

# INDIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, HISTORY

#### <u>Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience</u>

The National Museum in New Delhi is hosting a unique exhibition on India's ancient food history called "Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience" till the 25th of this month that goes back to over 5000 years ago.

# About:

- The event is curated jointly by the National Museum and One Station Million Stories (OSMS).
- The event claims to treat visitors to "The Indus dining experience" through a "specially crafted menu that strictly includes ingredients that were identified by archaeologists & researchers from sites of the Indus-Saraswati Civilisation".
- The exhibition demonstrates the evolution of food habits, food processing techniques and related architecture of the Harappans, thus giving visitors a rare opportunity to delve into a pre-historic culinary era.
- Recreation of food of the Indus-Saraswati Civilization by National Award-winning Chef Sabyasachi Gorai is one of the main attractions of this exhibition which is first of its kind in the country.

#### Controversy:

- The National Museum has excluded meat out of the 'Historical Gastronomica', allegedly after "a couple of MPs" reacted to the menu posted online by the Ministry of Culture. The last-minute diktat has resulted in dishes such as fish in turmeric stew, quail/fowl/country chicken roasted in saal leaf etc. being knocked off the table.
- However, archaeological evidence from Indus Valley sites (c. 3300 BC to 1300 BC) in present-day India and Pakistan suggests that a purely vegetarian meal will not provide a complete picture of what the Harappan people ate.

#### **Herath Festival**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted people on the occasion of Herath festival.

#### About:

- Herath festival is one of the biggest festivals of Kashmiri Pandits.
- The festival is marked by a night of praying followed by a day of feasting.
- Some say Herath means the night of the Lord Shiva.

#### **Bharat-Bangla Tourism Festival**

First-ever Bharat-Bangla Paryatan Utsav-Tourism festival is being held in Agartala, Tripura.

#### About:

- The Tripura State Tourism Department has organized the festival in memories of the contribution of Tripura in 1971 Bangladesh liberation war as well as giving a fillip to the Tripura tourism sector.
- Seminars, discussions, cultural events, visit the important tourism spots, historical and archeological sites are the main parts of the two-day friendship festival.

# GEOGRAPHY- PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC

# **Cauvery Delta Region**

The Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed a bill declaring the Cauvery Delta Region a Protected Special Agriculture Zone (PSAZ).

# About:

- Projects banned: The bill provides for banning certain new industries in the region. They include hydrocarbon exploration, smeltering of copper, zinc and aluminium, iron ore processing, tanneries and ship breaking.
- Projects exempted: However, any ongoing projects would not be disturbed. Infrastructure
  development projects like port development, laying of pipelines, road, telecommunication lines,
  power and water supply facilities will not be banned.
- Regions covered: The whole districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam and five blocks each of Cuddalore and Pudukkottai districts are brought under the ambit of the bill.
- Regions exempted: However, the more industrialized districts of Trichy, Ariyalur and Karur have been excluded, though they are part of the Delta region geographically.
- Protected Agricultural Zone Authority: The bill seeks to establish a 30-member Protected Agricultural Zone Authority headed by the Chief Minister to advise the Government on protecting and improving agricultural activities in the region.



#### Related Info:

- The bill was passed after agitations by farmers against granting permission for new hydrocarbon projects in the Delta region.
- This is wet-land ecology and such explorations would affect agriculture severely. Moreover, such explorations would also lead to seawater intrusion

#### GOVERNANCE- WELFARE SCHEMES, E-GOVERNANCE, SERVICES ETC.

# Atal Kisan - Majdoor Canteens

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- Haryana government will open Atal Kisan Majdoor canteens in all mandis and sugar mills across the state to provide affordable and cheap meals to farmers and labourers at a concessional rate of 10 rupees per plate.
- 25 such canteens will be established this year. These canteens have started functioning at five Market Committees namely, Karnal, Bhiwani, Nuh, Panchkula, Fatehabad Market Committee Mandi and at Karnal Cooperative Sugar Mill.

# HRMS Mobile App

Chairman of Railway Board launched HRMS Mobile App which has been designed and developed by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS).

