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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has announced to provide Rs 3000 as monthly stipend to the lawyers in state for next two years.
- ❖ The Odisha state government has launched 'Balram' scheme to provide agricultural credit to landless farmers.

NATIONAL

6th Edition of Swachh Survekshan survey

- ❖ The 6th edition of Swachh Survekshan Survey 2021 will be conducted in January 2021.
- ❖ A new category of award Prerak Dauur Samman was added to the 2021 Swachh Survekshan survey.
- ❖ The award will have five subcategories: Platinum (Divya), Bronze (Udit), Silver (Ujjwal), Gold (Anupam), and Aspiring (Arohi).
- ❖ This survey was launched in 2016 to encourage cities across the country to improve urban sanitation.
- ❖ For 3 consecutive years - 2017, 2018 and 2019, Indore has been the Cleanest City of India.

Unemployment in June 2020

- ❖ As per the data for the month of June 2020 released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate in June 2020 was 10.9 percent
- ❖ The unemployment rate reached an all-time high of 23.52 percent in the country in the month of April due to the nationwide lockdown.
- ❖ It remained similar in May 2020 with 23.48 percent.
- ❖ But with the significant fall of unemployment in June 2020 and the GST collection for June 2020 reaching 91 percent of the GST collection in June 2019, it can be suggested that the worst for the Indian economy has passed for now.
- ❖ Assam with 0.6 percent unemployment had the lowest unemployment rate in the country in the month of June 2020.

- ❖ Haryana with 33.6 percent had the highest unemployment rate in June 2020 among all the states in the country.

INTERNATIONAL

World's first road-rail cable-stayed bridge

- ❖ It was opened to traffic in east China's Jiangsu Province.
- ❖ It is a 11,072-meter bridge over the Yangtze, China's longest river.



Global Food Summit 2021

- ❖ Rattan Lal and Uma Lele from India were appointed as members of International Scientific group.
- ❖ It is to offer foremost scientific evidence for sustainable food systems for global food summit 2021.

ECONOMY

India's Forex Reserves

- ❖ The foreign exchange reserves of India are the fifth largest in the world at more than USD 500 billion.
- ❖ The first four Forex Reserves on the list are China, Japan, Switzerland and Russia.
- ❖ The foreign exchange reserves of India are almost equal to one fifth of India's GDP.
- ❖ It was as per the report released by IMF - International Monetary Fund.



Bharat Bond ETF

- ❖ The Second Tranche of India's first Corporate Bond Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) - Bharat Bond ETF will be open for subscription.
- ❖ The initiative of Bharat Bond ETF was from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management.

Surety Bonds

- ❖ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a working Group (WG) under G. Srinivasan.
- ❖ It will look at the possibility of the Indian insurance industry or any other sector to offer Surety Bonds in India.

PM SVANidhi Portal

- ❖ Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has launched.
- ❖ It is being developed by SIDBI bank
- ❖ It is the scheme implementation partner for PM SVANidhi.
- ❖ It will accept loan applications from Street Vendors.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Zydus Cadila

- ❖ The Drugs Controller General of India (DGCI) has given its approval for the human clinical trials to the second indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine by Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd.
- ❖ Headquartered in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, Zydus Healthcare is one of the leading manufacturers of generic drugs in India.



Spice bomb

- ❖ The Government of India is planning to procure more SPICE-2000 bombs from Israel.
- ❖ SPICE stands for Smart, Precise Impact, Cost-Effective.

COPAL 19

- ❖ AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Science) doctor along with a team of IIT-Delhi students have developed an app “COPAL-19”.
- ❖ It enables users to track willing plasma donors who have recovered from Covid - 19.

Mission Shukrayaan - 1

- ❖ The Indian Venus Mission Shukrayaan-1 and the Swedish Institute of Space Physics will explore Venus for the second time.
- ❖ The Shukrayaan-1 is scheduled for launch at the end of 2023 from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.



STATES

APCOS

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has formally launched the activities of state-owned placement agency - Andhra Pradesh Corporation for Outsourced Services (APCOS).
- ❖ APCOS was incorporated as a Not-For-Profit Company under the Companies Act 2013.
- ❖ It is for ensuring corruption-free job placements.
- ❖ With the launch of APCOS, recruitment of outsourcing employees will now be made online in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ With the establishment of APCOS, for hiring outsourcing employees the corrupt practices will be eliminated.

Skoch award

- ❖ The District Administration of Mon at Nagaland received 2020 SKOCH awards in the 65th SKOCH summit.
- ❖ This award is the highest civilian award of the country for public service by a non-governmental organisation SKOCH Group.



Sabuja Odisha

- ❖ Odisha government decided to implement a new initiative 'Sabuja Odisha'.



- ❖ The initiative will increase green cover through extensive plantations.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Shashank Manohar

- ❖ Recently he stepped down as International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman after his two 2-year tenure (4 years).
- ❖ He is the first independent chairman.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Dharma Chakra Day - July 4

- ❖ The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) in partnership with Ministry of Culture, celebrated the Asadha Poornima on July 4, 2020 as Dharma Chakra Day.
- ❖ The day marks Buddha's first teaching after attaining Enlightenment to the first five ascetic disciples (pañcavargika).
- ❖ The teaching of Dhamma Cakka – Pavattana Sutta (Pali) is also known as the First Turning of Wheels of Dharma.

