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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ P K Gupta has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited till September 30, 2023.
 - He succeeds Shiv Das Meena.
- ❖ Students of Chandigarh University developed India's most secure and portable Operating System (OS) 'elementary puzzles' by working on the Kernel of the OS.

NATIONAL

6th edition of MASGRADE for 2019

- ❖ The 6th edition of International Conference Movement Against Smuggling and Counterfeit Trade (MASGRADE) for 2019 was held at New Delhi.
- ❖ Theme of the event: "Containing Counterfeiting, Smuggling and Piracy: A Winning Strategy".
- ❖ This annual event was organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry's (FICCI) Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy.



Arogya Manthan workshop

- ❖ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated a 2-day national workshop 'Arogya Manthan' in New Delhi.
- ❖ It was organised by the National Health Authority (NHA).
- ❖ It aims to mark the first anniversary of Ayushman Bharat (AB) - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), which was launched on September 23, 2018.

- ❖ In this workshop, a new Ayushman Bharat programme mobile application named 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' launched for the Ayushman Bharat.
- ❖ The Ayushman Bharat Start-Up Grand Challenge was launched in partnership with Start-up India.
- ❖ A commemorative stamp was also launched.



International conference on drug situation

- ❖ A 2- day “Regional Conference on Developing a Comprehensive Approach: Combating Illicit Trafficking of Afghan Opiates and Drug Situation in the Northeast (NE)” held in Imphal, Manipur.
- ❖ The conference has been organized by the Manipur state Government and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional Office, South Asia (UNODC-ROSA).
- ❖ The conference also recommends strengthening the South Asia Regional Intelligence and Coordination Centre (SARICC) in addition to an integrated border management mechanism with support from member states to counter illicit trafficking.



Consumer App

- ❖ The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan launched 'Consumer App' in New Delhi.
- ❖ It aims to redress public grievances and provide valuable solutions on consumer related issues.
- ❖ The grievances will be resolved in a time bound manner within 20 days.
- ❖ The app, which strengthens 'digital India' objectives, provides a one stop solution to the consumer grievances via mobile devices.

ECONOMY

Online filing system – ARTIS

- ❖ The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) launched an online system Applications for Remedies in Trade for Indian Industry and other Stakeholders (ARTIS).
- ❖ It will be used for filing anti-dumping applications by the domestic industry for speedy resolution of dumping issues.

DGTR

- ❖ DGTR is working under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ DGTR is an apex national authority for administering all trade remedial measures including anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard measures.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

5000th railway station with Wi-fi

- ❖ The Midnapore railway station of West Bengal became the 5000th railway station to be enabled with Wi-fi.
- ❖ The project for providing Wi-fi was started by RailTel in 2016.
- ❖ Mumbai central railway station was the first for wi-fi implementation.
- ❖ RailTel is a Public Sector Unit (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways.

STATES



Fully electrified state in India

- ❖ Telangana has become one the fully electrified states in the country after providing electricity to over 5 lakh 15 thousand households under the Soubhagya Yojana.

Saubhagya Scheme

- ❖ The scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana is aims to provide electricity to all households.
- ❖ The project was announced in September 2017 by the central government.

Ban on pan masala

- ❖ Rajasthan became the third state in India to ban certain categories of pan masala containing magnesium carbonate, nicotine, tobacco, mineral oil and flavoured 'supari' under the Food Safety Act.
- ❖ Even the production, storage, distribution and sale of these products is banned.
- ❖ Earlier Maharashtra and Bihar banned the same.

Chhattisgarh Government's New Schemes

- ❖ Chhattisgarh government launched 5 new schemes.
- ❖ The details of the schemes as follows

i. Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyaan

- ❖ Under this Chief Minister Nutrition Scheme, fresh and nutritious food is provided to malnourished children and anaemic women with the help of panchayats and self-help groups.

ii. Mukhyamantri Haat Bazaar Clinic Yojana

- ❖ Under this Chief Minister Market Clinic Scheme, mobile teams of health department along with doctors and necessary equipment will visit local haat-bazaars to provide health facilities in remote tribal and forest areas of the state.

iii. Mukhyamantri Shahariya Slum Swasthya Yojana

- ❖ Under this Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Scheme, mobile medical team along with available health facilities will cater to health care needs of over 7 lakh 80 thousand people.
- ❖ Initially 3 mobile medical teams will be deployed in Raipur, 2 each in Bhilai and Korba and one each in other municipalities.

iv. The Universal PDS



- ❖ Under this Public Distribution System scheme, general category families (taxpayers and non-taxpayers) are eligible for food grains.
- ❖ Families with single member will be eligible for 10 kg of rice per month, a family of 2 members will get 20 kg of rice per month and family of 3 and more than 3 members will get 35 kg of rice per month at a cost of Rs 10 per kg.

v. Mukhyamantri Ward Karyalayas

- ❖ Under this Chief Minister Ward Offices scheme, city people will be provided immediate availability of citizen services and facilities according to their demands.

