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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The International Coffee Day is observed on October 1 to promote and celebrate coffee as a beverage from 2015.
- ❖ The birthday of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (October - 02), believer of non-violence and ahimsa, is observed as the International Day of Nonviolence by the United Nations.
- ❖ The World Smile Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October each year since 1999.
  - This year, it is observed on October 02.

## NATIONAL

### Ban on the blending of mustard oil

- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has banned the blending of mustard oil with any other cooking oil with effect from October 1, 2020.
- ❖ Previously, as per the FSSAI regulations, blending of two edible oils is permitted.
- ❖ It provided the proportion by weight of any edible vegetable oil used in the blending process is not less than 20 per cent.





### **Additional branches of NIA**

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned the three additional branches of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in Chennai, Imphal, and Ranchi.
- ❖ It will strengthen NIA's capability in the investigation of the terrorism-related cases as well as other National Security matters.
- ❖ Presently, there are 9 branches of National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- ❖ They are located at – Guwahati, Jammu, Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi, Hyderabad, Raipur, Lucknow and Chandigarh.

### **National Investigation Agency**

- ❖ It is a central agency which has been established by the Indian Government to combat and deal with terrorist activities in India.
- ❖ It came into existence with the enactment of the National Investigation Agency Act 2008 by the Indian Parliament on December 31, 2008.
- ❖ It was passed after the deadly 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai.
- ❖ NIA is empowered to deal with the terror-related crimes across states without any special permission from the state governments.

### **Babri Masjid Demolition Verdict**

- ❖ All 32 accused in the Babri Masjid Demolition Case on December 6, 1992 have been acquitted.
- ❖ The CBI judge Surendra Kumar Yadav pronounced the verdict.
- ❖ The 2000-page judgement has set free all accused in the 28-year-old Babri Masjid Demolition Case at a special CBI court in Lucknow.
- ❖ Seventeen accused had passed away during the course of the trial.
- ❖ The accused were facing charges under IPC Sections including 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups), 153 B and 505 (spreading false rumours) and section 147 for rioting.



### **300<sup>th</sup> Advanced Light Helicopter**

- ❖ The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has rolled out the 300th Dhruv multi-utility advanced light helicopter.
- ❖ The military variant of Dhruv is flown by the Indian Air Force, Indian Army, Indian Navy, and the Indian Coast Guard.
- ❖ The major variants of Dhruv are classified as Dhruv Mk-I, Mk-II, Mk-III & Mk-IV.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **International Energy Security Conference 2020**

- ❖ The International Energy Security Conference 2020 was recently organised by Global Counter-Terrorism Council (GCTC).
- ❖ It is a registered non-profit International Think Tank initiated by public spirited individuals to awaken further issues of national interest and global conscience about terrorism.

## Bans on cattle slaughter

- ❖ Sri Lankan government has approved the proposal to ban cattle slaughter in the island nation.
- ❖ However, it decided to import beef for the benefit of those who consume it.

## STATES

### Maps of biodiversity

- ❖ A biodiversity map of the city to showcase the wildlife hotspots, mangrove forests, urban green spaces and over 90 species that can be spotted in the Mumbai city has been illustrated.
- ❖ It is a first-of-its-kind attempt to visually empower Mumbai's citizens with the resources they share the city with.
- ❖ Rohan Chakravarty, popularly known for his work under the title of Green Humour, is the man behind the map.
- ❖ This is part of a campaign Biodiversity by the Bay, initiated by the Ministry of Mumbai's Magic.

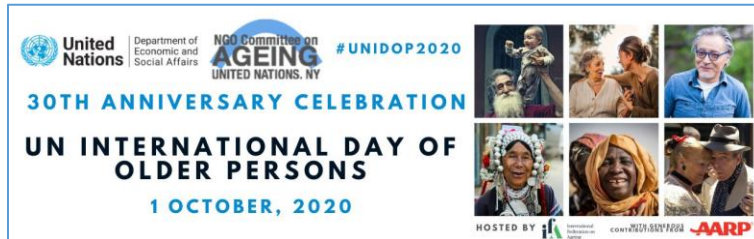




## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day of Older Persons – October 01

- ❖ The year 2020 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Day of Older Persons.
- ❖ It aims to recognize the contributions of older persons and to examine issues that affect their lives.
- ❖ The theme of the 2020 commemoration is “Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?”.



### National Anti Drug Addiction Day – October 02

- ❖ It was observed to mark the birth anniversary of Gandhi who condemned the use of drugs.
- ❖ The aim of the day is to make India free from drug and to preserve the talent.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Health in India survey

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the report of a survey titled ‘Health in India’.



- ❖ Its main objective was to gather basic quantitative information on India's health sector.
- ❖ According to the report, the Zoroastrian community remains the most susceptible (31.1%) to ailments.
- ❖ This number for other communities is Jains, 11.2 per cent; Sikhs 11 per cent; Christians 10.5 per cent; Muslims 8.1 per cent; Buddhists 8 per cent; and Hindus 7.2 per cent.
- ❖ Around 7.5 percent of Indians reported that they were suffering from ailments, as per the survey.

Religion	Male	Female	Person
Hindu	65	79	72
Muslim	70	93	81
Christian	89	122	105
Sikh	94	127	110
Jain	109	115	112
Buddhist	45	113	80
Zoroastrian	257	359	311
Others	83	54	69
All	67	83	75

Number per 1,000 persons reporting ailments (PAP) during the last 15 days by religion (Source: Survey report)

### **46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of CPCB**

- ❖ The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is a statutory organisation.
- ❖ It was constituted in 22 September 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
- ❖ It was entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- ❖ It serves as a field formation and also provides technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

