

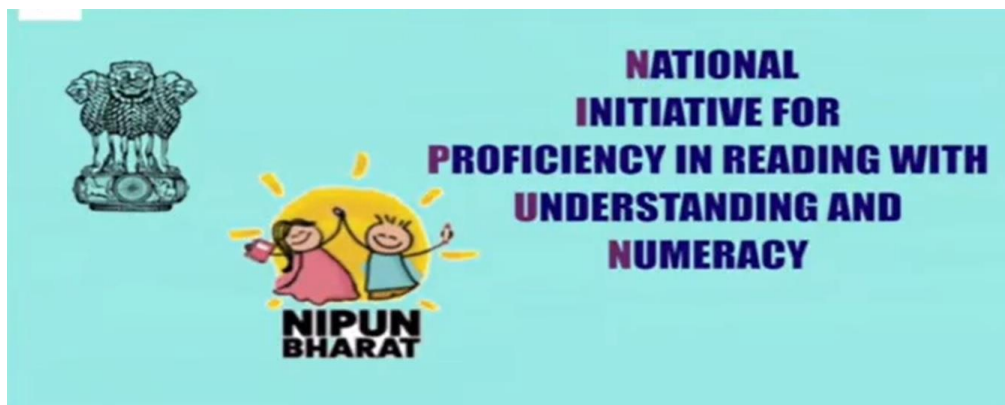
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved a MoU between India and Gambia on governance reforms recently.
 - The objective of the agreement between India and Gambia is to strengthen and promote bilateral cooperation between the two nations in the Personnel Administration and Governance Reforms.
- ❖ The Indian Army Chief Manoj Naravane will inaugurate the Indian Army Memorial at Cassino in Italy.
 - In the Battle of Monte Cassino during World War II, over 5,000 Indian soldiers laid down their lives while fighting to save Italy from fascist forces.

NATIONAL

NIPUN Bharat Initiative



- ❖ The Union government launched a new scheme called “NIPUN Bharat Initiative” on July 5, 2021.
- ❖ NIPUN stands for “National Initiative for Proficiency in reading with Understanding and Numeracy”.
- ❖ This scheme would provide an enabling environment in a bid to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy.
- ❖ It will ensure that every child achieves desired learning competencies in reading, writing, and numeracy by end of Grade 3, by the year 2026-27.
- ❖ This initiative will be a part of school education programme, Samagra Shiksha.
- ❖ It is a five-tier implementation mechanism.

- ❖ It will be set up at national, state, district, block, and school levels across all states and Union territories.
- ❖ This scheme is in line with new education policy.

End of Darbar move

- ❖ The LG Manoj Sinha formally put an end to a 149-year-old biannual tradition of shifting offices between summer capital Srinagar and winter capital Jammu.
- ❖ The Administration cancelled the residential accommodation of “darbar move” employees in Jammu and Srinagar.
- ❖ This implies that the employees will remain stationed in either Jammu or Kashmir.
- ❖ Dogra monarch Maharaja Gulab Singh is believed to have started the tradition of shifting the capital in 1872.
- ❖ The tradition was continued after 1947 by J&K’s political class.



INTERNATIONAL

Storm Elsa

- ❖ Tropical Storm Elsa got strengthened recently and its centre approached south-central Cuba.
- ❖ Elsa is an active tropical cyclone which is affecting and threatening portions of Caribbean and South-eastern United States.
- ❖ It is the fifth named storm and first hurricane of Atlantic hurricane season 2021.



- ❖ It is the strongest July hurricane in eastern Caribbean Sea after Hurricane Emily in 2005.

Turkey quits Istanbul Convention

- ❖ Turkey quits Istanbul Convention on Violence Against Women.
- ❖ Turkey says that the convention demeans traditional family structure, promotes divorces and encourages acceptance of LGBTQ in the society.
- ❖ Besides, it also says that it has enough local laws to protect women's rights.
- ❖ Istanbul Convention is the world's first binding instrument to prevent and tackle violence against women.
- ❖ The convention was adopted by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers in 2011.

