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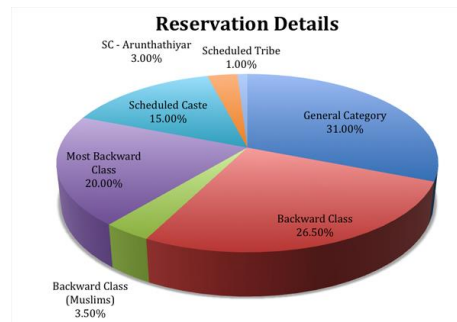
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Former Supreme Court Judge, A.R.Lakshmanan passed away recently.
 - Currently he was the sitting representative of Tamil Nadu in the Mullai Periyar Panel headed by Justice A.S.Anand.
- ❖ Indian Railways is set to meet its energy consumption which will be over 33 billion units by 2030.
 - The current annual energy requirements of Indian Railways are around 21 billion units.

TAMIL NADU

Sub categories in reserved categories

- ❖ Supreme Court ruled that the states can sub classify list of Scheduled Caste, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and Scheduled Tribes to provide preferential treatment to those that are deprived within.
- ❖ This means the Tamil Nadu Arunthathiyars Act 2009, providing 3% reservation to the community within the 18% SC quota, will continue to be in force.
- ❖ The bench disagreed with the 2004 judgement of Supreme Court in E V Chinnaiah Vs State of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ In 2009, the TN State government, headed by M Karunanidhi, introduced a special quota for the community, combining seven castes out of the 74 listed in the SC category.
- ❖ The sub-quota was introduced based on a report submitted by the Justice Janarthanam Commission.



NATIONAL

Disabled persons under NFSA - 2013

- ❖ The Central Government instructed to the State governments and the Union Territories that all the disabled persons should be included under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- ❖ The Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan benefits are for those persons who are not covered under NFSA Act or Public Distribution System of States.
- ❖ Now the disabled persons without rations cards are also eligible to receive benefits under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.


New 78 routes under UDAN

- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation sanctioned 78 new routes under 4th round of regional connectivity scheme (RCS).
- ❖ So far 766 new routes have been sanctioned under the scheme.
- ❖ The fourth round of UDAN scheme was launched in December 2019 focusing on North Eastern Regions, Islands and Hilly states.
- ❖ UDAN scheme was launched under Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016.

INDIA BOARDS UDAN

World's cheapest domestic air travel scheme, UDAN, was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Shimla on April 27, 2017

- Introduced by Civil Aviation Ministry under National Civil Aviation Policy unveiled in 2016
- UDAN is acronym for 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik' - meaning 'for every common man to fly'
- Three initial flights were launched in the routes Shimla-Delhi, Kadapa-Hyderabad and Nanded-Hyderabad
- Government aspires to connect unserved and underserved regions of the country through revival of existing airstrips and airports
- Airfare for a 1-hour journey of approximately 500 km on a fixed wing aircraft or for 30-minute journey on a helicopter would be capped at ₹ 2,500
- The seating capacity of aircraft under UDAN scheme will range from 19 to 78, and 50% of the seats in every flight will have a fare cap of ₹ 2,500 per seat per hour





NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia

- ❖ NITI Aayog launched the “India Component” of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)–Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA).
- ❖ It is a regional initiative that aims to promote a comprehensive approach to decarbonize transport in India, Vietnam, and China.
- ❖ In each of the partner countries, the NDC-TIA supports in making their sectoral contributions to the achievement of the NDCs of the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ The NDC-TIA programme has a duration of 4 years.

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana

- ❖ The 6th anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) was observed which was launched on August 28, 2014.
- ❖ The objective of PMJDY is to ensure access to financial services, namely, Banking/ Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance, Pension in an affordable manner.
- ❖ The Slogan of PMJDY is “Mera Khata – Bhagya Vidhaata.”
- ❖ Later its Focus shift from ‘Every Household’ to Every Unbanked Adult’.
- ❖ It is operated by the Department of Financial Services under the Union Finance Ministry.
- ❖ A mobile application Jan Dhan Darshak App was launched to provide a citizen centric platform for locating banking touch points such as bank branches, ATMs, etc.

