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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ 22nd July is organised as World Fragile X Awareness Day.
 - On this day various landmarks and monuments are illuminated by various communities globally.
- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Secretary, Aramane Giridhar (IAS) has been given additional charge of the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- ❖ Kerala removes the age limit for transgenders in university admissions.
 - Kerala was the first State in India to have announced transgender educational coverage in the year 2015.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given its approval of the formation of a Central University in Ladakh.
- ❖ Rasmi Ranjan Das, a Joint Secretary of Ministry of Finance, has been appointed as a member of the UN tax committee for 2021-25 term among 25 global tax experts across the world.
- ❖ Ariel Henry has become the new Prime Minister of Haiti, amid the ongoing political turmoil because of the assassination of President Jovenel Moise.
- ❖ China's central Henan province witnesses the heaviest rainfall in 1,000 years.
 - Zhengzhou City recorded 617.1 mm rainfall in three days.

NATIONAL

SMILE scheme

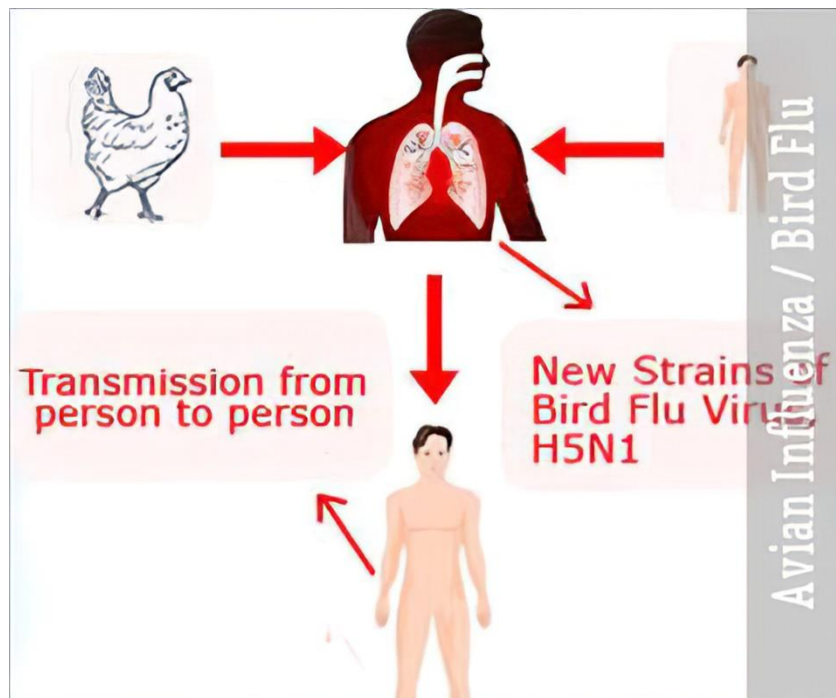
- ❖ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has framed the SMILE scheme (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise scheme).
- ❖ This Scheme includes a sub scheme - 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging'.
- ❖ This Scheme covers several comprehensive measures including welfare measures for persons who are engaged in the act of begging.

Historic Urban Landscape Project

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has launched UNESCO's 'Historic Urban Landscape' project for Gwalior and Orchha cities of State.
- ❖ These places will now be jointly developed by UNESCO, Government of India and Madhya Pradesh by focusing on their historical and cultural improvement.
- ❖ Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh were included in the list of UNESCOs world heritage cities under its urban landscape city programme in December 2020.

H5N1 avian influenza

- ❖ India has recorded first death due to H5N1 avian influenza this year.
- ❖ It is a disease caused by avian influenza Type A viruses found naturally in wild birds worldwide.
- ❖ Avian Influenza type A viruses are classified based on two proteins on their surfaces.
- ❖ They are Hemagglutinin (HA) and Neuraminidase (NA).
- ❖ India was declared free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) in 2019.
- ❖ The status will last only till another outbreak is reported.



