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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ August 21 is celebrated as World Fashion Day each year.
 - The day basically celebrates the field of fashion and spreads awareness regarding its significance in our day-to-day lives.

NATIONAL

Arogya Dhara 2.0



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- ❖ Arogya Dhara 2.0 was launched by the Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on August 18, 2021.
- ❖ This is in order to increase the reach of Ayushman Bharat – Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ❖ Arogya Dhara 2.0 also seeks to create more awareness regarding the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- ❖ On the occasion, the minister launched three initiatives namely
 - Adhikar Patra,
 - Ayushman Mitra and

- Abhinandan Patra.
- ❖ Adhikar Patra will be issued to the beneficiaries when they will be hospitalised for treatment under the PM-JAY scheme.
- ❖ This Patra will make beneficiaries aware of their rights in a way that they can claim free and cashless health care services.
- ❖ Abhinandan Patra is a ‘thank you note’.
- ❖ It will be issued to the beneficiaries when beneficiaries will be discharged after their treatment under PM-JAY.
- ❖ Ayushman Mitra is an initiative launched to encourage citizens to participate in motivating eligible beneficiaries to get verified under PM-JAY scheme.
- ❖ It also seeks to help beneficiaries to get the Ayushman Cards issued.

All-women team of three armed forces at Mt Manirang

- ❖ An ‘All Women Tri-Services Mountaineering Team’ successfully scaled Mt Manirang on August 15, 2021.
- ❖ Mt Manirang (21,625 ft) is in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ They unfurled the national flag as a part of commemorative activities for ‘Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav’.
- ❖ The team was led by Wing Commander Bhavana Mehra of the Indian Air Force.



Defence India Start-up Challenge - 5th edition

- ❖ The Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh, launched the 5th edition of the Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC).
- ❖ The DISC was launched under Innovations for Defence Excellence – Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO).

- ❖ This challenge is meant to achieve self-reliance and foster innovation and technology development across the defence and aerospace sectors.
- ❖ This challenge was launched by the Ministry in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission.
- ❖ It was launched with the aim of providing support to Startups, MSMEs and Innovators to create prototypes or commercialize products and solutions in the fields of National Defence and Security.



Institute of Economic Growth Society - New president

- ❖ The Chairman of 15th Finance Commission, NK Singh, has been elected as the new president of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society.
- ❖ He succeeded former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh who was the President of IEG since 1992.

Institute of Economic Growth

- ❖ It is an autonomous, multidisciplinary centre that is used for advanced research and training.
- ❖ It was founded by VKRV Rao in 1952, but became operational in 1958.
- ❖ It is located at University Enclave of University of Delhi, New Delhi.



Disaster Management - India and Bangladesh

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Disaster Management between India and Bangladesh that was signed in March, 2021.
- ❖ A MoU was signed between National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs of India and Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief of Bangladesh.
- ❖ This MoU involves Cooperation in the field of Disaster Management, Resilience and Mitigation.

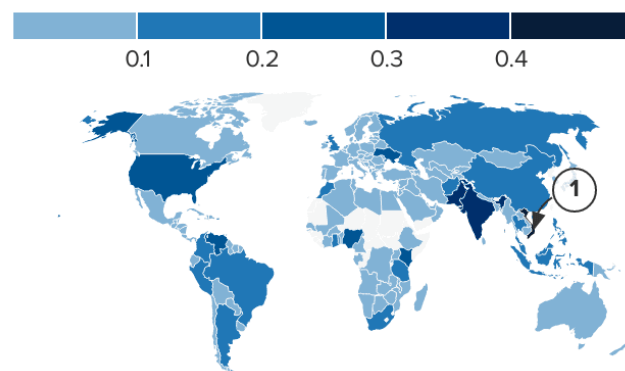
ECONOMY

2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index

The Chainalysis 2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index

Countries are scored on three metrics: Total crypto activity, trading activity of non-professional users, and peer-to-peer exchange trade volume. All are weighted by purchasing power parity per capita.

Countries are scored on a scale of 0 to 1.



① Vietnam, score of 1, is the only country above 0.4

- ❖ India has ranked second in terms of crypto adoption worldwide behind Vietnam.

- ❖ This is according to the 2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index by blockchain data platform Chainalysis.
- ❖ Bitcoin is the most popular coin in India, followed by Ripple, Ethereum and Bitcoin Cash, according to the report.

Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund

- ❖ The World Bank announced the launch of a new Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund under the broader Digital Development Partnership (DDP) umbrella program.
- ❖ The new fund aims to better define and systematically roll out the cybersecurity development agenda.
- ❖ This helps to ensure a more substantial reflection of cybersecurity considerations across World Bank programs and financing.
- ❖ The launch of the Trust Fund is made possible with donor contributions from Estonia, Germany, Japan, and the Netherlands.

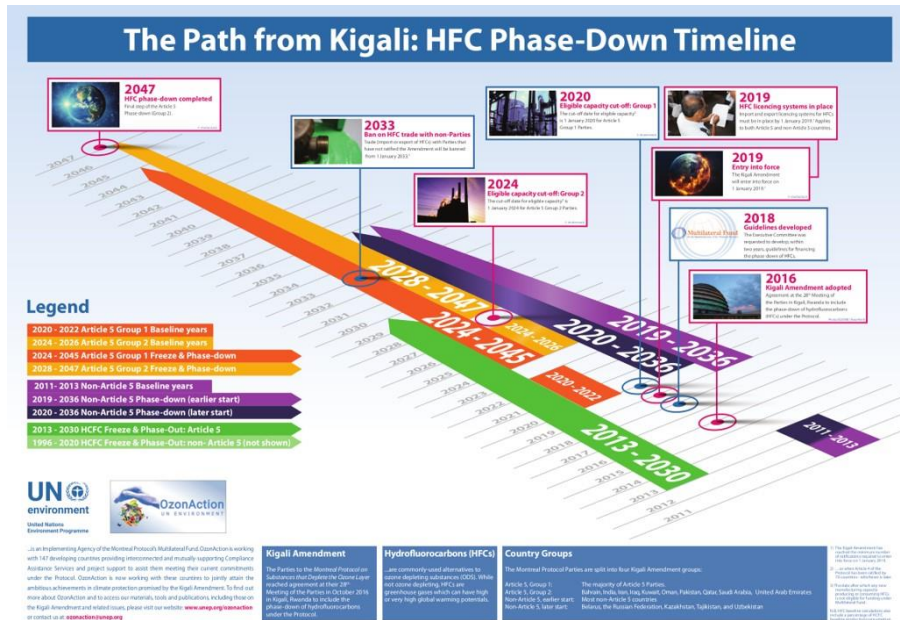


ENVIRONMENT

Kigali Amendment

- ❖ Recently, India has ratified the Kigali Amendment to the 1989 Montreal Protocol for protection of the ozone layer.
- ❖ Despite being one of the main architects of the Kigali Amendment, India was the last major country to announce its decision to ratify it.
- ❖ Kigali Amendment, negotiated in Rwanda (2016), to the Montreal Protocol is for phasing out hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).
- ❖ Under this amendment, countries agreed to include HFCs in the list of controlled substances under Montreal Protocol.

- ❖ Under the Kigali Amendment, current HFC use has to be curtailed by 85% before 2050.
- ❖ India has to achieve this target by 2047.
- ❖ The developed countries have to do it by 2036.
- ❖ China has a target of 2045.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Diksha Shinde





- ❖ Diksha Shinde was selected as a panellist on Minority Serving Institution (MSI) Fellowships Virtual Panel of American Space Agency, NASA.
- ❖ She is a 14-year-old girl in Aurangabad.
- ❖ She wrote a theory on black holes.
- ❖ Her research paper on 'We Live in Black Hole?' was accepted by International Journal of Scientific and Engineering Research in May 2021.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Sanskrit Week - August 19 to 25

- ❖ Sanskrit Week is being celebrated from August 19 to August 25, 2021.
- ❖ Sanskrit Week is celebrated to promote and popularise this ancient language.
- ❖ This day is also known as Vishva-samskrita-dinam.

World Senior Citizen Day - August 21



- ❖ The day is celebrated to raise awareness about issues affecting older people and support, honour and show appreciation to seniors and to recognize their achievements.
- ❖ The Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 14, 1990.
- ❖ The day was officially founded by the former President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan in 1988 to dedicate a day to older adults and their issues.



International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism - August 21

- ❖ The United Nations observes 21st August every year as the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.
- ❖ The day is observed to pay tribute to the individuals across the globe who have been attacked, injured, traumatized or lost their lives because of terrorist attacks.
- ❖ The day was designated by United Nations General Assembly in 2017.
- ❖ For the first time the day was observed in 2018.
- ❖ The theme of this year's International Day is "Connections".

