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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court of Nepal has passed an order to appoint Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba as the Prime Minister Nepal.

NATIONAL

Khadi - trademark registrations

- ❖ The Khadi and Village Industry Commission (KVIC) has secured trademark registration for its brand name “Khadi” in Mexico, Bhutan and United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- ❖ KVIC obtained trademark registration in Bhutan on July 9.
- ❖ UAE granted the trademark registration on June 28, 2021.
- ❖ Thus, KVIC has successfully secured trademark registration in a gulf country for the first time.
- ❖ KVIC received trademark registration for “Khadi” in Mexico in December 2020.
- ❖ KVIC is a statutory body established in April 1957.
- ❖ It was established during 2nd Five Year plan, under the ‘Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956’.
- ❖ It works under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Mumbai.
- ❖ It has its six zonal offices.



The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh book

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received the first copy of “The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji”.
- ❖ It was written by the late Baljit Kaur Tulsi - the mother of noted lawyer KTS Tulsi.
- ❖ The book is published by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts.

INTERNATIONAL

Virgin Galactic rocket plane - Richard Branson

- ❖ British billionaire, Richard Branson, soared for 50 miles above New Mexico desert on his Virgin Galactic rocket plane.
- ❖ He also made safe return in vehicle's first fully crewed test flight to space.
- ❖ With this, Richard Branson becomes first billionaire to fly to space on own craft.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

High-speed solar storm

- ❖ The Earth could be impacted by a powerful high-speed solar storm, approaching at a speed of 1.6 million kilometres per hour.
- ❖ This is according to the details shared by NASA.
- ❖ The storm originated from the Sun's atmosphere and can have a significant impact on a region of space dominated by Earth's magnetic field.
- ❖ It is likely to disrupt satellite signals and communication networks, as well as interfere with GPS navigation, mobile phone signal and satellite TV.
- ❖ It could also interfere with power transmission.



- ❖ Solar storms are huge bursts of charged particles, ejected from the Sun's atmosphere into space.
- ❖ The most powerful geomagnetic storm ever recorded resulted in the 1859 Carrington Event.

Planetary conjunction

- ❖ The Mars, Venus and Moon aligned each other on July 12-13
- ❖ Mars and Venus were close to each other on July 13, 2021.
- ❖ Such a celestial event is known as planetary conjunction.
- ❖ The Planetary conjunction was visible with naked eyes.
- ❖ Moon also came close to both planets on July 12, 2021.




STATES

Population policy for 2021-2030 - Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has proposed a population control bill titled The Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilization and Welfare) Bill, 2021.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government announced a new population policy for 2021-2030.
- ❖ The Bill called to debar those having more than two children from contesting in local polls.
- ❖ They will also be prevented from applying for or getting promotion in government jobs.
- ❖ They would also be debarred from receiving government subsidy.


- ❖ The new policy has provisions to give incentives to those who help in population control.
- ❖ The Public servants who adopt the two-child norm will get two additional increments during the entire service.
- ❖ They will get maternity or paternity leave of 12 months with full salary and allowances.
- ❖ Three percent increase in the employer's contribution fund under the National Pension Scheme.

Future planning | The Uttar Pradesh Population Policy 2021-2030 was launched to reduce maternal and infant deaths in a time-bound manner. The policy aims to:




Baby steps: Yogi Adityanath encouraging a newly married couple to opt for family planning in Lucknow on Sunday. ■ PTI

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decrease the total fertility rate (number of children per woman) from 2.7 to 2.1 by 2026 and 1.7 by 2030 ▪ Increase modern contraceptive prevalence rate from 31.7% to 45% by 2026 and 52% by 2030 ▪ Increase male methods of contraception use from 10.8% to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.1% by 2026 ▪ Decrease maternal mortality rate (per 1,00,000 live births) from 197 to 150 by 2026 and 98 by 2030 ▪ Decrease infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) from 43 to 32 by 2026 and 22 by 2030 ▪ Decrease under 5 mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) from 47 to 35 by 2016 and 25 by 2030 |
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 **Awareness and extensive programmes would be held among those communities, cadres and geographical areas that have a higher fertility rate**

U.P. POPULATION POLICY

 **We should not forget that the increase in population contributes to poverty in society. Hence, until all sections are made comprehensively aware, there will be a delay in fulfilling various goals**

YOGI ADITYANATH, UTTAR PRADESH CM

India's first Cryptogamic Garden

- ❖ India's first cryptogamic garden has been inaugurated in Deoban area of Dehradun in Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Located in the district's Chakrata town, the garden was inaugurated by social activist Anoop Nautiyal.
- ❖ Cryptogamae means "hidden reproduction".
- ❖ This refers to the fact that no seed, no flowers are produced.
- ❖ Thus, cryptogams represent the non-seed bearing plants.