WHO-GMP/COPP Certification

- ❖ The Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. (IMPCL) has applied for WHO-GMP/COPP certification for 18 Ayurvedic products.
- ❖ GMP is a short form of Good Manufacturing Practice.
- ❖ The WHO GMP certificate is mandatory in most global markets for pharmaceutical companies to be able to sell medicines.
- ❖ The certificate of pharmaceutical product (CPP or CoPP) is a certificate issued in the format recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Kaman Aman Setu



- ❖ India and Pakistan Armies recently held a Flag meeting and exchanged sweets at Kaman Aman Setu.
- ❖ Kaman Aman Setu is located at Uri in North Kashmir.
- ❖ Kaman Aman Setu, the Friendship Bridge between India and Pakistan, is also the last point of the India-Pak border in the Uri district.

New Generation Akash Missile

- ❖ It was developed by the DRDO.
- ❖ It was successfully flight-tested from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha.
- ❖ It is a surface-to-air missile system.
- ❖ It has a strike range of 60 km and fly at a speed of up to Mach 2.5.



Nature Index

- ❖ The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, has been placed in the prestigious Nature Index.
- ❖ It has been placed in the top 50 institutions worldwide for advances in materials science.
- ❖ It places the JNCASR in the 23rd position globally among universities and institutions as part of its '50 Rising Institutions' list.
- ❖ The centre is also the only Indian institute on the list
- ❖ The list includes 18 institutes from China, 12 from the United States and two from the United Kingdom.

SKOCH Award





- ❖ The Cachar Deputy Commissioner, Keerthi Jalli received the National Silver SKOCH Award
- ❖ It is given for 'Pushti Nirbhor' (nutrition-dependent) a convergence project on transformation and development entailing setting up Nutri-gardens at houses in Dinnathpur Bagicha village.
- ❖ The village is near the India-Bangladesh border in the Katigorah circle of the Cachar district.
- ❖ Instituted in 2003, SKOCH Award salutes people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation.

The World Universities Summit

- ❖ The Summit was organized by O.P. Jindal Global University, located at Sonipat, Haryana.
- ❖ The theme of the summit was "Universities of the Future: Building Institutional Resilience, Social Responsibility and Community Impact".
- ❖ The Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated and addressed this Summit as Chief Guest.

INTERNATIONAL

Using the name of Taiwan

- ❖ Using the name "Taiwan," the Taiwan's government will set up its first office in Europe, in the Baltic nation of Lithuania.
- ❖ This decision has drawn a rebuke from China while it was praised by the USA.
- ❖ The other diplomatic outposts of Taiwan on the continent are named "Taipei."
- ❖ Taiwan is a country in East Asia.
- ❖ Its capital is Taipei.
- ❖ China has also urged Lithuania to adhere to China's one-China principle.
- ❖ China claims Taiwan to be its province under its one-China policy.
- ❖ But Taiwan is known as the Republic of China.

Mekong-Ganga Cooperation

- ❖ Its 11th meeting was recently held.
- ❖ It was 20th anniversary meet of MGC.

- ❖ The Foreign Minister of Cambodia co-chaired the meeting along with foreign minister of India.
- ❖ It was launched in the year 2000 with the aim of boosting cooperation in tourism, connectivity and culture and other range of areas.
- ❖ This initiative comprises of six countries.
- ❖ They are: India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.



Ancient viruses at Tibetan glaciers

- ❖ The Scientists have found ancient viruses that have been frozen for almost 15,000 years in the Tibetan glaciers.
- ❖ The viruses were found in two ice samples that were taken from the Guliya ice cap Tibetan Plateau in China.
- ❖ Most of these viruses are unlike any viruses that have been catalogued to date, as they have been remained frozen for thousands of years.

Cadet World Wrestling Championship 2021

- ❖ It was held in Budapest, Hungary.



- ❖ The India's Young wrestlers Aman Gulia and Sagar Jaglan emerged as the new world champions.

