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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The South Korea is going to set up the world's biggest offshore wind power complex.
  - It seeks to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.
- ❖ RBI will set up a 24\*7 helpline platform in order to strengthen the digital payment services in India.
- ❖ The PayPal solutions will stop offering the domestic payment services within India from April 1, 2021.

## TAMIL NADU

### IIT-M cultural fest 'Saarang'

- ❖ Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) has announced that the institute's annual cultural fest, Saarang will be held online this year.
- ❖ It is its first online edition.
- ❖ The theme of Saarang will be "Vintage Vogue".



## NATIONAL

### National Horticulture Fair 2021

- ❖ It is a five-day event.

- ❖ It was organised at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) campus.
- ❖ It held virtually as well as offline.
- ❖ The theme of the fair is 'Horticulture for Start-Up and Stand-Up India'.
- ❖ IIHR institute is a subsidiary of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).



**National Horticulture Fair 2021**  
**February 8-12, 2021**

**Horticulture for Start-up and Stand-up India**

- ❖ The ICAR-IIHR completed 50 years of existence and has released 302 varieties viz., 38 in fruits, 136 in vegetables, 115 in flowers and 13 in medicinal crops.
- ❖ National Horticulture Fair 2021 showcases 216 live demonstrations of released varieties and technologies during February 8-12, 2021
- ❖ Connecting 721 KVKs & 300 FPOs of the country through ICAR-ATARs with exclusive zone wise programmes virtually
- ❖ Expected to have 30,000 stakeholder's footfall physically and 25 lakh digitally during the fair

[nhf2021.iihr.res.in](http://nhf2021.iihr.res.in)

**NHF2021**  
National Horticulture Fair  
Horticulture: For Start-up and Stand-up India

### **First women team of CoBRA**

- ❖ 34 CRPF women personnel were inducted into the specialized jungle warfare commando force called CoBRA.
- ❖ The contingent would now be deployed in the anti-naxal operations grid of India.
- ❖ COBRA is a special operation unit of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) of India.
- ❖ The operation unit is skilled in the guerrilla tactics and jungle warfare.
- ❖ It was established in the year 2009 to counter the Naxalite problem.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **State Administrative Council - Myanmar**

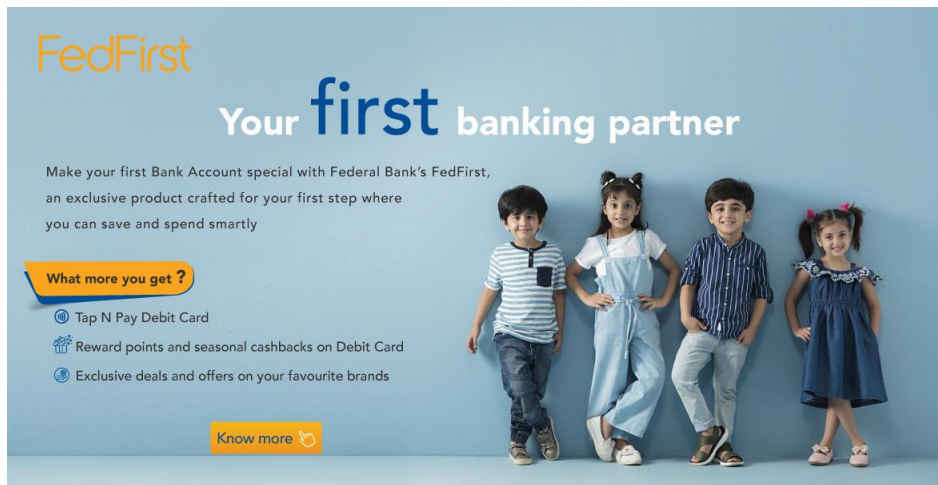
- ❖ The Military regime in Myanmar has the established a new State Administrative Council.

- ❖ The administrative council is headed by the Army Chief General Min Aung Hlaing.
- ❖ It comprises of total 11 members.
- ❖ 8 out of 11 members are from the military.

