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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.



TABLE 1: EASE OF DOING BUSINESS Ranks, top 10 in 2019					TABLE 2: REFORMS, APPLICABLE/IMPLEMENTED			TABLE 3: SHARE (%) IN NEW INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCED		
State	2015	2016	2017	2019	State	Applicable	Implemented	State	2017-18	2018-19
Andhra Pradesh	2	1	1	1	Andhra	187	187	Andhra	6.56	16.29
Uttar Pradesh	10	14	12	2	UP	186	184	Haryana	3.37	15.74
Telangana	13	1	2	3	Telangana	186	184	Tamil Nadu	4.01	9.32
Madhya Pradesh	5	5	7	4	MP	187	187	Gujarat	6.76	7.74
Jharkhand	3	7	4	5	Jharkhand	187	186	Maharashtra	18.09	6.32
Chhattisgarh	4	4	6	6	Chhattisgarh	187	186	Karnataka	3.32	6.08
Himachal	17	17	16	7	Himachal	185	175	Rajasthan	2.01	3.04
Rajasthan	6	8	9	8	Rajasthan	186	183	MP	2.87	2.73
West Bengal	11	15	10	9	W Bengal	187	187	Odisha	8.25	2.43
Gujarat	1	3	5	10	Gujarat	187	187	NCT Delhi	1.38	1.76
Source: DPIIT					Source: DPIIT			Source: CMIE		

ENVIRONMENT

The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative

- ❖ It is a collaboration between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME).
- ❖ As per this report, the Air pollution killed 1.7 million Indians in 2019.
- ❖ The toll in India was 18 % of the total deaths in the country.
- ❖ The indoor or household air pollution led to 64% fewer deaths in the last two decades (1990-2019).
- ❖ The death rate from outdoor air pollution has increased during this period by 115 per cent
- ❖ Lung diseases caused by air pollution accounted for the highest share.
- ❖ India has lost 1.4 % of GDP (Rs 2,60,000 crore) due to premature deaths and morbidity from air pollution.
- ❖ The economic loss due to air pollution as a % of the state GDP was higher in the northern and central India states,
- ❖ The highest was in Uttar Pradesh (2.2 % of GSDP) and Bihar (2 % of GSDP).
- ❖ Delhi had the highest per-capita economic loss due to air pollution, followed by Haryana in 2019.





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
 - o ICC Men's Test Player of the Decade: Steve Smith (Australia).
 - o ICC Men's ODI Player of the Decade: Virat Kohli (India).
 - o ICC Men's T20I Player of the Decade: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
 - o ICC Men's Associate Player of the Decade: Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)
 - o ICC Women's ODI Player of the Decade: Ellyse Perry (Australia)
 - o ICC Women's T20I Player of the Decade: Ellyse Perry (Australia)
 - o 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.







