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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ World Lab Animal Day or World Day for Laboratory Animals, is observed every year on 24th April (April 20 to 26 - Lab Animal Week).
 - The day was instituted in 1979 by the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS), as an “international day of commemoration” for animals in laboratories.
- ❖ India will airlift 23 oxygen generation plants and containers from Germany.
 - The Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) has decided to import oxygen generation plants and containers from Germany to cater to the shortage.
- ❖ International Sculpture Day (ISDay) is a worldwide celebration event aimed at advancing the creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique, vital contribution to society.
 - It is organized by International Sculpture Center on the last Saturday of April every year (April 24 in 2021).
- ❖ The opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was held in Boao, south China’s Hainan Province.
 - The theme of the conference is “A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation”.
- ❖ Accenture India’s chairperson, Rekha M Menon has been appointed as chairperson of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
 - She becomes the first woman to take the top role in the software lobby group’s 30-year history.
- ❖ World Immunization Week 2021 (April 24th-30th) will show how vaccination helps to improve the health of everyone, everywhere throughout life.
 - The theme is ‘Vaccines bring us closer’.

NATIONAL

E - Property Cards

- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the distribution of E-Property Cards under the Svamitva Scheme.
- ❖ The cards were distributed on the side-lines of National Panchayati Raj Day celebrations.

- ❖ The Svamitva Scheme was launched in 2020 on National Panchayati Raj day.
- ❖ Svamitva is Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas.
- ❖ The scheme aims to provide integrated property validation solution for rural India.
- ❖ Under the scheme, the mapping is to be done in a phase-wise manner between 2020 and 2024.
- ❖ The scheme will map the land parcels using drone technology.
- ❖ Also, Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) will be used for demarcation.
- ❖ The scheme is currently applicable only in the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Objectives of the scheme

- ❖ It is to provide financial Stability to people in rural areas as land can be used as an asset to get a loan.
- ❖ It is to create accurate land records.
- ❖ This will help in better rural planning.
- ❖ It will help to support the Gram Panchayat Development Plan.
- ❖ It will help solve property related disputes in rural areas.

PM Launches Distribution
of e-Property Cards under

SVAMITVA SCHEME



Under the scheme, entire village properties are surveyed by drone & e-Property Cards are distributed to the owners



Scheme to cover around 6.62 Lakh villages of India during 2021-2025



4.09 Lakh Property Owners given their e-Property Cards in 5000+ villages

27% increase in the export of processed food products

- ❖ The exports of processed food products during April-February 2020-21 grew by 26.51%.



- ❖ Their exports amounted to Rs 43,798 crores during this period.
- ❖ The export of processed vegetables and alcoholic beverages increased by 40% in 2020-21.
- ❖ According to APEDA, the exports of processed food products is to continue in 2021-22.
- ❖ This is mainly because the demand for processed fruits and vegetables, pulses are increasing in markets such as middle east, US, UK.

INTERNATIONAL

Idriss Déby

- ❖ Chad's President Idriss Déby, who was one of Africa's longest-serving leaders, died on April 20, 2021.
- ❖ He died due to the injuries he sustained following clashes with rebels in the north of the country.
- ❖ He was 68.
- ❖ Déby was the winner of the Presidential Elections conducted on April 11th.
- ❖ This would have been his sixth term in office.
- ❖ Idriss Déby had spent more than three decades in power in Chad.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Virafin

- ❖ The Drug Controller General of India recently provided “Restricted Emergency Use Approval” for the use of “Virafin”.
- ❖ Virafin is used to treat Hepatitis B and C.
- ❖ Now it is to be used to treat moderate COVID-19 infections.
- ❖ A single dose of Virafin during the early stage of infection, will help COVID-19 patients recover faster.
- ❖ It will help to reduce the need for oxygen support.
- ❖ Virafin improves recovery time in moderate cases of COVID-19.
- ❖ According to Zydus 91.15% of adult patients treated with Virafin tested negative using RT-PCR in seven days.
- ❖ Zydus is also working on COVID-19 Vaccine ZyCoV-D.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Veterinary Day - April 24

- ❖ The World Veterinary Day is observed on the Fourth Saturday of April every year.
- ❖ In 2021, the day falls on April 24, 2021.
- ❖ The theme of the 2021 World Veterinary Day is 'Veterinarian response to the COVID-19 crisis'.
- ❖ The day was created by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000.
- ❖ It celebrates the contributions of veterinarians to the health of animals and society.



World Veterinary Day 2021

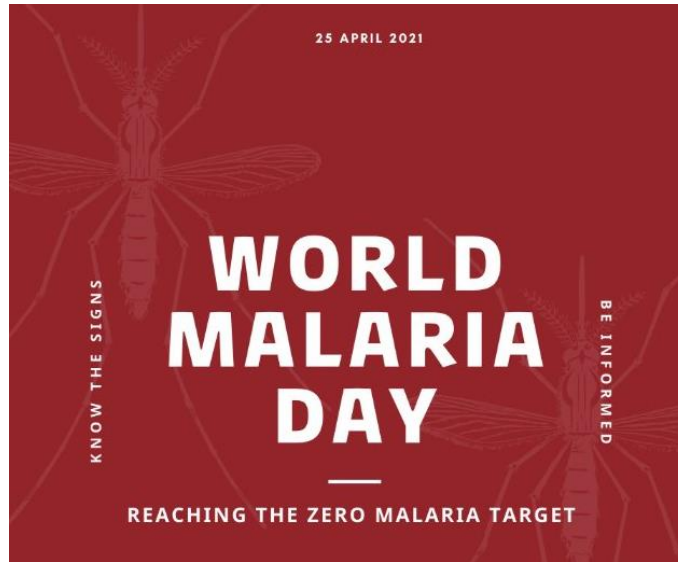
International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace - April 24

- ❖ 'International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace' was first observed by the United Nations (UN) on April 24, 2019.
- ❖ The Assembly proclaimed the day while considering that preserving the values of multilateralism and international cooperation is fundamental to promote and support the three pillars of the UN.
- ❖ The three pillars are Peace and Security, Development and Human Rights.
- ❖ The Day is a reaffirmation of the UN Charter and its principles of resolving disputes among countries through peaceful means.

World Malaria Day - April 25

- ❖ World Malaria Day aimed at taking urgent action in the control of the deadly disease.
- ❖ It is the Female Anopheles mosquitoes who spread the Plasmodium parasite through their saliva, which causes malaria.

- ❖ The theme of World Malaria Day 2021 is “Reaching the zero-malaria target.”



International Delegate's Day - April 25

- ❖ International Delegate's Day observed globally to raise awareness of the role of the representatives and delegates of the Member States to the United Nations.
- ❖ International Delegate's Day marks the anniversary of the first day of the San Francisco Conference
- ❖ San Francisco Conference is also known as the United Nations Conference on International Organization.
- ❖ This year is the 75th anniversary of the San Francisco Conference.
- ❖ On 2 April 2019, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 25 April as International Delegate's Day.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sambandh Finserve's Licence

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a show-cause notice prior to cancelling the licence of fraud-hit Sambandh Finserve Pvt Ltd.
- ❖ This notice is given after its net worth eroded below the regulatory minimum and financial situation worsened beyond redemption over the recent months.
- ❖ Sambandh is registered as an NBFC-MFI.



- ❖ According to the RBI norms, NBFC is required to maintain minimum capital levels consisting of Tier-I and Tier-II capital, of not less than 15 per cent of their aggregate risk-weighted assets.
- ❖ Sambandh Finserve Private Limited was founded in 1992.
- ❖ Its Headquarters is in Odisha.

