

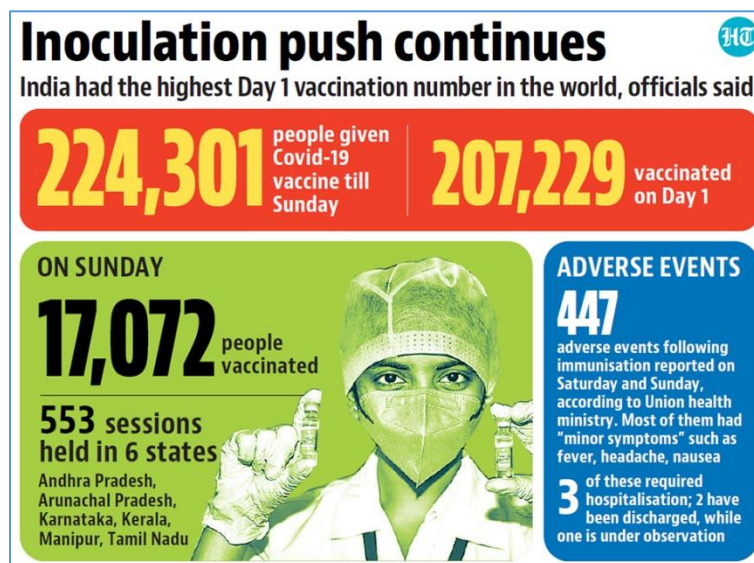
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A passenger plane of Indonesia's Sriwijaya Air crashed into waters off Jakarta.
 - The Boeing 737-500 was started from Jakarta to reach Pontianak on Indonesia's Borneo Island.
- ❖ Twitter has permanently suspended the account of outgoing President Donald Trump due to "risk of further incitement of violence".

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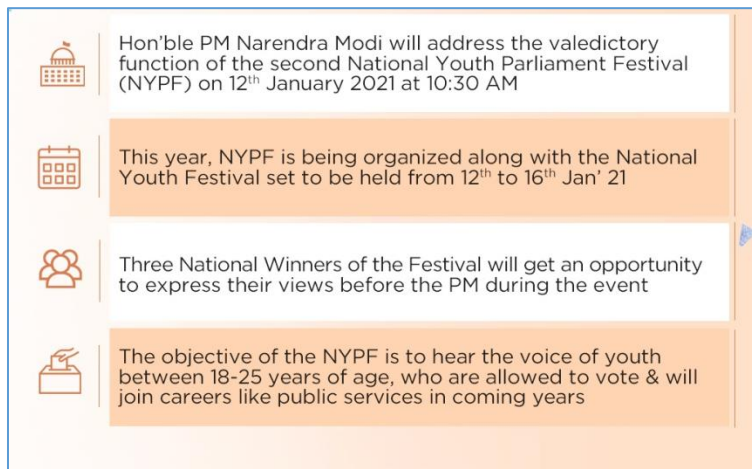
COVID-19 Vaccination Drive in India



- ❖ India started the world's largest vaccination drive from January 16, 2021.
- ❖ Two Made in India vaccines have been given emergency use approval.
- ❖ The Drugs Controller General of India (DGCI) had granted Emergency Use Authorisation to two vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin.
- ❖ The government plans to vaccinate around 30 crore people under the vaccination drive.
- ❖ Initially it will include healthcare professionals and front-line workers and people over 50 years of age.

- ❖ The beneficiaries will get administered with these vaccines - Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.
- ❖ Covishield vaccine will be available at a price of Rs 200 per dose.
- ❖ The real-time information will be available on the unique digital platform Co-WIN Vaccine management system.
- ❖ It is a digitalized platform named Covid Vaccine Intelligence Network.
- ❖ People need to self-register on the Co-WIN website or app.

National Youth Parliament



The infographic contains four key points about the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) 2021:

- Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi will address the valedictory function of the second National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) on 12th January 2021 at 10:30 AM**
- This year, NYPF is being organized along with the National Youth Festival set to be held from 12th to 16th Jan' 21**
- Three National Winners of the Festival will get an opportunity to express their views before the PM during the event**
- The objective of the NYPF is to hear the voice of youth between 18-25 years of age, who are allowed to vote & will join careers like public services in coming years**

- ❖ The Prime Minister has addressed the National Youth Parliament.
- ❖ It is organised to hear the voice of the youth between the age of 18 and 25 years.
- ❖ It is held on January 12 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- ❖ Also, the Government of India celebrates the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda as National Youth Day.
- ❖ The first National Youth Parliament was held in 2019 under the theme “be the voice of new India and find solutions and contribute to policy”.
- ❖ The National Service Scheme operating under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organises the National Youth parliament.



Atal Tinkering Labs

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organization recently announced that it is to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country.
- ❖ NITI Aayog established Atal Tinkering Labs.
- ❖ Atal Tinkering Labs are established under Atal Innovation Mission.
- ❖ The Atal Innovation Mission was launched to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the country.