#### About:

- All employees of Indian Railways can now see data related to their service (Promotions, Transfers, Leave etc.) and communicate with administration for any changes, if required.
- This application will be single window communication system between Railway employees and Administration. It brings transparency to administration.
- It is an important milestone in computerization of HR related functionalities in Indian Railways.
- This app is available on Google Play Store HRMS Employee Mobile App for Indian Railways.

## Siddhant Shikhamani

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the translated version of the Shri Siddhant Shikhamani Granth in 19 languages and launched a mobile app of the Granth.

# About:

- Siddhantha Shikhamani is a religious scripture of the Panchacharyas tradition of Veerashaivas, also known as Lingayatism.
- Traditionally, Siddhantha Shikhamani is attributed to Sri Shivayogi Shivacharya, and is said to contain the preachings of Jagaduru Renukacharya, the first Panchacharya.
- It was written in Sanskrit, and gives an elaboration of "the primitive traits of Veerashaivism found in the Vedas and the Upanishads" and "the concrete features given to it in the latter parts of the Saivagamas."

#### **Thirumathikart**

The National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy, Tamil Nadu in coordination with the Union Department of Science and Technology has developed Thirumathikart.

#### About:

- Thirumathikart is a mobile app for SHG (Self Help Group) products.
- The main objective of the app is to empower women and help them access market opportunities in a seamless manner. The platform will also enable Self Help Groups to showcase their products to a wider audience.

#### 22nd Edition Of Ethnologue

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#### Key findings:

- Hindi is 3rd most spoken language in the world with 615 million speakers after English, Mandarin.
- English is at the top of the list with 1,132 million speakers. Chines Mandarin is at the second position with 1,117 million speakers.
- Bangla, with 228 million native speakers, has been ranked as the 7th most spoken language of the world.
- The 22nd edition covers 7,111 living languages of the world. It also covered 348 languages which have gone out of use in recent history.



#### Ethnologue: Languages of the World

- Ethnologue: Languages of the World is an annual reference publication that provides information on the living languages of the world.
- It was first issued in 1951.
- Starting with the 17th edition, Ethnologue has been published annually by SIL International, a U.S.-based, worldwide, Christian non-profit organization.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS-BILATERAL, GROUPINGS, ORGANISATIONS

## Mongla Port

The National Economic Council (ECNEC) of Bangladesh, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, has approved the proposal to enhance the capacity of the Mongla port.

#### About:

- The Port of Mongla is located in Bagerhat District of Bangladesh. It lies 62 km north of the Bay of Bengal coastline.
- It is situated at the confluence of the Pasur River and the Mongla River.
- The Port is surrounded and protected by the Sundarban mangrove forest.
- Mongla is the second largest sea port in Bangladesh after Chittagong.

#### Expansion project:

- India and Bangladesh had signed a MoU on the use of Chattogram and Mongla ports in 2015.
- The MoU envisages transit of goods from Mongla port to north eastern states of India through waterways, roads and railways.
- India has also extended a line of credit for the expansion of the Mongla Port capacity. The project consists building of two container terminals and related infrastructure facilities at the port. The project is expected to be completed by June 2024.

#### Significance:

- On completion the project will significantly boost connectivity in the BBIN (Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal) region. It will also boost trade with India, Bhutan and Nepal.
- Due to increasing congestion in Bangladesh's largest port in Chittagong, many international shipping companies have turned to Mongla as an alternative.

#### **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**

The Grand Renaissance Dam, which Ethiopia is building, has caused a row between Egypt and Ethiopia, with Sudan caught in between, which some fear could lead to war, and the U.S.A is now helping to mediate. About:

- Name: The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, sometimes referred to as Hidase Dam was formerly known as the Millennium Dam.
- Location: It is an under-construction gravity dam on the Blue Nile River in Ethiopia, about 15 km east of the border with Sudan.
- Size: At 6.45 gigawatts, the dam will be the largest hydroelectric power plant in Africa when completed, as well as the seventh largest in the world.
- Dispute: Egypt, located over 2500 kms downstream of the site, opposes the dam, which it believes will reduce the amount of water available from the Nile.

