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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to rename the Hisar Airport as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport.
 - The Hisar Airport is a domestic airport and the first DGCA licensed Public Aerodrome of the State.
- ❖ Praggnanandhaa won the RTU Open blitz chess title in Riga, Latvia.
 - Praggnanandhaa is the fifth-youngest person ever to achieve the title of Grandmaster.
- ❖ Senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu La. Ganesan was appointed as the new governor of Manipur.
 - The post of the governor had fallen vacant after the retirement of Najma Hebdulla.
- ❖ The Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said that India will add 100 more observatories by 2026.
 - The minister also informed that the country is going to have 35 more earthquake observatories by the end of this year.
- ❖ Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned that his country won't become Europe's refugee warehouse.
 - Anti-migrant sentiment is running high in Turkey as it grapples with economic woes including high unemployment that have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic.

NATIONAL

ARMY-2021

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) of India is participating in the International Military-Technical Forum 'ARMY-2021' at Kubinka, Moscow.
- ❖ At the forum ARMY-2021, DRDO will showcase its indigenously built fighter aircraft LCA Tejas, Arjun Main Battle Tank (MK1A), Anti-Tank Guided Missiles among other products at the India Pavilion.

Note

- ❖ The International Military-Technical Forum ‘ARMY-2021’ is organized by the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation that offers the opportunity for exhibition and demonstration of military equipment.
- ❖ ARMY-2021 is the 7th International Military-Technical Forum.



Zair-Al-Bahr Exercise

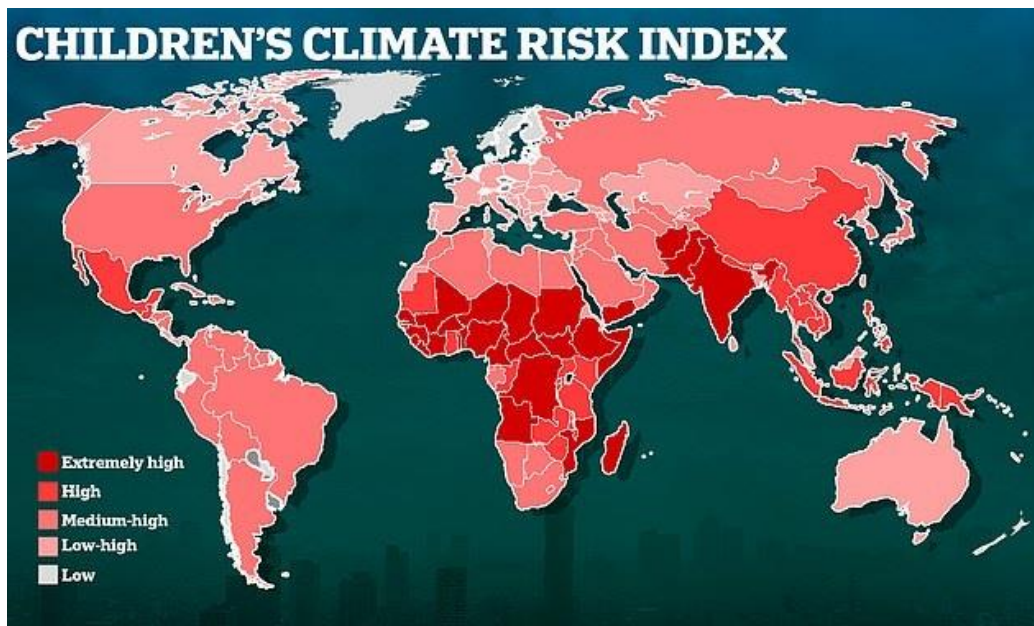


- ❖ The 2nd edition of Bilateral Maritime Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) 2021 was conducted in the Persian Gulf.
- ❖ The exercise is between the Indian Navy and Qatar Emiri Naval Force.

- ❖ Indian Navy Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS (Indian Naval Ship) Trikand arrived at Qatar's capital city, Doha for participation in the sea phase.
- ❖ The exercise focuses on the fight against terrorism, maritime piracy, and maritime security.

