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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Wrestler Labhanshu Sharma won the Bharat Kesari Wrestling Dangal 2021 organised in Tamil Nadu.
 - 20 years since the formation of Uttarakhand, Labhanshu has broken the drought and won the title of Bharat Kesari for the state.
- ❖ A bill that seeks to establish a central university (Sindhu central university) in the Union Territory of Ladakh was passed in the Lok Sabha.
 - The university will cater to all areas of Ladakh that include Leh and Kargil.
- ❖ International Forgiveness Day aims at seeking and forgiving people around us.
 - It is celebrated across the world on the first Sunday of August (01-08-2021).
- ❖ Recently, the Government of Tamil Nadu has appointed Suba Veera Pandian as a member of the Tamil Nadu Curriculum Advisory Committee.

NATIONAL

Blinken's visit to India

- ❖ Blinken's first visit to India after assuming charge as the US secretary of state happened recently.
- ❖ Blinken called on Modi after holding wide-ranging talks with external affairs minister S Jaishankar.
- ❖ The talks covered a range of issues including the situation in Afghanistan, Indo-Pacific engagements and Covid-19 response mechanism among others.

J&J's vaccine for emergency use in India

- ❖ Johnson and Johnson's single-dose COVID-19 vaccine was approved for emergency use in India.
- ❖ With this vaccine, India has five Emergency Use Authorization vaccines.
- ❖ This vaccine, also called as Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, has been developed by Janssen Vaccines in Leiden, Netherlands.

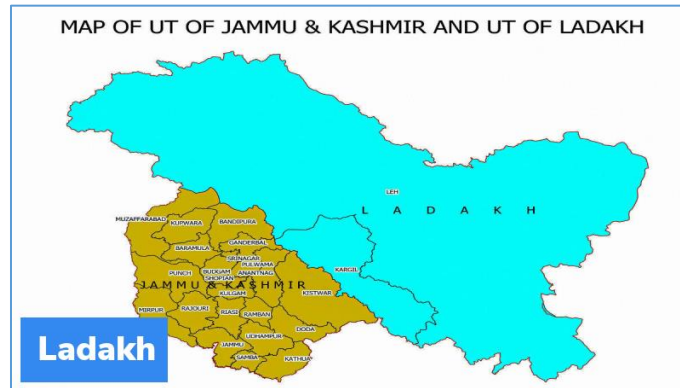


Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan Scheme



- ❖ The Government announced that approximately five crore beneficiaries have been enrolled and four crores have been trained under this Scheme as of August 2, 2021.
- ❖ This scheme was launched to make six crore persons residing in rural areas, across States and UTs, digitally literate.
- ❖ It was launched with the aim of bridging digital divide and specifically targeting rural population.
- ❖ It also includes marginalised sections of society such as Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Minorities, Below Poverty Line (BPL), women, differently-abled persons and minorities.
- ❖ This scheme is being initiated under Digital India Programme.
- ❖ This Scheme is applicable only in rural areas of India.
- ❖ All the households where not a single family member is digitally literate will be eligible under the Scheme.
- ❖ Only one person per eligible household would be provided with training in the age group of 14 – 60 years.

Ladakh removes Inner Line Permit



- ❖ The Ladakh Administration has removed the need of an Inner Line Permit (ILP) for all Indian nationals who seeks to visit protected areas of the union territory.
- ❖ Restriction on stay of foreign tourists has also been relaxed from seven days to 15 days in tour circuits of bordering areas like Nyoma, Nubra and places in Leh and Kargil districts.
- ❖ ILP is a document required by non- natives to visit or stay in states which are protected under ILP system.
- ❖ Presently, four North-eastern states Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland are covered under this system.

International Conference on Range Technology

- ❖ The 2nd Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference on Range Technology was held virtually.
- ❖ The conference has been organised by Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur, Odisha.
- ❖ In the event, speakers from across the globe will present their technological achievements in multiple subjects related to Tests and Evaluation of defence systems.

ENVIRONMENT

Cyclones over Arabian Sea More Frequent - IMD Study

- ❖ IMD Study based on 50-year dataset (1970-2019) of extreme weather events has shown that there has been an increased occurrence of extreme weather events, including severe cyclonic storms in recent decades.



- ❖ There has been a significant rise in mean temperature across the globe.
- ❖ Analysing the past data of cyclones over the North Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea) during the period 1891–2020 shows that the frequency of extremely severe cyclonic storms has
 - Increased in recent few years over the Arabian Sea since 1990, and
 - Remained the same over the Bay of Bengal.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Brunel Medal award

- ❖ Bhutan's India-assisted Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was conferred with the Brunel Medal award.
- ❖ The award was given by the London-based Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).
- ❖ The award was given as a mark of excellence in civil engineering within the industry.
- ❖ It was handed over to the Chairman of Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project Authority, Lyonpo Loknath Sharma.
- ❖ One of the reasons the Mangdechhu project was awarded was because of its social and environmental credentials.
- ❖ The project will reduce 2.4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.
- ❖ The Brunel Medal is historically given to major projects and organisations across the world.

SPORTS

Bajrang Punia - Bronze medal

- ❖ Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia has won the Olympic wrestling bronze medal in the men's freestyle 65kg category
- ❖ He won the medal after the 8-0 win over Daulet Niyazbekov of Kazakhstan.
- ❖ Punia became the sixth Indian wrestler to finish on the Olympic podium.
- ❖ Others were KD Jadhav, Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, Sakshi Malik and Ravi Kumar Dahiya.
- ❖ This became the second instance after the 2012 London Olympics when two Indian wrestlers won medals in the same Games.



Neeraj Chopra - Gold medal



- ❖ Neeraj Chopra has won a gold medal for India in the javelin throw event at Tokyo Olympics.
- ❖ The 87.58m throw got the Gold medal for him.
- ❖ This was also India's first gold medal since shooter Abhinav Bindra's won the 10m air rifle gold in 2008.
- ❖ Neeraj Chopra won the independent India's first-ever athletics medal.



- ❖ He is from Panipat, Haryana.
- ❖ With Neeraj's gold, India ended its campaign at the XXXII Olympiad with seven medals.
- ❖ This is the country's best performance at the Summer Olympic Games.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Handloom Day - August 07

- ❖ India has marked the 7th National Handloom Day to showcase the legacy of the Indian handloom industry.
- ❖ 'Handloom, an Indian legacy' is the theme of this year.
- ❖ The day is to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement and to celebrate our country's rich fabrics and colourful weaves.
- ❖ The whole nation will mark the day to showcase the legacy of the Indian handloom industry and to honour the weavers across the country.
- ❖ It was first observed in 2015 by the Government of India.



International Cat Day - August 08

- ❖ The day was started by the International Fund for Animal Welfare in 2002.



- ❖ The animal rights organisation uses the day to promote the needs and wants of cats and encourages cat owners to find new ways to improve their bond with their pets.
- ❖ The theme of the day, this year is “Be Cat Curious - Training for Cats and their Humans”.

