TNPSC BITS

- ❖ G. Silambarasan, a Thavil artiste, has been awarded the World Record Award by the 'Indian World Records' for documenting on video how to handle 108 rhythms that are part of Carnatic music.

- ❖ Retired IAS Rajiv Kumar was appointed as election commissioner in place of Ashok Lavasa who resigned.

- ❖ Earth Overshoot Day (EOD) is the calculated illustrative calendar date on which humanity's resource consumption for the year exceeds Earth's capacity to regenerate those resources that year.

  o In 2020, EOD lands on August 22 more than three weeks later than 2019, due to coronavirus induced lockdowns around the world.

NATIONAL

Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana

- ❖ Employee's State Insurance Corporation had approved relaxation in eligibility criteria and enhancement in the payment of unemployment benefit under its Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana.

- ❖ It aims to financially support those who lost their jobs or rendered jobless for whatsoever reasons due to changing employment pattern.

Relaxation

- ❖ The payment of relief has been enhanced to 50% of average of wages from 25%.

- ❖ Relief payable 90 days after unemployment, it shall become due for payment after 30 days.

- ❖ The Insured Person can submit the claim directly to ESIC Branch Office instead of the claim being forwarded by the last employer and the payment shall be made directly in the bank account.

Swachh Survekshan 2020 Ranking

- ❖ It is the 28 days long completely digitized and paperless nationwide survey and also world's largest cleanliness survey.

- ❖ Indore was retained as the cleanest Indian city position for the fourth consecutive time, followed by Surat on the second spot and Navi Mumbai on the third position.

Other Winners

- ❖ India's Cleanest Capital – New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi
- ❖ India's Cleanest Small City – Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh
- ❖ India's Cleanest Medium City – Mysuru, Karnataka
- ❖ India's Cleanest Big City – Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ India's Cleanest Mega City – Amdavad, Gujarat
- ❖ India's cleanest city (< 1 Lakh Population)– Karad, Maharashtra

In Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Coimbatore is the cleanest city in Tamil Nadu, securing the 40th rank.
- ❖ Madurai and Chennai were ranked 42nd and 45th, respectively.
- ❖ Trichy secured 102 Rank, Tirunelveli (159), Salem (173) and Tirupur got 173rd place.
- ❖ Best Mega City in Innovation and Best Practices - Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ None of the Tamil Nadu cities was on the top 10 list in their respective categories.

Category	Winner
States with Less than 100 Urban Local Bodies	• Jharkhand • Haryana • Uttarakhand
States with More than 100 Urban Local Bodies	• Chhattisgarh • Maharashtra • Madhya Pradesh
National Ranking (Cities 1 – 10 Lakh)	• Ambikapur – Chhattisgarh • Mysore- Karnataka • New Delhi
Ganga Towns Ranking	• Chunar (Less than 50 K Population) • Kannauj (50 K – 1 Lakh Population) • Varanasi (Above1 Lakh Population)

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN League 2020

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Government of India

SS2020 League Rankings (Quarter 1)

Greater than 10 Lakh Population

RANK #	STATE NAME	DISTRCT NAME	CITY/ULB NAME	ULB CODE	SCORE BEFORE VALIDATION	SCOR AFTE VALII
1	MADHYA PRADESH	INDORE	INDORE	802273	1860.00	1632.
2	MADHYA PRADESH	BHOPAL	BHOPAL	802312	1830.00	1523.
3	GUJARAT	SURAT	SURAT	802629	1736.00	1497.
4	MAHARASHTRA	NASHIK	NASHIK	802776	1733.58	1468.
5	GUJARAT	RAJKOT	RAJKOT	802501	1713.00	1442.

STATES

Thumbi mahotsavam 2020

❖ It is the first-ever State Dragonfly Festival in Kerala.

❖ World Wide Fund for Nature - India (WWF – India) State unit has joined hands with the Society for Odonate Studies (SOS) and Thumbi puranam for the festival.

❖ The Dragonfly Festival started in 2018.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Sports Awards 2020

- ❖ National Sports Awards 2020 were announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

- ❖ The total of 73 awardees in 7 categories will receive their awards from the President of India.

- ❖ This is the first time in the history of National Sports awards that 5 sportspersons named for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award and 27 athletes for Arjuna Award.

- ❖ Also, 8 para-sports personalities named in the National Sports Awards 2020.

- ❖ Rohit Sharma is only the 4th cricketer after Sachin Tendulkar (1st), Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Virat Kohli to get Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award.

- ❖ Vinesh Phogat became the first woman wrestler to win an Asian Games gold medal in 2018.

- ❖ Rani became the third hockey player and first female hockey player to be recommended for this award.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	
Rohit Sharma	Cricket
Mariyappan Thangavelu	Para Athletics
Manika Batra	Table Tennis
Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling
Rani Rampal	Hockey

IMPORTANT DAYS

Madras Day – August 22

- ❖ This year commemorates the 381st founding of the city of Madras (now Chennai) in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ Madras came into being on 22 August 1639, when East India Company signed the land deed in the village of Madraspatnam.

- ❖ It came under the control of the Mughals in 1687.

- ❖ In 1748, Madras returned to the British.

- ❖ Post-independence, Madras became the capital city of Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ In 1998, the city was renamed as Chennai.

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

❖ It aims to pay tribute to all those who fought for freedom, and, in their name, to continue teaching about their story and the values therein.

❖ The day designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

❖ In late August 1791, an uprising began in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that would have a major effect on abolishing the transatlantic slave trade.

❖ It marked the beginning of the destruction of the slavery system, the slave trade and colonialism.

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

❖ It is known as Black Ribbon Day to remembrance the victims of totalitarian regimes, specifically Stalinism, Communism, Nazism and Fascism.

❖ It symbolizes the rejection of "extremism, intolerance and oppression".

❖ It was designated by the European Parliament in 2008/2009 and has been observed annually by the bodies of the European Union since 2009.

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