Note

- ❖ In 2011, Turkey became the first country to ratify the Istanbul convention.
- ❖ On March 8, 2012, it incorporated the Istanbul Convention into domestic law.

ECONOMY

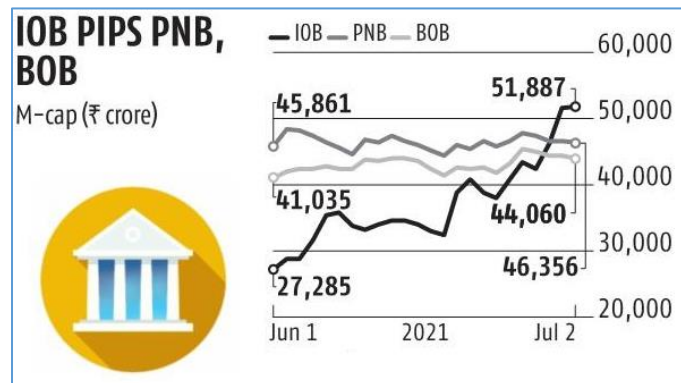
India's share in world market capitalization

- ❖ As per Bloomberg data, India accounted for 2.60% of world market capitalisation in June 2021.
- ❖ India raised its share in world market capitalisation as compared with long-term average of 2.45%.
- ❖ India's market-capitalisation increased to 66% in one year to \$3.02 trillion in June 2021.
- ❖ It outpaced the 44% growth in global market-capitalisation.
- ❖ India has been outperforming global growth in market-capitalisation for five years annually at the rate of 14.7%, against 13.25%.
- ❖ Indian equities have delivered a return of 49% in past one year.

Indian Overseas Bank - second most-valued public lender

- ❖ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has become the second most-valued listed public sector bank (PSB).
- ❖ It had acquired a market capitalisation of over Rs 50,000 crore.

- ❖ IOB pushed PNB and BOB to third and fourth position respectively.
- ❖ SBI tops the list.



ENVIRONMENT

World's highest temperature in Jacobabad

- ❖ Jacobabad city in Pakistan's Sindh province records the world's highest temperature.
- ❖ The highest recorded temperature in Jacobabad is 52.8 °C (127.0 °F).
- ❖ The city is located on the Tropic of Cancer.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

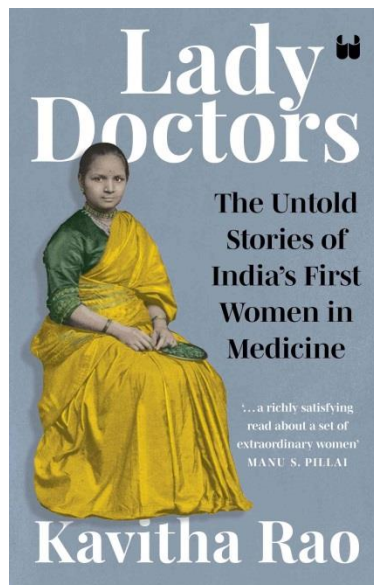
Diana Award 2021 - D. Kavin Vendhan





- ❖ A 17-year-old student from Chennai, D. Kavin Vendhan is one among several recipients recognized with the Diana Award 2021.
- ❖ He has been recognised for his social efforts.
- ❖ Kavin received a citation from the Charity for his non-profit youth initiative, 'S.M.I.L.E.Y INDIA' (Society for Motivation Innovative Leadership and Empowerment of Youth).
- ❖ The award recognised 300 inspirational children and young people between the ages of 9 years to 25 years from across the world for their social action or humanitarian efforts.