India's First Private LNG Facility plant - Nagpur

- ❖ The Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility plant at Nagpur.
- ❖ The plant has been set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group, the makers of Ayurvedic medicines.
- ❖ LNG is natural gas, mainly methane (CH_4) with some mixture of ethane (C_2H_6).
- ❖ It is odourless, colourless, non-toxic and non-corrosive gas.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Commonwealth Points of Light award

- ❖ Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi won Commonwealth Points of Light award.
- ❖ He has been feeding thousands of people every day as part of his food drive 'Hunger Has No Religion'
- ❖ The award is given for those 'outstanding individuals who are making a change in their community.'

SPORTS

Copa America 2021

- ❖ Lionel Messi-led Argentina beat Neymar's Brazil 1-0 to win the Copa America Cup.

- ❖ The final match was held at the Maracanã Stadium in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil.
- ❖ With this win, Lionel Messi has secured his first major international trophy.
- ❖ The 2021 Copa America was the 47th edition of the annual international men's football championship.
- ❖ It was organised by South America's football ruling body CONMEBOL.



European Championship trophy

- ❖ Italy has won second European Championship trophy.
- ❖ They defeated England by 3-2 in penalty shoot-out in final of Euros 2020 trophy at Wembley Stadium in London.
- ❖ This is the first major international trophy won by Italy since their 2006 FIFA World Cup win.

IMPORTANT DAYS

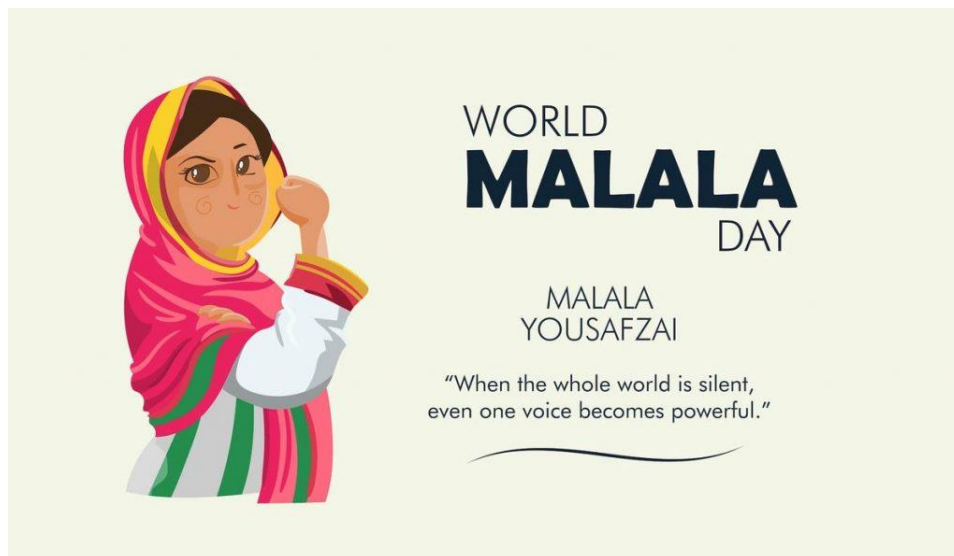
World Population Day - July 11

- ❖ The year 2021 marked the 32nd world population day.
- ❖ It highlights problems of overpopulation.
- ❖ The day also raises awareness about effects of overpopulation on environment and development.
- ❖ This year theme of World Population Day 2021: "the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility".
- ❖ First World Population Day was observed on July 11, 1989.
- ❖ This day was established by Governing Council of United Nations Development Programme.

- ❖ This day was suggested by Dr. K. C. Zachariah when the World population reaches Five Billion.



World Malala Day - July 12



- ❖ The United Nations has declared this day to honour the young activist, Malala Yousafzai.
- ❖ Malala Day is commemorated, the birthday of Malala Yousafzai to honour women and children's rights around the world.

Note

- ❖ In 2012, she was awarded the first-ever National Youth Peace Prize by the Pakistan government.



- ❖ In 2014, at age 17, she became the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.
- ❖ The UN has declared her as “the most famous teenager in the world” in its Decade in Review report in late 2019.

