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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12 worldwide for the preservation and protection of the global elephants.
 - The World Elephant Day was initiated on August 12, 2012.
- ❖ Iran's new President Ebrahim Raisi named Mohammad Mokhber as his first vice-president.
 - Mohammad Mokhber has for years headed the foundation known as Setad.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal launched the faceless transport services in the National Capital.
 - Under the initiative, 33 transport services will go completely faceless and online, except for the driving tests and fitness tests for the vehicles.
- ❖ Maharashtra state government has decided to give 1 per cent reservation in education and jobs to children orphaned due to corona.
 - It has also been decided to give concessions in age, examination fees, scholarships under education, reimbursement of tuition fees as per Scheduled Castes.

TAMIL NADU

Best Municipal Corporation, Municipality & Town panchayats



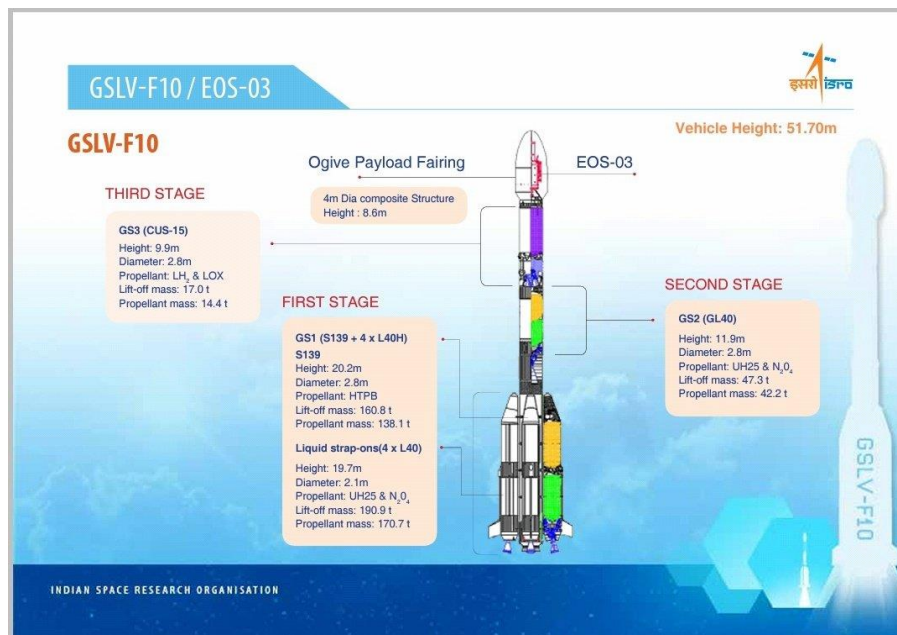
The Thanjavur City Municipal Corporation gets the Chief Minister's award for best corporation for this year and Udagamandalam, Tiruchengode and Chinnamanur ranked as best Municipalities.

- ❖ Thanjavur Municipal Corporation has been selected for the Chief Minister's Award for the Best Municipal Corporation of Tamil Nadu for the year 2021.
- ❖ Ooty, Tiruchengode and Chinnamanur were selected for the first, second and third prize respectively as the best Municipalities.
- ❖ Kallakudy in Trichy, Melpattampakkam in Cuddalore, and Kottaiyur in Sivagangai were selected for the first, second and third prize respectively as the best Town panchayats.

NATIONAL

GSLV-F10-EOS-3

- ❖ India's attempt to place a geo-imaging satellite (GISAT-1) with its GSLV-F10-EOS-3 mission did not succeed.
- ❖ The GSLV-F10 rocket of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was blasted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota
- ❖ It had to launch the Earth Observation Satellite EOS-03 into space.
- ❖ The cryogenic upper stage ignition did not happen due to a technical anomaly and caused the failure.



Malabar naval exercises

- ❖ The Quad country navies will be conducting the annual Malabar naval exercises off the coast of Guam, in the Indo-Pacific.

- ❖ Quad country includes India, the US, Japan and Australia.
- ❖ The objective of the Malabar series of Exercises is to increase the interoperability of naval powers of the four QUAD countries.

Subsonic cruise missile Nirbhay

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired medium-range subsonic cruise missile Nirbhay.
- ❖ It was test fired from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, off Odisha coast.
- ❖ Nirbhay is India's first Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM).
- ❖ ITCM Nirbhay was successfully test-launched with a Made-in-India Manik turbofan engine.
- ❖ This was the first successful test-firing of the missile with the indigenous booster engine.



