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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India will host the next edition of the "No Money for Terror" conference to be held in 2020.
 - It is organised by Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) of over 100 countries, jointly called The Egmont Group.
- ❖ NASSCOM Foundation, the Indian IT industry body's social arm, and Bangalore based software firm Mphasis announced the winners of the 11th edition of NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum (NSIF) award.
- ❖ In Domestic Cricket, India 'B' defeated India 'C' by 51 runs in the finals of Deodhar Trophy at International Stadium Complex in Ranchi.
- ❖ The second edition of the Paris Peace Forum, a two-day event of debate sessions aiming at global solutions for global issues, was held at Paris.
- ❖ World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November.
 - It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs.

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CJI's office under RTI Act

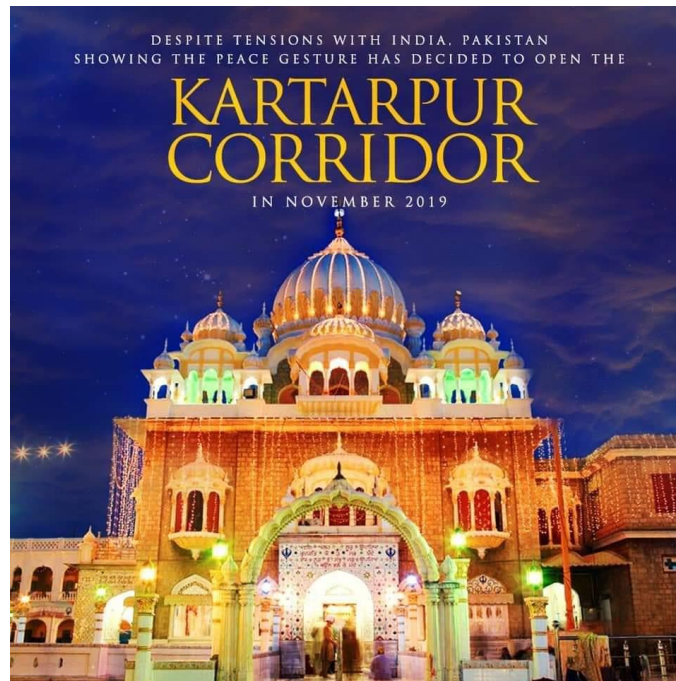
- ❖ The Supreme Court has held that office of the Chief Justice of India is a public authority under the Right to Information Act.
- ❖ This landmark judgment was pronounced by five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi.
- ❖ The bench also said that only the names of judges recommended by the Collegium for appointment can be disclosed, not the reasons.
- ❖ Previously on January 10, 2010, the Delhi High Court had held that the office of the Chief Justice of India comes within the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) law.
- ❖ Then the appeals filed in 2010 by the Supreme Court secretary general and its central public information officer against the high court and the central information commission's (CIC's) orders.
- ❖ The move to bring the office of the CJI under the transparency law was initiated by RTI activist SC Agrawal.

6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance

- ❖ The 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance was recently held in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is being jointly hosted by Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- ❖ This 6th version of the congress was attended by 300 delegates across the globe who engaged in interactive discussions to unleash the potential role of rural and agricultural finance.

Kartarpur Corridor

- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated Integrated Check Post at Kartarpur Sahib corridor in Gurdaspur, Punjab.
- ❖ The Kartarpur Corridor links Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan to Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Punjab of India.



- ❖ The Kartarpur Corridor was opened by Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan on 9 November 2019, the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- ❖ The corridor is intended to allow religious devotees from India to visit the Gurdwara in Kartarpur, 4.7 kilometres from the Pakistan-India border, without a visa.

- ❖ Guru Nanak Dev lived for 18 years until his death in 1539 at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur.
- ❖ It is also the biggest gurdwara in the world.

COCSSO conference

- ❖ 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) was held in Kolkata.
- ❖ The theme of this conference was “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”
- ❖ It highlights the actions taken by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) for a strong observing mechanism for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

COCSSO

- ❖ This annual event was first organized in 1971 by MoSPI.
- ❖ COCSSO is a major national forum that produces coordination between the Central and State Statistical Agencies.



