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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Koozhangal film from India won the best film award in the Asian Film Competition section at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival.
 - It was directed by P S Vinothraj.
- ❖ In India, 67% of the young population aged under 18 years consider climate change a global emergency as against 58% of adults.
 - This is as per G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 Report.
- ❖ The Common Service Centre operating under the Ministry of Electronics and IT recently launched the Yogyata Mobile Application.
 - The main objective of the application is to provide skill development opportunities to the youths in rural areas.
- ❖ The government of Assam conferred its highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' on Ratan Tata.
 - It is the highest civilian award in the State of Assam.
- ❖ Meta has said that its newly unveiled artificial intelligence supercomputer will be the fastest in the world by mid-2022.
 - Meta is the parent company of Facebook.
- ❖ The women's team from Ladakh has lifted the 9th National Women's Ice Hockey Championship in Himachal Pradesh.

TAMIL NADU

Noida International Film Festival - Jai Bhim



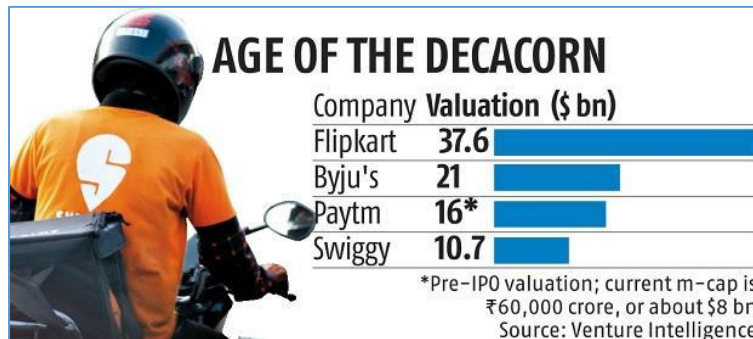
- ❖ Director Tha Se Gnanavel's 'Jai Bhim', featuring actors Suriya, Lijomol Jose, and Manikandan in the lead, has won three awards at the Ninth Noida International Film festival, 2022.

- ❖ The film fetched Suriya the Best Actor award and Lijomol Jose, the award for Best Actress.
- ❖ It also took home the award for Best Film.

NATIONAL

Swiggy turns decacorn

- ❖ Swiggy has signed a \$700 million funding round led by asset manager Invesco.
- ❖ With this, the total valuation of Swiggy has reached to \$10.7 billion i.e. it is now a decacorn.
- ❖ A decacorn is a startup with a valuation of more than \$10 billion.



Spice Exchange Portal



- ❖ The Spice Board of India recently launched the Spice Exchange Portal.
- ❖ The portal will act as a meeting point between the Indian spice exporters and buyers all over the world.
- ❖ This platform is the first of its kind in the country.
- ❖ The platform was launched by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- ❖ Spices contribute 41 percent of total horticultural exports.
- ❖ Spices rank fourth in Indian agricultural commodities.
- ❖ The first three ranks are held by marine products, non-basmati rice, and basmati rice.
- ❖ India is the largest producer, consumer, and exporter of spices in the world.

India and Israel - 30th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations

- ❖ India and Israel have launched a commemorative logo to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.
- ❖ The logo features the Star of David and the Ashoka Chakra and forms the numeral 30 depicting the 30th anniversary of bilateral relations.
- ❖ Israel and India established diplomatic relations on the 29th of January 1992.



Omicron Testing Kit – OM



- ❖ The CSIR - Central Drug Research Institute has developed an indigenous RT-PCR diagnostic kit, 'Om'.

- ❖ This is for the testing of the Omicron variant of coronavirus.
- ❖ It is the first kit made by any government institution.
- ❖ And it is the third to be made indigenously, for specific testing of Omicron.

Subsidy to popularise drone in agriculture

SMAM Scheme



Smam Kisan Yojana - SMAM Scheme for Farmers

- ❖ The Union Agriculture Ministry has amended the guidelines of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization.
- ❖ This will provide a 40-100 percent subsidy until March 2023 in purchasing drones for farm mechanization.
- ❖ After the amendment, a grant for the purchase of drones up to 100 percent of the cost of agriculture drones or Rs 10 lakhs, whichever is less, can be given.

ENVIRONMENT

Najafgarh Jheel

- ❖ Najafgarh Jheel is a transboundary wetland.
- ❖ It is located along the borders of Delhi and Haryana.
- ❖ The Najafgarh lake is under the control of Delhi.
- ❖ The National Green Tribunal recently directed the Haryana and Delhi state governments to implement the environmental management plans prepared by them.

- ❖ The plan aims to rejuvenate Najafgarh Jheel.



Environmental emergency in Peru



- ❖ Peru is a South American country.
- ❖ The Government of Peru recently declared an environmental emergency due to oil spill.
- ❖ The emergency is to last for 90 – days.
- ❖ Around six thousand barrels of oil were spilled into the Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ A tanker of Repsol, a Spanish energy firm, was transporting oil to Vantinalla refinery in Peru.
- ❖ The name of the tanker is “Mare Doricum”.
- ❖ It is an Italian tanker.

- ❖ The oil spill occurred due to the explosion of the undersea volcano Tonga.

STATES

Plastic park at Mangaluru

- ❖ The Central Government recently approved to build a plastic park at Ganjimutt, Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ The plastic parks are industrial zones.
- ❖ They play a key role in the growth of machinery supplies and plastic manufacturing, plastic recycling, and plastic processing companies.
- ❖ A Plastic park is present at Voyallur in the Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu also.

SPORTS

AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022



- ❖ The Indian women's football team has withdrawn from the ongoing AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022.
- ❖ This is after several players tested positive for COVID-19.
- ❖ India is the host of the ongoing football tournament.

ICC Awards 2021

- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the winners of the 17th edition of ICC Awards for the year 2021.

- ❖ This is to recognize and honor the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months, between January 01, 2021, and December 31, 2021.
- ❖ Notably, these awards honor players for their performances for their respective national side in a year.

Category	Winners
Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year	Smriti Mandhana (India)
Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year	Shaheen Afridi (Pakistan)
ICC Umpire of the Year	Marais Erasmus
ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year	Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)
ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year	Tammy Beaumont (England)
ICC Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year	Janneman Malan (South Africa)
ICC Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year	Fatima Sana (Pakistan)
ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year	Zeeshan Maqsood (Oman)
ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year	Andrea-Mae Zepeda (Austria)
ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year	Babar Azam (Pakistan)
ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year	Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year	Joe Root (England)

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Tourism Day - January 25



- ❖ The Indian government established this day to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy.

- ❖ The day is observed to cultivate awareness among the global community on the importance of tourism and its social, political, financial, and cultural worth.

National Voters' Day - January 25

- ❖ India observes this day to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process.
- ❖ The Election Commission of India is celebrating the 12th National Voters Day this year.
- ❖ The theme for this is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative'.
- ❖ Since 2011, National Voters' Day has been celebrated every year to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India, (25th January 1950).



International Customs Day - January 26



- ❖ This day is to commemorate the inaugural session of the World Customs Organisation.



- ❖ It was held on this day in 1953.
- ❖ The day also raises awareness about the importance of customs authorities and their role in the smooth movement of goods across borders.

