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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ VIDYADAAN 2.0 is a national program for inviting e-learning Content contributions.
 - It was launched by Union Human Resource Development Ministry.
- ❖ The Ministry of Human Resources and Development has released an alternative academic calendar for the primary and upper primary classes (Upto 8th).
- ❖ The State Government of Karnataka has launched “Apthamitra” mobile application and helpline to fight COVID-19.
- ❖ The government has approved reconstitution of the National Shipping Board to be headed by former Director General of Shipping Malini Shankar.
 - It is the highest advisory body on matters related to Indian shipping.
- ❖ Sikkim is the only Indian state that has remained COVID-19 free from the start of the outbreak.
 - Tripura become the third Corona Free State in India after Goa and Manipur
- ❖ The Former State Election Commissioner of Tamilnadu Cho Iyer IAS has been appointed as the Chairman for the Welfare Board of the Denotified Community.
- ❖ Khongjom Day is celebrated in Manipur every year on April 23 to pay tribute to the war heroes of Anglo-Manipuri War 1891.
 - They had sacrificed their lives fighting at the Kheba hills of Khongjom in Manipur against the British to protect freedom of Manipur.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India pronounced that it is the quantity of the banned drug mixture that will decide the punishment of the offender and not the purity.
 - The clarification was given by the apex court under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1985.

TAMIL NADU

Arogyam thittam

- ❖ The tamilandu State government has started the project called "Arogyam".
- ❖ Under this it has started distributing a powder mix of Kabasura Kudineer and Nilavembu Kudineer - a siddha medicine.
- ❖ This is not the treatment process for COVID -19 but only to boost immunity.



INTERNATIONAL

China to WHO

- ❖ China announced to donate USD 30 million more to the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ Earlier, China had donated USD 20 million.
- ❖ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is an Ethiopian microbiologist and internationally recognized malaria researcher.
- ❖ Since 2017, he is the Director-General of the World Health Organization.
- ❖ Tedros is the first non-physician and first African in the role.
- ❖ On 11 March 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a "pandemic".

ECONOMY

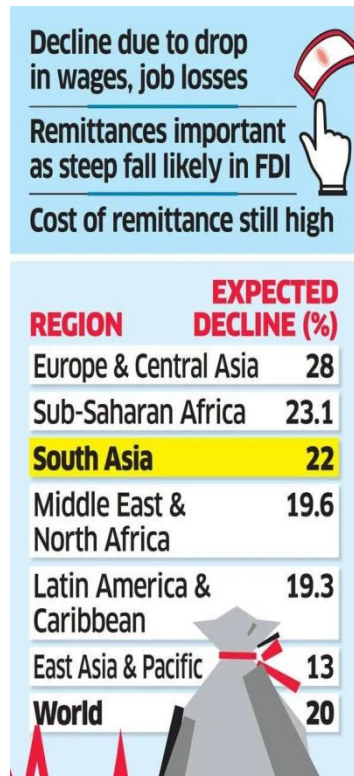
Dearness Allowance (DA)

- ❖ The Government of India put on hold to the hike in dearness allowance for the year 2021 (Up to July 2021).
- ❖ Currently, the central government employees are receiving Dearness Allowance at 17% of their salary.
- ❖ The allowance is provided to the employees and pensioners to compensate inflation.
- ❖ It is linked to the Consumer Price Index Inflation.
- ❖ Dearness Allowance is received by pensioners and government employees.
- ❖ The DA is revised twice every year in the month of July and January.

Remittance Prices Worldwide

- ❖ Remittance Prices Worldwide is a resource report sponsored by the World Bank Group.
- ❖ It provides data on the cost of sending remittances from 48 remittance sending countries and 105 receiving countries.
- ❖ According to recent report global remittances are projected to decline sharply by about 20 percent in 2020 (around 110 billion USD) due to the economic crisis induced by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown.
- ❖ In 2019, the remittance reached all-time high of 554 billion USD.

- ❖ Remittances to India are likely to drop by 23 per cent from \$83 billion last year to \$64 billion this year.
- ❖ India is the world's biggest recipient of remittances.
- ❖ In 2019, India is estimated to have received \$83.1 billion in remittances from people working overseas, about 12% of the total expected global inflow.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DRDO Mobile COVID -19 testing Lab

- ❖ Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh inaugurated this lab.
- ❖ The facility is capable of testing 1000 samples in a day.
- ❖ The Mobile Virology Research and Diagnostics Laboratory (MVRDL) were developed by DRDO in association with the ESIC Hospital in Hyderabad.
- ❖ The laboratory has Bio Safety level 2 and Bio Safety level 3.



*Types Of Biosafety Levels

There are 4 types of biosafety levels according to the risk factors involved depending on the nature of pathogen being handled.

- * BSL 1 (Basic teaching, Research)
- * BSL 2 (Primary health services, diagnostic service, research)
- * BSL 3 (Special diagnostic service, research)
- * BSL 4 (Dangerous pathogen units)

China's Mars mission

- ❖ The Chinese National Space Administration (CNSA) named its first Mars Exploration mission as Tianwen 1.
- ❖ The announcement comes on April 24 as China has been celebrating its National Space Day on April 24 since 2016.
- ❖ China celebrates its National Space Day to mark the launch of its first satellite Dongfanghong -1 in 1970.
- ❖ Tianwen means Heavenly Questions.
- ❖ So far countries such as India, Russia, European Union and United States have succeeded in sending missions to Mars.
- ❖ India was the fourth country in the world to reach Mars after Russia, USA and European Union.
- ❖ India's mars mission was named "Mangalyaan".
- ❖ It was launched in 2013 by ISRO.

STATES

Kasowal Bridge

- ❖ It is a long permanent bridge on the river Ravi.
- ❖ It is to connect the Kasowal enclave of Punjab along the Pakistan border to the rest of the country.
- ❖ It was built by the Borders Roads Organization under Project Chetak.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Panchayati Raj - April 24

- ❖ The first National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated in 2010.
- ❖ In 1992 a major change in the Panchayat system of India came in the form of the passage of the Panchayati Raj Act (73rd Amendment).
- ❖ The Act came into existence with effect from April 24, 1993.
- ❖ Every year on this Day, the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj organises National Conference.
- ❖ This Ministry awards best performing Gram Panchayats with 'The Panchayat Shashaktikaran Puraskar/Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar'.
- ❖ Also, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj presented the following awards for the best performing Panchayats
 - E-Panchayat Puraskar
 - Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar
 - Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award
 - Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar
 - Child friendly Gram Panchayat Award.
- ❖ The Prime Minister launched a unified e-Gram Swaraj portal and a mobile app.
- ❖ Also, he launched the Swamitva scheme to integrate lands and reduce land disputes.
- ❖ The scheme was launched in 6 states namely Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ For this scheme, the ministry of Panchayati Raj is to be joined by State Revenue Department, Panchayati Raj Department and Survey of India.



International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace - April 24

- ❖ It was first observed on April 24, 2019 by the United Nations
- ❖ Also, the day is marked to promote and support three pillars of the United Nations.
- ❖ They are peace and security, human rights and development.
- ❖ This year the day is being marked to spread the importance of multilateralism to win over the combat against COVID-19.



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