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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court has directed removal of 48,000 slum dwellings along the 140 km length of railway tracks in Delhi.

TAMIL NADU

Ordinance in Tamilnadu Public Health Act 1939

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit promulgated the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Second Amendment) Ordinance 2020.
- ❖ It made violations of COVID-19 lockdown and physical distancing norms “compoundable offences”.
- ❖ It also prohibits acts of violence against persons implementing these measures.
- ❖ The ordinance specified that a fine of ₹5,000 would be imposed on those violating the standard operating procedure (SOP) issued for commercial establishments and other public places.
- ❖ Those not wearing a face mask in public places will have to pay ₹200.
- ❖ Those spitting in public places and violating distancing norms will have to pay ₹500 as fine.
- ❖ The penalty for violating quarantine norms will also be ₹500.

NATIONAL

Decriminalization of Begging

- ❖ The Ministry of Railways has proposed to decriminalise begging on trains or railway premises.
- ❖ It is the part of an exercise to decriminalise or rationalise penalties under the provisions of the Railway Act, 1989.
- ❖ It also compounds the offence of smoking by levying spot fine.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme - 2020

- ❖ Under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Goa is paired with Jharkhand.
- ❖ The intensity of programmes is less due to lockdown and so the focus is laid on virtual events.



- ❖ Lokotsav programmes held earlier in Goa in Panaji evoked good response.
- ❖ The programme was announced by the Prime Minister in 2015 on the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Judicial recusal of high court judge

- ❖ Justice Suvir Sehgal of the Punjab and Haryana High Court recused from hearing the anticipatory bail application filed by former Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini in the Balwant Singh Multani disappearance and murder case.
- ❖ The Judge, while recusing himself from the case referred the matter to the Chief Justice for re-listing.
- ❖ Judicial disqualification, referred to as recusal, is the act of abstaining from participation in an official action such as a legal proceeding due to a conflict of interest of the presiding court official or administrative officer.
- ❖ There are no definite rules on recusals by Judges.

INSTANCE OF RECUSAL OF SC JUDGES

March 8, 2016: Justice J Chelameswar recused from a case pertaining to Bangalore blasts accused Abdul Nazir Maudany

March 9, 2016: Justice AR Dave's bench said it was unable to hear activist Teesta's anticipatory bail plea and referred it to CJI for listing it before another bench

March 10, 2016: Justice VG Gowda recused from hearing CBI's plea challenging May 2010 Allahabad HC verdict dropping criminal conspiracy charge against BJP leaders LK Advani

in Babri Masjid case

April 28, 2011: Justices DK Jain and HL Dattu recused from hearing then Sikkim HC Chief Justice PD Dinakaran's petition seeking a stay on Rajya Sabha-appointed inquiry panel against him

March 2, 2012: Bench of justices HL Dattu and CK Prasad chose not to hear a petition challenging validity of the USD 8.5 million Cairn Energy-Vedanta deal.

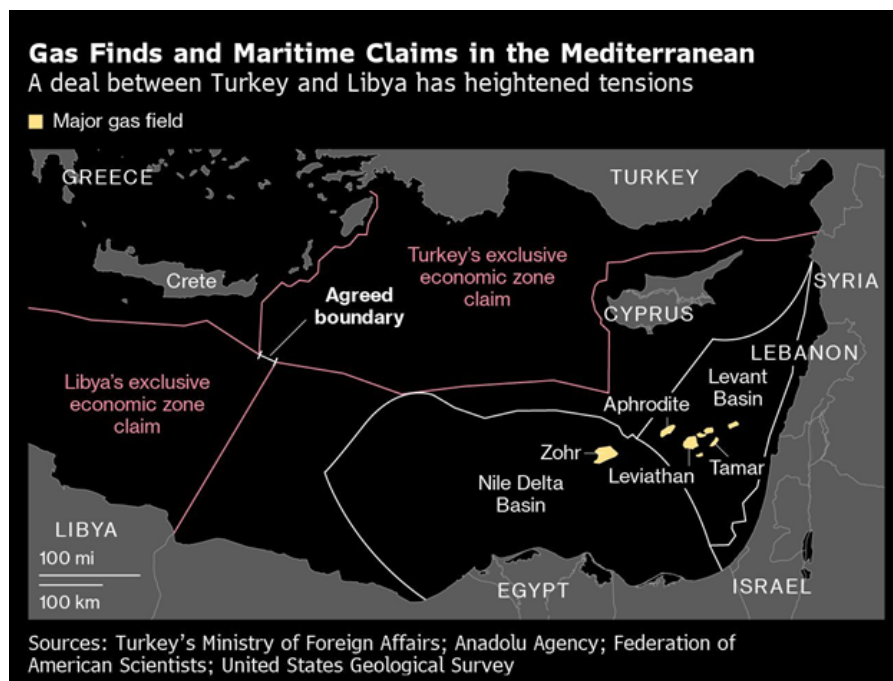
INTERNATIONAL

3rd US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Summit

- ❖ It is a 5-day summit with the theme "US-India Navigating New Challenges".
- ❖ The USISPF is a non-profit organization.
- ❖ It works for the partnership between India and the US and was established in 2017.
- ❖ The USISPF plays a significant role in creating a robust and dynamic relationship between the two countries through policy advocacy.

