# **UPSCGATEWAYY**

### PRELIM SNIPPETS

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DAMANGANGA - PINJAL LINK

### **GANDHIPEDIA**

- **Context:** An encyclopedia on Mahatma Gandhi in the offing: Centre.
- ♣ A "Gandhipedia" was being developed in order to sensitize society, particularly the youth, about Gandhian values.
- ♣ To mark the the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Gandhi with several programmes throughout the year, an encyclopedia-like "Gandhipedia" would be among the efforts to spread his values.
- ♣ "A Gandhipedia is also being developed by National Council for Science Museums to sensitise youth and society at large about positive Gandhian values,"



**Context**: Damanganga-Pinjal project to meet Mumbai's water needs till 2060.

- ♣ In Maharashtra, the state government has decided to inter-link rivers to solve the crisis of drought.
- ♣ Pinjal river inter-linking project, which is seen as an ideal, long-term solution for Mumbai's water needs.
- ♣ This will fulfil Mumbai's water needs till 2060.

# **About Daman Ganga:**

- ♣ It is also known as **Dawan River** rises in the **Sahayadri** range, Nashik district, **Maharastra**.
- ♣ The river's headwaters are on the western slope
  of the Western Ghats range, and it flows west into the Arabian Sea.
- **♣** The river flows through **Maharashtra and Gujarat states**, as well as the Union territories of **Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli**

### CHABAHAR PORT

- **↓** It is a **Seaport in Chabahar** located in **Southeastern Iran**, on the **Gulf of Oman**.
- **♣** Pakistan's **Gwadar** is about **70 kilometers to the west** along the coast.



MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

- ♣ Afghanistan is connected to the port through its land border with Iran, and India via the sea.
- ♣ Thus, the port is readily accessible for all the three countries and acts to facilitate trade among them. Chabahar is considered to be a significant opportunity for India and Afghanistan to bypass Pakistan's Gwadar seaport and its trade routes.



- **4** The **first phase** of Chabahar port was inaugurated in **December 2017**.
- ♣ India committed to invest \$500 million, according to the first phase agreement.

# AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND FARMER FRIENDLY REFORMS INDEX (AMFFRI)

- It is an index launched by NITI Aayog
- The main reason is to rank states and union territories based on the implementation of seven provisions proposed under the model Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act
- **↓ Maharashtra got first rank** in NITI Aayog's "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)".
- ♣ The index ranks states based on the degree of reforms they have undertaken in agricultural marketing.
- ♣ AMFFRI can have a score that can have minimum value "o", the score implies no reforms and they have maximum value "100" implying complete reforms in the selected areas.

## JAGANNATH RATH YATRA

- ♣ Jagannath Rath Yatra festival is dedicated to Lord Jagannath (Lord Krishna), his sister Goddess Subhadra and his elder brother Lord Balabhadra or Balaram.
- ♣ Traditional Oriya calendar begins on the second day of Shukla Paksha of the Hindu lunar month of Ashadha. This year it will start on 4 July, 2019



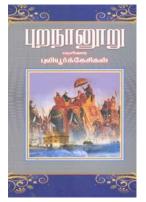
- and ends on 15 July, 2019.
- ♣ Lord Jagannath is considered as one of the reincarnation of avatars of **Lord Vishnu**.
- ♣ Idols are taken out on a chariot and the three chariots are pulled by the devotees through the streets of Puri to the Gundicha temple a few kilometres away.

### **PURANANURU**

**↓ Context:** Finance Minister in her budget speech quoted a famous poem from Sangam Era work of 'Purananuru' to drive home her point on the tax policy

### **About Purananuru:**

- ♣ The Purananuru is a collection of **400 Poems** composed by multiple ancient Tamil poets.
- ♣ It is one of the eight books in the secular anthology of Sangam literature



- ↓ It also known as **Puram**, **Purappaattu**, **and Purambu Naanuru**, is a Tamil poetic work in the Eight Anthologies (**Ettuthokai**), one of the two divisions of the Eighteen Greater Texts (**Pathinenmelkanakku**) collection.
- ↓ It is a **treatise on kingship**: what a king should be, how he should act, how he should treat his subjects and how he should show his generosity.
- → The Sangam Collection is classified into Eighteen Greater Texts (**Patinenmelkanakku**) and Eighteen Lesser Texts (**Pathinenkilkanakku**) and each classification has eighteen collections, as an anthology of Tamil literature, belonging to the Sangam period.
- **↓** It is dated between **1st century BCE and 3rd century CE**

### ANGEL INVESTORS AND VENTURE CAPITALIST

♣ An **Angel investor** is a **High Net Worth Individual** who puts their own finance into the growth of a small business in the formative stages of the startup's business as seed funds for debt or equity ownership.



♣ A **Venture Capitalist** enters in the **later stages of development of a start-up** for a portion of equity or debt ownership in an effort to advance the growth, launch IPOs or undertake mergers/acquisitions.