#### Timeline:

- It has been under construction since 2011. As of now around 70% of the work is complete.
- Once completed, the reservoir could take anywhere between 5 and 15 years to fill with water, depending on hydrologic conditions during the filling period and agreements reached between Ethiopia, Sudan, and Egypt.

# **Uk's New Points-Based Immigration System**

UK has announced the launch of new points-based visa system which intends to change the way migrants will come to the UK to work, study, visit or join their family.

#### About:

- The new system will come into force from January 1, 2021, at the end of the transition period after UK's exit from the European Union (EU) last month.
- The new post-Brexit system is based on assigning points for specific skills, qualifications, salaries and professions, with visas only awarded to those who gain enough points.
- It will apply equally to the EU and non-EU countries like India. I.e. EU citizens will now be treated at par with non-EU citizens. Non-EU citizens already follow a points-based system to migrate to the UK.



- Under this system, both EU and non-EU citizens will need to demonstrate that they have a job offer from an approved sponsor, that the job offer is at the required level and that they speak English.
- It aims at attracting the "brightest and the best" from the world. It will cut down numbers of cheap, low-skilled migrating workers coming to the country.

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# **Special Economic Zones (SEZs)**

According to data released by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have achieved 100-billion-dollar worth of exports in FY 2019-20 as on 17th February 2020.

# About:

- The services segment, constituting majorly of IT & ITeS services was driver of the export growth at 23.69 %. There was almost 4% growth in manufacturing segment also.
- Number of operational SEZs have grown to 241 as against 235 at the end of FY 2018-19.
- Important sectors that saw healthy growth in this financial year include Gems & Jewelry (13.3%), Trading & Logistics (35%), Leather & Footwear (15%), Non-Conventional Energy (47%), Textiles & Garments (17.6%).
- Petrochemicals constitute a major segment of SEZ exports, however growth was muted in this segment; which may be attributed to softening of global crude prices.
- SEZs also achieved this land-mark of 100-billion-dollar worth of exports in 2018-19 in full financial year.

# **Tilhan Mission**

Union Agriculture Minister announced that the government will launch Tilhan Mission to make the country self-reliant in oilseed production.

# Second Advance Estimates of Production of Oilseeds for 2019-20:

- Total Oilseeds production in the country during 2019-20 is estimated at 34.19 million tonnes which is higher by 2.67 million tonnes than the production of 31.52 million tonnes during 2018-19.
- Further, the production of oilseeds during 2019-20 is higher by 4.54 million tonnes than the average oilseeds production.

# ENVIRONMENT- CONSERVATION, BIO-DIVERSITY AND ISSUES

# **Appendix I Of Un Convention On Migratory Species**

India's proposal to include Great Indian Bustard, Asian Elephant and Bengal Florican in Appendix I of UN Convention on migratory species was unanimously accepted at the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) in Gandhinagar.

## Asian Elephant:

- The Government of India has declared Asian elephant/Indian elephant (Elephas maximus indicus) as National Heritage Animal.
- Indian elephant is also provided highest degree of legal protection by listing it in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- The challenges confronting Asian elephant conservation in most elephant Range States are habitat loss and fragmentation, human elephant conflict, and poaching and illegal trade of elephants.

#### Great Indian Bustard:

- The Great Indian Bustard is a Critically Endangered species with a small population of about 100–150 individuals that is largely restricted to Thar desert in Rajasthan, India.
- The species has disappeared from 90% of this range; their population has reduced by 90% within 50 years (six generations); and their threats are expected to increase in future.

#### Bengal Florican:

- The Bengal Florican, a critically endangered species, exhibits transboundary movements. Its migration exposes it to threats such as land use changes and collision with power transmission line at boundary area of India-Nepal.
- As a result, populations have declined and the species no longer breeds outside Protected Areas in the Indian subcontinent, except in a few areas of Assam.

# Convention on Migratory Species (CMS):

- Full name: Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.
- Also known as: Bonn Convention (because the intergovernmental conference where the Convention was negotiated took place in Bonn in 1979.

#### **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS**

- What species are covered by CMS? Mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and one insect are listed on the Convention's two Appendices –
- Appendix I lists migratory species that are endangered.
- Appendix II lists migratory species which have an unfavourable conservation status and which require international agreements for their conservation and management.