The poster features a large circular graphic on the left composed of various icons representing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The text on the right provides details about the conference:


Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Government of India


Data for Development

27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO)

- 📄 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
To fill the data gaps and improve the timelines/quality in SDG monitoring
- 📅 11-12th November, 2019
- 📍 Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata

Providing a platform for discussion and improved coordination between the Central and State statistical agencies for Enhancing the efficiency of the Indian Statistical System

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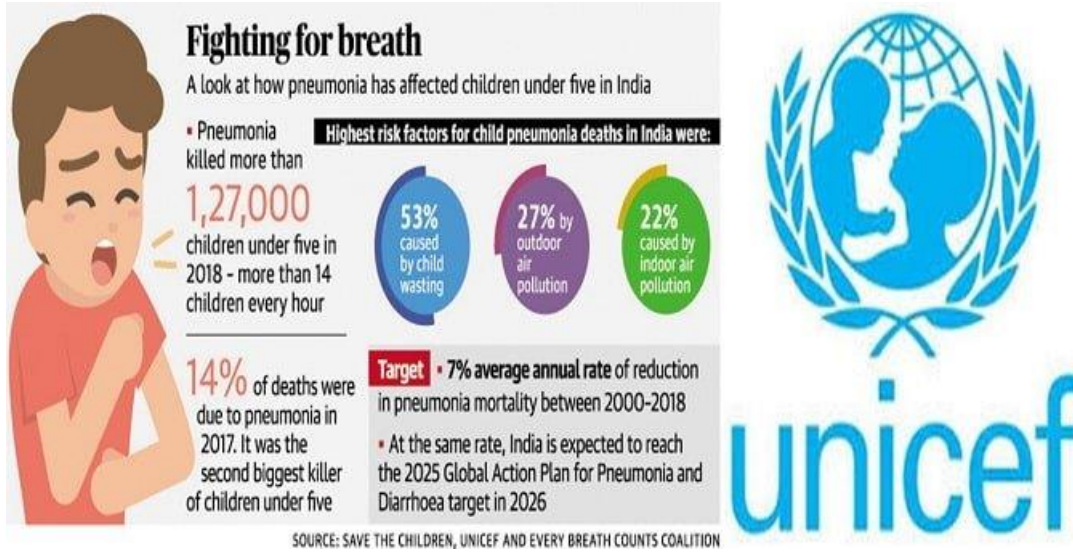
India-ASEAN Business Summit

- ❖ The 2-day India-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019 held in New Delhi.
- ❖ Theme of the Summit “Today, Tomorrow, Together”.
- ❖ The primary aim of the summit was to promote the bilateral trade relations between India and ASEAN nations to new scale.



Fighting for Breath report 2019

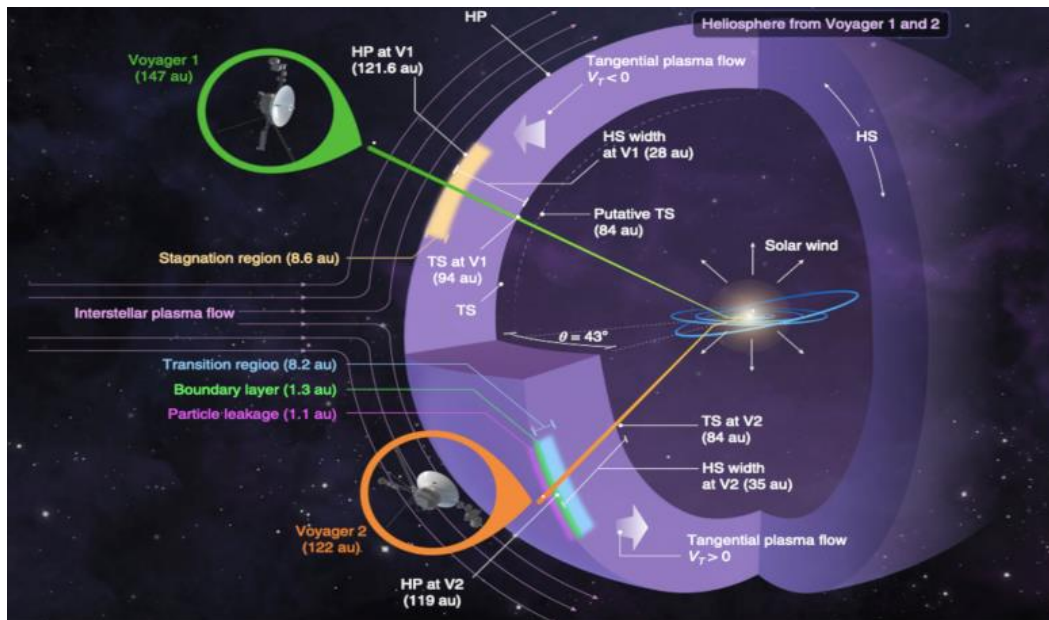
- ❖ “Fighting for Breath- A call to action on childhood pneumonia” released by UNICEF.
- ❖ As per the report, Pneumonia is one of the leading killers of children in India, claiming more than 14 children under the age of 5 years every hour in 2018.
- ❖ It killed over 1,27,000 under-five children in 2018 with high risk factors of malnutrition (53%) and pollution (Outdoor air pollution -27% & Indoor air pollution-22%).
- ❖ Five countries responsible for more than half of child pneumonia deaths includes Nigeria (162,000), India (127,000), Pakistan (58,000), the Democratic Republic of Congo (40,000) and Ethiopia (32,000).
- ❖ According to Global Action Plan for Pneumonia and Diarrhoea (GAPPD), the global target for pneumonia mortality rate for children under five by 2025 is three per 1000 live births.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Voyager 2 enters interstellar space

