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# **TNPSC BITS**

- The Uttarakhand state government has brought an ordinance to give coownership rights to the women in the ancestral property of their husbands.
- Nicaragua has created a new National Ministry for Extra-terrestrial Space Affairs, The Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

# NATIONAL

### Mission Indradhanush 3.0

- The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0.
- ✤ It aims to expand immunization coverage across the country.
- The focus of IMI 3.0 will be on children and pregnant women who missed their vaccine doses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mission Indradhanush scheme was launched in 2014 to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all citizens of the country.

### **Panels for autonomy**

- ✤ IIT Council has set up four panels for autonomy.
- This Council is the apex decision-making body of IITs.
- ✤ The panel will look after several issues ranging from funding to graded autonomy in the Indian Institutes of Technology.

# INTERNATIONAL

#### NAVDEX 21 and IDEX 21

- Indian Naval Ship Pralaya reached Abu Dhabi to participate in the Naval Defence Exhibition (NAVDEX 21) and International Defence Exhibition (IDEX 21).
- ✤ NAVDEX 21 and IDEX 21 is one of the leading international naval and defence exhibitions of the region.
- Pralaya is the second ship of the indigenously built Prabal Class Missile Vessels.





### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### First audio from Mars

- ✤ NASA, released the first audio from Mars.
- It was a faint crackling recording of the wind that was captured by Perseverance rover.
- ✤ NASA has also released the first video of landing of the rover.
- ✤ NASA had launched the Perseverance rover on July 30, 2020.
- ✤ The mission landed on MARS on February 18, 2021.



### **Anti-tank Guided Missile**

- India has successfully test-fired indigenously-developed anti-tank guided missile systems 'Helina' and 'Dhruvastra' in the Pokhran range.
- The Helina (Army version) and Dhruvastra (Airforce version) are helicopterlaunched versions of third-generation anti-tank guided missiles.
- ✤ They are known as NAG Missile System.
- The missile systems have been designed and developed indigenously by the DRDO.
- Both the missiles can engage targets both in direct hit mode as well as top attack mode.
  - Top Attack Mode: The missile is required to climb sharply after launch and travel at a certain altitude, then plunge on top of the target.





• Direct Attack Mode: The missile travels at a lower altitude, directly striking the target.



## **ENVIRONMENT**

### US officially re-joins Paris Climate agreement

- The United States has officially rejoined the Paris Agreement, under the Presidency of US President Joe Biden.
- Earlier, in November 2020, the US had officially exited the agreement on the order of then-President Donald Trump.
- ✤ The landmark Paris climate agreement was signed in 2015.
- ✤ As per this agreement, the countries are expected to enhance their commitments to curb greenhouse gas emissions every five years.
- ♦ The goals of the global pact are to limit global warming to well below 2°C.
- It also aims to pursue the efforts to limit it to  $1.5^{\circ}$ C.

### **STATES**

### **Renaming of Hoshangabad City**

- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has announced to rename the Hoshangabad city as Narmadapuram.
- Hoshangabad city was named after Hoshang Shah.
- ✤ He was the first ruler of Malwa.
- \* This district was the part of Nerbudda (Narmada) Division and Berar.
- ♦ Hoshangabad is famous for its beautiful ghats along the river Narmada river.





#### Kala Namak Rice' to Singapore

- Uttar Pradesh is all set to export a consignment of 20 tonnes of Kala Namak rice to Singapore.
- The state government has also declared the rice as One District One Product of Siddharth Nagar.
- This rice is also called as Buddha Rice.
- Soon, the state will start observing the Kala Namak Rice festival.
- It also planned to set up a Kala Namak Rice Research Centre at Siddharth Nagar in association with the International Rice Research Centre, Varanasi.

### PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

#### World Leadership Congress

- Sify Technologies's Kamal Nath has been named 'CEO of the Year' by the World Leadership Congress.
- This year, the Business Leader of the Year has celebrated its 19<sup>th</sup> Global edition of the award and the 4<sup>th</sup> India edition.
- PTC India Financial Services has bagged award in Financial Services category.

## **SPORTS**



### Adriatic Pearl Boxing Tournament

Babyrojisana Chanu (51kg) and Arundhati Choudhary (69kg) fetched two gold medals in the 30<sup>th</sup> Adriatic Pearl Tournament in Budva, Montenegro.



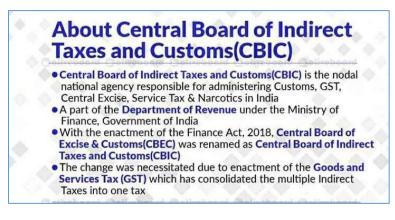


- Alfiya Pathan (+81kg), Vinka (60kg) and T Sanamacha Chanu (75kg) are the other Indian women boxers who secured gold medals earlier in this tournament.
- Indian women emerged as the top team with 10 medals (5 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze).

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### **Central Excise Day - February 24**

- The day is being celebrated to honour the service of Central Board of Excise and Custom (CBEC) to the country.
- The day is celebrated to commemorate the legislation of Central Excise and Salt act in 24 February, 1944.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs is formerly known as the Central Board of Excise and Customs.
- Now the department is under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.



## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### GI tag for Himalayan pink salt

- Pakistan has decided to register Himalayan pink salt as Geographical Indications.
- ✤ GI tag is a sign used on special products.
- That have a specific geographical origin and possess origin-based qualities and reputation in the region.
- ✤ The precious salt is extracted from the Salt Range in Punjab.





- It extends along the south of the Potohar Plateau and the north of the Jhelum River.
- Previously Pakistan is fighting a case in European Union against India's move to get Basmati rice registered as India's product.



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