ECONOMY

India's 7th Trade Policy Review

- ❖ The second session of the 7th Trade Policy Review (TPR) of India concluded at the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- ❖ This was the final session of the 7th trade policy review.
- ❖ Trade Policy Review is a key mechanism under the monitoring function of WTO.
- ❖ Before this, the last Trade Policy Review of India was held in the year 2015.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Sagar Anveshika

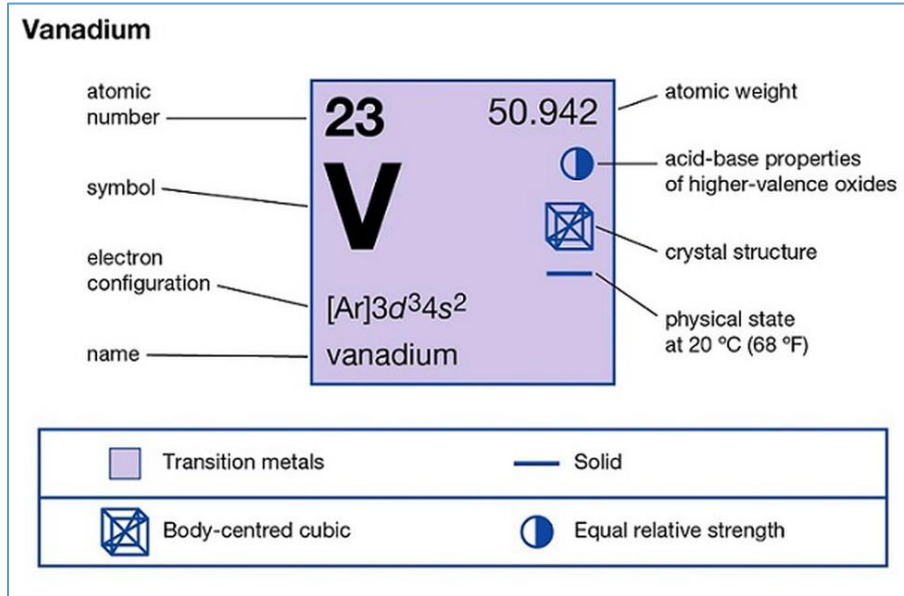
- ❖ Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Harsh Vardhan has launched Coastal Research Vehicle 'Sagar Anveshika' at the Chennai Port.
- ❖ The vehicle will be used to carry out environment indexing and bathymetric (mapping underwater features) in both coastal and offshore waters.
- ❖ It will be used for research purposes by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) located in Chennai.
- ❖ It has been built by Titagarh Wagons, Kolkata, West Bengal.



STATES

Vanadium in Arunachal Pradesh

- ❖ Vanadium has been found in the palaeo-proterozoic carbonaceous phyllite rocks in the Depo and Tamang areas of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ This was the first report of a primary deposit of vanadium in India.
- ❖ The Exploration is being carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- ❖ Vanadium is the High-value metal used to strengthen steel and titanium.
- ❖ Vanadium mineralisation in Arunachal Pradesh is geologically similar to the “stone coal” vanadium deposits of China in carbonaceous shale.
- ❖ This high vanadium content is associated with graphite with fixed carbon content of up to 16%.
- ❖ Vanadium steel is used in gears, bicycle frames, axles and other critical components.
- ❖ 85% of the Vanadium produced in the world are used as steel additive.
- ❖ India consumes 3,360 metric tonnes of vanadium annually.
- ❖ This is 4% of Vanadium consumed by the world.
- ❖ China produces 57% of the world’s vanadium and consumes 44% of this metal.
- ❖ The largest deposits are in China, followed by Russia and South Africa.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National road safety week

BE SAFE!

National Road Safety Week
January 11th - 17th

National Road Safety Week in India is organised every January by the National Safety Council of India (NSC).

The NSC is an autonomous body set up by the Indian government to engage the public on safety, health and environment issues.

- ❖ It is celebrated from 11th January to 17th January every year in our country India.

- ❖ It is to create awareness about road safety and minimize road accidents & save life.
- ❖ On this 2021, India is celebrating 32nd National Road Safety Week.
- ❖ At first in the year 1989, awareness for the National Road Safety Week was celebrated.
- ❖ 32nd National Road Safety Week 2021 theme, 'Safe yourself to save your family'.
- ❖ National Safety Council of India organizes every year National Road Safety Week along with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

National Youth Day - January 12

Swami Vivekananda, the wandering monk who introduced Hindu Vedanta philosophy to the West, died on July 4, 1902

The Patriot Saint

Founded the Ramakrishna Math, Ramakrishna Mission, Vedanta Societies	Represented India and Hinduism at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893
Played a hand in the revival of Hinduism in India, contributing to the concept of nationalism in colonial India	His representations helped accord Hinduism with the status of a major world religion during the late 19th century

**"Arise! Awake!
And stop not
until the goal is
reached"**


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- ❖ It was chosen to honour the birthday of Swami Vivekananda.
- ❖ The theme of this is 'Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building'.
- ❖ He was born Narendra nath Datta at Calcutta in 1863.
- ❖ Since 1985, the event is celebrated in India every year.
- ❖ Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mission.
- ❖ He introduced Hinduism at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893.
- ❖ He is best known for his speech "Sisters and brothers of America".

Armed Forces Veterans Day - January 14

- ❖ The day is being celebrated since 2017.
- ❖ It is to commemorate the sacrifices of the veterans and also to salute those who served the Indian Armed Forces
- ❖ The day was initially called Armistice Day.
- ❖ Armistice Day is celebrated on November 11 all over the world.
- ❖ The first Armistice Day was celebrated on November 11, 1919 marking the anniversary of the end of World War I.
- ❖ However, in India the day was first marked through a resolution passed by the Congress in 1926.

