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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Indian space agency, ISRO has signed an agreement with the space agency of France CNES for cooperation in its first human space mission, Gaganyaan.
 - CNES will train Indian flight physicians and CAPCOM mission control teams at French facilities.
- ❖ The first meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC) was held recently.
 - It was constituted by the 'Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade' (DPIIT).
- ❖ The United Nations Secretary General has called for the first ever UN Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021.
 - India will hold National Dialogue on UN Food Systems Summit 2021.
- ❖ The International Monetary Fund recently released the Regional Economic Outlook for Sub Saharan Africa.
 - According to the report the Sub-Saharan region is to witness the world's slowest growth in 2021.
- ❖ The National Investigation Agency recently organised a virtual event with BRICS countries on "Misuse of Internet by terrorists".
 - India hosted the seminar as it is holding the BRICS chair for the year 2021.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated King Abdullah II and the people of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the state.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will send the rover Rashid to the Moon in 2024.

NATIONAL

Hafkine Institute

- ❖ The Government of India recently approved the transfer of technology from Bharat Biotech to Hafkine Institute.
- ❖ The central government has given Maharashtra one year to carry out the production of the vaccine in the Haffkine Institute.
- ❖ It is one of the oldest biomedical research institutes of India.
- ❖ It was established in 1899 by Dr Waldemar Mordecai Haffkine.

- ❖ The institute is located in Sans Pareil.
- ❖ Sans Pareil was the official residence of Governor of Bombay.
- ❖ It is now affiliated to University of Mumbai.

INTERNATIONAL

Inclusive Internet Index 2021

- ❖ The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), in partnership with Facebook, has released the Inclusive Internet Index 2021.
- ❖ India has been ranked at 49th spot globally.
- ❖ It shares its rank with Thailand.
- ❖ The Inclusive Internet Index is commissioned by Facebook and developed by The Economist Intelligence Unit.
- ❖ Top 5 Countries
 - Sweden,
 - United States,
 - Spain,
 - Australia,
 - Hong Kong.

Overall rankings	
1 st	Sweden
2 nd	United States
3 rd	Spain
4 th	Australia
5 th	Hong Kong

S-400 Triumf SA-21 Growler

- ❖ The Russian Government has agreed to deliver set of S-400 Triumf SA-21 Growler Air Defence System to India.
- ❖ It is a long-range surface-to-air missile system.

- ❖ China was the first country to buy the defence system.
- ❖ Following China, the other countries such as Saudi Arabia, India, Turkey and Belarus have now acquired the system.

My Body is My Own – report

- ❖ Recently, The United Nations Population Fund’s (UNFPA) Flagship State of World Population Report 2021 titled ‘My Body is My Own’ was launched.
- ❖ This is the first time a United Nations report has focused on bodily autonomy.
- ❖ Nearly half the women from 57 developing countries do not have the right to make decisions regarding their bodies.
- ❖ It also includes using contraception, seeking healthcare or even on their sexuality.
- ❖ Only 75% of countries legally ensure full and equal access to contraception.



ENVIRONMENT

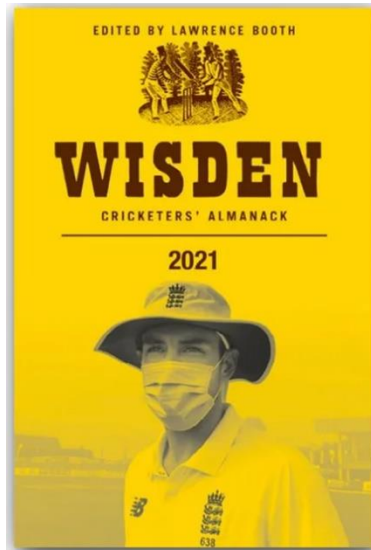
Facebook’s First Renewable Project in India

- ❖ The Facebook has recently signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm called CleanMax.
- ❖ This is the first renewable project of Facebook in India.
- ❖ The project is located in Karnataka.

