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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A unique kiosk named “UV Baggage Bath” was inaugurated at the Bangalore railway station to disinfect the baggage to stop the indirect mode of COVID – 19 transmissions.
- ❖ The Education department of Daman Administration launched the E-Gyan Mitra mobile application to support students of the Union Territory of DNH and DD through online education.
- ❖ British high commissioner to India Philip Barton appointed as the permanent under-secretary to head the newly merged Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.
- ❖ Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has withdrawn from the Women’s World Team Squash Championship 2020 which is scheduled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## NATIONAL

### Standardized Transport Vehicles Dimensions

- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has published a notification to amend Rule-93 relating to dimensions of motor vehicles under the Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989.
- ❖ These amendments would provide for standardization in the dimensions of the Motor Vehicles which would be in line with international UNECE standards.
- ❖ It is a step to improve the logistics efficiency in the country as the enhanced dimensions would provide for extra passengers or extra carrying capacity within the prescribed weight.

### Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (Evin)

- ❖ Eight Indian States are using the eVIN application with 100 % adherence rate to track State specific COVID-19 material supplies, ensure availability and raise alerts in case of shortage of 81 essential drugs and equipment.
- ❖ The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network is an innovative technological solution aimed at strengthening immunization supply chain systems across the country.



The poster features a central circular image of a healthcare worker administering a vaccine to a child. Surrounding this image are various medical icons: a syringe, a pill bottle, a stethoscope, and a pill. At the top left, there is a logo with the text 'एविन नेटवर्क' and 'एव नेटवर्क नेटवर्क 40 लाई'. At the top right, there is a logo with a rainbow and the text 'Be Well! Get your child fully immunized'. In the top right corner, there is a small red icon of a family. The text 'eVIN Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network' is prominently displayed in red. Below it, the text reads: 'Strengthening immunization supply chain systems in India by providing **real-time information** on vaccine stocks & flows, and **storage temperatures** across all cold chain points.' At the bottom right, the website 'www.mohfw.gov.in' is mentioned.

## **Defense Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020**

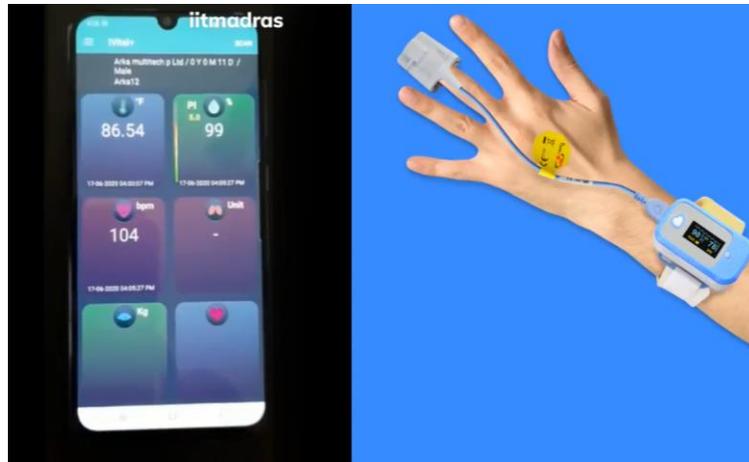
- ❖ Ministry of Defence released the draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020 (DPEPP 2020).
- ❖ The DPEPP 2020 is envisaged as overarching guiding document of MoD to provide thrust to defence production capabilities of the country for self-reliance and exports.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Galapagos archipelago and China**

- ❖ Equator has expressed an official discomfort over the sighting of Chinese fishing vessels named “floating city” near the Galapagos archipelago.
- ❖ The Galapagos Islands are located in the Pacific Ocean around 1,000 km away from the South American continent.
- ❖ In 1978, the islands became UNESCO’s first World Heritage Site.





## ENVIRONMENT

### Indian Leopard

- ❖ As part of its global tiger census, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is set to release a dedicated report on leopard sightings by the month-end.
- ❖ The last formal census on India's leopards was conducted in 2014 which estimated the cat's population at between 12,000 and 14,000.
- ❖ They also estimated 8,000 leopards in the vicinity of tiger habitat.
- ❖ Leopard Status:
  - Listed on a par with Tigers under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act (WPA), 1972.
  - Listed in Appendix I of CITES.
  - Listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

### E-FLOW

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has told the Centre that it has planned to fix the minimum environment flow for the polluted stretches of at least six rivers.
- ❖ E-flow is the minimum limit of flow required to maintain a river in the desired environmental state.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Government has planned to regulate the E-flow for polluted stretches of Saryu, Hindon, Ramganga, Betwa, Ghaghara and Rapti rivers.
- ❖ So far, Ganga is the only river in the country for which E-flow has been fixed by the Centre.

- ❖ In 2018, the Ministry of Jal Shakti had issued a notification, fixing the E-flow for Ganga.

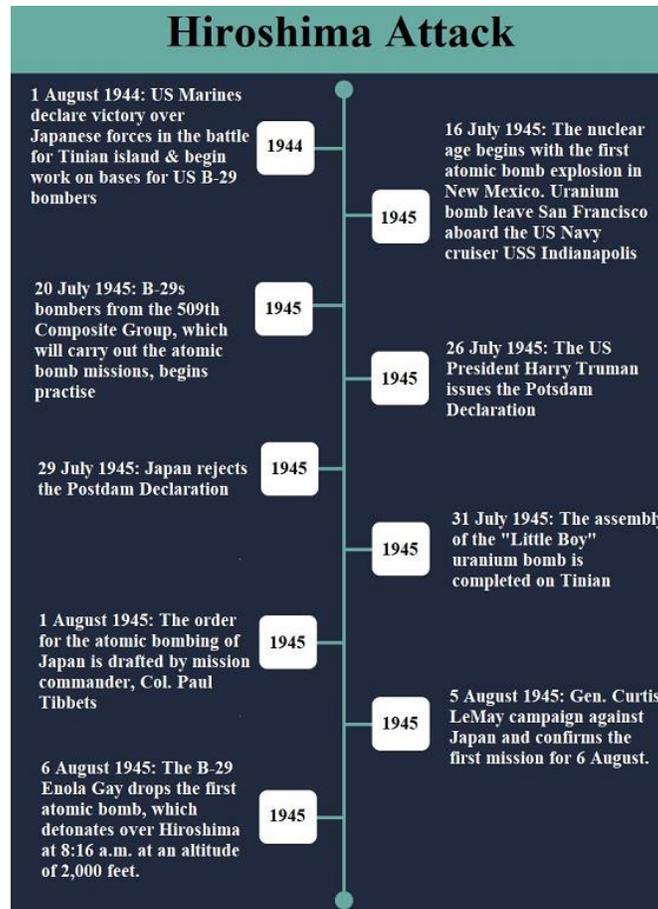
## STATES

### Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi” awareness campaign

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh launched a public awareness campaign “Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi” from August 1-15.
- ❖ “Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi” – means one mask, many lives.
- ❖ The campaign will spread awareness about wearing masks as prevention from Covid-19 infection.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Hiroshima Day - August 06





- ❖ Hiroshima Day is observed to mark the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan by the US in 1945.
- ❖ Hiroshima Day 2020 marks the 75th year of walking the path of the atomic bomb.
- ❖ The day aims to promote peace politics against the war.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Genetic Resources**

- ❖ National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) and ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) have entered into a MoU to conserve the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Genetic Resources (MAPGRs).
- ❖ The conservation will be done in long-term storage module in the National Gene bank and/or at Regional Station for medium term storage module.