Peace talks between Greece and turkey

- ❖ Turkey said that Turkey is in favour of talks with Greece on the resources of Mediterranean Sea.
- ❖ It would lead to the fair sharing of resources in the eastern Mediterranean, where the two countries are locked in a tensed standoff.
- ❖ Turkey and Greece have overlapping maritime claims in the eastern Mediterranean.
- ❖ The maritime dispute is related to the maritime jurisdiction areas, including the territorial waters and the continental shelf and their delimitation in the Aegean Sea.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Portable Optical Cavity Sterilization Unit

- ❖ Scientists have developed a portable sterilisation unit using a new technology called the hybrid sterilization system.
- ❖ It can decontaminate personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for combating COVID 19, easily and rapidly, allowing them to be used multiple times.
- ❖ It can prevent generation of hazardous solid waste from PPEs.



Chakr DeCoV device

- ❖ IIT Delhi incubated startup Chakr Innovation has launched 'Chakr DeCoV'.
- ❖ It is a decontamination device that decontaminates N95 masks.
- ❖ The mechanism utilises the high penetrability of Ozone gas for cleaning the pores of the N95 mask.

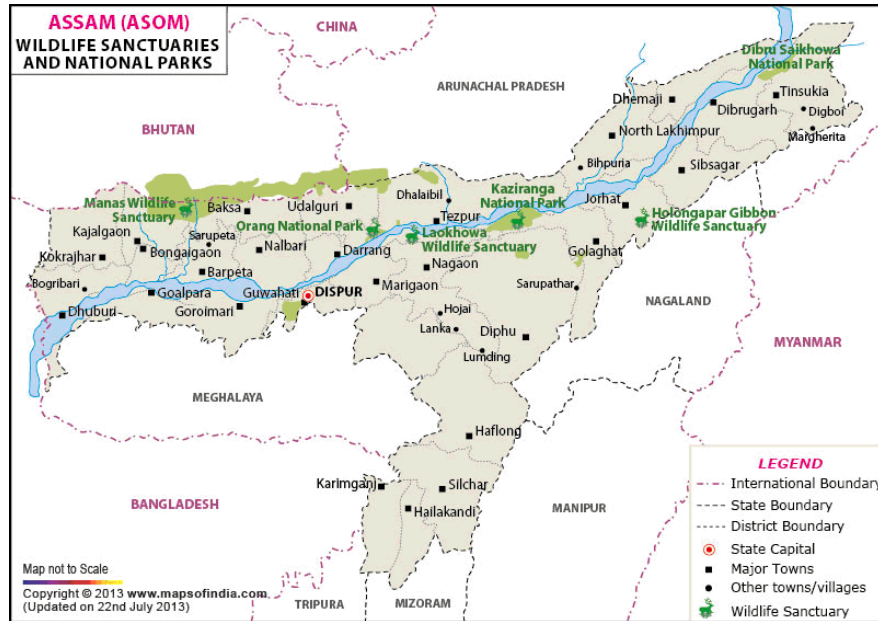
ENVIRONMENT

J&K Biodiversity Council

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir government recently set up a 10-member biodiversity council.
- ❖ It includes five ex-officio members and five non-official members.
- ❖ The council will maintain a Peoples Biodiversity Register with the help of representatives from local governance bodies.
- ❖ The biodiversity council will function in consultation with National Biodiversity Authority, as per an order issued by General Administration Department (GAD).
- ❖ The work conducted by the biodiversity council will be monitored by the biodiversity committees at three levels:
 - National Biodiversity Authority,
 - J&K Bio-Diversity Council,
 - Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Expansion of Kaziranga National Park

- ❖ The Assam government has approved to expand the Kaziranga National Park by 3053 hectares.
- ❖ It would help to provide connectivity to Orang and Nameri National Parks across river Brahmaputra.
- ❖ It also provides connectivity to the hills of Karbi Anglong to the south of the park.
- ❖ It would lead to the reduction in human-wildlife negative interactions.



STATES

Bill to protect State's Heritage Sites

- ❖ The Assam assembly passed bills for creation of three autonomous councils which included Moran, Motok and Kamtapur Autonomous Council.
- ❖ These proposals were made by the government after the height of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protest.
- ❖ The bills are being termed as a 'historic' step towards implementing the Clause 6 of Assam Accord.

Clause 6

- ❖ The state government is empowered to take necessary steps to ensure constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate, that shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the culture, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people.

