for Most Purposeful Brands of India for 2020-21 covers 418 brand cases.



INTERNATIONAL

World Trade Organization ministerial conference



- ❖ The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has postponed its “World Trade Organization ministerial conference (WTO MC 12).
- ❖ This is due to concerns over the new Omicron Covid-19 variant.
- ❖ The WTO MC 12 was scheduled in November 2021 at Geneva in Switzerland.
- ❖ The WTO’s 12th ministerial conference (MC12) has already been postponed once before, amid the covid-19 pandemic.

- ❖ The WTO conference usually takes place once in two years.

Omicron



- ❖ The World Health Organisation (WHO) designated SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1529 as a 'variant of concern'.
- ❖ This variant of SARS-CoV-2 has been named Omicron.
- ❖ This variant was first detected in the Botswana region of South Africa on November 24.
- ❖ South Africa is witnessing a sharp increase in covid-19 infection, coinciding with the detection of the Omicron variant.
- ❖ First known confirmed Omicron infection was from a specimen collected on November 9.
- ❖ The newly detected variant has a large number of mutations.
- ❖ Some of the mutations are concerning.

WISER program

- ❖ Women's Involvement in Science & Engineering Research (WISER) program was launched recently.
- ❖ This is a first-of-its-kind program launched to promote women in the field of research and development by lateral entry.



- ❖ It was launched by Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) to encourage women researchers in R&D projects.
- ❖ The WISER program will enable gender equality as well as the participation of women in Science & Technology through IGSTC's program.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People - 29 November

- ❖ The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is an UN organized day held every year.
- ❖ It is observed to mark the anniversary of resolution 181, wherein the Assembly adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine on November 29, 1947.



Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare - November 30

- ❖ The day is observed every year since 2005.

- ❖ The day marks a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons.



Computer Security Day - November 30

- ❖ The day is celebrated every year since the year 1988.
- ❖ This day is celebrated to raise awareness among the masses about information security and ways to keep all of their electronic devices and data protected from any potential threat.

