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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Vayana Network and Federal Bank have been awarded the 'Most Effective Bank-Fintech Partnership: Agile and Adaptable' at the IBSi-Global Fintech Innovation Awards 2021.
 - The award was conferred for automating and simplifying Supply Chain Finance.
- ❖ India's two-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu was appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission.
 - The 26-year-old former world champion was named alongside five others who will serve as members till 2025.
- ❖ The eighth World Tamils conference and Chennai Global Economic Summit were held in Chennai from December 27 to 29.
 - The "Crown Jewel of World Tamils" award on 10 prominent Tamils from all over the world will also be conferred.
- ❖ After a long gap of 35 years, a 126-year-old Saint Luke's Church was reopened in Srinagar.

TAMIL NADU

Rs 50,000 ex-gratia for kin of Covid-19 victims

Relief measure

A look at how the ex gratia of ₹50,000 will be paid as per the NDMA recommendation



The funds:

The States will provide the ex gratia relief from States Disaster Response Fund. The District Disaster Management Authorities will make the disbursement



The procedure:

After documents proving a COVID-19 death are submitted, the claim will be settled within 30 days. The amount will be deposited in Aadhaar-linked bank accounts



Addressing grievances:

District-level committees will deal with grievances regarding certification of death and issue amended documents

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government announced ex-gratia of Rs 50,000 for the families of those who died of Covid-19.
- ❖ The compensations will be paid from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).
- ❖ Those involved in relief and preparedness activities will also be covered in this.
- ❖ It is constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

NATIONAL

CRPF women commandos

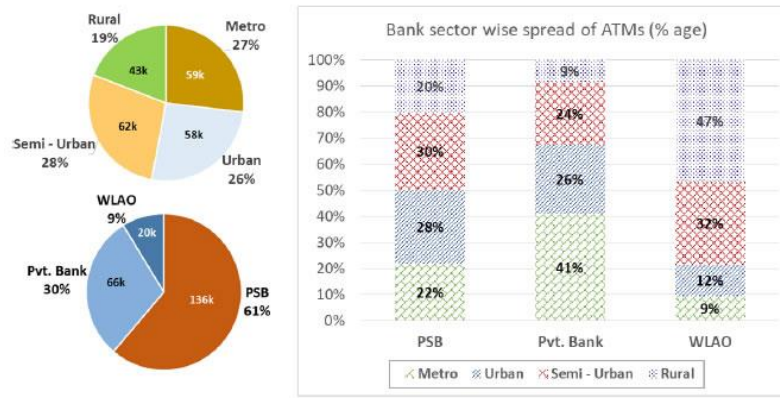


- ❖ In a first, a maiden contingent of CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) women commandos who have been trained in VIP security will soon be deployed with Z-Plus personalities.
- ❖ CRPF raised its first-ever contingent of 32 women commandos in its VIP Security wing.
- ❖ The women commandos will now be tasked to guard its protectees who are based in New Delhi and who receive the top Z+ Cover.

ATMs across the country

- ❖ The number of ATMs across the country stood at over 2.13 lakh by the end of September this year.
- ❖ Over 47 percent of these are in rural and semi-urban areas.

- ❖ According to the RBI data, scheduled commercial banks have installed 2,13,145 ATMs up to September 2021.
- ❖ In addition to this, 27,837 White Label ATMs (WLA) were also installed by WLA operators up to September 2021.



Source: RBI website – Region wise deployment of ATMs

World Economic League Table 2022

TOP-10 GLOBAL ECONOMIES

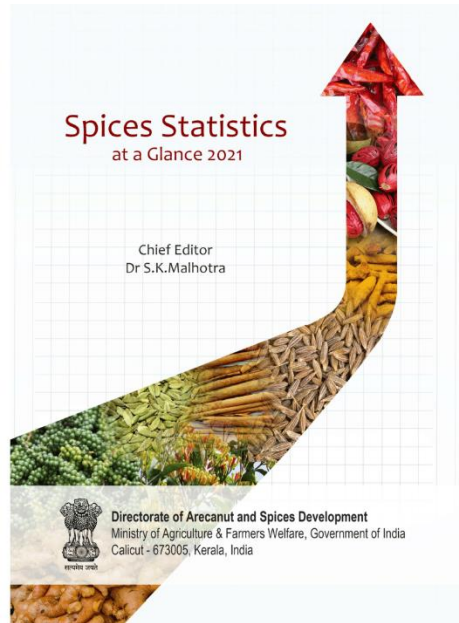
Ranking	2021	2022	2026	2031	2036
China	2	2	2	1	1
US	1	1	1	2	2
India	7	6	5	3	3
Germany	4	4	4	5	4
Japan	3	3	3	4	5
UK	5	5	6	6	6
France	6	7	7	7	7
Indonesia	16	16	15	14	8
Brazil	11	11	10	8	9
Russia	12	12	13	13	10

Source: CEBR World Economic League Table

- ❖ India was predicted to become the 6th largest economy (by overtaking France) in 2022 and become the 3rd largest economy in 2031.
- ❖ This is as per the Centre for Economics and Business Research's (CEBR) World Economic League Table 2022.
- ❖ The annual league table also predicted that China will overtake the US to be the largest economy in 2030.
- ❖ The world economy is set to surpass \$100 trillion for the first time in 2022.
- ❖ Under COVID-19, India has the third-highest death toll worldwide, ranking behind the United States and Brazil.

