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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tennis star Emma Raducanu is the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year for 2021.
 - She beat Tom Daley(diver) and Adam Peaty (swimmer) into second and third place.
- ❖ The Education Department of Lakshadweep has officially declared all Sundays as holidays for schools, with 6 working days.
 - The Lakshadweep UT has shifted the holiday from Friday.

TAMIL NADU

Innuyir Kaapoom-Nammai Kaakkum 48 scheme



- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin inaugurated Innuyir Kaapoom-Nammai Kaakkum 48 scheme.
- ❖ The scheme ensures the government pays for the medical bills of all accident victims in enlisted hospitals for treatment within 48 hours of the accident.
- ❖ All medical care services will be covered under the scheme.
- ❖ People can avail of benefits in 609 hospitals across the State.
- ❖ They include 204 government hospitals and 405 private hospitals.
- ❖ Those who are not eligible for the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS) will also be covered under the scheme.



- ❖ The free treatment will be provided in collaboration with the Department of Highways and Department of Transport.

NATIONAL

Air India stake & Tata sons

- ❖ Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of Air India, Air India SATS Airport, and Air India Express by Talace.
- ❖ Talace is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons.
- ❖ The CCI is the chief national competition regulator in India.
- ❖ It is a statutory body, working under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.



Delimitation in Jammu and Kashmir

PARTIES PROTEST

6 new assembly seats proposed for Jammu region, taking its total to **43**

1 additional seat sought to be given to Kashmir region. Its total will rise to **47**

90 Effective strength of J&K assembly if draft is accepted, up from **83**

➤ NC, PDP and other parties based in Kashmir protest, say delimitation draft ignores population census

- ❖ The Delimitation Commission, in its first draft on the proposed allocation of assembly seats in districts of Jammu and Kashmir, has sought six new seats to be added in the Jammu division and only one in the Kashmir division.
- ❖ This has been rejected by all political parties in Kashmir who have termed it biased and unacceptable.

Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle



- ❖ Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane flagged off and inducted the first set of indigenously developed next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle at Bombay Engineering Group.
- ❖ The Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle will enhance the existing engineer reconnaissance capabilities of the Indian Army.
- ❖ It has been jointly developed by Vehicle Research and Development Establishment, Ahmednagar, and Pune's Research and Development Establishment and manufactured by Ordnance Factory Medak.

ADB and urban services in India

- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is set to provide USD 350 million loans for improving access to urban services across India.
- ❖ Access to urban services will be improved
 - By accelerating policy actions and reforms of enhancing service delivery and

- By promoting performance-based central fiscal transfers to urban local bodies.



INTERNATIONAL

UAE announces to End Censorship

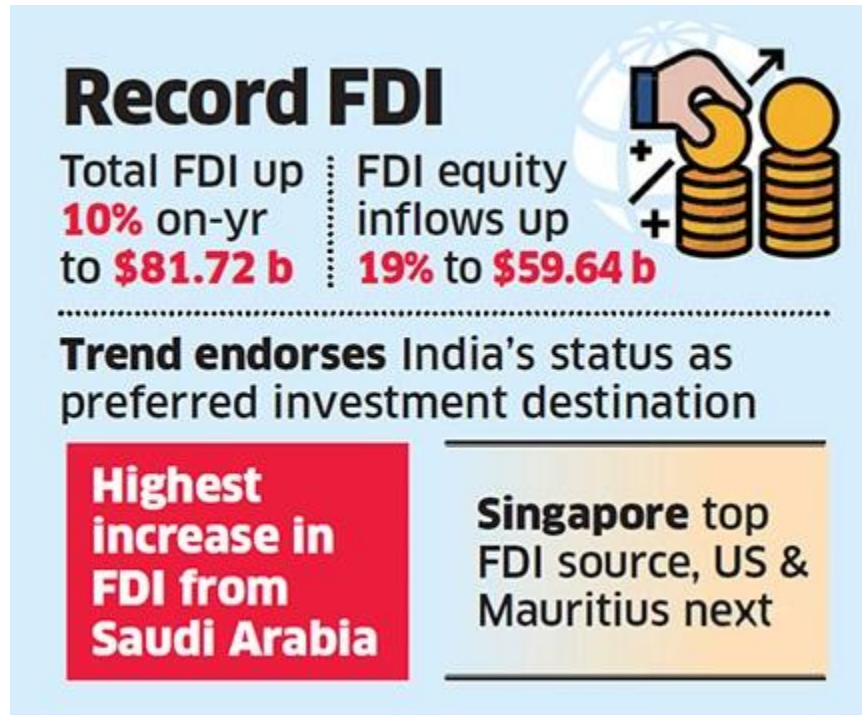
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced to end the censorship in cinematic releases.
- ❖ The UAE administration decided to end censorship, in a bid to attract foreigners.
- ❖ As per the latest announcement, the government will not cut sensitive scenes which offend Islamic sentiments.
- ❖ The administration has also introduced a new 'above 21 years of age' category for viewers.