Book by Kavitha Rao



- ❖ A book titled “Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine” has authored by Kavitha Rao.
- ❖ This book recovers the stories of India’s first women doctors, often ignored by history.
- ❖ In this excerpt from Kavitha Rao’s ‘Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine, the story of Rukhmabai Raut’.
- ❖ Rukhmabai was an Indian physician and feminist.
- ❖ She is best known for being one of the first practising women doctors in colonial India.
- ❖ She also involved in a landmark legal case involving her marriage as a child bride between 1884 and 1888.

SPORTS

Mithali Raj's recent achievement

- ❖ India captain Mithali Raj became the highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats.
- ❖ She overtook the former England skipper Charlotte Edwards.
- ❖ Mithali achieved this feat against England.

New World record - 400m hurdles

- ❖ Karsten Warholm broke the long-standing world record in the 400m hurdles during the Bislett Games.
- ❖ He is a 25-year-old athlete from Norway.
- ❖ Earlier the record was held by American hurdler Kevin Young for 29 years.
- ❖ His mark of 46.78 seconds was set at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.
- ❖ This was finally broken with an official time of 46.70 seconds by Warholm.

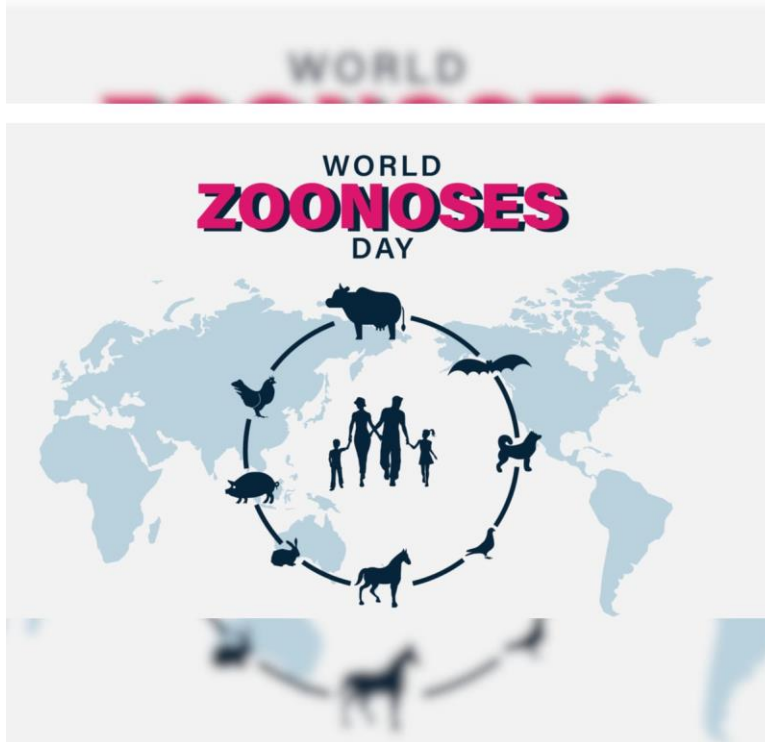


IMPORTANT DAYS

World Zoonoses Day - July 06

- ❖ It is held every year on to raise awareness of the risk of zoonotic diseases.
- ❖ Zoonoses are infectious diseases (virus, bacteria and parasites) that can spread from animals to humans, and vice versa.

- ❖ It was on July 6, 1885, when Louis Pasteur successfully administered the first vaccine against Rabies virus.
- ❖ Rabies is a zoonotic disease.



MISCELLANEOUS

Panchmuli Lake and Crocodiles

- ❖ 194 crocodiles have been relocated from Panchmuli Lake near Statue of Unity in Narmada district, Gujarat.
- ❖ Crocodiles were relocated for the safety of tourists do boat rides in the Panchmuli Lake.
- ❖ This lake is situated near 182-metre-tall statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Kevadia.
- ❖ This lake is also known as 'Dyke-3' of Sardar Sarovar Dam.
- ❖ It was developed for tourists visiting the Statue of Unity.

