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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The book titled “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin” was written by Mumbai-based journalist Dhaval Kulkarni.
 - It will be published by Pan Macmillan India in 2022.
- ❖ India's external debt surged by USD 11.5 billion year-on-year to USD 570 billion as of March-end 2021.
 - The external debt to GDP ratio rose to 21.1 per cent as of March-end 2021 from 20.6 per cent a year ago.

TAMIL NADU

Mariyappan Thangavelu - flag bearer

- ❖ Top para high-jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu was named the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the Tokyo Paralympics.
- ❖ The event begins on August 24.
- ❖ The 25-year-old Thangavelu was conferred with the Khel Ratna.
- ❖ Thangavelu hails from Salem district in Tamil Nadu.



NATIONAL

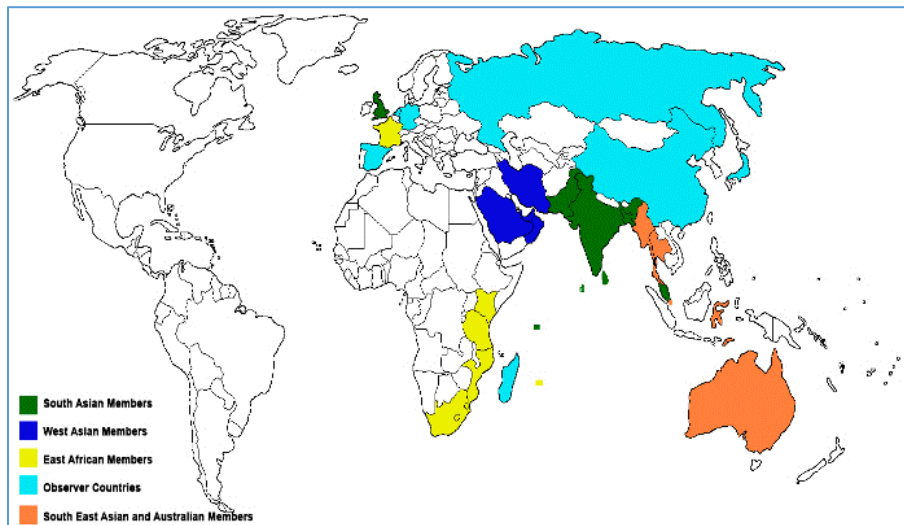
Innovative Promotion Agency 2021

- ❖ Invest India has been awarded world’s most innovative Promotion Agency 2021 by OCO Global.

- ❖ Invest India is the national Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency of India.
- ❖ It was established in 2009.
- ❖ It was established as a non-profit venture of Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal under Trade Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ❖ It focuses on sector-specific investor which helps in targeting & developing new partnerships in order to enable sustainable investments across India.

Indian Ocean Naval Symposium

- ❖ 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) was hosted by the French Navy recently.
- ❖ It is a biennial event.
- ❖ IONS is a significant international maritime security initiative launched in February 2008.
- ❖ It provides a forum for discussion of regional maritime issues and promotes friendly relationships among member nations.
- ❖ IONS includes 24 nations that permanently hold territory within the Indian Ocean, and 8 observer nations.



UDISE+ report

- ❖ Union minister of education, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank released Unified District Information System for Education Plus report (UDISE+) for 2019-2020.
- ❖ UDISE+ report highlighted some interesting facts, both positive and negative about Indian school education system.

- ❖ As per the report, total enrolment in 2019-20 was about 25.09 crores in primary to higher secondary levels of school education.
- ❖ Enrolment of boys was 13.01 crore while that of girls was 12.08 crore.



First uncrewed mission - ISRO

- ❖ The first unmanned launch was scheduled for December 2020 and the second unmanned launch was scheduled for July 2021 and the final human spaceflight was scheduled in December 2021.
- ❖ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the dates were postponed.
- ❖ The first unmanned mission is planned in December 2021 and the second unmanned mission in 2022-23, followed by human spaceflight.
- ❖ GSLV Mk III, ISRO's heavy-lift launcher has also been identified for the mission.
- ❖ With the success of the Gaganyaan mission, India would become the fourth country to successfully launch a crewed mission into space after the US, China, and USSR/Russia.

