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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 10th Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference of the India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum was held in New York.
- ❖ October 1 is observed as International Coffee Day to celebrate and promote coffee across the and bring to light the difficulties that farmers go through while growing coffee beans.
- ❖ International Music Day celebrated on October 1 every year.

## TAMIL NADU

### Nilgiri Sholakili



- ❖ The Nilgiri Sholakili is found in high altitudes of the Shola forests.
- ❖ This is listed as endangered by the IUCN Red list.
- ❖ This species prefers to live only in highly threatened habitats and near streams.
- ❖ It seems to be highly restricted to only Shola Forest habitats, making it more susceptible to changes in its environment.

## NATIONAL


### Supreme Court proceeding live-stream

- ❖ The Supreme Court began live streaming its proceedings that people can watch on their mobiles and computers.

- ❖ Only three Constitution bench proceedings were webcast on YouTube by the National Informatics Centre.

**LAKHS WITNESSED SC PROCEEDINGS**

	Views	Total Watch Time	Average View Duration	Duration
Court 1	<b>2.4 lakh</b>	14,152 hrs 21 min	3 min 33 sec	<b>4 hrs 24 min</b>
Court 2	<b>4 lakh</b>	40,092 hrs 52 min	6 min 3 sec	<b>6 hrs 21 min</b>
Court 3	<b>96,205</b>	4,137 hrs 56 min	2 min 34 sec	<b>5 hrs 23 min</b>



### **National Service Scheme Awards 2020-21**

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Service Scheme NSS Awards for the 2020–21.
- ❖ 42 prizes in total were given out.
- ❖ The recipients of the honours were two institutions, ten NSS units, their programme officers, and thirty NSS volunteers.



### **Committee to review pharma marketing practices**

- ❖ The central government forms a five-member committee.
- ❖ It is aimed at considering a “legally enforceable” mechanism for regulating the marketing practices of pharmaceutical firms.

- ❖ V K Paul, member (health) of NITI Aayog has been chosen as the head of the committee.
- ❖ The committee is assumed to submit its report in 90 days.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Ageas Federal Life Insurance**

- ❖ Ageas Federal Life Insurance announced that after Belgium-based Ageas Insurance International successfully acquired the 25% investment in the life insurance joint venture from IDBI Bank.
- ❖ It has become the first life insurance firm in India with a 74% stake held by a foreign partner.

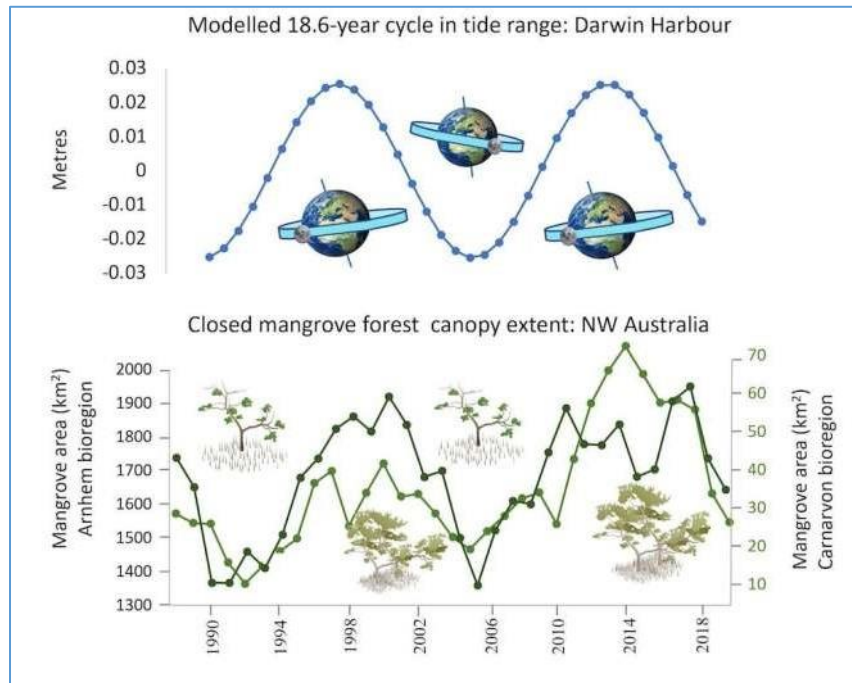


## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Effect of the Moon on Mangroves**

- ❖ Scientists have found that the oscillation of the moon's orbit or 'moon wobble' has a significant impact on the mangrove canopy cover of the world.
- ❖ The moon's gravitational pull forms tides that maintain the health of the oceans, coastal areas and biodiversity.
- ❖ The new study has found that these long-phase tidal cycles play an important role in the regulation of tidal wetland ecosystems — such as the growth of mangrove forests.

