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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India currently has the fourth largest foreign exchange reserves in the world.
 - The forex reserve of India stands at USD 640.4 billion.
- ❖ The 21 Para Special forces of the Army opened fire resulting in the killing of many Oting villagers in the Mon district of Nagaland near the Assam border.
 - Following this incident, the famous Hornbill festival in Kohima was shut down.

TAMIL NADU

Kazhuveli Wetland Birds Sanctuary

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has declared 5,151.60 hectares of swamp/wetlands in Villupuram district as Kazhuveli Wetland Birds Sanctuary.
- ❖ The declaration was made in exercise of the power conferred in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ❖ Kazhuveli or Kaliveli wetland system is one of the largest waterfowl congregation sites in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Grey-tailed Tattler, a rare migratory wader, has been recorded only here and in Pulicat across the country.
- ❖ Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary will be the 16th Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu.

Single-use dialysis policy

- ❖ The Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital in Chennai has introduced single-use dialysis policy.
- ❖ In this, disposable dialyser and AV tubings for each dialysis would be put in place under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.

NATIONAL

5th Indian Ocean Conference

- ❖ The Fifth Indian Ocean Conference held in Abu Dhabi of the United Arab Emirates focuses on the global power axis and the importance of the Indo-Pacific in the international system.

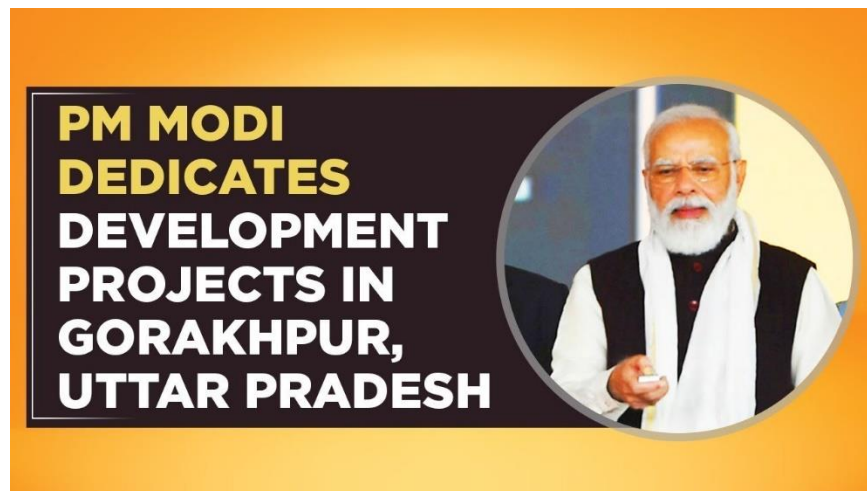
- ❖ The theme of the fifth Indian Ocean Conference - IOC 2021 - is "Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic".
- ❖ The conference is being organized by India Foundation in collaboration with the RSIS Singapore, Institute of National Security Studies, Sri Lanka, and the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research, UAE.



RUDRA

- ❖ The Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched India's 1st indigenous Server named RUDRA.
- ❖ It was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing under the National Supercomputing Mission supported by MeitY and DST (Department of Science & Technology).

Development projects at Gorakhpur



- ❖ The three mega-development projects were inaugurated by PM Modi in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ PM Modi in Gorakhpur inaugurated these projects to facilitate the economic development of the state.
- ❖ The projects to be inaugurated by PM Modi in Gorakhpur includes
 - the Gorakhpur Fertilizer Plant,
 - the AIIMS Gorakhpur, and
 - the new high-tech lab of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Gorakhpur.

Cyber security seminar



- ❖ India hosts a two-day cyber security seminar for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries in New Delhi.
- ❖ The seminar saw the participation from representatives of all SCO member states including Russia, China, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan.
- ❖ The seminar was held under the auspices of SCO - Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS).
- ❖ Pakistan has confirmed the participation of its delegation.

INTERNATIONAL

Allyship

- ❖ Allyship - word Allyship is Dictionary.com's word of year for 2021

- ❖ The terms “DEI” (diversity, equity, and inclusion) and “critical race theory” made their debuts as entries on the site with “allyship” this year.



STATES

Gujarat - leading manufacturing hub



- ❖ Gujarat has left behind Maharashtra to become the country's leading manufacturing hub.
- ❖ This is according to the data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ Gujarat saw its Gross Value Addition (GVA) in manufacturing grow by 15.9 per cent annually between FY12 to FY20.
- ❖ GVA is an economic metric that measures the supply of goods and services in an economy.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dr. Mamballaikalathil Sarada Menon



- ❖ Dr. Sarada Menon passed away at the age of 98.
- ❖ She was India's 1st woman Psychiatrist and the longest-serving head of the Institute of Mental Health.
- ❖ She became the 1st woman Superintendent of the Institute of Mental Health in 1961.
- ❖ She established the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF India) in 1984 along with psychiatrist R Thara.
- ❖ She also founded ASHA, a community-based platform supporting the families of those affected by mental illnesses.
- ❖ She was born in a Malayali family in Mangaluru, Karnataka.

- ❖ She was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 1992 for social works.

2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development

- ❖ Rukmini Banerji has been awarded the 2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development.
- ❖ The prize is the world's highest education accolade.
- ❖ She is awarded for her work in improving learning outcomes.
- ❖ Rukmini Banerji is the CEO of Pratham Education Foundation.



SPORTS

Olympics 2022 - US boycott

- ❖ The US Government recently announced the boycott of Olympics 2022.
- ❖ The Olympics 2022 is to be held in Beijing of China.
- ❖ The US cited that “China’s human rights ATROCITIES” is the main reason for its boycott.
- ❖ The US has named the boycott “Diplomatic Boycott”.
- ❖ It means that the US is not sending any official or diplomatic representation to participate in the Olympics.
- ❖ However, the US is allowing American athletes to participate in the Olympics.
- ❖ The US is boycotting for the following human rights atrocities of China:
 - Situations in Taiwan and Tibet
 - The crackdown in Hong Kong

- Abuse of minority Muslim Uyghurs in Xinjiang



2021 BWF Player of the Year



- ❖ Denmark's Viktor Axelsen and China's Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying were named Male and Female player of the year 2021 respectively by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- ❖ Viktor Axelsen is the Olympic champion.
- ❖ Tai Tzu Ying is the silver medallist in Tokyo Games.

Virat Kohli's new achievement

- ❖ Virat Kohli became the first cricketer in history to register 50 wins in international cricket across formats.
- ❖ He achieved this after India crushed New Zealand by 372 runs in the Mumbai Test.
- ❖ Kohli's 50th Test win added to his tally of 153 ODI victories and 59 T20I triumphs.
- ❖ It is making him the only player to achieve the feat in international cricket.

2021 FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup



- ❖ Argentina lifted the coveted trophy of the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup after defeating Germany 4-2 in the final match at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.
- ❖ India suffered a defeat against France in the bronze medal match.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Armed Forces Day - December 07

- ❖ It is also known as the National flag day of India.



- ❖ The aim to observe this day is to collect funds from the people for the betterment of armed forces.
- ❖ The Armed Forces Flag Day in India has been celebrated since 1949.