## **Plastic Packaging Pollution**

A new report by the World Wide Fund (WWF) analyses the volume of plastic packaging placed on the market in six rapidly growing Asian economies — China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

#### Key findings of the report:

- Single-use plastics and packaging for consumer goods, particularly, increase plastic pollution.
- Globally, 36% of plastic usage is for packaging and over a third of it lands up into the environment.
- Of the six countries analysed in the report, Malaysia's per capita plastic packaging consumption is the highest, at 16.78 kg.
- China's annual household packaging consumption is the highest, at 19,765 million tonnes.
- In China, plastic films and bags are the most used type of packaged plastic, followed by PET bottles and plastic cups and other containers.
- Around 60% of marine plastic pollution originates in these countries and 8 million tonnes of plastic enters the oceans every year. It has projected a 300% increase in plastic packaging between 2010 and 2050.

#### WWF:

- Name: The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) was formerly named the World Wildlife Fund, which remains its official name in Canada and the United States.
- Status: It is an international non-governmental organization, working in the field of wilderness preservation.
- Founded in: 1961.
- Headquarters: Switzerland.

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY- EVERYDAY SCIENCE, SPACE, NUCLEAR, DEFENCE ETC 5G Hackathon

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has launched '5G Hackathon' in association with Government, Academia and Industry Stakeholders.

#### About:

- The Hackathon will convert innovating ideas into products and solutions in different verticals and develop India specific use cases around 5G.
- The 5G Hackathon is open to developers, students, start-ups, SMEs, academic institutions and registered companies in India and
- The Hackathon will be spread across three phases in coming months. The event will culminate in a grand felicitation ceremony at India Mobile Congress on the 16th of October this year.
- Winners of the various phases will share a total prize pool of 2.5 crore rupees.

#### Related Info:

• The 5G technology provides quantum leap over 4G in terms of speed, peak data rate, latency, spectrum efficiency and connection density.

# PRELIMS SPECIFIC FACTS- INDICES, DAYS, EVENTS, AWARDS ETC

# **Larry Tesler**

Larry Tesler, the computer scientist who invented the "cut, copy, paste" command, find & replace, and more died in San Francisco. He was 74.

#### About:

- He was a former Xerox researcher, who also went on to work in some of the other big tech companies, including Apple, Yahoo, Amazon.com to name a few.
- He is credited as the inventor of 'modeless editing and cut, copy and paste' while he was part of the research staff at Xerox. He also helped to invent the ability to find & replace text.
- His other contributions at Xerox included prototyping a page layout system similar to the later Pagemaker and hardware design of the first luggable computer called the Notetaker.
- Tesler also claimed he coined the word "browser" in 1976, to mean a point-and-click information navigation window, and the word "modeless" around 1970, which means a user interface in which the user is never "stuck" in a mode.



• In 2009 he was granted the John McCarthy Award for Excellence in Research and Research Environments.

#### ODISHA DEVELOPMENT

#### **Khelo India University Games**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated first-ever Khelo India University Games at Cuttack in Odisha. About:

- With this inauguration, India joined the league of nations where University Games are organized.
- As many as 3,400 athletes from 159 universities across the country will vie for top honours across 17 disciplines, including rugby which is among the six-team events.

#### 5T Blooper: Odisha Police Expenditure Lowest In Country!

While Odisha govt is emphasising on 5T in police, the Odisha police seems to be most fund-starved force in the country, despite having mounting challenges and third largest workforce in the State.

About:

- Even, the budget 2020-21, where 5T has been the preamble, has failed in correcting the lean cash-flow syndrome that afflicts Odisha police since the last decade.
- The Odisha police saw an allocation of Rs 3,941.4 crore in 2020-21, including zero provision for capital expenditure. The allocations in years 2018-19 and 2019-20 were Rs 3,101 cr and Rs 3,499 cr, respectively.
- As per RBI data on police expenditure in Odisha, allocations for the state police have been on an average around 2.9 per cent of the total expenditure during the period 2015-20.
- And in 2020-21, the proportion dropped to 2.6 per cent, which is lowest in the country. A comparative analysis reveals how Odisha spends less on police than its neighbours.
- While Jharkhand on an average allocated 6.7 per cent of its total expenditure for Police, the proportion spent by Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh stood at 4.6 per cent, 3.7 per cent and 3.2 per cent, respectively.