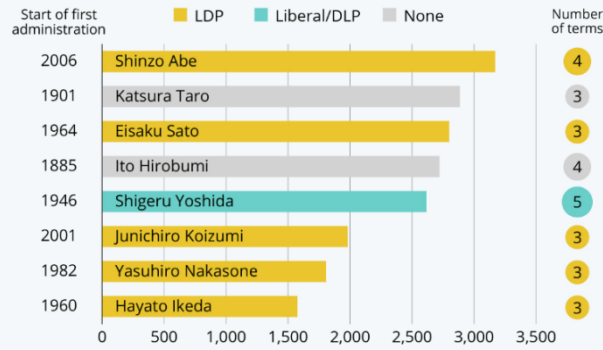
INTERNATIONAL

Resignation of Japan Prime Minister

- ❖ Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan announced his resignation owing to his health condition.
- ❖ He was the longest serving Prime Minister of Japan (2006-2021).

The Longest-Serving Japanese Prime Ministers

Japanese prime ministers by total days in office and number of terms served



Sources: Japan Times, Kyodo News, Nippon.com, Japan Forward

ECONOMY

RBI Annual Report 2019-20

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India released its annual report 2019-20.
- ❖ According to the report, the total income in 2019-20 has increased by 28.97%.

Key Points

- ❖ The balance sheet size of Reserve Bank increased by 13.42%.
- ❖ The total income in the year 2018-19 was Rs 1,49,672.
- ❖ In 2019-20, it was Rs 1,93,036.
- ❖ The expenditure decreased by 39.72%.
- ❖ The interest income of the bank increased by 44.62%
- ❖ The RBI holdings of Government Securities increased by 57.19%.
- ❖ The value of bank fraud cases has increased 74%.
- ❖ The number of bank fraudulent cases increased to 6,800 in 2019 as compared to 5,900 in 2018.
- ❖ The Gross Non-Performing Ratio of banking system have declined to 9.1% as compared to 11.2% in March 2019.
- ❖ The currency in circulation has soared 17%.
- ❖ It was Rs 21.10 trillion in 2019-20.
- ❖ Till June 2019, the RBI held 618.16 metric tonnes of gold as compared to 566,23 tonnes held in June 2018.

ENVIRONMENT

Mahseer fish in Sileru river

- ❖ A rare fish called “Mahseer” recently sighted in the Sileru river.
- ❖ This fish is listed as Endangered in IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) list.
- ❖ Mahseer is commonly found in the Himalayan rivers that are running in cooler regions.
- ❖ This includes Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bhutan, Nepal.
- ❖ It is a large fresh water fish.
- ❖ There are 47 species of Mahseer in the world.
- ❖ Out of these, 15 are found in India.
- ❖ Recently, in 2019, the IUCN changed the conservation status of Hump Backed Mahseer to Critically Endangered.
- ❖ They are found only in River Cauvery in India and nowhere in the world.

STATES

Resolution to enter in the sixth schedule

- ❖ The Arunachal Pradesh State Assembly on 27, unanimously passed a resolution to include the entire state in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.
- ❖ The sixth schedule provides protection to tribal people’s rights in the Northeast.
- ❖ The Sixth Schedule apart from giving considerable autonomy to the tribal community will also empower the council to enact laws for the protection of land protection.



6th Schedule Areas

MEGHALAYA

- Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council
- Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council
- Garo Hills Autonomous District Council

MIZORAM

- Chakma Autonomous District Council
- Lai Autonomous District Council

- Mara Autonomous District Council

TRIPURA

- Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council

ASSAM

- Dima Hasao Autonomous Council
- Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council
- Bodoland Territorial Council

