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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ New Zealand has officially suspended all diplomatic ties with Myanmar as it does not recognise the legitimacy of the new military-led government.
- ❖ China is celebrating Lunar New Year on February 12, 2021.
 - It ushered into the Year of the Ox.
- ❖ Athlete Hima Das has been appointed as a Deputy Superintendent of Police by the Assam government.
- ❖ The National Payments Corporation of India has announced to launch 'NPCI PayAuth Challenge'.
- ❖ The President of US announced sanctions on the military leaders in Myanmar.
 - The government would identify the first round of sanctions targets and impose the export controls.

NATIONAL

Registered Unrecognized Political Parties

- ❖ The number of registered unrecognised political parties has increased two-fold from 2010 to 2019.
- ❖ It is reported by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).
- ❖ ADR is an Indian non-governmental organization
- ❖ It was established in 1999 and is situated at New Delhi.
- ❖ There are 2,360 political parties registered with the Election Commission of India.
- ❖ In that, 97.50% of them are unrecognised.
- ❖ From 1,112 registered unrecognised parties in 2010, the number has increased to 2,301 in 2019.
- ❖ The following are considered as unrecognised parties:
 - Either newly registered parties or
 - Those which have not secured enough percentage of votes in the assembly elections or General elections to become a state party or
 - Those which have never contested elections since being registered



- ❖ A recognised political party shall either be a National party or a State party if it meets certain conditions as prescribed.

SAKSHAM portal

- ❖ The Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) launched a job portal called SAKSHAM.
- ❖ It aims to map the skills of workers as required by the MSMEs.
- ❖ It will help in eliminating the middlemen and labour contractors.
- ❖ The portal will also help in the development of skill cards for 'shramiks' (workers).

Seaweed Cultivation Mission

- ❖ TIFAC (Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council) launched a Seaweed Cultivation Mission.
- ❖ It aims to encourage the commercial farming of seaweeds and its processing.
- ❖ The Seaweed Cultivation is also called as the kelp farming.
- ❖ It is the practice of cultivating and harvesting the seaweed.

Divya-Drishti 2021

- ❖ Indian Army National Seminar-cum-Webinar, named as "Divya-Drishti 2021", was conducted recently.
- ❖ It was organised by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies.
- ❖ It was held on the title 'Multi-Domain Operations: Future of Conflicts'.

INTERNATIONAL

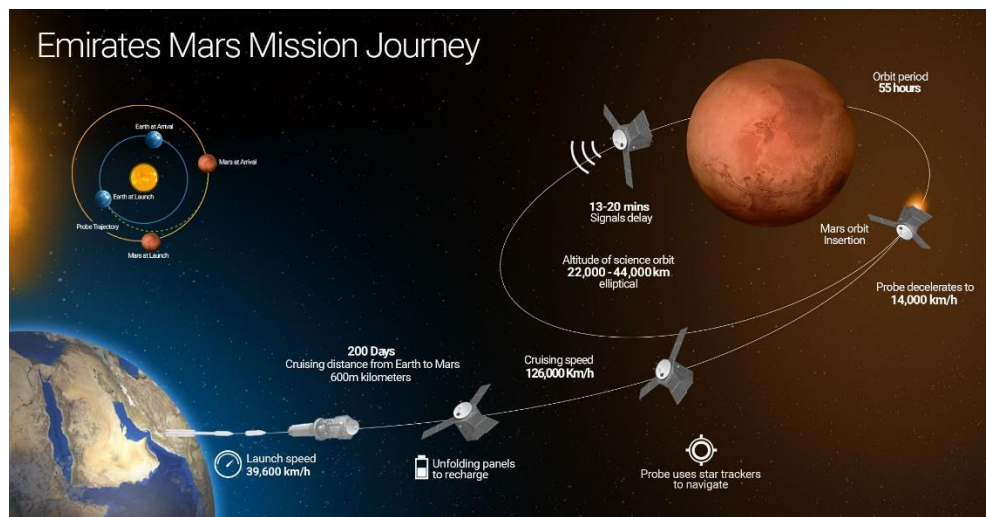
AMAN exercise

- ❖ Pakistan Navy organised the Exercise Aman off the coast of Karachi.
- ❖ A total of 46 countries including US, China, Russia, UK, Turkey, Iran, Indonesia is participating.
- ❖ The exercise seeks to develop and practice Response Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for maritime infrastructure, assets.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First Arab Mars Mission

- ❖ UAE's first mission to Mars has arrived at the red planet.
- ❖ It has successfully entered orbit on its first attempt.
- ❖ It is known as the Hope Probe.
- ❖ It has sent back a signal confirming it's in orbit.
- ❖ This achievement makes the UAE only the fifth country in history to reach Mars.
- ❖ Also, this is the Arab nation's first interplanetary mission.