ECONOMY

Annual Foreign Direct Investment

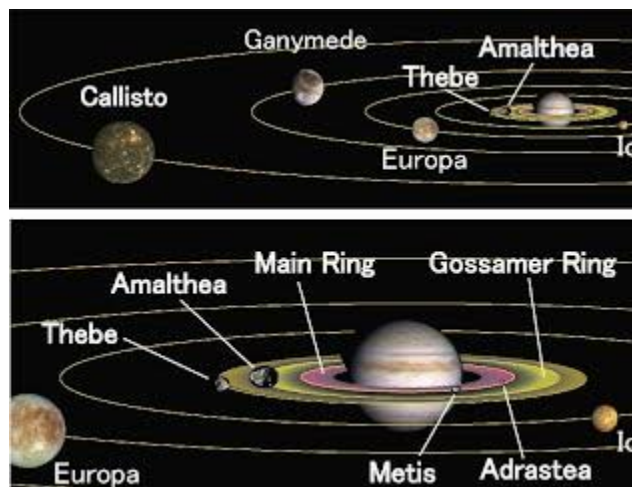
- ❖ India has registered the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment inflow of \$ 81.97 bn in 2020-21.
- ❖ FDI inflows in the last seven financial years are over \$ 440 bn.
- ❖ It is nearly 58 % of the total FDI inflow in the last 21 financial years.

- ❖ The top five countries from where FDI Equity Inflows were received during 2014-2021 are Singapore, Mauritius, USA, Netherland & Japan.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Noises captured near Jupiter's moon



- ❖ NASA released the noises captured by the Juno mission, near Jupiter's moon Ganymede.
- ❖ Juno beamed back data from its flyby across the biggest moon in the Solar System.

- ❖ Juno is a NASA space probe, covering planet Jupiter.

NASA-ISRO research programme



- ❖ The Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies (KUFOS) has been chosen to join a research project under a NASA-ISRO collaborative program.
- ❖ KUFOS will join the research program by the Space Application Centre of ISRO.
- ❖ NASA and ISRO have been jointly developing a space-borne synthetic aperture radar (NISAR).
- ❖ NISAR will provide high-resolution data for large areas with the capability for systematic observation of earth resources.

STATES

T-Setu bridge

- ❖ Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik inaugurated T-Setu over the River Mahanadi.
- ❖ T-Setu is Odisha's longest bridge, constructed over Mahanadi River in Cuttack district.
- ❖ The bridge connects Gopinathpur in Badamba, Baideswar in Banki to Singhanath Pitha, which is located in the middle of the Mahanadi River.
- ❖ The Bridge has been built in the shape of English alphabet 'T'.

Happiness curriculum

- ❖ Preparations are underway to implement the 'happiness curriculum' in primary schools of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh is the third one to try this after Chhattisgarh and Delhi.
- ❖ The happiness curriculum will be introduced to the students of classes 1 to 8.

- ❖ It will enable them to connect with themselves, family, society, nature, and the country.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS CURRICULUM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ It calls for schools to address the well-being and happiness of students along with inculcating skills of critical thinking and inquiry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ It aims to enable learners to communicate effectively and apply life skills to stressful and conflicting situations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The scheme of Delhi government was launched in July 2018	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Shravan Kumar Shukla, a government school teacher from Gorakhpur, was a core member of the team in Delhi

Sustainable agriculture - Andhra Pradesh



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**

- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has signed an agreement with the Andhra Pradesh Government.
- ❖ This is to train the farmers in good farm management practices and sustainable agricultural methods.
- ❖ The FAO apart, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is collaborating on the project.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Book by Dr. Rekha Chaudhari

- ❖ A book titled “India’s Ancient Legacy of Wellness” authored by Dr. Rekha Chaudhari was launched recently.

- ❖ It was launched on the occasion of the World Digital Day celebration.
- ❖ The book highlights how important it is for human beings to be close to nature which helps to revive and recharge to do productive work.



Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2021



- ❖ Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), under the Ministry of Steel, has been awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2021.
- ❖ It has been receiving the award for three successive years.

- ❖ The Award has been given to organizations for significant achievements in Environment Management by Environment Foundation (WEF) since 1998.

SPORTS

Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021

India's Medal Winners

Gold medal

Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg) (Men)

Achinta Sheuli (73kg) (Men)

Ajay Singh (81kg) (Men)

Purnima Pandey (+87kg) (Women)

Silver medal

Guru Raja (61kg) (Men)

Lovepreet Singh (109kg) (Men)

Jhili Dalabehera (49kg) (Women)

S Bindyarani Devi (55kg) (Women)

Hazarika Popy (59kg) (Women)

Harjinder Kaur (71kg) (Women)

Punam Yadav (76kg) (Women)

Bronze medal

Vikas Thakur (96kg) (Men)

Gurdeep Singh (+109kg) (Men)

Lalchhanhimi (71kg) (Women)

R Arockiya Alish (76kg) (Women)

Anuradha Pavunraj (87kg) (Women)

- ❖ India concluded the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 with 16 medals.
- ❖ The 16 medals include 4 Gold, 7 Silver, and 5 Bronze.
- ❖ It was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

- ❖ Bindyarani Devi was India's only medallist at the World Weightlifting Championships 2021, which was also held parallelly at Tashkent.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Mathematics Day - December 22

- ❖ The day marks the birth anniversary of famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- ❖ The day was announced on 26 February 2012 by the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 Dec 1887- 26 Apr 1920).
- ❖ In India, 2012 was also observed as National Mathematics Year.

