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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Adani Group led by Gautam Adani has completed the takeover of 'Mumbai International Airport' from GVK group.
 - With this takeover, Adani group has become the top company in terms of airport infrastructure companies in India.
- ❖ Deepak Kabra has become the first Indian to be selected for judging the gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games.

TAMIL NADU

Doorstep care to cut deaths due to diabetes & BP – TN

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to launch a programme that will take clinics to people's homes across the state and offer home-based dialysis units to people with chronic renal failure.
- ❖ This is done with the aim to bring down by 50% nearly five lakh deaths caused ever year due to non-communicable diseases in the state.
- ❖ The state will launch a mass screening programme for 10 days as a precursor to the doorstep medical care programme and check for blood sugar and blood pressure
- ❖ Under 'makalai thedi maruthuvam' scheme, those diagnosed with diabetes or hypertension will undergo preliminary screening and consultation at the government primary health centre.

'MAKKALAI THEDI MARUTHUVAM'



- Those with elevated blood sugar and or BP will be sent to the nearest govt facility for tests and consultations
- Their blood sugar and pressure will be tested periodically by health workers when they visit patients' homes to also deliver drugs
- Peritoneal dialysis machines and physiotherapy services will also be provided at home



NATIONAL

10th P-8I aircraft from Boeing

- ❖ Indian Navy received 10th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I from Boeing.
- ❖ Boeing is an US-based aerospace company.
- ❖ P-8I was delivered to replace ageing Tupolev Tu-142 aircraft of Indian navy.
- ❖ Contract for eight P81 aircraft was signed by defence ministry in 2009.
- ❖ In 2016, ministry signed a contract for four additional P-8I aircraft.

National AYUSH Mission extended

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved continuation of National AYUSH Mission
- ❖ National AYUSH mission has been extended from 01-04-2021 to 31-03-2026.
- ❖ National AYUSH mission is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- ❖ It is being implemented by Ministry of AYUSH.
- ❖ This scheme is addressing the gaps in health services by supporting efforts of State or UT Governments to provide AYUSH health services or education across India.

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	National AYUSH Mission (NAM) to continue till 31-03-2026 with financial implication of ₹4,607.30 crore
	Better access to AYUSH healthcare services , more medicines and trained manpower
	Improvement in AYUSH education ; Focus on reducing diseases through targeted public health programmes

MoU on coking Coal - India and Russia

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Russia on cooperation in coking Coal.



- ❖ The Coking coal is used for Steel making.
- ❖ MoU was signed between Ministry of Steel (India) and Ministry of Energy (Russia).
- ❖ MoU will benefit entire steel sector by reducing their input cost.
- ❖ It will reduce cost of steel and promote equity & inclusiveness.
- ❖ An institutional mechanism for co-operation in coking coal sector will also be provided by MoU.

Coking coal

- ❖ Coking coal is also known as metallurgical coal.
- ❖ It is a grade of coal which can be used to produce good-quality coke.
- ❖ Coke is an essential fuel and reactant in the process of blast furnace for primary steelmaking.

Leader of House in Rajya Sabha - Piyush Goyal

- ❖ The union minister Piyush Goyal has been appointed as the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ He will succeed Thawar Chand Gahlot, who has taken charge as the Governor of Karnataka.
- ❖ This replacement signals the induction of younger leader for a role which is usually handled by veterans.
- ❖ Piyush Goyal is serving as the Union minister for commerce, consumer affairs and food & textiles.
- ❖ The Leader of the House is responsible for organizing government meetings and business in the House.

India's first 5-star Hotel atop Railway Track

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurates the newly-built five-star hotel on the top of redeveloped Gandhinagar railway station.
- ❖ This project was started by Indian Railway Stations Redevelopment Corporation in January 2017.
- ❖ The hotel will be used to host national and international guests attending seminars and conferences at Mahatma Mandir.
- ❖ The Mahatma Mandir is a convention centre located opposite to the property.



India's largest solar park - NTPC

- ❖ NTPC Ltd is set to construct the country's single-largest solar photovoltaic project at Rann of Kutch region in Khavada, Gujarat.
- ❖ The solar power park will have a capacity of 4.75 Gigawatt (Gw)/4750 MW.
- ❖ The project will be constructed through NTPC's renewable energy arm, NTPC Renewable Energy (NTPC-REL).