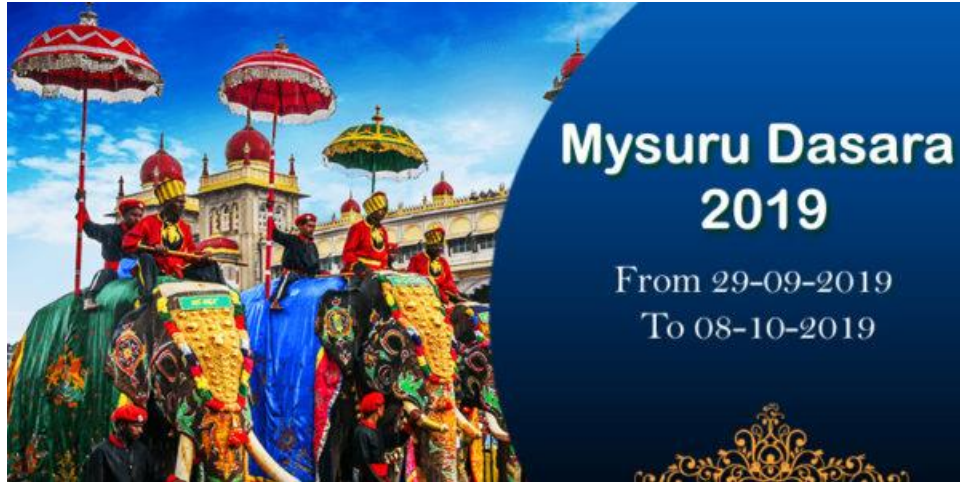
National Law University Bill 2019

- ❖ The Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Satya Pal Malik has given assent to the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Bill 2019.
- ❖ It aims at establishing a National Law University in the state of J&K.
- ❖ It will help to disseminate knowledge about law and legal processes and promote legal awareness to achieve political, social and economic justice.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS







Mysuru Dasara festival

- ❖ The ten-day Mysuru Dasara festival was inaugurated in Karnataka.
- ❖ The ceremonies and a major procession are traditionally presided by the king of Mysuru.
- ❖ This festival will comprise of various cultural programmes and sports events.
- ❖ This year, the birth centenary celebration of the erstwhile ruler of Mysore Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, is included in the Dasara festival.
- ❖ The Dasara festival in Mysuru completed 400th anniversary in year 2010.



Telangana Flower Festival - Bathukamma

- ❖ Bathukamma, the flower festival of Telangana, is being celebrated in state's Warangal district.
- ❖ The nine-day long festival of flowers will be celebrated from 29 September to 6 October 2019.
- ❖ Bathukamma marks the beginning of Sharath Ruthu.
- ❖ The 'Bathukammas' are basically the cone shaped flower stack, at street corners and temples in the city.
- ❖ This festival represents the culture and identity of people of Telangana and involves the worship of Maha Gauri.

Flowers used in BATHUKAMMA	
<p>TANGEDU (SENNA/ CAS-SIA): Cassia species are well known for their laxative and purgative constituents.</p> 	<p>KATLA (IPOMOEAE): A valuable medicinal plant having anti-cancer, anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory properties.</p> 
<p>GUNUGU (CELOSIA ARGENTIA): Leaves of celosia, bruised and applied as poultice, are used for treating of infected sores.</p> 	<p>GUMMADI (CUCURBITA): Used as an anti-diabetic, anti-tumour, anti-hypertensive, anti-inflammatory, and an anti-bacterial agent.</p> 
<p>BANTHI (TAGETES ERRECTA): Used for its nematocides, cosmetic medicinal properties. The flower oil contains antioxidants.</p> 	<p>BEERA (LUFFA): Roots is used for dropsy and as a laxative. The Leaves and are used to treat jaundice.</p> 
	<p>ASTER (CALENDULA): Used to prevent muscle spasms. The flowers are used for treating sore throat.</p> 