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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has accepted the invitation by Prime Minister to be the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2021 in New Delhi.
- ❖ The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 will be held on 2022 in New Zealand.
- ❖ The 'Swadhinata Sarak' between India and Bangladesh will be opened on March 26, 2021.
 - The road will be connecting India through Meherpur, Mujibnagar district of Bangladesh.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates has launched COVID-19 vaccinations in its capital city, Abu Dhabi.
 - This gulf nation is one of the first countries across the world to start widespread vaccination.
- ❖ The India Post payments Bank (IPPB) and the Department of Posts (DOP) launched a new digital payment app 'DakPay'.

TAMIL NADU

Amma Mini-Clinics

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the "Amma mini clinic" in Chennai on 14th December.
- ❖ Chennai will have a total of 200 such clinics and Tamil Nadu will get 2,000 such clinics soon.
- ❖ The State has 1,851 primary health centres.
- ❖ The mini clinics will be opened in places where there are no primary health centres and where a large number of poor people live.
- ❖ Each Amma clinic will have a doctor, a nurse, and an assistant and will help in public consultation and basic investigation.
- ❖ The mini clinics will provide basic healthcare facilities like checking body temperature, blood oxygen, blood pressure, haemoglobin, blood sugar, urine samples.



Ola Scooter Factory

- ❖ Ola is to set up world's largest scooter manufacturing facility at Hosur in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Ola signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government for an investment of Rs 2,400 crore in setting up its first factory in the state.

NATIONAL

'Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India'

- ❖ NITI Aayog has released this white paper.
- ❖ This paper calls for integration of the 3 tiers of healthcare system in India (primary, secondary and tertiary) into Ayushman Bharat.

Sustainable Mountain Development Summit

- ❖ The ninth edition of this Summit commenced in Dehradun of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Theme of this year is 'Emerging Pathways for Building Resilient Post COVID-19 Mountain Economy, Adoption, Innovation and Acceleration'.
- ❖ The summit was organised by Indian Mountain Initiative.

National Centre for Divyang Empowerment (NCDE)

- ❖ It is first of its kind in India.
- ❖ It was established by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

- ❖ It aims to re-skill and rehabilitate Divyang warriors of the force suffering from disability that occurred in line of duty.
- ❖ The Centre is located at the CRPF Group Centre Rangareddy, Telangana.

INTERNATIONAL

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Prize

- ❖ The UNESCO has decided to launch a prize in the field of ‘creative economy’ in the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- ❖ Starting November 2021, the award will be given away once in two years for global economic initiatives of the youth.
- ❖ UNESCO has declared 2021 as ‘International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development’.
- ❖ Mujibur Rahman was the first Prime Minister of Bangladesh (1972-75).
- ❖ He is also called the “Father of Bangladesh”.
- ❖ Bangabandhu was a leading figure in the Awami League that was founded in 1949.



Red Channel Agreement

- ❖ It was signed between the World Health Organization and IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)
- ❖ It is to implement the Emergency Medical Team Initiative.
- ❖ It will strengthen the delivery of health and emergency medical services during humanitarian crisis.

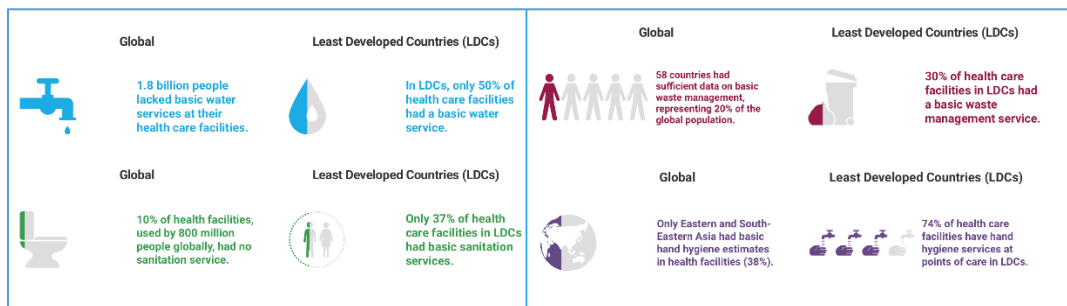
- ❖ IFRC is a humanitarian aid organization that carries out relief operations assisting victims of disasters.
- ❖ The headquarters of IFRC is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

India Workplace Equality Index

- ❖ It has been launched in India by Keshav Suri Foundation in association with Pride Circle, Stonewall UK and FICCI.
- ❖ This is the 1st benchmarking tool for employers to measure their progress on LGBT and their inclusiveness in work place.
- ❖ It was introduced in the United Kingdom in the year 2005.

WHO's 2019 Global Health Estimates

- ❖ The new data cover the period from 2000 to 2019.
- ❖ The non-communicable diseases now make up 7 of the world's top 10 causes of death.
- ❖ The diabetes and dementia are also among the world's top 10 causes of death.
- ❖ Heart disease has remained the leading cause of death at the global level for the last 20 years.
- ❖ There has been a global decline in deaths from communicable diseases.
- ❖ It also found that life-spans have increased over the years, with a global average of more than 73 years (in 2019) compared to nearly 67 (in 2000).
- ❖ In the Americas, drug use emerged as a major factor in both disability and death.



Global progress report on WASH

- ❖ The report is named as 'Fundamentals first: Universal water, sanitation, and hygiene services in health care facilities for safe, quality care'.

- ❖ It was a report released by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Children's Fund.
- ❖ Lack of basic water and sanitation services at health facilities has put around 1.8 billion health workers and patients at higher risk of COVID-19 infection and other diseases.

ECONOMY

Positive Pay

- ❖ The new Cheque Payment System 'Positive Pay' will be implemented from January 1, 2021 for payment of over Rs 50000.
- ❖ The Positive Pay System for the Cheque Truncation System was announced by the Reserve Bank of India to ensure customer safety against any fraudulent activity.
- ❖ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has been entrusted to develop this system.
- ❖ Positive Pay is a tool under the Cheque Truncation System (CTS) that detects any fraudulent activity involved in cheque payments.