ENVIRONMENT

Mandarin Duck

- ❖ The Mandarin duck was spotted in Assam recently after 118 years.
- ❖ It is a colorful duck and it is having habitat of eastern China and southern Japan.
- ❖ The last Mandarin duck was spotted in Assam in the year 1902.



STATES

Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha' Scheme

- ❖ Under this scheme Rs 5,000 will be provided to 1,000 meritorious students of Class 9 in schools of Delhi as a science scholarship.
- ❖ The scholarship will provide a boost to science education in secondary classes at the school level.

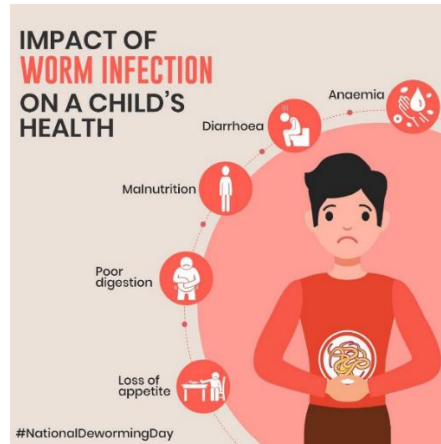
'Jalabhishekam' Water Conservation Campaign

- ❖ Rajnath Singh, Indian Defence Minister inaugurated 57,000 water structures under the "Jalabhishekam Water Conservation Campaign".
- ❖ These water structures were constructed in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The conservation work will help to achieve the goal of water conservation and build a self-reliant Madhya Pradesh.

IMPORTANT DAYS

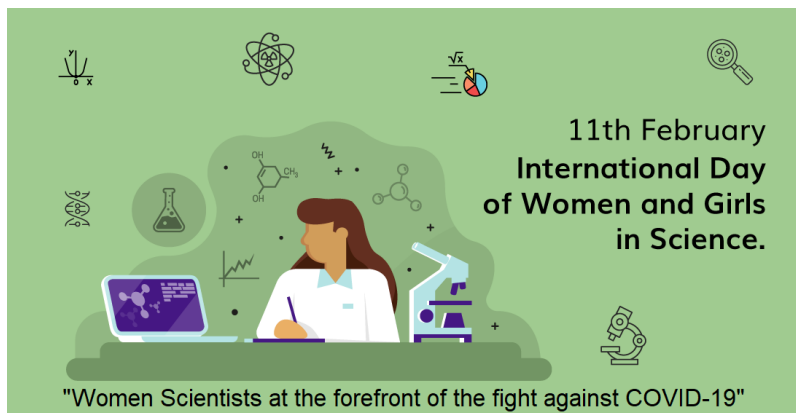
National Deworming Day - February 10

- ❖ Every year February 10 and August 10 are observed as the National Deworming Day (NDD).
- ❖ The day aims at eradicating intestinal worms among children within the age bracket of 1-19 years.
- ❖ These worms are also referred as Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH).
- ❖ Intestinal worms are parasites that live in the human intestines.
- ❖ It consumes nutrients and vitamins that a toddler consumes.



International Day of Women and Girls in science - February 11

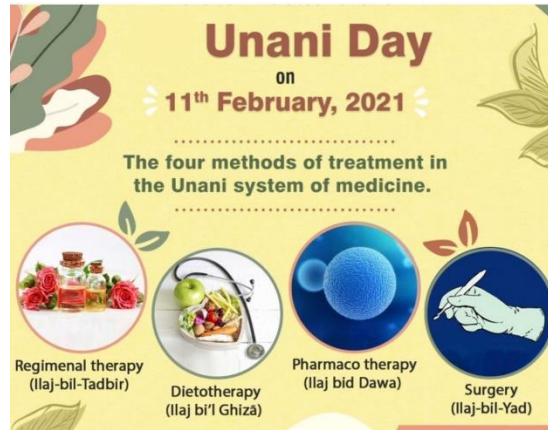
- ❖ United Nations General Assembly in 2015 has decided to establish the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
- ❖ It aims to promote gender equality in the field of science and technology.
- ❖ The theme of 2021 is "Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19".



World Unani Day – February 11

- ❖ It aims to spread awareness about health care delivery through Unani system of medicine.
- ❖ It will be done through its preventive and curative philosophy.
- ❖ This day is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan.
- ❖ He was an eminent Indian Unani physician and a noted freedom fighter.
- ❖ He was one of the founders of the Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi.

- ❖ First Unani Day was celebrated in 2017 at Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM), Hyderabad.



Financial Literacy Week - February 08 – 12

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has conducted the Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016.
- ❖ It will focus on 'Developing the credit discipline and encouraging availing of the credit from the formal financial institutions as it is required'.
- ❖ Theme of this year is "Credit Discipline and Credit from Formal Institutions".