INTERNATIONAL

28th ASEAN Regional Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting

- ❖ The Minister of State for External Affairs, Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh led India's delegation to the 28th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers Meeting.
- ❖ The Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam.
- ❖ The ARF Ministers adopted a Joint Statement on Promoting the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agenda.

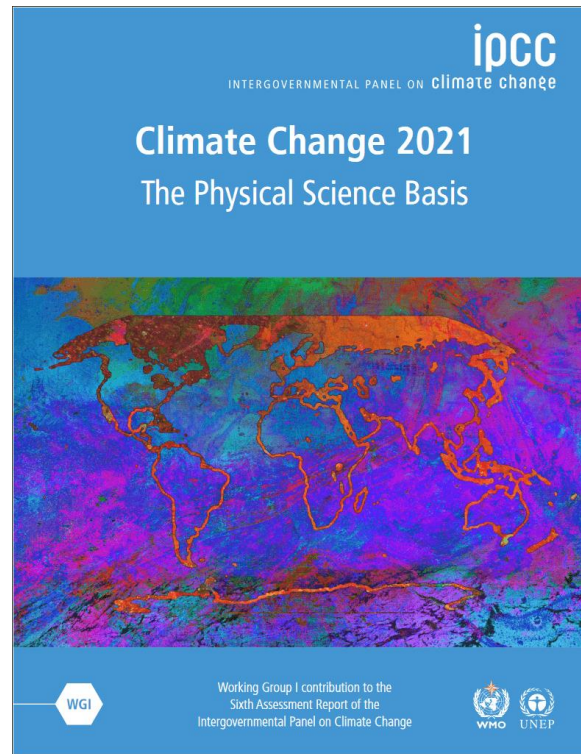
ECONOMY

Wealthiest village

- ❖ The residents of Madhapar village in Gujarat have a cumulative deposit of ₹ 5,000 crores in over 17 banks.
- ❖ With this Madhapar village in Gujarat is reportedly the wealthiest village globally.
- ❖ Madhapar is located in the Kutch district of Gujarat.

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Change 2021 Report



- ❖ A new report was released by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate (IPCC) recently.
- ❖ It has pressed the red alert on global climate change and the impact it will have on communities across the world.
- ❖ The report, called the Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis, is the sixth such assessment report published by the IPCC since its inception in 1988.

- ❖ The most stark finding of the report is the fact that global temperatures are expected to rise by 1.5-2 degree Celsius from the pre-industrial age in less than 20 years.
- ❖ The report is the first IPCC report to predict regional effects of climate change.
- ❖ For India "extreme heatwaves" are the first challenge.
- ❖ Floods caused by extreme rainfall are also set to increase across South Asia and India.

STATES

India's first water plus city

- ❖ India's cleanest city, Indore, has now been declared as India's first water plus city under the Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- ❖ Indore City received this certification from central government.
- ❖ This certification is provided for maintaining cleanliness in rivers and drains.
- ❖ Swachh Survekshan was launched under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