INTERNATIONAL

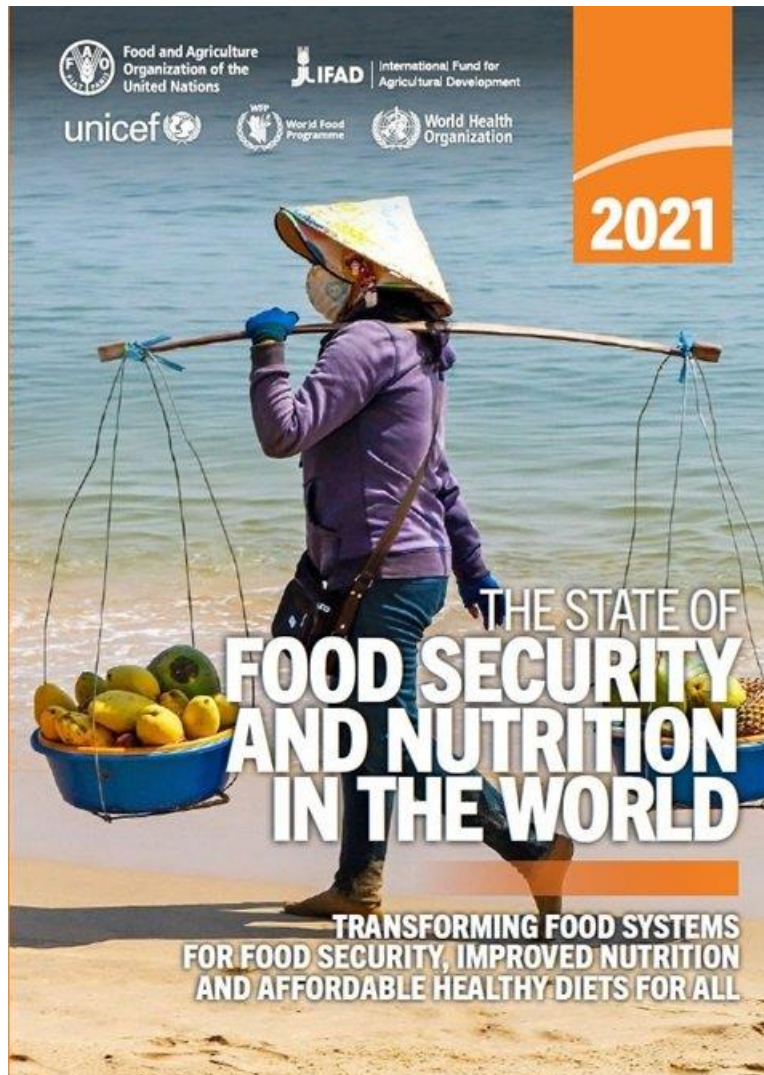
SCO meet - Highlights

- ❖ The SCO meeting was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- ❖ The Meeting was dominated by deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan.
- ❖ Meeting was attended by representatives from countries having observer status with SCO and SCO members.
- ❖ External affairs minister of India, S Jaishankar, raised these issues when he joined his counterparts from SCO states.
- ❖ Three prominent issues discussed by members were Afghanistan, public health and economic recovery.

India's call

- ❖ India sought to stop terror financing and deter digital facilitation.
- ❖ It also urged the need of early universal vaccination against Covid-19.
- ❖ Indian minister also spoke on reformed multilateralism.

State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021



- ❖ This report was published recently by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ❖ The report provides a grim reminder of impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Food security.
- ❖ The FAO's study was conducted in 63 low- and middle-income countries.
- ❖ As per the study, there is a significant decrease in affordability of healthy food because of loss in income.
- ❖ Covid-19 pandemic led to an additional 141 million people being unable to afford healthy diet because of loss of income and rising food price
- ❖ The Cost of healthy diet was 60 percent more than diet that meets "requirements for essential nutrients".

- ❖ In 2020, 2.37 billion people couldn't access adequate food.
- ❖ One in three people worldwide couldn't access adequate food in 2020.
- ❖ 12 per cent of global population faced severe food insecurity.

SPORTS

India to host 2026 World Badminton Championships

- ❖ The Badminton World Federation has allotted the BWF World Championships to India for 2026.
- ❖ This will be the second time that India will host the premier tournament, which is held every year except for the Olympic year.
- ❖ India had hosted the BWF World Championships in Hyderabad in 2009.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Youth Skills Day - July 15

- ❖ The United Nations celebrates the day to make the world know the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
- ❖ The theme of World Youth Skills Day 2021 is "Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic".
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly in 2014 declared 15th July as World Youth Skills Day.





Education Development Day - July 15

- ❖ The 119th birth anniversary of Kamaraj, former Chief Minister of Tamilnadu was celebrated on July 15, 2021.
- ❖ Tamilnadu celebrates Birth anniversary of Kamaraj (July 15th) as 'Education Day' or 'Education Development Day'.
- ❖ Since 2006, this day is observed as educational development day.

