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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Minister for Science & Technology announced that the 6th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 will be held from 22nd to 25th December, 2020 at virtual platform.
- ❖ The Principality of Andorra joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s 190th Member.
 - It is a microstate situated between France and Spain.
- ❖ Mark Carney (Governor of the Bank of England) has won the Governor of the year at the 7th Central bank of the year award 2020.
 - Bank of Ghana has won the Central bank of the year award 2020.
- ❖ In 1972, the United Nations General Assembly decided to institute a World Development Information Day coinciding with United Nations Day on October 24.

INTERNATIONAL

UN Report on Gender Gap in Labor Market

- ❖ The report titled “World’s Women: Trends and Statistics” was released by the UN-DESA.
- ❖ According to this report, Gender equality across the world remains a far-fetched goal and no country has achieved it so far.
- ❖ The report provided a reality-check on the global status of women 25 years since the world adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995.
- ❖ The gender gap in the labour market has remained as it was since 1995.
- ❖ The largest gender gap in labour force participation was observed in the prime working age (25-54).
- ❖ In India, the ratio of female-to-male labour force participation rate was 29.80 in 2019 as against the desired ratio of 50 per cent.

‘Global Estimate of Children in Monetary Poverty: An Update’

- ❖ World Bank Group and UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) recently published this report.
- ❖ The analysis estimated one in six children or 356 million children globally were living in extreme poverty before the COVID-19 pandemic.



- ❖ Sub-Saharan Africa is having a limited social safety net.
- ❖ South Asia accounts for nearly one-fifth of the children who struggle to survive.

Global Wealth Report 2020

- ❖ Recently, Credit Suisse has released the Global Wealth Report 2020.
- ❖ As per this, the average wealth of Indian adults rose marginally at the end of June 2020.
- ❖ However, the Wealth inequality remains quite high in India.
- ❖ Household wealth in India is dominated by property and other real assets.

Asia Power Index 2020

- ❖ India has been ranked at 4th position in the Asia Power Index 2020.
- ❖ The United States has retained its position as the most powerful country.
- ❖ It is followed by China and Japan at second and third spot respectively.
- ❖ It was released by the Sydney-based Lowy Institute.

Human Mobility, Shared Opportunities

- ❖ It was released by the United Nations Development Report.
- ❖ It was a review of the report called '2009 Human Development Report and the Way Ahead'.
- ❖ It covers the reality of migration and how it intersects with human development today.
- ❖ In the last 10 years, human mobility has risen up the agenda.
- ❖ It was driven by huge movements of people caused by the Venezuelan, Northern Nigeria, Myanmar and Syrian situations, among others.

Sakharov Prize 2020

- ❖ The European Union has awarded its top human rights prize to the Belarus opposition movement and its leader, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya.
- ❖ It was given for their challenge to President Alexander Lukashenko's long, hard-line reign.
- ❖ Mr. Lukashenko won his sixth term in office in a presidential election widely seen as rigged.



- ❖ Sakharov Prize honours individuals and groups of people who have dedicated their lives to the defence of human rights and freedom of thought.

STATES

PMGSY implementation report

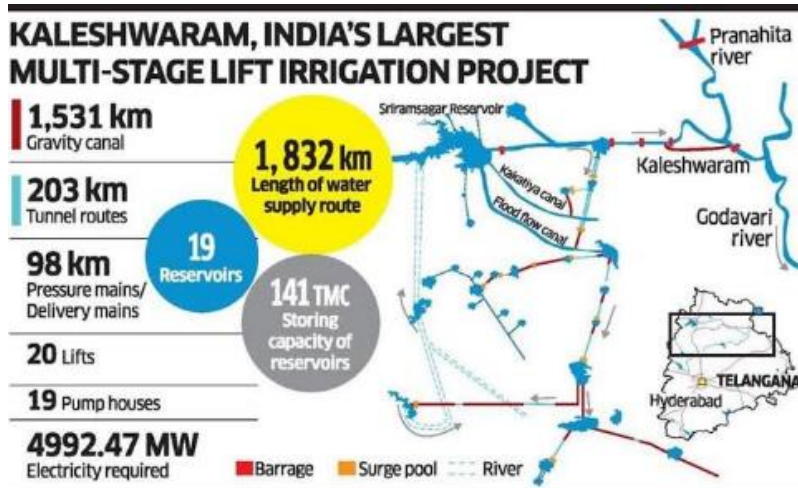
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district has bagged top position among 30 districts of the country in successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh has also secured second position at the national level for construction of roads under PMGSY.
- ❖ PMGSY is a programme funded by the Union government to connect habitations having population of more than 250 in the state.

Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)

- ❖ Originally called Pranahita-Chevella project in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, it was redesigned, extended and renamed as Kaleshwaram project in Telangana in 2014.
- ❖ It is aimed to make Telangana drought proof by harnessing the flood waters of the Godavari.
- ❖ The project starts at the confluence point of Pranahita River and Godavari River.
- ❖ When completed, it will be the world's largest irrigation and drinking water system.
- ❖ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has held that environmental clearance given to this project is "in violation of law".
- ❖ It was granted after completion of substantial work, by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
- ❖ The ruling was delivered by a bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel.

Background

- ❖ Mission Kakatiya is a flagship programme of the Telangana government.
- ❖ The mission aims to rejuvenate water storage structures in order to help small and marginal farmers in the state.
- ❖ The Mission Bhagiratha aims to provide safe drinking water to every household in both cities and villages in the state of Telangana.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Day for Audio visual Heritage – October 27

- ❖ It is a key initiative for both UNESCO and the Coordinating Council of Audio-visual Archives Associations (CCAAA) to honour audio visual preservation professionals and institutions that safeguard our heritage for future generations.
- ❖ This year, the theme of the World Day for Audio visual Heritage is "Your Window to the World".



Infantry Day – October 27

- ❖ The Infantry Day is observed every year in India on 27 October to commemorate supreme sacrifices made by Indian Army's infantry against Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in 1947.



- ❖ It was first infantry action by Indian Army after independence.
- ❖ Observance of the day also commemorates infantry's exceptional courage and dedicated service to nation.

