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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court has constituted a three-member inquiry committee comprising Justice SA Bobde, Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice Indu Malhotra to probe into the complaint of sexual harassment against Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi.
- ❖ World Day for Animals in Laboratories is observed every year on 24 April.
- ❖ Popular protests by people of Sudan and Algeria for a regime change is dubbed as Arab Spring 2.0.
- ❖ The report titled 'The Safety and Health at the Heart of the Future of Work - Building on 100 years of experience' has stated the Bhopal disaster was among the world's "major industrial accidents after 1919".
 - The report was released by the UN labour agency International Labour Organization (ILO).
- ❖ Malawi's new trial anti-malarial vaccine is named as RTS, S.
- ❖ The Supreme Court has directed the RBI to disclose information pertaining to its annual inspection report of banks under the Right to Information (RTI) Act unless they are exempted under law.
- ❖ India's well-known golf administrator Dilip Thomas was bestowed the 'Lifetime contribution to Golf' award by Golf Industry Association (GIA) of India.

NATIONAL

Right to Travel Abroad

- ❖ Supreme court has ruled that right to travel abroad is a genuine and "basic human right" like marriage and family.
- ❖ The order was delivered in Satish Chandra Verma vs Union of India case.
- ❖ Tamilnadu cadre IPS officer Satish Chandra was refused permission to take a private trip abroad due to departmental proceedings.
- ❖ The Supreme Court referred to its Maneka Gandhi vs Union of India 1978 judgment and upheld the right of the appellant to travel abroad.
- ❖ It also referred to the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of 1958 Kent vs Dulles.

- ❖ This case stated that “freedom to go abroad has much social value and represents the basic human right of great significance”.

Victim Compensation

- ❖ Supreme Court has ordered the Gujarat government to pay ₹50 lakh to Bilkis Yakoob Rasool Bano.
- ❖ She is a gang-rape survivor of the 2002 communal pogrom against Muslims in Gujarat under the rule of Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The Code of Criminal Procedure was amended in 2008 to insert Section 357A.
- ❖ Section 357 A mandates every state government to prepare a scheme to set up a fund from which compensation can be paid to victims of crime and their dependants.

Garia Festival

- ❖ The Garia Puja is the biggest festival of the tribals in Tripura.
- ❖ It is usually held from the beginning of the last day of the month of Chaitra till the seventh day of the month of Vaishakha.
- ❖ People offer prayers to a bamboo pole whom they consider as their Lord Garia.
- ❖ The puja is followed by traditional dance derived from the Garia dance or the dance of Shiva and other cultural activities.



Khasi Kingdoms

- ❖ A federation of 25 Himas or Khasi kingdoms plan to revisit the 1948 agreements that made present-day Meghalaya a part of India.
- ❖ The 25 states were ruled by a Syiem (king-like head of a Hima).
- ❖ They aim to safeguard tribal customs and traditions from Central laws in force or the proposed Citizenship (Amendment) Bill.
- ❖ All 25 Khasi states had signed the Instrument of Accession and Annexed Agreement with the Dominion of India between December 15, 1947, and March 19, 1948.
- ❖ But they have not signed the “Instrument of Merger” as done by all former Indian states.

Chinese Milk

- ❖ India has extended the ban on import of milk and its products, including chocolates, from China.
- ❖ Milk from China is suspected to contain melamine in it.
- ❖ The ban will be enforced until the capacity of all laboratories at ports of entry have been suitably upgraded for testing “melamine”.
- ❖ Melamine is a toxic chemical used for making plastics and fertilisers.
- ❖ Melamine can cause bladder stones in animals.
- ❖ It can also cause kidney stones in humans.
- ❖ India is the world's largest producer and consumer of milk.
- ❖ It produces around 150 million tonne milk annually.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh is the leading state in milk production followed by Rajasthan and Gujarat.

ECONOMY

Shell Companies

- ❖ The central government is likely to extend the deadline and relax the rules for submission of INC-22 forms by firms.

- ❖ INC-22 forms required companies incorporated on or before December 31, 2017 to provide details regarding the location of their offices, directors, and proof of business.
- ❖ This had been done in an attempt to weed out shell companies.

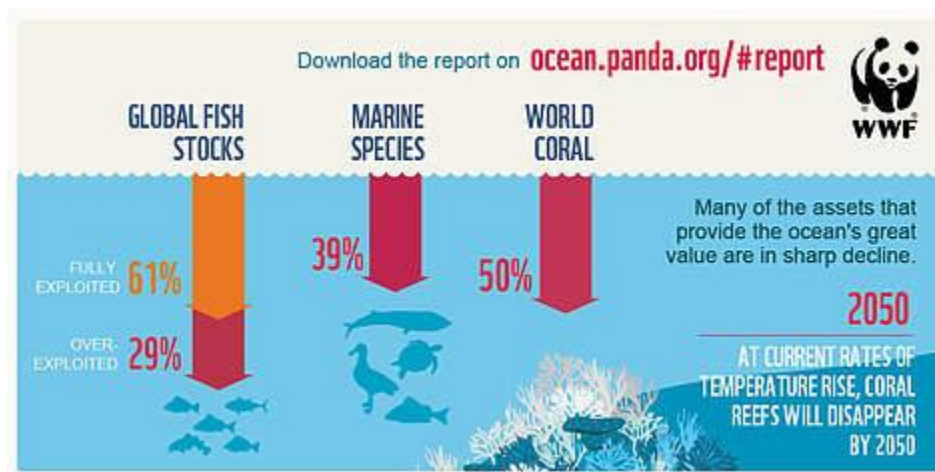
Shell Companies

- ❖ A shell corporation is a company or corporation that exists only on paper and has no office and no employees.
- ❖ But it may have a bank account or may hold passive investments or it may be the registered owner of assets, such as intellectual property, or ships.
- ❖ Shell companies include multiple layers of companies that have been created for the purpose of diverting money or for money laundering.

ENVIRONMENT

Marine Eco System

- ❖ A study by Rutgers University in the US calculated the coolest temperatures available to each species during the hottest parts of the year.
- ❖ It found that marine species are two times more likely to be wiped out due to global warming than life on land.
- ❖ Land animals can hide from the heat in forests, shaded areas or underground but marine organism have no escape mechanism.
- ❖ The greater vulnerability of sea creatures may significantly impact human communities who rely on fish and shellfish for food and economic activity.





PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

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- ❖ Kochi based Benny Antony has been conferred with the National Intellectual Property (IP) Award for 2019.
- ❖ He was awarded in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization.
- ❖ He is the inventor of BCM-95, the world's leading patented turmeric extract formulation.
- ❖ Benny has also been awarded the 'WIPO Medal for Inventors' by World Intellectual Property Organisation.

National IP Awards

- ❖ The award is conferred by The Indian Intellectual Property Office.
- ❖ It is given to outstanding innovators, organisations and companies in the field of patents, designs, trademarks and geographical indications.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Intellectual Property Day

- ❖ World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on 26 April.
- ❖ The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000.
- ❖ The Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in April 26, 1970.
- ❖ This day aims to spread awareness about the role that IP rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs and copyright) play in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- ❖ The theme of this year is "Reach for Gold".
