



Important Facts for Prelims (11th February 2019)

PETROTECH - 2019

- PETROTECH-2019, considered to be **India's flagship hydrocarbon conference** is being organised at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India.
- This is the **13th edition with the theme of - 'Shaping the New Energy World through Innovation and Collaboration'**.
- PETROTECH is a **biennial platform** for national and international experts in the oil & gas industry to exchange views and share knowledge, expertise, and experiences.

Mobile-App e-Cocoon

- Recently **Ministry of Textiles** launched a **mobile application e-cocoon for quality certification in silkworm seed sector**.
- Mobile app e-cocoon will help **quality certification in silk worm sector** as it will be used by the Seed Analysts and Seed Officers nominated under Central Seed Act for system and product certification through real time reporting.
- India has the unique distinction of **being the only country** producing **all the five known commercial silks -Mulberry, Tropical Tasar, Oak Tasar, Eri and Muga**.
- Mulberry Silk is produced mainly in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- Non-Mulberry Silk or Vanya Silk (Tasar, Eri and Muga) is produced in Odisha, Chhattisgarh and North-Eastern States.
- **North East is the only region** that produces four varieties of silk -Mulberry, Oak Tasar, Muga and Eri.
- India is the **second largest producer of silk after China** and the largest consumer of silk.

Wind-Rush Scheme

- More than 450 Indians have been confirmed their British citizenship under the **British government's 'Windrush Scheme'**.
- Under the **Windrush Scheme**, citizenship has been granted to **immigrants from Commonwealth countries to the UK**, who arrived or settled in the **UK before 1 January 1973** and have been continuously resident in the UK since their arrival.
- The 'Windrush Generation' refers to citizens of former British colonies who **arrived in the the UK before 1973**, when the rights of such Commonwealth citizens to live and work in Britain was substantially curtailed.
- While a large proportion of them were of Jamaican/Caribbean descent, they also included Indians and other South Asians.
- The immigrants referred to under the bracket of 'Windrush Generation' **relates to a ship named 'Windrush', which brought Jamaican workers to the UK shores in 1948**.

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