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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Axis Bank & CRMNEXT Solution won the IBS Intelligence (IBSi) Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the “Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation”.
- It is one of the most prominent awards for global bankers and IT (Information Technology) consultants across the world.

NATIONAL

Collarwali Tigress passes away



- ❖ India’s “Supermom” tigress, popularly known as ‘Collarwali’, has passed away at Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Madhya Pradesh, due to old age.
- ❖ It was over 16 years old.
- ❖ ‘Collarwali’ tigress was known for giving birth to 29 cubs during her lifetime.
- ❖ It is believed to be a world record.
- ❖ The official name given to the tigress by the forest department was T-15.
- ❖ But she was fondly called ‘Collarwali’ by the native people.
- ❖ She gained the Collarwali title as she became the first tigress in the park to be fitted with a radio collar in 2008.

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh also gained an identity as a 'Tiger State' due to the significant contribution of this supermom.

Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Bay of Bengal – India, and Japan

- ❖ A Maritime Partnership Exercise was held between the Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) in the Bay of Bengal in a non-contact mode amid COVID-19.
- ❖ The Indian side was represented by Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik and INS Kadmatt.
- ❖ Uruga and Hirado participated from the Japanese side.



AFC Women's football Asian Cup India 2022



- ❖ India is all set to host AFC Women's football Asian Cup India 2022 from 20th January 2022 in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and Pune.

- ❖ The tournament will witness 12 teams competing for the trophy.
- ❖ AFC Women's Asian Cup India will also be the final stage of Asian qualification for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.
- ❖ Japan is the defending champions of the Women's Asian Cup, having won it in 2018.

INTERNATIONAL

EU parliament presidency



- ❖ Roberta Metsola, a Christian Democrat from Malta, was elected president of the European Union's parliament.
- ❖ She is only the third woman elected to the post.
- ❖ She is the European Parliament's youngest president.

Infinity Bridge



- ❖ Iconic 'Infinity Bridge' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates has been formally opened to traffic for the first time.

- ❖ Its design resembles a mathematical sign for infinity (∞).
- ❖ It represents the limitless, infinite goals of Dubai.
- ❖ It consists of six lanes in each direction and a combined 3-meter track for pedestrians and cyclists.
- ❖ It is 300 meters long and 22 meters wide.
- ❖ The bridge improves the link between Deira and Bur Dubai.

World Employment and Social Outlook



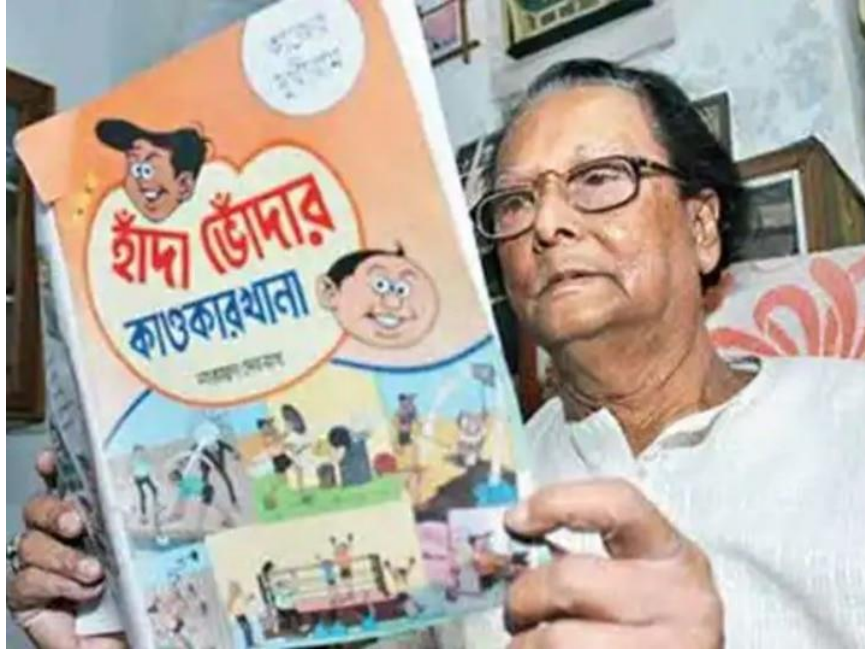
- ❖ The International Labour Organisation (ILO) released its report titled “World Employment and Social Outlook”.
- ❖ In the report, ILO has projected global unemployment of 207 million in 2022.
- ❖ It is almost 21 million more than in 2019.
- ❖ Total hours worked in 2022 will be about 2% below the pre-pandemic level.
- ❖ There will be a deficiency of 52 million full-time equivalent jobs in 2022.
- ❖ The 2022 outlook represents a substantial deterioration as compared to the outlook in June 2021.
- ❖ In June 2021, the shortfall in working hours relative to the fourth quarter of 2019 was projected to decrease to less than 1% in 2022.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Narayan Debnath

- ❖ Legendary Bengali comics artist, writer, and illustrator, Narayan Debnath has passed away.
- ❖ He was 97.