## ECONOMY

### Savings account scheme for children

- ❖ Federal Bank has announced the launch of “FedFirst”.
- ❖ It is a special savings account scheme for children below 18 years of age.
- ❖ The account helps children develop healthy saving and spending habits.
- ❖ It will give them the freedom to save, spend and earn.



### One Nation One Ombudsman approach

- ❖ RBI will integrate the consumer grievances redressal under a single ombudsman.
- ❖ It will replace the three grievance redressal schemes working at present.
- ❖ Presently, there are dedicated ombudsman schemes for the consumer grievance redressal in the banking, non-bank finance companies and digital transactions.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### World's Largest Radio Telescope

- ❖ The Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) Council recently held its meeting.



- ❖ During the meeting, the council has approved the setting up of the world's largest radio telescope.
- ❖ Square Kilometre Array Observatory is a new intergovernmental organisation.
- ❖ Currently, the SKAO comprises of the organisations from the ten countries.

### Upcoming Radio telescope

- ❖ It can be used to detect the invisible gas and it has the potential to reveal areas of space that might have covered by the cosmic dust.
- ❖ It is different than the conventional optical telescopes in this regard.
- ❖ The Square Kilometre Array is the largest radio telescope across the world.
- ❖ The telescope will be set up in Africa and Australia.

### **Cyber Security incidents reported in 2020**

- ❖ More than 2.9 lakh digital banking cybersecurity incidents were reported in the year 2020.
- ❖ The data from the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In).
- ❖ These incidents have increased as opposed to 2,46,514 incidents in 2019 and 1,59,761 incidents in 2018.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **51<sup>st</sup> tiger reserve for India**

Name	Area (In hectares)
Mudumalai	32,100
Kalakad Mundanthurai	70,654
Anamalai	95,859
Satyamangalam	79,349
Srivilliputhur-Megamalai	1,01,657.13

- ❖ The Centre has approved tiger reserve status for the sanctuaries spanning the forests of Meghamalai and Srivilliputhur in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ This is home to 63 mammal species and 323 bird species.
- ❖ It will be India's 51st tiger reserve and 5<sup>th</sup> for Tamil Nadu.



- ❖ The Meghamalai Wildlife Sanctuary is spread across the districts of Theni and Madurai (Highwavys mountains and Cardamom Hills).
- ❖ The Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary lies along Kerala's Periyar Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ The last tiger reserve was notified six years ago in Arunachal Pradesh, Kamlang.

## STATES

### Chah Bagicha Dhan Puraskar mela

- ❖ The third phase of Chah Bagicha Dhan Puraskar mela held in Guwahati.
- ❖ The Assam government will be distributing the financial assistance to 7.5 lakh people who belongs to tea garden areas.
- ❖ This scheme was started by the Assam government in the year 2017- 18.



### 16-Digit Unicode To Identify Landholdings

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a system of issuing a unique 16-digit Unicode.
- ❖ This Unicode will be used to mark all kinds of landholdings in the state.
- ❖ The first 6 digits is based on the population of the land.
- ❖ Next 4 digits in the line would determine the unique identity of the land.
- ❖ Next 4 digits would be the number of divisions of the land.
- ❖ Lastly, 2 digits would contain the details regarding the category.
- ❖ The category (for Last 2 digits) of the land viz. residential, agricultural and commercial land can be identified.

### **Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) scheme**

- ❖ PPP is an 8-digit Unique Identity Card number meant for each family in Haryana.
- ❖ It enables smooth and automatic delivery of several citizen-centric services.
- ❖ The benefits, according to the schemes, shall automatically be transferred to the family using the same code.
- ❖ Due to the privacy concerns over this scheme, the government says enrolment is voluntary.
- ❖ It will ensure that not a single beneficiary is left out from the government benefits that they are entitled to.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Pulses Day – February 10**

- ❖ It recognizes the importance of pulse crops like chickpeas, dry beans and lentils as a global food.
- ❖ The UN Pulses Day resolution was adopted in 2013.
- ❖ The day is being celebrated since 2019.

