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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Maharashtra plans to setup International Sports University at Pune.
- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT-BHU (Banaras Hindu University) at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to set up a Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S).
- ❖ The Air Quality commission recently directed all the industries in the National Capital Region of New Delhi to switch over to Piped Natural Gas.
- ❖ The Ministry of Urban Affairs recently launched a new mobile application and a portal called “E-Sampada”.
 - This application will promote ease of living for government officers and departments.
- ❖ The Jharkhand State Cabinet approved the replacement of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Bima Yojana with its own Fasal Rahat Yojana.
- ❖ The AFSCB (Air Force Sports Control Board) was adjudged as the “Best Company Promoting Sports (Public Sector) 2020” at FICCI India Sports Awards 2020.
- ❖ The Postal Department conferred Meghdoot awards to Postal Employees for their achievements in 2019-20.
- ❖ The 2021 Assembly polls in the Tamilnadu State will see the introduction of postal ballots for voters above 80 years of age and differently-abled.
- ❖ The Junior Asian champion Yash Vardhan of India won the 10m air rifle event at the 6th edition of the International Online Shooting Championship.
 - Yash had finished second in the third edition of IOSC.

TAMIL NADU

Pongal bonanza

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palanisamy announced Pongal bonanza of Rs 2,500 in cash and gift hamper
- ❖ It will be given to all the 2.6 crore rice ration cardholders in the state to celebrate the harvest festival.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government had given Rs 1000 to the ration cardholders last year.
- ❖ This year it has been increased by Rs 1500 to Rs 2500.

- ❖ In 2014, the people of the state started receiving Rs 100 along with 1 kg rice and 1 kg sugar by the AIADMK government.

NATIONAL

Largest Painting

- ❖ A student of Banaras Hindu University Neha Singh has made the largest painting in the world using natural colours.
- ❖ Neha's name has been included in the Guinness World Records as she has painted a 'moksh ka vriksh' (tree of salvation).
- ❖ This painting size is 62.72 m² (675.12 ft²).
- ❖ The earlier record for the largest spice painting was registered in the name of Shreya Tatinini of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ She made the painting of 588.56 ft².



India's Youngest Mayor

- ❖ Arya Rajendran of Communist Party of India (Marxist) is likely to become the next Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
- ❖ She is set to become India's youngest mayor at the 21-year-old.



INTERNATIONAL

International Years of 2020 and 2021

- ❖ These are the international years currently observed by the United Nations.
- ❖ Usually, it is one or more Member States that propose these observances.
- ❖ After that, the General Assembly establishes them with a resolution.

2021

- ❖ International Year of Peace and Trust
- ❖ International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
- ❖ International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
- ❖ International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour

2020

- ❖ International Year of Plant Health
- ❖ International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

International Decades 2011–2020

- ❖ Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism
- ❖ United Nations Decade on Biodiversity
- ❖ Decade of Action for Road Safety
- ❖ United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification

2021–2030

- ❖ United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing



- ❖ United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- ❖ United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Global Health Issues

- ❖ The World Health Organization recently released a list of Global Health Issues.
- ❖ The WHO suggests ten ways to strengthen the preparedness for emergencies in 2021.

WHO list of 10 global health issues in 2021

- Build global solidarity for worldwide health security
- Speed up access to Covid-19 tests, medicines and vaccines
- Advance health for all
- Tackling health inequities
- Provide global leadership on science and data
- Revitalize efforts to tackle communicable diseases
- Combat drug resistance
- Prevent and treat NCDs and mental health conditions
- Build back better
- Act in solidarity

India-Japan steel dialogue

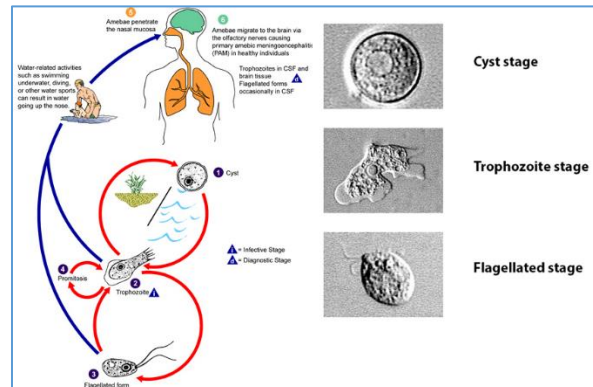
- ❖ India and Japan signed an agreement to enhance cooperation between their steel industries.
- ❖ India and Japan were the second and third largest steel producing countries in 2019.
- ❖ They produced 111.2 million tons and 99.3 million tons respectively.
- ❖ But China's output was 996.3 million tons in 2019.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Naegleria fowleri

- ❖ It is a single celled amoeba.
- ❖ It is also called the brain-eating Amoeba.
- ❖ This amoeba is now rapidly spreading in the US.



ENVIRONMENT

Green National Highway Corridors

- ❖ The Government of India recently inked 500 million USD loan pact with the World Bank to develop these corridors in the country.
- ❖ These corridors are to be developed in Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The main objective of Green Highways is to promote greening of highway corridors.

- ❖ These measures are being done under the Green Highway Policy.
- ❖ The plantations will be monitored by BHUVAN and GAGAN satellite systems of ISRO.






STATES

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT

- ❖ PM Modi is to launch the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) SEHAT scheme for the residents of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ❖ SEHAT scheme stands for Social, Endeavour for Health and Telemedicine.
- ❖ The scheme will cover the remaining one crore population which has not been covered under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir is the first Union Territory in India to achieve Universal Health Coverage.
- ❖ The Scheme provides free of cost insurance cover up to Rs.5 Lakh per family to all the residents of the UT of J&K.
- ❖ The PM-JAY is the world's largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government.
- ❖ The benefit of Rs 5,00,000 is on a family floater basis.
- ❖ It means that it can be used by one or all members of the family.
- ❖ West Bengal, Odisha and Telangana are the states that did not implement this Ayushman Bharat.



ABOUT
AYUSHMAN BHARAT PM-JAY SEHAT

-  A health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year on floater basis
-  All resident's of J&K shall be covered under ABPM-JAY and ABPM-JAY SEHAT schemes
-  More than 23000 public & private hospitals empanelled across the country
-  Benefits portable across the country
-  No cap on family size or age
-  Free and cashless treatment in any public & private empanelled hospital across the country

First hot air balloon safari

- ❖ The Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh Vijay Shah recently launched the first hot air balloon safari of India in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of India in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This is the first hot air balloon safari in India.

