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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A cyclonic storm, named Cyclone Jawad is expected to hit Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and West Bengal.
  - The name is as per the suggestion from Saudi Arabia and means generous or merciful in Arabic.
- ❖ Serum Institute of India has sent doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Indonesia.
  - This is its first export of the Novavax shot through the COVAX network.

## NATIONAL

### InFinity Forum

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the InFinity Forum.
- ❖ The event is being hosted by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), under the aegis of the Government of India in collaboration with GIFT City and Bloomberg.
- ❖ Indonesia, South Africa, and the UK are partner countries in the first edition of the Forum.
- ❖ InFinity Forum will bring together the leading minds of the world in policy, business, and technology.
- ❖ This will lead to discuss and come up with actionable insight into how technology and innovation can be leveraged by the FinTech industry for inclusive growth and serving humanity at large.



### India in G20 Troika

- ❖ India recently joined the G20 Troika.

- ❖ The G20 Troika is made of Indonesia, India and Italy.
- ❖ That is Troika is made of the current presidency, Indonesia; the previous presidency Italy and the incoming presidency which is India.
- ❖ Troika means a group of three people working together.



### Report on suicides

## Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India 2020



National Crime Records Bureau  
Ministry of Home Affairs

- ❖ Death by suicide increased 30% nationwide among small business owners in 2020 as compared to 2019.

- ❖ This is according to the National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) accidental deaths & suicide report 2020.
- ❖ Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka record a higher number of overall suicides as compared to other Indian states.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of deaths in the self-employed category.
- ❖ It registered a 36% increase from 2019.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Global trade report of UNCTAD



- ❖ The value of world imports and exports of goods hit \$5.6 trillion in the third quarter of 2021.
- ❖ This set a new quarterly record, according to the UNCTAD report
- ❖ New projections in the November edition of the organization's Global Trade Update show trade in goods and services reaching \$28 trillion for the year
- ❖ This is an increase of 23% from 2020 and 11% compared with pre-COVID-19 levels.

## **Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report**

- ❖ In 2021, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced the Business Responsibility & Sustainability Report (BRSR).
- ❖ BRSR will replace Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR).
- ❖ BRSR is a standardized reporting format that will give a baseline to draw a comparison between Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals across companies and sectors.
- ❖ BRSR seeks disclosures from listed entities on their performance against the 9 principles of the 'National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGBRCs).'

## **ECONOMY**

### **Mid-Year Trends Report 2021**



- ❖ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) released this report.
- ❖ According to the report, 50.9 people were internally displaced across 33 countries due to conflict and violence in the first 6 months of 2021.
- ❖ The trend of rising forced displacement continued from 2020 into 2021, with global numbers now exceeding 84 million.
- ❖ This is an increase from 82.4 million at the end of 2020.

- ❖ This resulted largely from internal displacement.
- ❖ Much of the new internal displacement was in Africa.

## STATES

### 40th India International Trade Fair



- ❖ Bihar bagged a gold medal in the 40th India International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi.
- ❖ It was awarded for “excellence in display” in the state government/union territory pavilion category.
- ❖ Assam Pavilion has been awarded, Silver Medal.

### Hornbill Festival

- ❖ This year’s edition of Nagaland’s iconic Hornbill Festival started on December 1.
- ❖ It is widely hailed as the “festival of festivals”.

- ❖ The start of the 10-day cultural and tourism extravaganza coincides with Nagaland's statehood day.



### **Nagaland Statehood Day**



- ❖ Nagaland is celebrating its 59th Statehood Day on 1 December 2021.
- ❖ Nagaland was granted statehood on December 1, 1963, with Kohima being declared its capital.



- ❖ Prior to this, Naga leaders and the central government reached an agreement to create a separate region of the Naga Hills in 1957.
- ❖ The State of Nagaland Act of 1962, was thus enacted by the Parliament to give Nagaland statehood.
- ❖ Nagaland is the first state in the northeast to be bifurcated from Assam as the 16th State of the Indian Union.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Dr. M S Swaminathan Award**

