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NATIONAL

Data on Police Organisation 2018

- ❖ Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah released Bureau of Police Research and Development's (BPRD) flagship publication Data on Police Organizations (DoPO 2018).
- ❖ It is a compilation of information on police infrastructure, manpower and other resources from all States, UTs, CAPFs and CPOs.

Key Data

- ❖ 20.95% increase in the strength of Woman Police.
- ❖ Total percentage of women in the Indian Police has now become 8.73%.
- ❖ The overall Police Population Ratio (PPR) at the state level stood at 95 policemen per lakh population.
- ❖ Police Stations have increased from 15579 to 16422.
- ❖ This also includes Cyber Police Stations whose number has risen from 84 to 120.
- ❖ Electronic surveillance has improved – a total of 2,75,468 CCTV cameras have been installed.

BSNL-MTNL Merger

- ❖ Union Cabinet has approved the revival plan of BSNL and MTNL and the in-principle merger of the two.
- ❖ BSNL and MTNL will also raise long-term bonds of Rs 15,000 Cr.
- ❖ Sovereign guarantee for the bonds will be provided by the Government of India.

VT-NMD (Narendra Modi Devendra) Aircraft

- ❖ Test flights of VT-NMD (Narendra Modi Devendra) will finally be carried out in December 2019.
- ❖ It will be certified as airworthy after getting a go-ahead from the civil aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- ❖ It is India's first experimental aircraft.
- ❖ The 6-seater aircraft was built by Amol Yadav, a former pilot.
- ❖ He first displayed the aircraft at the Make in India Show in 2016.



Vice President at NAM Summit

- ❖ Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu represented India at the 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in Baku, Azerbaijan on October 25 and 26.
- ❖ This marked the second time in a row that PM Modi missed the summit.
- ❖ He had earlier missed the 2016 meet held at Venezuela.
- ❖ Since 1961, the Indian Prime Minister has always attended the NAM summit.
- ❖ Exception: In 1979, when Chaudhury Charan Singh was the caretaker PM and hence missed it.
- ❖ Modi's absence indicates a decisive move away from past practice at the 60-year-old organisation.
- ❖ The theme for the XVIII NAM Summit is "Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary world".

Bandung Principles

- ❖ The Ten Principles of Bandung was a political statement encapsulating the need to promote world peace and cooperation between countries.
- ❖ They were formulated at the Asian-African Conference in 1955.

About NAM

- ❖ India is one of the founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
- ❖ NAM was established in 1961 with 29 members.
- ❖ It has since grown to 120 members to become one of the largest groupings of nation-states.



INTERNATIONAL

Wild Polio Virus 3 (WPV3) Eradicated

- ❖ In an announcement by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on World Polio Day (October 24), an independent commission of experts declared that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated worldwide.
- ❖ This follows the eradication of smallpox and wild poliovirus type 2.
- ❖ With this, 2 out of 3 wild poliovirus strains have been eradicated.
- ❖ Efforts are being taken to eliminate the wild poliovirus type 1.
- ❖ This virus remains in circulation in just two countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- ❖ There are three individual and immunologically distinct wild poliovirus strains
 - Wild Poliovirus Type 1 (WPV1)
 - Wild Poliovirus Type 2 (WPV2)
 - Wild Poliovirus Type 3 (WPV3)

ENVIRONMENT

Snow- Leopard Survey

- ❖ India will commission its first-ever snow leopard survey to estimate the population and geographical range of the snow leopard.
- ❖ It is a member of the genus 'Panthera' to which tiger, leopard and lion also belong.
- ❖ Its Scientific name is "Panthera uncia".
- ❖ In 2017, status of Snow leopard in the Red List of the IUCN was changed from 'endangered' to 'vulnerable'.
- ❖ India is home to 10% of the global population of snow leopards.

STATES

Rani Chennamma – Karnataka

- ❖ Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa inaugurated Kittur Utsav in Kittur.
- ❖ The three-day festivities included sports, cultural programmes and lectures on the kingdom of Rani Channamma.
- ❖ She (1778 – 1829) was an Indian freedom fighter and Rani of the Kittur, a former princely state in Karnataka and one of the first female freedom fighters.



- ❖ She led an armed force against the British East India Company in 1824 in defiance of the doctrine of lapse.

Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project

- ❖ The Government of India, Government of Odisha and the World Bank signed a US\$165 million loan agreement for the Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture.
- ❖ Loaned by: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- ❖ Project Under: National Action Plan on Climate Change of Government of India.
- ❖ It will benefit about 125,000 smallholder farmer households from 15 districts of Odisha.
- ❖ Since 2009, the frequency of droughts in Odisha has increased from 1 in 5 years to 1 in 2 years.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Polio Day – October 24

- ❖ World Polio Day is celebrated on 24 October annually to raise awareness about the polio disease and efforts for eradication.
- ❖ The theme for World Polio Day 2019 is “Stories of Progress: Past and Present for World Polio Day”.
- ❖ Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only two countries in which polio is still prevalent.
- ❖ The last case of polio in India was in January 2011.
- ❖ The SEAR (South East Asia Region) countries were declared Polio-Free in 2014, three years after the last case of wild poliovirus infection, detected in the West Bengal of India.
- ❖ Nigeria was removed from the polio-endemic list in September 2015.
- ❖ The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is “a public-private partnership led by national governments with five partners – the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.”
- ❖ Polio is a highly infectious disease.
- ❖ It is a disease caused by the deadly ‘Poliovirus’ usually affecting children under 5 years of age.



- ❖ There are three strains of polio virus known as wild polio virus (WPV).
- ❖ The last case of wild poliovirus type 3 was seen in northern Nigeria in 2012.
- ❖ In 2015, type 2 wild poliovirus was declared as eliminated - this is the second wild poliovirus to be declared eliminated.
- ❖ With two of the three wild polioviruses eliminated, only type 1 wild poliovirus is still in circulation and is restricted to just two countries — Afghanistan and Pakistan.

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage Day – October 27

- ❖ The General Conference of UNESCO approved the commemoration of a World Day for Audio-visual Heritage in 2005.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness of the significance and preservation risks of recorded sound and audio-visual documents (films, sound and video recordings, radio and television programmes)
- ❖ This year's the theme is "Engage the Past Through Sound and Images".