- ❖ When the lunar wobble is in its minimum phase, the researchers figured that mangrove ecosystems would be sucked dry, experiencing fewer days where their roots were saturated and greater water stress, leading to thinner canopy.
- ❖ At its maximum, the lunar wobble might thrust tides higher, boosting mangrove growth.
- ❖ Mangroves are coastal trees that offer habitat for fish as well as protection from erosion.



## STATES

### Bathukamma Festival



- ❖ The state floral festival known as Bathukamma has started in Telangana.

- ❖ Bathukamma, means 'Mother Goddess come Alive' is celebrated towards the end of monsoon.
- ❖ The festival begins on the day of Mahalaya Amavasya, and is celebrated for nine days.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **52nd Dadasaheb Phalke award**

- ❖ Veteran Hindi cinema actress Asha Parekh has been declared the recipient of the 2020 Dadasaheb Phalke award.
- ❖ She is the 52nd awardee of the honour.
- ❖ She worked in more than 95 films.
- ❖ She was the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998-2001.
- ❖ She is also a recipient of the Padma Shri, awarded to her by the Government of India in 1992 for services to cinema.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day of the Older Persons - October 1**

- ❖ On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated 1 October the International Day of Older Persons.
- ❖ This was preceded by initiatives such as the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing – which was adopted by the 1982 World Assembly on Ageing.

- ❖ The overall umbrella theme for the day is “Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World.”



### **National Voluntary Blood Donation Day - October 1**



- ❖ This day aims at spreading awareness about the importance of donating blood and the benefits associated with this noble cause.
- ❖ It recognises and commemorate the immense contribution made by Dr Jai Gopal Jolly on his birthday.
- ❖ He was an internationally known expert in the field of blood transfusion.

- ❖ He also pioneered the voluntary blood donation movement in India.
- ❖ He is regarded as the "Father of Transfusion Medicine in India".
- ❖ The Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohematology first observed this day in 1975 on October 1.

### **World Vegetarian Day - October 1**

- ❖ The day aims to bring awareness to the ethical, environmental, health and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle.
- ❖ October is also observed as Vegetarian Awareness Month.
- ❖ World Vegetarian Day was established by the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS) in 1977.
- ❖ It was further endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978.



## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Arrival of foreign tourists**

- ❖ The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions saw the foreign tourist arrivals in India dip by 44.5% in 2021.
- ❖ While in 2020, 2.74 million foreign tourists had visited India, in 2021, the number was 1.52 million.
- ❖ The arrival of NRIs, however, are increased by 52.6% in 2021 compared to 2020.
- ❖ The number of foreign tourist arrivals during 2019 was 10.93 million.
- ❖ In 2021, the top 15 countries from which foreign tourists arrived in India included the U.S., the U.K., Bangladesh, Canada, Nepal, Afghanistan and Australia.

- ❖ These nations accounted for nearly 81% of foreign tourist arrivals in India last year.
- ❖ Air travel was the most favoured mode of travel for foreign tourists with 87.5% opting for it.
- ❖ The number of Indian nationals departing the country saw a rise in 2021 as compared to 2020.
- ❖ In 2021, 8.55 million Indian nationals departed the country as compared to 7.29 million in 2020 — a 7.3% increase.
- ❖ The UAE was the top destination for Indians in 2021, followed by the U.S., Qatar, Oman and the U.K.
- ❖ Domestic tourism in India saw a minor revival with an increase of 11.05%.
- ❖ In 2020, the number of domestic tourists was 610.22 million, in 2021 it was 677.33 million.
- ❖ The vice president of India Jagdeep Dhankar also gave away the National Tourism Awards for 2018-19 with Uttarakhand, Maharashtra and Telangana getting the top places.