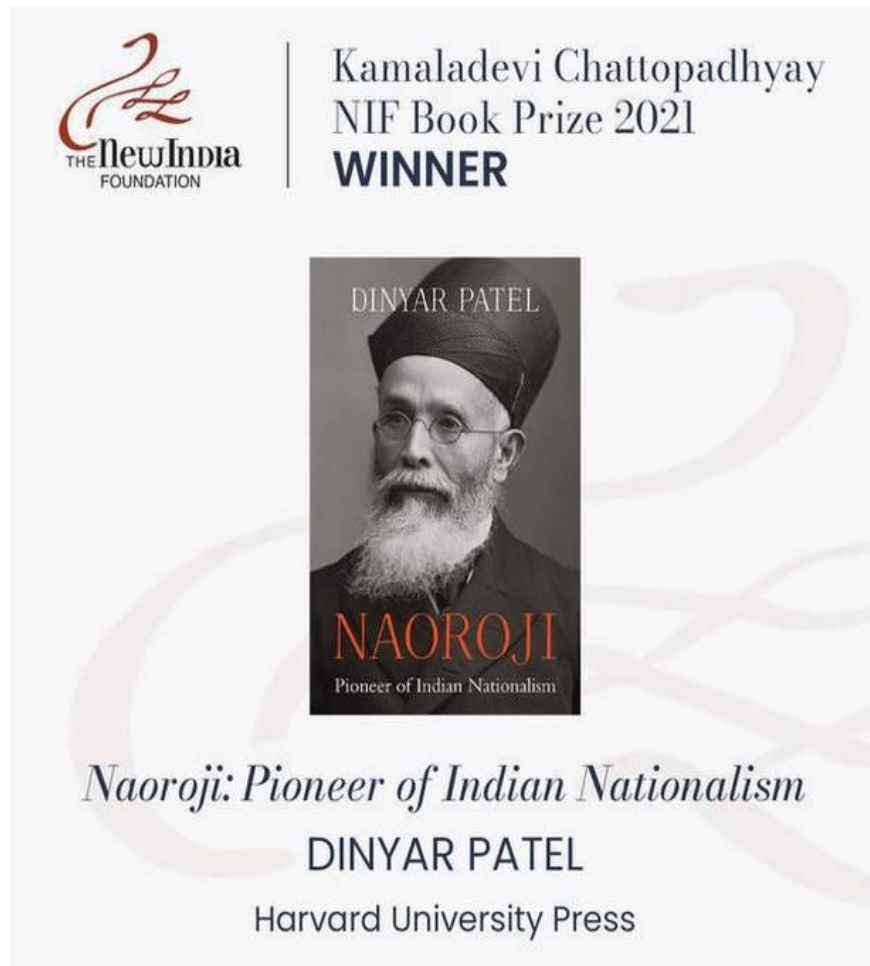


- ❖ Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, V Praveen Rao won the 7th Dr. M S Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-19.
- ❖ It is a biennial national (every 2 years) award.
- ❖ It is presented by the retired ICAR Employees Association and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited.

### **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2021**

- ❖ A biography titled 'Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism' was selected as the winner of the 4th Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF (New India Foundation) Book Prize 2021.

- ❖ It was authored by Dinyar Patel and published by Harvard University Press.
- ❖ The book marked the life events and legacy of Dada Bhai Naoroji.
- ❖ It also contains the historical background of India's National Movement during the 19th century.



### **50 most powerful women**

- ❖ Fortune India recently released a list of its top 50 most powerful women in India in 2021.
- ❖ Finance Nirmala Sitharaman is on top while Reliance's Nita Ambani has grabbed second place.
- ❖ The list released by Fortune India also includes Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist of WHO, and Gita Gopinath of the International Monetary Fund.
- ❖ The other names are Tessy Thomas, Suchitra Ella, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Reddy sisters, and Isha Ambani.





## SPORTS

### World Athletics Awards 2021

Category	Winners
World Athletes of the Year	Elaine Thompson-Herah and Karsten Warholm
Female Rising Star	Athing Mu
Male Rising Star	Erriyon Knighton
Member Federations Award	Federacion Costarricense de Atletismo (Costa Rica)
Inspiration Award	Mutaz Barshim and Gianmarco Tamberi
President's Award	Peter Diamond, Executive Vice President of NBC Olympic Programming
Coaching Achievement Award	Bobby Kersee
Woman of the Year Award	Anju Bobby George
Jean-Pierre Durand World Athletics Photograph of the Year	Photograph by Ryan Piere of the women's high jump qualifying at the Tokyo Olympic Games

- ❖ At the World Athletics Awards 2021, the retired Indian sprinter Anju Bobby George was awarded 'Woman of the Year'.
- ❖ She is a gold medallist in the 2005 IAAF World Athletics Finals.
- ❖ She was the first Indian athlete to win a bronze medal in the long jump at the World Championships in Athletics held in 2003 in Paris.
- ❖ The Olympic Champions Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica and Norway's Karsten Warholm were named the World Athletes of the year.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day of Persons with Disabilities - December 03

- ❖ Every year, the day is celebrated by the United Nations and several other organizations spread all over the world.
- ❖ This year the theme is - "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19"
- ❖ The International Day of Persons with Disability was first proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992.

