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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 20th Dhaka International Film Festival begins at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 - It will also organise the 8th edition of the 'Women in Cinema' international conference, as well as the 4th edition of the 'West meets East' screenplay lab during the festival.
- ❖ India has announced financial assistance of USD 900 million loans to Sri Lanka to help its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports.
 - India is extending its support through the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh State Government recently has created a separate women police cadre.
 - The women police will wear a special separate emblem called the Mahila Police Emblem.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the Union government would provide Rs 3,000 crore to Tamil Nadu in the next five years under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.
 - It is to address critical gaps in health infrastructure and health research, especially at the district level.

TAMIL NADU

Tamilnadu Government Awards

- ❖ The State government has chosen veteran Congress leader and former TNCC president Kumari Ananthan (88) for the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award for 2021.
- ❖ The All-India Tamil Sanga Peravai president Meenakshi Sundaram (78) has been chosen for the Thiruvalluvar award.
- ❖ He was instrumental in installing a statue of Thiruvalluvar by the former CM Karunanidhi in Bengaluru in 2009.

NATIONAL

BARC News Channel Ratings

- ❖ The Information & Broadcasting Ministry asked the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC India) to resume "news channel ratings".

- ❖ The Ministry has asked to release of viewership data of news channels as well as to release the last three months data of news channels in monthly format.
- ❖ BARC has revised its processes, oversight mechanisms and protocols.
- ❖ BARC India is a joint industry body.
- ❖ It was founded by organisations representing Indian broadcasters, advertising and media agencies (AAAI) and advertisers (ISA).
- ❖ It is the largest television measurement science industry body worldwide.



Paytm Payments Bank



- ❖ It became the largest and fastest-growing UPI beneficiary bank in India.
- ❖ It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over 926 million UPI transactions in a single month.



- ❖ State Bank of India (SBI) topped the chart of being the biggest remitter in December 2021, according to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ❖ Beneficiary banks are the banks of the account holder who is receiving money.

India Edtech Consortium

- ❖ The private companies in India have joined together to form India EdTech Consortium.
- ❖ It was formed under the guidance of Internet Mobile Association of India.
- ❖ It is mostly formed by the 1 billion USD companies.
- ❖ This includes Unacademy, BYJU's, upGrad, Lead School and Vedantu.
- ❖ Basically, the consortium is framing self-regulation.
- ❖ This is being done to reduce the interference of the government in the sector's operating principles or rules and regulations.
- ❖ EdTech is Education and Technology.



Citizen Constitution Literacy campaign

- ❖ It was launched in Kollam district of Kerala.
- ❖ The campaign is first of its kind.
- ❖ The campaign will educate the residents of the district about the basics of constitution.

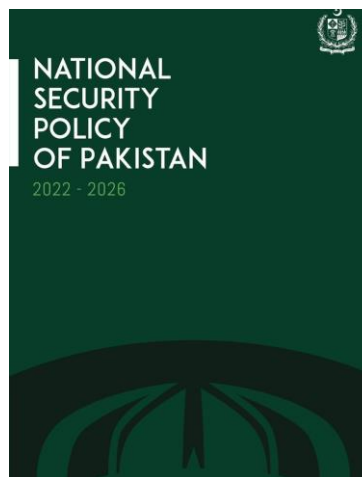


- ❖ The campaign aims to make Kollam district a constitutionally literate district.

INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan's National Security Policy (NSP)

- ❖ Pakistan launched its first-ever National Security Policy (NSP).
- ❖ The cardinal objective of the policy is to “defend Pakistan’s territorial integrity at all costs”.
- ❖ According to this policy, nuclear deterrence occupies a critical role in security calculus of South Asia.



Pandemic Billionaires



- ❖ Oxfam has recently released its report on “Pandemic Billionaires”.

- ❖ As per report, covid has not only took livelihood for millions but it has also created new billionaires.
- ❖ The people in Asia witnessed their wealth zoom during the covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ These people were mostly associated with pharmaceuticals sector.
- ❖ Richest 1 per cent owned more wealth as compared to poorest 90 per cent in Asia.