INTERNATIONAL

Children's Climate Risk Index

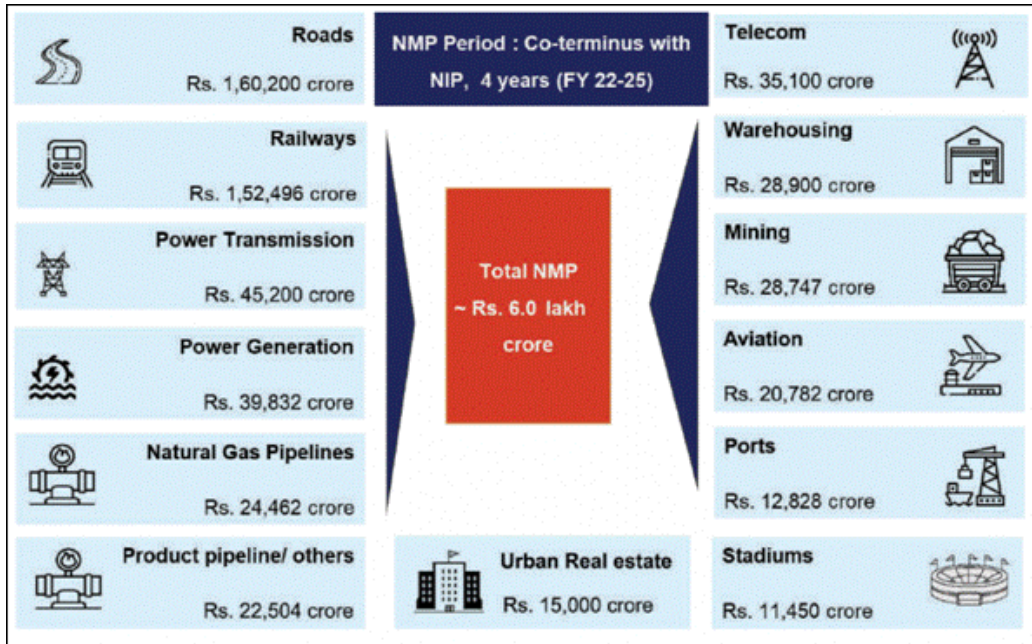


- ❖ 'The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index' [CCRI] is released by UNICEF.
- ❖ It ranks countries based on children's exposure to climate and environmental shocks such as cyclones and heatwaves.
- ❖ Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and India are among four South Asian countries where children are at extremely high risk of the impacts of the climate crisis.
- ❖ They rank 14th, 15th, 25th and 26th respectively.
- ❖ CCRI has placed India as one of the 33 extremely high-risk countries with flooding and air pollution being the repeated environmental shocks leading to socio-economic adverse consequences for women and children.
- ❖ Twenty-one of the world's 30 cities with the most polluted air in 2020 were in India.

ECONOMY

National Monetization pipeline

- ❖ The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the National Monetisation pipeline.
- ❖ It efforts to list out the government's infrastructure assets to be sold over the next four-years.
- ❖ The NMP comprises a four-year pipeline of the government's brownfield infrastructure assets.
- ❖ In the Union Budget 2021-22, the government laid a lot of emphasis on asset monetisation as a means to raise innovative and alternative financing for infrastructure, and included a number of key announcements.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Asteroid 2016 AJ193

- ❖ A huge asteroid fled past Earth very closely on August 21, 2021.
- ❖ The asteroid, named 2016 AJ193, is reportedly is rushing inward towards the sun in its 5.91-year orbit.
- ❖ The asteroid was classified as a Potentially Hazardous Asteroid by NASA/JPL but there is no risk of impact.

SPORTS

Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games

- ❖ It is held from 24th August - 5th September, 2021.
- ❖ The official Mascot is 'Someity'.
- ❖ For the 1st time, Badminton & Taekwondo will be introduced by replacing Sailing and 7-a-side football.
- ❖ India will field their largest contingent ever in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics
- ❖ A total of 54 Athletes will compete in 9 Sporting events.
- ❖ Only 19 Indian Athletes competed in the 2016 Rio Paralympics.
- ❖ Javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia (won Gold at Rio Paralympics) and high jump ace Mariyappan Thangavelu are the two Paralympic champions in the current Indian contingent.
- ❖ Prachi Yadav is set to become India's 1st paracanoe at the Tokyo Para Games.
- ❖ Avani Lekhera will be the 1st Indian woman para shooter to compete at the Paralympics.
- ❖ Harvinder Singh and Vivek Chikara are the 1st Men Archers from the country to qualify for the Games.
- ❖ Anurag Thakur and Nisith Pramanik launched Theme Song 'Kar De Kamaal Tu' for Paralympics.
- ❖ The song is composed & sung by Sanjeev Singh, Divyang Cricket Player.



Silver medal in women's long jump - Shaili Singh

- ❖ Jhansi-born Shaili Singh won the silver medal in women's long jump at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi with a best attempt of 6.59m.
- ❖ She came very close to the gold medal, falling short by just 0.01mm.
- ❖ Sweden's Maja Askag won the gold medal (6.60m).



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Honey Bee Day 2021 - August 21

- ❖ National Honey Bee Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of August every year in the United States.
- ❖ Therefore, this year it fell on August 21, Saturday.
- ❖ The original day of observation was August 22, 2009.

Madras Day - August 22



- ❖ Chennai celebrated its 382nd birthday on August 22.
- ❖ It was on August 22, 1639, that the village of Madrasapatnam was purchased by the East India Company from the Vijayanagar Empire.
- ❖ The concept of celebrating Madras Day was conceptualized in 2004.

European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism - August 23



- ❖ The day is also known as Black Ribbon Day in some countries.
- ❖ It is an international day of remembrance for victims of totalitarian regimes, specifically Stalinism, Communism, Nazism and Fascism.
- ❖ It symbolizes the rejection of “extremism, intolerance and oppression”.
- ❖ It has been observed annually by the bodies of the European Union since 2009.
- ❖ 23 August was chosen to coincide with the date of the signing of the Molotov–Ribbentrop Pact.
- ❖ Molotov–Ribbentrop Pact is a 1939 non-aggression pact between the USSR and Nazi Germany.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition - August 23

- ❖ The United Nations observes this Day to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples.



- ❖ It is a day to honour the memory of the men and women who, in Saint-Domingue in 1791, revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.

