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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju informed that 2021 Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Panchkula in Haryana.
- ❖ The Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Ministry of Science and Technology launched a joint India-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialization Programme in partnership with Russia.
- ❖ The 21st issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) was released by the Reserve Bank of India.

## NATIONAL

### Kashmir saffron

- ❖ Kashmir Saffron has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.
- ❖ It is the only saffron in the world grown at an altitude of 1,600 m to 1,800 m AMSL (above mean sea level).
- ❖ It is cultivated and harvested in the Karewa (highlands) of Jammu and Kashmir.



### WUC

- ❖ The Ministry of Shipping recently waived off Waterways Usage Charges (WUC) for three years.
- ❖ It is to make inland waterways as a supplementary, cheaper, and eco-friendly mode of transport.



- ❖ The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is the statutory authority that monitors and maintains waterways in India.
- ❖ It is operating under Ministry of Shipping.

### **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor**

- ❖ India builds one kilometer (km) long World's first electrified rail tunnel that fits double stack containers.
- ❖ It cuts through Aravali mountain on the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) near Sohna, Haryana.

### **Honey testing lab in India**

- ❖ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' welfare Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the 'World Class State of Art Honey Testing Laboratory'.
- ❖ This is considered to be the first Government Honey Testing lab in India.
- ❖ The testing lab was established by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in Anand, Gujarat with support of NBB (National Bee Board).
- ❖ The MIDH (Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture) and National Mission for Beekeeping are implemented through the National Bee Board and the States.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

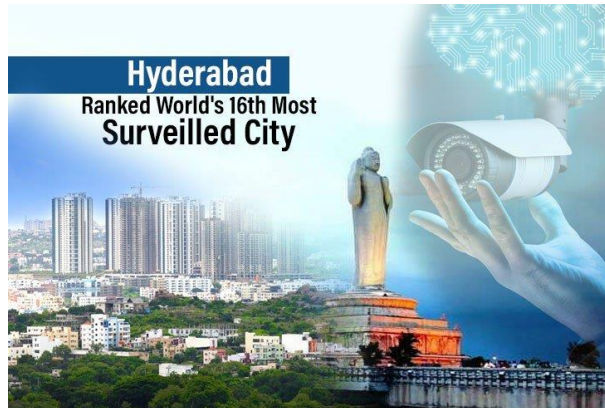
### **15th India EU Summit**

- ❖ India and European Union renewed their agreement on scientific and technological cooperation for the next five years.
- ❖ The agreement was renewed at the 15th India-EU summit that was held virtually.
- ❖ The agreement was signed in 2001 and was renewed in the past twice in 2007 and 2015.

### **World's Most Surveilled Cities**

- ❖ Hyderabad has been positioned in 16th rank among the list of top 20 cities with the maximum number of Closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance cameras.
- ❖ It has most CCTV surveillance in India.
- ❖ The List was topped by Taiyuan, China.

- ❖ It was the analytical report by Comparitech.



## **ECONOMY**

### **Most valuable energy company**

- ❖ Reliance Industries Limited became the world's second most valuable energy company, overtaking American oil giant ExxonMobil.
- ❖ It was after its market capitalisation (m-cap) reached over Rs 14 lakh crore.
- ❖ No Indian company has ever crossed the m-cap of Rs 14 trillion.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020**

- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations recently released this report.
- ❖ The FAO brings out the report once in every five years.
- ❖ According to the report, India is ranked third among top 10 countries where forest cover has increased in the last decade.
- ❖ China is ranked at the top.
- ❖ The forest area managed by local, indigenous communities and tribal in India increased from zero in 1990 to about 25 million hectares in 2015.
- ❖ As per the report, the world has a 31% forest area of the total land area.
- ❖ Russia has a maximum forest area accounting 20% of global forest area followed by Brazil & Canada.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Legend of Animation award

- ❖ Arnab Chaudhuri was posthumously awarded with The 'Legend of Animation' award, 2020.
- ❖ This award is instituted by the Toonz Media Group (TMG).

## SPORTS

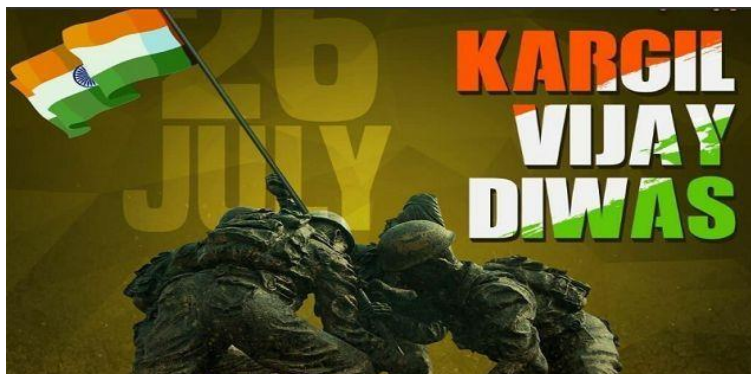
### 2018 Asian Games

- ❖ Indian 4x400m mixed relay team's silver medal in the 2018 Asian Games has been upgraded to gold.
- ❖ This decision has been taken after the disqualification of original winners Bahrain due to doping ban.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Kargil Vijay Diwas - July 26

- ❖ On July 26, 1999, Indian Government culminated "Operation Vijay" and declared victory after three-month long battle in Kargil.
- ❖ The Kargil War is an armed conflict between India and Pakistan that took place along Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The operation Vijay was launched by the Indian Army twice in Indian history.
- ❖ The first Operation Vijay was launched in 1961 that led to the capture of Goa.
- ❖ The second operation of Vijay was launched in 1999.
- ❖ The operation White Sea was also launched during Kargil war, 1999.





## **International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem - July 26**

- ❖ It was adopted by the General Conference of the UNESCO in 2015.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems.