Tearless Onions

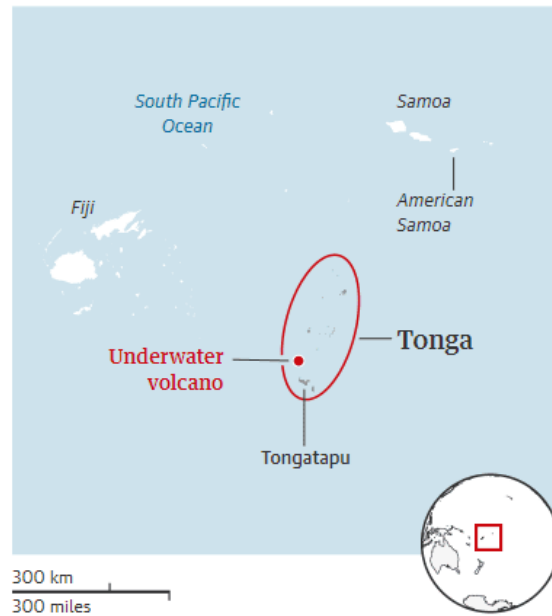
- ❖ The tearless onions are called “Sunions”.
- ❖ These onions were produced by cross breeding onion varieties that are less pungent.
- ❖ The Sunions are sweet onions.
- ❖ These onions sold in UK are grow in the United States.



Volcanic eruption in Tonga - Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcano

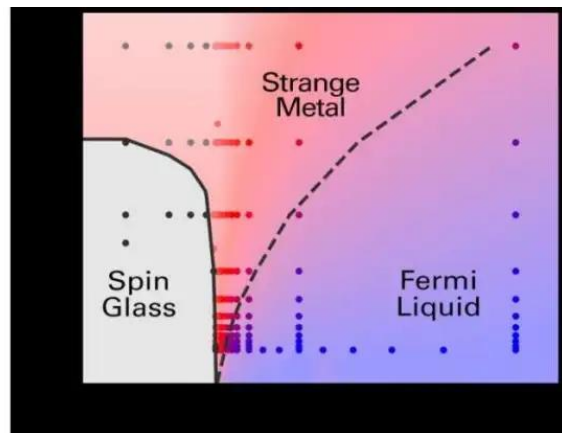
- ❖ A massive underwater volcanic eruption was recorded in Tonga, a South Pacific Island country.
- ❖ The event triggered Tsunami warning along the Pacific coast.

- ❖ Tsunami warnings were issued in Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Russia, Chile and the United States.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Discovery of New Strange Metal



- ❖ The Scientists have recently discovered a new group of metals.
- ❖ The newly discovered metal group is called as “New Strange group of metals”.
- ❖ The characteristics of this new group of metals are yet to be deciphered.
- ❖ The strange metals are also called non – Fermi liquids.
- ❖ They do not follow the traditional rules of metals.
- ❖ Their behaviour was first discovered in cuprates, that is, copper oxides.

- ❖ These cuprates are high temperature super conductors.
- ❖ These metals do not follow the electrical conductance as that of the metals.

SPORTS

Virat Kohli

- ❖ Virat Kohli has stepped down as the Captain of the Indian Test team.
- ❖ With the latest decision, he has ended his captaincy stint of the Indian Cricket team in all forms.
- ❖ With 40 wins in 68 test matches, Virat Kohli has ended his captaincy stint as the most successful Indian Test Captain.
- ❖ Dhoni (27 wins from 60 matches) and Ganguly (21 wins out of 49) are next on the list.



CAPTAIN	MATCHES	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	W/L
Graeme Smith	109	53	29	27	1.827
Ricky Ponting	77	48	16	13	3
Steve Waugh	57	41	9	7	4.555
Virat Kohli	68	40	17	11	2.352
Clive Lloyd	74	36	12	26	3

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Startup Day - January 16

- ❖ Prime Minister Modi declares January 16 as 'National Startup Day'.
- ❖ This is the first time India is celebrating this day.
- ❖ India is celebrating Startup India Innovation Week between January 10, 2022 and January 16, 2022.
- ❖ The week celebrations are organized by Department of Promotion Industry and Industrial Trade.

- ❖ In 2022, the National Startup Day is celebrated on six themes.
- ❖ They are sustainable development, technology of future, from local to global, building champions in manufacturing, nudging the DNA and growing from roots.

**‘National Start-up Day’ to be celebrated on
January 16: PM Modi calls start-ups backbone
of new India**



58th Foundation Day of Food Corporation of India (FCI)



Food Corporation of India

- ❖ It is a statutory body created under the Food Corporation's Act 1964.
- ❖ It was set up on 14 January 1965 having its first District Office at Thanjavur
- ❖ It is under the ownership of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ❖ On this day, the food minister Piyush Goyal released a “5-point reform agenda for FCI”.