- ❖ NASA's Voyager 2 has become the second human made object in history to exit the Heliosphere (bubble created by solar winds).
- ❖ Spacecraft Voyager 1, crossed this boundary in 2012.



- ❖ The Voyager spacecraft are the third and fourth spacecraft to fly beyond all the planets in our solar system.

- ❖ Voyager 2 is the only spacecraft to have visited all four gas giant planets — Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.
- ❖ The two probes, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 have left the heliosphere, but have not yet left the solar system as they are not out of the sun's gravitational field yet.


About the Mission

- ❖ Voyager 2 was launched on August 20, 1977, and Voyager 1 was launched on September 5, 1977.
- ❖ The spacecraft were built to last five years and conduct close-up studies of Jupiter and Saturn.
- ❖ Voyager 2 is NASA's longest-running mission.

ENVIRONMENT

IndAIR

- ❖ The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) along with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched India's first web repository documenting air quality studies done in the last 60 years.
- ❖ It is named as IndAIR (Indian Air quality Studies Interactive Repository).

TRACKING AIR POLLUTION STUDIES IN INDIA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ First air pollution study in India was done for Bengal Smoking Nuisance Act in 1905➤ Studies by SC Roy from Meteorological Office examined cloud seeding for dealing with famine-ridden areas in 1954➤ In 1970, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Central	<p>Public Health Engineering Research Institute (now NEERI) and National Productivity Council were assigned task of fabricating air pollution monitoring equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Prior to that, dust and Ringelmann's charts were used to study plume from stack and decide on pollution levels	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Seminars and events to discuss ills of air pollution began wholeheartedly in 1970s...➤ ..But studies were done as early as 1950s by key researchers in India➤ Delhi-NCR has most number of studies — 262 — on air pollution

- ❖ The aim of the project is to make air quality research available to everyone.
- ❖ It includes all major legislations in the country dating back to 1905.
- ❖ CSIR-NEERI is a research institute created and funded by the Government of India under the Ministry of Science & Technology.
- ❖ It was established in Nagpur in 1958.

STATES

Disqualification of Karnataka MLAs

- ❖ The Supreme Court upheld the disqualification of the 17 MLAs in Karnataka but allowed them to contest the upcoming bypolls in the state.
- ❖ A three-judge bench held that the Speaker was not empowered to disqualify the lawmakers for the entire tenure of the term, which lasts until 2023.
- ❖ The Speaker had disqualified these MLAs from the 16th Karnataka Legislative Assembly on July 25 and 28 this year under the Tenth Schedule, or the anti-defection law.
- ❖ Also, they barred from contesting elections during the tenure of the current Assembly.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ganga Utsav

- ❖ The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), in coordination with the Jal Shakti Ministry, organized 'Ganga Utsav' in the Major Dhyanchand stadium in the national capital.
- ❖ Ganga Utsav is celebrated on November 4 because Ganga was declared as the country's national river on this day.
- ❖ This utsav is celebrated to mark the 11th anniversary of Ganga being declared as the national river in 2008.
- ❖ The event was organized in a bid to create awareness and gather public participation in the efforts to clean River Ganga and its tributaries.