- ❖ India's population is expected to overtake China's at some point between 2024 and 2028.

Spices Statistics at a Glance 2021



- ❖ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has released the book titled Spices Statistics at a Glance 2021.
- ❖ The book is a compendium of all the spices statistics like area, production, productivity, export, import, price, and value of the output of various spices produced in the country.
- ❖ The book has been published by the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development.
- ❖ The book highlights the growth achieved in the spices sector during the last seven years.
- ❖ Spices production in the Country has grown from over 67 lakh tonnes in 2014-15 to over 106 lakh tonnes in 2020-21 with an annual growth rate of 7.9 percent.

Vaccines and pill against Covid

- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has approved Corbevax and Covovax Covid vaccines and anti-viral drug Molnupiravir for restricted use on adults in emergency situations.
- ❖ CORBEVAX vaccine is India's 1st indigenously developed RBD protein subunit vaccine.

- ❖ It is made by Hyderabad-based firm Biological-E.
- ❖ The Nanoparticle Vaccine, COVOVAX, will be manufactured by Pune-based firm Serum Institute of India.
- ❖ Molnupiravir, an antiviral drug, will now be manufactured in the country by 13 companies for restricted use under emergency situation for adults.



ECONOMY

Most Innovative Best Practice 2021



- ❖ HDFC Bank has been named under 'Most Innovative Best Practice' at the coveted Confederation of Indian Industry Digital Transformation Award 2021 or CII DX Award 2021.

- ❖ It will be recognized for the HDFC's efforts in world-class financial inclusion in Village Level Executive centres along with the Government of India's Common Service Centres.

Cross-border payments



- ❖ IndusInd Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India.
- ❖ This is to offer real-time cross-border remittances to India using UPI (Unified Payments Interface) IDs, for its Money Transfer Operator partners.
- ❖ It is the first Indian bank to go live on UPI for cross-border payments/NRI remittances.

Best governed company listed segment



- ❖ HDFC Life has been adjudged the 'Best Governed Company Listed Segment: Large Category' at the 21st edition of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance.
- ❖ HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited was established in 2000.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

South African of the Year Award

- ❖ Dr. Imtiaz Sooliman has won the prestigious South African of the Year Award run by the Daily Maverick newspaper.
- ❖ He is an Indian-origin philanthropist and founder of the disaster relief group 'Gift of The Givers'.
- ❖ The charitable and relief organisation has undertaken relief work in countries after natural disasters such as earthquakes as well as assisting people in war-torn countries.



Edward. O. Wilson

- ❖ He has died at age of 92.
- ❖ He is a U.S. scientist, professor, and author whose study of insects and clarion call to protect Earth earned him the nickname "Darwin's natural heir".

- ❖ He has been called "the father of socio-biology" and "the father of biodiversity".
- ❖ He has won Pulitzer Prizes for nonfiction: 1978's *On Human Nature*, and *The Ants* in 1990.



SPORTS

Alpine Skiing Competition

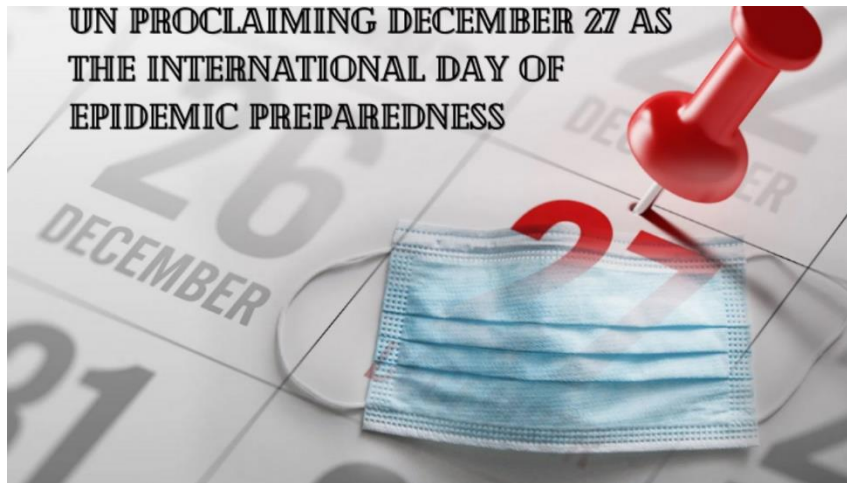


- ❖ Indian skier Aanchal Thakur has bagged a bronze medal at the International Ski Federation (FIS) Alpine Skiing Competition in Montenegro.
- ❖ With this, Aanchal has become the first Indian Ski athlete to win two medals at the international level.
- ❖ She has previously won the bronze medal in 2018.

- ❖ Croatia's Dora Ljutic won the gold medal while Cyprus skier Georgia Epiphaniou clinched silver.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness - 27 December



- ❖ The day aims to prepare people for future outbreaks and sensitize them about epidemics on all levels
- ❖ The day was first observed during the last December.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly had emphasised on the need to advocate the importance of the preparedness for, prevention of and partnership against epidemics.