INTERNATIONAL

Report on International Migrant Workers

- ❖ International Labour Organisation published its report on International Migrant Workers.
- ❖ As per ILO report, number of international migrant workers has increased to 169 million globally.



- ❖ It has increased by 3% since 2017.
- ❖ Share of youth migrant workers (aged 15-24) has also increased by almost 2% since 2017.
- ❖ Europe, Central Asia and America host 63.3 per cent of all migrant workers.

Report on Indigenous Peoples' food systems

- ❖ Traditional food gathering techniques of indigenous communities are under threat because of accelerated climate change and economic pressures right from Arctic to the Amazon.
- ❖ This is according to the U.N. Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)'s report.

Note

- ❖ As per FAO, food systems used by different indigenous peoples were among world's most sustainable in terms of efficiency.
- ❖ It was avoiding waste and adapting to the seasons.

US and Bagram air base

- ❖ United States military has left Afghanistan's Bagram airfield after nearly two decades.
- ❖ Bagram airfield has now been handed over to Afghan National Security and Défense Force.
- ❖ This airbase has been the site of US military's war against Taliban and al-Qaida terrorist outfits.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Sea Breaker AI missile

- ❖ Israeli defence electronics company Rafael Advanced Défense Systems has unveiled the Sea Breaker AI missile.
- ❖ It is a 5th generation long-range, autonomous, precision-guided missile system.
- ❖ It can precisely target sea and land targets up to a range of 300 kilometres.
- ❖ Sea Breaker features an advanced imaging infra-red seeker.
- ❖ This can engage stationary or moving targets in a diverse range of land and marine environments.



ENVIRONMENT

Last Ice Area

- ❖ A new study has found that the "Last Ice Area," may be more vulnerable to climate change than suspected.
- ❖ The Last Ice Area, an Arctic region known for its thick ice cover which spans more than 2,000 kms.
- ❖ During the summer of 2020, the Wandel Sea in the eastern part of the Last Ice Area lost 50% of its overlying ice.
- ❖ The decline in ice may result in adverse situation to the ice-dependent species in future.

SPORTS

WAKO India Kickboxing Federation

- ❖ The Sports Ministry announced that it has decided to recognise the WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as a National Sports Federation (NSF), in a bid to promote and develop the sport in the country.
- ❖ WAKO India Kickboxing Federation is affiliated to the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO).
- ❖ WAKO is the world body for kickboxing.

Note

- ❖ WAKO has been a provisionally recognised member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since November 30, 2020.

- ❖ Full recognition of WAKO will be finally decided by IOC Session of July 2021 in Tokyo.

First Indian Female Swimmer to qualify Tokyo Olympics

- ❖ Maana Patel is the First Indian Female Swimmer to qualify Tokyo Olympics.
- ❖ Maana Patel is also the First Female player to qualify Tokyo Olympics
- ❖ Maana Patel joins Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash to have qualified for the Olympics.
- ❖ She is a 21-year-old backstroke swimmer from Ahmedabad.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Cooperatives - July 03



- ❖ The United Nations celebrates the International Day of Cooperatives every year on the first Saturday of July (July 3rd in 2021).



- ❖ It is created to increase awareness of cooperatives.
- ❖ In the year 2021, the International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated with a focus on the contribution of cooperatives to combating climate change.
- ❖ This July 3rd, the International Day of Cooperatives (#CoopsDay) will be celebrated as “Rebuild better together”.

International Plastic Bag Free Day - July 03

- ❖ The day was started by Zero Waste Europe.
- ❖ The purpose of observing this day is to raise awareness against the use of this often non-biodegradable material which causes harm to our environment.
- ❖ The organisation aims to eliminate single-use plastics from our daily use.

