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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is set to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the Rafale combat aircraft.
- ❖ The Golden Pen of Freedom, the annual press freedom award of the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), has been awarded to Colombian journalist, Jineth Bedoya Lima.

NATIONAL

1st Union minister to die of Covid-19

- ❖ Union minister of state for railways and Karnataka BJP MP Suresh Angadi, 65, passed away after he tested positive for Covid-19.
- ❖ Angadi is the first Central minister to die of coronavirus.
- ❖ He was the fourth-term MP from Belagavi.
- ❖ H Vasantha kumar, Congress MP from Kanyakumari is the first MP to die of COVID-19.
- ❖ So, Kanniya kumari Lok Sabha Constituency to see First By-Poll in more than 50 Years.
- ❖ Previously, in January 1969, the constituency witnessed a significant by-election.
- ❖ It marked the political return of former chief minister K. Kamaraj.

Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill - 2020

- ❖ The Parliament passed the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020 on September 15.
- ❖ The Bill replaces an Ordinance promulgated in June 2020.
- ❖ It amends the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955.
- ❖ The ECA 1955 was used to curb inflation by allowing the Centre to enable control by state governments of trade in a wide variety of commodities.

Features of the Bill

- ❖ Removes commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities.



- ❖ Aims to remove fears of private investors of excessive regulatory interference in their business operations.
- ❖ Ensures that interests of consumers are safeguarded by regulating agricultural foodstuff in situations such as war, famine, extraordinary price rise and natural calamity.

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2020

- ❖ Foreign Contribution Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2020 was passed by the parliament to amend the FCRA act, 2010 on September 23.
- ❖ The bill is aimed at amending the provisions of the FCRA Act to streamline the funding procedure.
- ❖ The bill aims to increase transparency and accountability.
- ❖ It also aims to strengthen the compliance mechanism in the utilisation of foreign contribution.

Features of the Bill

- ❖ It seeks to prohibit 'public servants' from receiving any foreign funding.
- ❖ It proposes to reduce the use of foreign funds to meet administrative costs by NGOs from the existing 50 per cent to 20 per cent.
- ❖ It seeks to "prohibit any transfer of foreign contribution to any association/person".
- ❖ It proposes to make Aadhaar cards a mandatory identification document for all office-bearers, directors and other key functionaries of NGOs or associations eligible to receive foreign donations.

Labour Code reform bills

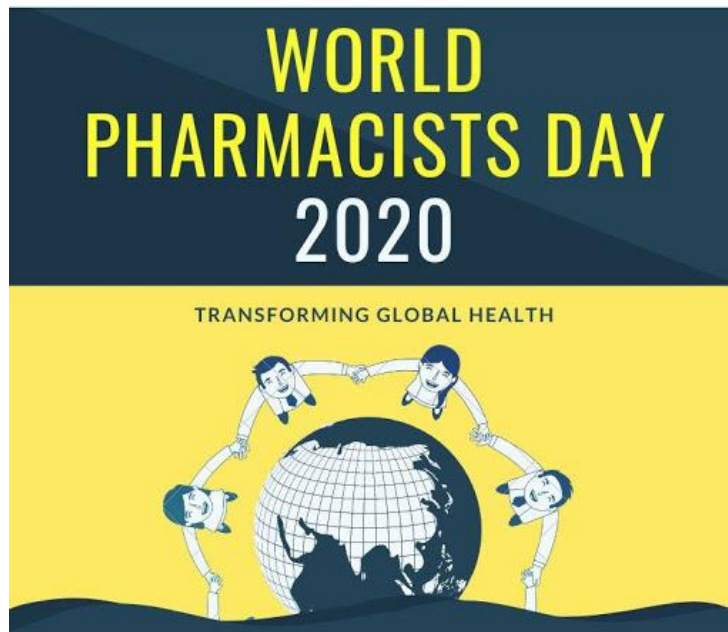
- ❖ Parliament passes following 3 Bills related to Labour Law
 - Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions,
 - The Industrial Relations Code, and
 - The Social Security Code.
- ❖ It aims at amending the laws relating to Trade Unions, conditions of employment in industrial establishment or undertaking, investigation and settlement of industrial disputes.
- ❖ With the passage of these three Bills, 29 central labour laws have been codified into four broad codes (the first code on wages was approved by Parliament last year).

- ❖ It improves ease of doing business and providing universal social security to workers as well.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Pharmacist Day - September 25

- ❖ This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health.
- ❖ This day was created by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Council at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul, Turkey in 2009.
- ❖ The theme of World Pharmacist Day 2020 is “Transforming global health”.



International day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons- September 26

- ❖ The day is observed to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly declared the day in 2013.
- ❖ It is being observed since 2014.
- ❖ Every year, the day is marked by the ICAN campaigners all around the world.
- ❖ ICAN is the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

- ❖ It received the Nobel Prize for peace in 2017.



World Contraception Day - September 26

- ❖ It is an annual global campaign to improve awareness about contraception.
- ❖ This campaign aims to raise awareness about birth control methods available to a woman and her partner to enable them to make an informed decision regarding their reproductive health.
- ❖ World Contraception Day was first observed on 26th September in 2007 by ten international family planning organizations to raise awareness about contraception.

CSIR foundation Day - September 26

- ❖ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research was established as an autonomous body in 26, September 1942.
- ❖ CSIR is funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ❖ It operates as an autonomous body through the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ❖ It has a dynamic network of 38 national laboratories, 39 outreach centres, 3 Innovation Complexes and 5 units.

World Environmental Health Day - September 26

- ❖ The World Environmental Health Day was launched by the IFEH Council (International Federation of Environmental Health).
- ❖ The observance was inaugurated in 2011 in Indonesia.

- ❖ Theme of this year is “Environmental health, a key public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention”.

