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## Topic 46: MOSAiC Mission

### Key points:

1. 300 scientists from across the world
2. Aim of the expedition – study Arctic
3. Largest ever Arctic expedition
4. German research vessel Polarstern
5. Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany



# Topic 47: UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

## Key points:

1. Hyderabad and Mumbai - UNESCO Creative Cities
2. Aims at achieving Sustainable Development Goals

## About UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

1. Created in 2004
2. Sustainable urban development
3. Currently 180 cities



# Topic 48: Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement

## Key points:

1. Agreement between India and France
2. About the agreement -
  - 1) major milestone in enhancing relations
  - 2) testimony to India's rapidly expanding multi-faceted relationship
  - 3) initially valid for a period of seven years
  - 4) incorporates provision for automatic renewal



## Topic 49: Blue Dot network

### Key points:

1. Jointly launched by the US; Japan and Australia
2. Launched in November 2019 - 35th ASEAN Summit
3. Multi-stakeholder initiative
4. It is a “ratings mechanism”
5. To counter China’s Belt and Road Initiative
6. Unlike BRI, BDN would not offer public funds or loans for the project



# Topic 50: Okavango Delta, Botswana







# Topic 51: Tulu and Schedule VIII of Indian Constitution

## Key points: About Tulu

1. Dravidian language
2. Coastal districts of Karnataka and Kerala
3. Sapta bhasha Samgama Bhumi

## Key points: About 8th Schedule

1. The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India lists the official languages of India.
2. Currently, the Eight Schedule consists of the 22 languages
3. Language included to 8th schedule: Advantages



# Topic 52: One Nation One Language

## Key points:

1. Article-343 – Hindi is official language of the Union
2. Article-351 - encourage the spread of the Hindi language
3. Hindi language is one of the 22 languages of 8th schedule

## Constitutional Safeguards:

1. Article 29 - right to conserve and protect distinct language, script or culture
2. No National Language
3. Article 350B: Appointment of Special Officer for linguistic minority



## Topic 53: Article 344(1) and Article 351

### Article 344(1)

1. Provides for establishment of a Commission by the President
2. Commission should have members representing various languages specified in the 8th Schedule
3. Makes recommendation to President for the dynamic use of Hindi

### Article 351

1. Provides for the spread of the Hindi language
2. Provides for the spread of the Hindi language



# Topic 54: International Year of Indigenous Languages and Yuelu Proclamation

## Key points about IYIL:

1. UN proclaimed 2019 as IYIL
2. Based on a recommendation by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
3. Hosted by UNESCO in collaboration with the Permanent Forum

## Key points about Yuelu Proclamation

1. By UNESCO at Changsha
2. 1st UNESCO document - protection of linguistic diversity
3. Important supporting document for the UN IYIL



# Topic 55: National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage and UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage

## National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage

1. Ministry of Culture
2. Attempt to recognize the diversity of Indian culture
3. Part of the Vision 2024

## UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage

1. Published by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage
2. Established in 2008 (2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage)

## Indian ICH traditions recognized by UNESCO

1. Tradition of Vedic chanting
2. Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana
3. Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre
4. Ramman, religious festival and ritual theatre of the Garhwal Himalayas.
5. Mudi yettu, ritual theatre and dance drama of Kerala
6. Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan
7. Chhau dance
8. Buddhist chanting of Ladakh
9. Sankirtana, ritual singing, drumming and dancing of Manipur
10. Traditional brass and copper craft of utensil making among the Thatheras of Jandiala Guru, Punjab
11. Yoga
12. Nawrouz
13. Kumbh Mela



## Topic 56: Indo-Bangla Baul Music Festival

### Key points:

1. Indo-Bangla Baul Music Festival
2. 129th death anniversary of Baul saint Fakir Lalon Shah
3. Form of folk music, unique to Bangladesh and West Bengal
4. Comparable to the genre of Sufi music
5. Baul is included in the list of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO



# Topic 57: South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)

## Key points:

1. 15th meeting of SACEP
2. About SACEP
3. Member Countries
4. Objective
5. Oil and Chemical Pollution in the South Asian Seas Region



# Topic 58: Environment Education Awareness and Training (EEAT)

## Key points:

1. Central sector scheme started in 1983-84
2. Aims to promote environmental awareness and mobilize student's participation
3. National Green Corps (NGC) 'Ecoclub' programme





# Topic 59: National Green Corps programme and the Ecoclubs

## Key points:

1. One of the components of Environment Education Awareness and Training (EEAT)
2. 1 lakh fifty thousand Ecoclubs estd.
3. Number of Ecoclubs to be enhanced from about 1.5 lakh at present to 2 lakh in the ensuing year 2020-21



# Topic 60: National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)

## Key points:

1. Launched in 2019
2. Five-year action plan
3. **NCAP goals:**
  - 1) To achieve 20 % to 30 % reduction in PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations by 2024 keeping 2017 as the base year
  - 2) 102 non-attainment cities mostly in Indo-Gangetic Plains have been identified
  - 3) The city specific Action Plans have been approved for all 102 non-attainment cities