#### DAILY ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE

### Ons. Putting the citizen first is the guiding principle of good governance. Discuss.

Ans:

Ans: Governance is commonly defined as the exercise of power or authority by political leaders for the well-being of their country's citizens or subjects. Good Governance is the management of public affairs in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Governance is different from good governance on the premise that later focuses on the qualitative aspect of governance.

Citizen-centric governance: the guiding principle of good governance

- Making governance citizen-centric is a fundamental aspect of Good Governance.
- Good governance is understood through its eight indicators or characteristics (1) Participatory; (2) Rule of Law; (3) Effective and Efficient; (4) Transparent; (5) Responsive; (6) Equitable and Inclusive; (7) Consensus Oriented; and (8) Accountability.
  - They are inextricably related to each other and targeted to bring citizen-centric governance.
- Good governance involves citizens' participation in decision making. For example:
  - o 73rd and 74th Amendment acts brought democratic decentralisation and ensures participation of people at the grassroots level in the governance process.
  - Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is also a good example where citizens' participation is given due importance.
- The principle of putting citizens first brings stakeholders, the government and the citizens closer to each other.
- Technology is an important tool for good governance as it ensures transparency and accountability which result in the betterment and welfare of all citizens. It also leads to the simplification of processes. For example,
  - o the self-certification of startups introduced by the Government exhibits trust in the citizens.
  - Digital India ensures that government services are available to the citizen with little human interference.
- Governments' use of Social media as a tool to connect people is also a citizen-centric good governance practice, where two-way communication is ensured. Citizens register their grievances on social media platforms such as twitter, and government authorities respond to address the same.



- For example, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has been very actively solving problems of NRIs and Indians in abroad based on social media input. Similarly, Railways is actively addressing the concerns of passengers based on social media feedback.
- Other tools that make the governance citizen-centric are Right to information, Citizens' charters, Grievance redressal mechanisms, public-private partnerships, etc.

<u>Conclusion:</u> Governance can be termed good only if it keeps the citizens first. Such governance model would ensure equitable and inclusive development of society and nation.

# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs

- 1. With reference to the Cauvery Delta Region, consider the following statements:
  - 1. The Tamil Nadu Assembly has recently passed a bill declaring the Cauvery Delta Region a Protected Special Agriculture Zone (PSAZ).
  - 2. The more industrialized districts of Trichy, Ariyalur and Karur are not part of the Delta region geographically.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2. Tilhan Mission, recently seen in news, is related to:
  - (a) Oilseed production
  - (b) Supercomputers
  - (c) Indigenous defence manufacturing
  - (d) Nutrition of children
- 3. First-ever Bharat-Bangla Paryatan Utsav-Tourism festival is being held in:
  - (a) Agartala
  - (b) Kolkata
  - (c) Durgapur
  - (d) Kailashahar
- 4. With reference to the U.K's new points-based visa system, consider the following statements:
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  - (a) Kashmiri Pandits
  - (b) Sindhi Hindus
  - (c) Bene Israel
  - (d) Naga Tribe
- 8. With reference to the Thirumathikart, consider the following statements:
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- 10. Mongla port, recently seen in news, is located in:
  - (a) India
  - (b) Bangladesh
  - (c) Myanmar
  - (d) Sri Lanka
- 11. With reference to the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), consider the following statements:
  - 1. Number of operational SEZs have reduced in 2019-20 as compared as compared to those at the end of FY 2018-19.
  - 2. Petrochemicals constitute a major segment of SEZ exports during 2019-20.

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- 12. HRMS Mobile App, recently seen in news, was designed and developed by:
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  - (b) DRDO
  - (c) CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI)
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  - (c) Chennai
  - (d) Nasik
- 18. With reference to the '5G Hackathon', consider the following statements:
  - Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has recently launched '5G Hackathon' in association with Government, Academia and Industry Stakeholders.
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