SPORTS

2021 edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack

- ❖ In this edition, one cricketer from each decade ranging from 1971 to 2021 were named.
 - Kapil Dev was given the title of the ODI Cricketer of the 1980s.
 - Sachin Tendulkar was awarded the ODI Cricketer of the 1990s.
 - Muttiah Muralitharan was awarded the ODI Cricketer of the 2000s.
 - Virat Kohli was awarded the title of the Wisden Almanack's ODI Cricketer of the 2010s.
- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) in 2020 had also recognized Virat Kohli as the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Decade and ICC Male Cricketer of the Decade.
- ❖ Ben Stokes, the England all-rounder, was named Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World in 2020s.
- ❖ Kieron Pollard, West Indian all-rounder, was awarded the title of the Leading T20 Cricketer in the World.

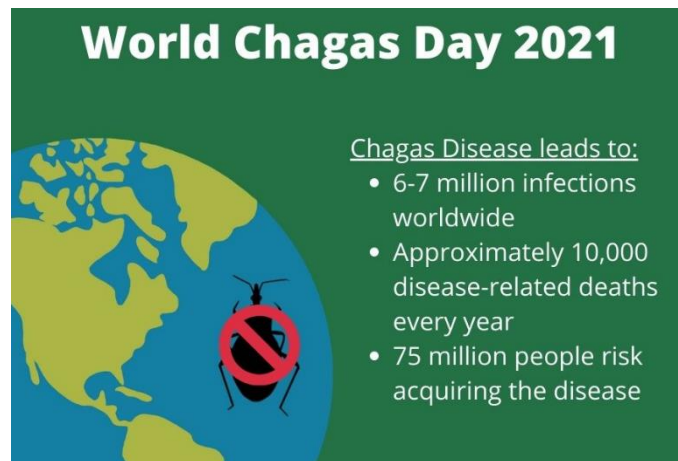


IMPORTANT DAYS

World Chagas Disease Day – April 14

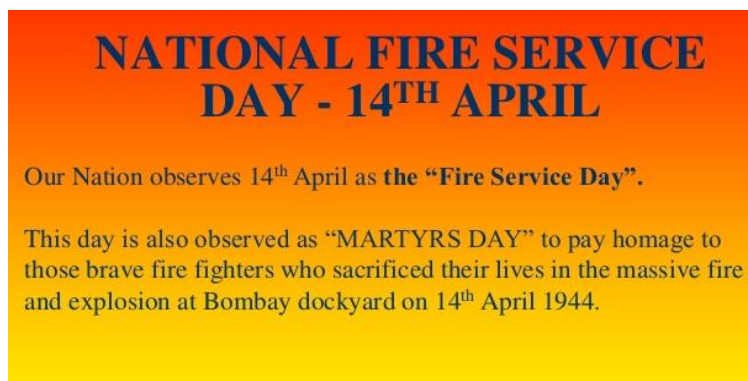
- ❖ It was first celebrated on April 14, 2020.
- ❖ It was approved for creation on 2019 at the 72nd session of the World Health Assembly.

- ❖ It is called silent because it progresses slowly, and silenced because it mainly affects the poor people who often lack political voice and proper health care.
- ❖ It is classified as a neglected tropical disease (NTD), meaning it affects the low-income populations in developing countries across the globe.
- ❖ It is one of 11 official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ It was named after Carlos Ribeiro Justiniano Chagas, the Brazilian doctor.
- ❖ He diagnosed the first case on 14 April 1909.



National Fire service day – April 14

- ❖ It commemorates the exemplary courage and valour exhibited by fire fighters during the rescue operations.
- ❖ It is observed to pay homage to firemen and officers of the Mumbai Fire Brigade.
- ❖ They lost their lives while fighting a major fire on the ship, Fort Stikine, in 1944, at Bombay Port.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Maintenance of Fire Safety Equipment is to Mitigate Fire Hazards".



World Creativity and Innovation Day – April 15

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness around the importance of creativity and innovation in problem solving with respect to advancing the United Nations sustainable development goals, also known as the "global goals".
- ❖ It was first celebrated in 2018.

World Art Day - April 15

- ❖ It was declared by the International Association of Art (IAA), a partner of UNESCO.
- ❖ The day was celebrated for the first time in 2012.
- ❖ The date was chosen in honour of Leonardo da Vinci's birthday.
- ❖ He was an Italian painter, sculptor, architect, draughtsman, theorist, engineer and scientist.
- ❖ He was chosen as the symbol of world peace, freedom of expression and more.

