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TNPSC BITS

- ✤ A Trilogy book series titled, 'India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' is authored by J Sai Deepak and published by Bloomsbury India.
 - It is the first part of a comprehensive trilogy highlights how colonialism changes the socio-religious culture, history, education, language, and racial patterns in India.
- The former secretary, Department of Sports, Ravi Mittal has been appointed as the Chairman of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.
 - He will serve for a term of five years or till he attains 65 years of age, whichever is early.

NATIONAL

India's Diplomatic Boycott of Beijing Winter Olympics

- The Ministry of External Affairs officially announced the diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics of India.
- Doordarshan will not telecast the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Winter Olympics.
- India will not send its envoy to the opening and closing ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics.
- However, India will send an athlete to attend the ceremonies.



Note:

- ✤ China has chosen the army officer Qi Fabao as the torch bearer.
- Qi Fabao was involved in the Galwan valley clashes between India and China in 2020.





Millets in Mid-Day Meal Scheme

- ✤ The Government of India is to include millets in the mid-day meal scheme.
- This includes bajra, ragi, jowar.
- This is being done to enhance nutrition in children.
- ✤ The announcement was made by the Ministry of Education.
- ✤ It is to be implemented by the PM POSHAN scheme.

Republic Day Parade 2022 winners



- The Uttar Pradesh state tableau was adjudged as the best state tableau of Republic Day Parade 2022,
- Maharashtra state tableau was selected as the best in the popular choice category.
- ✤ The CISF was adjudged as the best marching contingent among the CAPF.
- Indian Navy was selected as the best marching contingent among the Services.
- ✤ The Indian Air Force contingent won in the popular choice category.
- The tableau of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Civil Aviation was declared as the best tableau among Ministries.
- ✤ The Ministry of Education's Tableau 2022 was titled "Vedas to Metaverse".

Punaura Dham

As per the request received from the State Government of Bihar, the Ministry of Tourism has included Punaura Dham in the Ramayana Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.





- The destination of Punaura Dham has been recently included under the PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism.
- Punaura Dham is considered to be the birthplace of Goddess Sita.



Aravalli Biodiversity Park

- ✤ The Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram, Haryana, has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site.
- This was informed by the Union ministry of environment, forest, and climate change on the occasion of World Wetlands Day.
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) gives OECM tag to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.
- ◆ The tag designates the area as a biodiversity hotspot on the international map.

Square Kilometre Array Observatory







- India inked an interim agreement to confirm its commitment to working on a mega-science project called "Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)".
- The agreement will be valid for one year.
- SKAO is proposed to be the world's largest radio telescope.
- This project will facilitate India in making its first monetary contribution towards the construction phase of SKA.
- SKA will be built in Australia and South Africa.
- ✤ It is headquartered in the United Kingdom.

Saffron Bowl Project

- North East Centre For Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) under the Saffron Bowl project has identified a few locations in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya for saffron cultivation.
- The saffron bowl of India, so far confined to parts of Kashmir, has now spread its wings to parts of the North East.

INTERNATIONAL

International Space Station Transition Plan

- Recently, NASA announced that the International Space Station (ISS) will cease operations in 2031.
- In 2031, the spacecraft will fall out of orbit and into the waters of the South Pacific Ocean.
- ✤ NASA published the transition plan for the ISS.
- The ISS is entering its third and most productive decade as a ground-breaking scientific platform in microgravity.

ECONOMY

India's top trade partner 2021

- The United States was India's top trading partner in the calendar year 2021 with a trade of \$112.3 billion.
- ✤ The US is followed by China on second.
- ✤ The value of trade between India and China was \$110.4 billion.



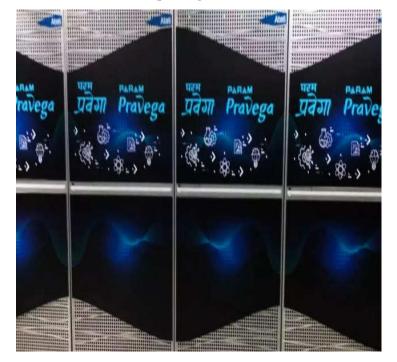


- In 2020, China was India's top trading partner and the US was in the second rank.
- ✤ In 2019 USA was India's top trading partner and China was on second.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Supercomputer Param Pravega

- Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru has commissioned one of the most powerful supercomputers, called "Param Pravega" in India.
- Param Pravega supercomputer has a supercomputing capacity of 3.3 petaflops.
- ◆ It is the largest supercomputer in an Indian academic institution.
- The supercomputer has been designed and developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.



STATES

One Nation One Ration Card

- The One Nation One Ration card plan was recently enabled in the state of Chhattisgarh.
- With this, the One Nation One Ration card scheme has become operational in 35 states and union territories.





 It is now covering 96.8% of the population included in the National Food Security Act.

104 ft tall National Flag

- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu hoisted a 104 ft tall National Flag at Ngangpa Natme (Buddha Park) in Tawang.
- The state of Arunachal Pradesh now has the second-highest national flag in the country.
- Belagavi or Belgaum Fort in Kote Kere, Karnataka, has the tallest Indian flagpoles measuring 361 ft.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Human Fraternity - February 04







- The day aims to raise awareness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance; and to educate people that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect, and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.
- ✤ The first International Day of Human Fraternity was held in 2021.
- The Day is a part of the 'World Interfaith Harmony Week', observed during the first week of February.

World Cancer Day - February 04

- ✤ It is observed every year globally by the Union for International Cancer Control.
- ✤ This year's theme is "Close the Care Gap".
- The day came into existence on February 4, 2000, during the World Cancer Conference for the New Millennium in Paris, France.



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