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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ With 77 million people affected by diabetics, India has the second highest number of diabetics in the age group 20 – 79.
  - China leads the list of top 10 countries with 116 million diabetics.
- ❖ The Eleventh edition of Bal Sangam festival was organised by National School of Drama (NSD) in its premises in New Delhi. It is a confluence of folk and traditional art forms performed by children.
- ❖ Children's Day is celebrated in the country each year on November 14, as a tribute to former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru who was born in 1889.
  - Google observed the day with a doodle called "Walking Trees". It is based on a seven-year-old student Divyasanhi Singhal's painting which spreads the message on protecting the next generations from Deforestation.

## TAMIL NADU

### Dam Across Thenpennai River

- ❖ Supreme Court has dismissed Tamilnadu's petition asking to stay the construction of a dam across Thenpennai River by Karnataka.
- ❖ Karnataka has started constructing a 50-metre-high dam across Markandey, a tributary of Thenpennai river.
- ❖ The river originates in Chennakesava hills of Karnataka.
- ❖ It travels 432 kilometres through Hosur, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram and reaches the sea.

## NATIONAL

### Sabarimala Review Verdict

- ❖ A five-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that a larger bench should again consider the matter of the entry of women of all ages into Kerala's Sabarimala temple.
- ❖ At present there is no ban on entry as per the verdict of 2018.
- ❖ The following Justices were part of the Constitutional Bench that delivered the judgement
  - Rohinton Fali Nariman



- DY Chandrachud
- Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- Justices Indu Malhotra
- AM Khanwilkar
- ❖ The verdict was delivered 3:2.
- ❖ Justices Chandrachud and Rohinton Nariman gave a dissenting verdict and disagreed with the majority view and dismissed all review pleas (56 review petitions).
- ❖ They said that not following the 2018 SC order is not an option and as on date women are allowed to enter Sabarimala temple.
- ❖ The seven-judge bench will also look into matters such as
  - The entry of Muslim and Parsi women into places of worship
  - Female genital cutting in the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community
  - Meaning of expression 'public order, morality and health' occurring in Article 25 (1) of the Constitution.
  - To delineate the meaning of the expression 'morality' or 'constitutional morality'.
  - Whether the "essential religious practices" of a religious denomination are afforded constitutional protection under Article 26.
  - The extent to which the court can interfere into the issue of a particular practice of religion.

### History

- ❖ A Supreme Court judgement in 2018 had allowed women between the age of 10 and 50 to worship at the Sabarimala temple.
- ❖ Name of this Case:
  - Kantaru Rajeevaru Vs Indian Young Lawyers Association.

### **Rafale Review Verdict**

- ❖ A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court dismissed petitions seeking a review of its December 14, 2018 judgment upholding the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft.
- ❖ The bench was led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi.
- ❖ The judgement was delivered in the case “Yashwant Sinha and Others Vs CBI”.
- ❖ Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul delivered the main verdict that he authored along with CJI.

- ❖ Justice K.M. Joseph, the third judge on the Bench agreed with main verdict and suggested CBI probe with prior sanction in case of any material in the complaint.

### **2020 Republic Day Guest – Jair Bolsonaro**

- ❖ On the sidelines of the 11th BRICS Summit, PM Modi held bilateral talks with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro.
- ❖ He welcomed the decision of the Brazilian President to grant visa-free travel to Indian citizens.
- ❖ Bolsonaro accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to be the chief guest at India's 2020 Republic Day celebrations next year.

### **Feni river agreement**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bangladesh.
- ❖ The MoU was on the withdrawal of 1.82 cusecs of water from the Feni river by India for a drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town in Tripura.

#### **Feni River**

- ❖ Feni River is a river in south-eastern Bangladesh.
- ❖ It is a trans-boundary river with an ongoing dispute about water rights.
- ❖ The Feni River originates in South Tripura district and flows through Sabroom town and then enters Bangladesh.
- ❖ Muhuri River, also called Little Feni, from Noakhali District joins it near its mouth.



### **Bru Tribe Issues**

- ❖ The blockade, launched by Bru refugees North Tripura was lifted.
- ❖ They were demanding resumption of ration.
- ❖ Recently, the Union Home Ministry's decided to give voting rights to around 30,000 people.
- ❖ These people had fled from Mizoram to Tripura in 1997 in the wake of inter-community violence.
- ❖ In this regard, a tripartite agreement was signed between the Centre, Tripura and Mizoram.
- ❖ The Election Commission has now asked the State of Mizoram to revise its rolls for the poll this year and include the members of the internally-displaced community.

### **Bru tribes**

- ❖ The Bru can be found all over the Tripura state in India. However, they may also be found in Mizoram and Assam.
- ❖ They speak the Reang dialect of Bru language which is of Tibeto-Burmese origin and is locally referred to as Kau Bru.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Diabetes Day – November 14

- ❖ World Diabetes Day is the primary global awareness campaign focusing on diabetes mellitus and is held on 14 November each year.
- ❖ It coincides with the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin alongside Charles Best.
- ❖ The day was started as an awareness day in 1991 by World Health Organization and IDF.
- ❖ It became an official UN day in 2006.
- ❖ The theme of 2019 observance is “Family and Diabetes”.

### UN World Diabetes Day 14 November

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### World Quality Day – November 14

- ❖ World Quality day is usually observed in the second week of November.
- ❖ The 2019 World Quality day was observed on November 14.
- ❖ It also marks the centenary anniversary of the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI).
- ❖ The theme of this year’s celebration is "100 years of Quality".
- ❖ The day recognises the contributions of quality professionals across the globe.



## **National Cooperatives Week – November 14 – 20**

- ❖ National cooperative week is celebrated every year all over the India from 14th of November to 20th of November.
- ❖ This year 66th National cooperatives week is celebrated.
- ❖ The objective of the week is to highlight the contribution of the co-operatives in the economy of the nation.
- ❖ The celebrations are organized by the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), which is the apex organization of the Indian cooperative movement.
- ❖ The main theme for 2019 celebrations is “Role of Cooperatives in India” focusing on how cooperatives in India can help in strengthening the rural economy and increase the earning of farmers.