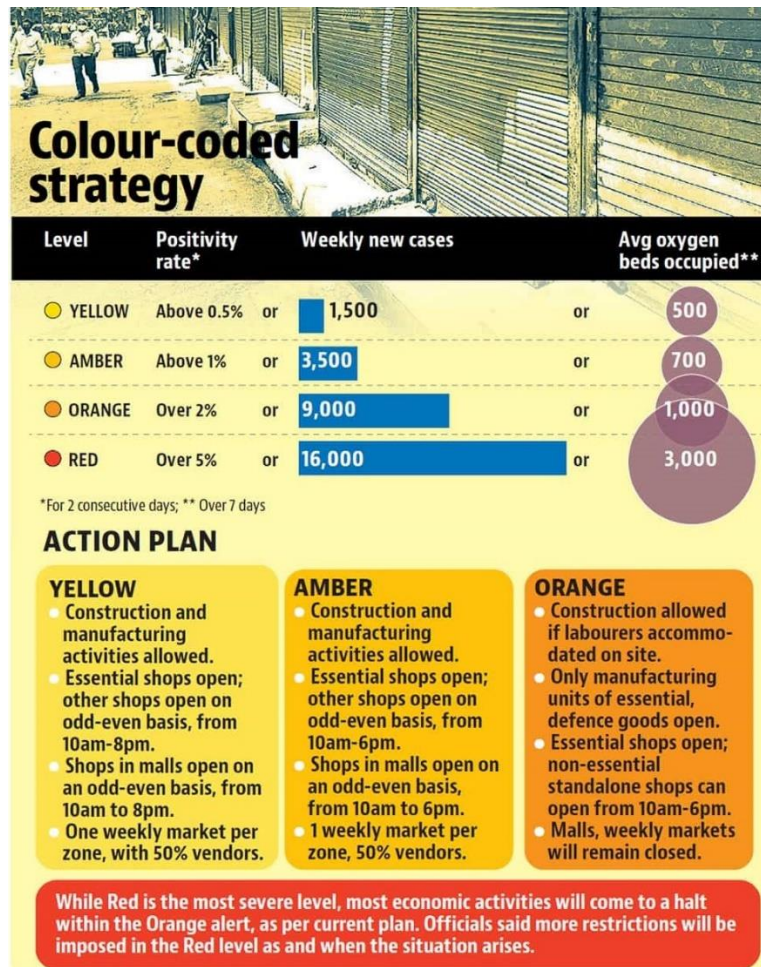
Forest Resource Rights in Urban Region

- ❖ Chhattisgarh became the first state to recognise Community Forest Resource Rights in an urban area.
- ❖ The state government recognised the rights of residents of Dhamtari district over 4,127 hectares of forests.

- ❖ Under Forest Rights Act, 2006, Community Forest Resource Right gives gram Sabha the right to protect, regenerate or conserve or manage any forest resources used by the entire community, or village.

Color-coded system - Covid tackling

- ❖ The Government of Delhi imposed a Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in order to control any rise in fresh Coronavirus cases in the city.
- ❖ The Color-coded Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi will prevent the administrative delays in announcing the preventive measures.
- ❖ Restrictions by the government have been classified under Yellow, Amber, Orange, and Red alerts.
- ❖ Yellow is the lowest level of alert.
- ❖ Red will be the highest bringing the city under a complete lockdown.



SPORTS

Cricket's inclusion in Olympics

- ❖ The International Cricket Council has confirmed it will campaign for the inclusion of the sport at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
- ❖ Cricket, till now, has made just one appearance in the Olympics.
- ❖ It happened in 1900 in Paris.
- ❖ Great Britain and France were the only two teams that participated in this.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Youth Day - August 12

- ❖ The day is observed annually to draw the attention of governments and others towards youth issues worldwide.
- ❖ This day is celebrated to recognize the efforts put in by the youth for the betterment of society.
- ❖ The theme of International Youth Day 2021, “Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”
- ❖ This day is the first time observed on August 12, 2000.



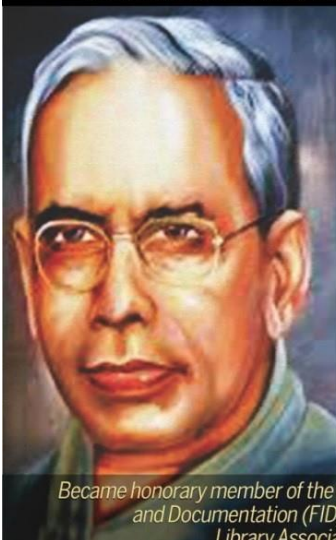
National Librarian's Day - August 12

- ❖ Every year Padma Shri Dr SR Ranganathan's birthday is celebrated as the National Librarian's Day.
- ❖ He spearheaded library development in India.
- ❖ This is his 129th birth anniversary.



- ❖ He is called as the Father of Library Science, Information Science and Documentation.

Noted librarian & mathematician **S. R. Ranganathan** died on Sep 27, 1972



THE FATHER OF LIBRARY SCIENCES IN INDIA

His birthday is observed as **National Library Day**

Known for his 2 greatest legacies:
The Five Laws of Library Science and **Colon classification system**

In 1923 left his position of a Mathematics teacher at the University of Madras for that of the University librarian; later trained in library sciences at London

Headed the Indian Library Association from **1944 to 1953.**

Became honorary member of the International Federation for Information and Documentation (IFID) & vice-president for life of the Library Association of Great Britain.

MISCELLANEOUS

Skytrax World Airport Award ranking 2021



COVID-19 AIRPORT EXCELLENCE AWARD

- ❖ According to the ranking, Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi has emerged among world's top-50 best airports in the 2021.
- ❖ Delhi has been ranked at 45th position



- ❖ Delhi airport is first Indian airport to achieve this mark.
- ❖ Delhi Airport emerged as best airport in India for the third consecutive year.
- ❖ Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru have also found a rank among world's 100 best airports.
- ❖ World's top 3 airports include,
 - Doha Hamad International Airport
 - Tokyo Haneda airport and
 - Changi airport Singapore.

