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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 7th World Tamil Economic Conference and Virtual Global Economic Summit 2020 was virtually inaugurated by the Pudhucherry Chief Minister Narayana Samy.
 - It was organized by the World Tamils Economic Foundation and Madras Development Society.
- ❖ India's junior Grandmasters (GM) Nihal Sarin, D Gukesh and Women International Master (WIM) Rakshitta Ravi recorded victories to bag a gold medal each in the Fide Online World Cadets and Youth Rapid chess championships.

TAMIL NADU

Spotlight on Infant Feeding in Tamil Nadu report 2020

- ❖ Thirty-four per cent of births in Tamil Nadu are by the caesarean part.
- ❖ It is above the WHO threshold of 15 percent.
- ❖ It is also greater than the speed recorded in different States.
- ❖ Out of total caesarean sections, 26 per cent happen in public health facilities and 51 per cent in private facilities.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is ranked tenth among all States based on infant feeding score.
- ❖ It was provided by the National Health Mission of the Ministry of Health.

NATIONAL

Scientist of the year Award

- ❖ The DRDO scientist Hemant Kumar Pandey was conferred with the DRDO's 'Scientist of the Year Award'.
- ❖ It was given for his contribution in developing an herbal drug called Lukoskin for leukoderma.
- ❖ 'Lukoskin' has been developed using herbs found in the Himalayan region.



- ❖ leukoderma is an autoimmune disorder characterised by the loss of skin colour in parts of a body.

Jammu and Kashmir District Development Council Election

- ❖ This was the first election in the Union Territory after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 5, 2019.
- ❖ The Farooq Abdullah-led People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration made a big victory.
- ❖ Out of the 280 seats, the alliance has won 110 seats, while the BJP emerged as the single largest party by getting 75 seats.
- ❖ The Gupkar Alliance is an amalgam of six regional parties, including the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP).

INTERNATIONAL

Covid-19 in Antarctica

- ❖ Antarctica is the last continent to reach Covid 19.
- ❖ The pandemic has finally reached every continent on Earth.
- ❖ The Chilean authorities confirmed the cases at two military bases in Antarctica.

ECONOMY

Ease of doing business reforms

- ❖ Rajasthan is the 6th state to complete ease of doing business reforms.
- ❖ Other five states that have also completed the 'Ease of Doing Business' reforms are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- ❖ The scheme aims to link grant of additional borrowing permissions to states undertaking the ease of doing business reforms.
- ❖ As per the scheme, the Centre has enhanced the borrowing limit of states by 2 per cent of their GSDP.
- ❖ The reforms are implementation of one nation one ration card system, ease of doing business reform, urban local body or utility and power sector reforms.

SPORTS

International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award of the Decade

- ❖ The former Indian Cricket Captain MS Dhoni won this award.
- ❖ He won the award for his decision to call back Ian Bell after the former England batsman was run out in a bizarre manner during a Test match in 2011.
- ❖ Virat Kohli of India wins the Sir Garfield Sobers Award for ICC Male Cricketer of the Decade.
- ❖ Ellyse Perry of Australia wins the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award for ICC Female Cricketer of the Decade
- ❖ Other Awards
 - ICC Men's Test Player of the Decade: Steve Smith (Australia).
 - ICC Men's ODI Player of the Decade: Virat Kohli (India).
 - ICC Men's T20I Player of the Decade: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
 - ICC Men's Associate Player of the Decade: Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)
 - ICC Women's ODI Player of the Decade: Ellyse Perry (Australia)
 - ICC Women's T20I Player of the Decade: Ellyse Perry (Australia)
 - ICC Women's Associate Player of the Decade: Kathryn Bryce (Scotland)



Ekalavya Puraskar

- ❖ India women's hockey team player Namita Toppo was conferred with the prestigious 'Ekalavya Puraskar' for her contribution to the game.

- ❖ Toppo was honoured for her performance from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020 at both national and international levels.
- ❖ This award was instituted by IMPACT in 1993.
- ❖ It is given to encourage young sports talents of the state.



Globe Soccer Awards

- ❖ The Portugal Football player Cristiano Ronaldo has been crowned the Player of the Century.
- ❖ He was awarded this prize at the Globe Soccer Awards in Dubai.
- ❖ The Bayern Munich's coach Hansi Flick bagged the Coach of the Year award.
- ❖ Also, Bayern Munich won the Club of the Year award.
- ❖ The Real Madrid won the Club of the Century award.
- ❖ The Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola won the Coach of the Century award.