- ❖ The celebrated cartoonist was the creator of popular Bengali comic strips like Handa Bhonda (1962), Bantul the Great (1965), and Nonte Phonte (1969).
- ❖ In 2021, Debnath was awarded Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India.



M.K. Prasad



- ❖ The Noted environmentalist & 'Save Silent Valley' campaigner Prof M K Prasad passed away recently.

- ❖ He was a prominent figure in the historic grassroots level movement to save the evergreen tropical rain forests in Kerala's Silent Valley from destruction.
- ❖ He had also led the popular science movement, 'Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath'.

National Startup Awards 2021

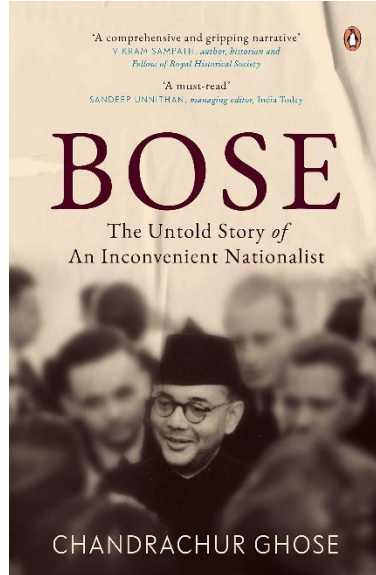


- ❖ The National Startup Awards 2021 is the second edition of the award ceremony.
- ❖ It is conceived by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ❖ A total of 46 Startups have been recognized as winners of the National Startup Awards 2021
- ❖ State-wise, Karnataka bagged the highest number of awards, which included 14 out of 46 national start-up awards.
- ❖ In the fintech category's financial inclusion sub-sector, Bengaluru-based Naffa Innovations Private Limited was declared the winner.
- ❖ In the fintech category's insurance sub-sector, Umbo Idtech Private Limited won the award.
- ❖ In the Robotics sub-sector, Sagar Defence was declared the winner.
- ❖ In the women-led start-up category, Jaipur-headquartered Frontier Markets was honoured.

Book by Chandrachur Ghose

- ❖ A new biography titled "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" authored by Chandrachur Ghose will be released in February 2022.

- ❖ The book contains the thoughts and opinions of Subhas Chandra Bose about the development of independent India, communalism, geopolitics, and political ideology.
- ❖ It also marked the untold and unknown stories of Netaji (Subhas Chandra Bose).



SPORTS

Best FIFA Football Awards 2021

Category	Winner
Best FIFA Men's Player	Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich, Poland)
Best FIFA Women's Player	Alexia Putellas (Barcelona, Spain)
Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper	Édouard Mendy (Chelsea, Senegal)
Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper	Christiane Endler (Paris Saint-Germain and Lyon, Chile)
Best FIFA Men's Coach	Thomas Tuchel (Chelsea, Germany)
Best FIFA Women's Coach	Emma Hayes (Chelsea, England)
FIFA Fair Play Award	Denmark national football team and medical staff
FIFA Special Award for an Outstanding Career Achievement	Christine Sinclair (Female) & Cristiano Ronaldo (Male)

- ❖ The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held virtually in Zurich, Switzerland.

- ❖ This was held to crown outstanding players for excellent achievement in football.
- ❖ Spain's Alexia Putellas and Poland/Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski were awarded the Best FIFA Players in women's and men's football respectively.
- ❖ Lewandowski won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award for the second straight year, after getting the first one in 2020.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day - January 19



- ❖ NDRF is celebrating this day since it came into existence on January 19, 2006.
- ❖ In 2022, the NDRF is observing its 17th Raising Day.
- ❖ There are 12 NDRF battalions located in different parts of the country.
- ❖ They comprise as many as 13,000 NDRF personnel who work to build a safer country.
- ❖ NDRF is an Indian specialized force under the National Disaster Management Authority, constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- ❖ It is constituted to carry out the special responses in situations of threatening disaster.

