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TNPSC BITS

- Four new sports have been introduced in the Tokyo Olympics.
 - \circ $\;$ They are karate, skateboarding, surfing and sport climbing.
- The Former election commissioner Ashok Lavasa has come out with a book titled "An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation."
 - Ashok Lavasa resigned as election commissioner in 2020 to become the vice-president of the Asian Development Bank.
- Naveen Patnaik led Odisha state government has declared Puri as the first city in the country to have city-wide safe drinking tap water.
- Rakshaya and Vedasree from Ariyalur district have been selected to participate in a space exercise in Russia.
 - They study the 11th grade in Thirumanaur Government High School.

TAMIL NADU

Government Jobs to Suba Venkatesh and Dhanalakshmi

- Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Meyyanathan has said that the state government jobs will be awarded to the Tamil Nadu athletes Suba Venkatesan and Thanalakshmi who participated in the Olympics.
- He also said that Olympic academies would be set up in 4 places in Tamil Nadu to train Tamil Nadu athletes in international standards.

NATIONAL

India in top 10 list of Agri produce exporters

- ✤ The World Trade Organization report is based on the trends in world agricultural trade in the past 25 years.
- India entered the top 10 list of the countries exporting agricultural produce in the year 2019.
- India and Mexico with 3.1% and 3.4% share in global Agri exports, respectively, replaced New Zealand (9th) and Malaysia (7th) as the largest exporters across the globe.





- ✤ India is also the third-largest cotton exporter (7.6%), and the fourth-largest importer (10%) in 2019.
- However, India lagged behind as a value-added contributor to world agri exports.
- ✤ The US, which topped the list in 1995 (22.2%), was overtaken by the European Union in 2019 (16.1%).
- ♦ China climbed from the sixth spot in 1995 (4%) to fourth in 2019 (5.4%).
- The top 10 exporters accounted for more than 96% of exports in both 1995 and 2019.



INTERNATIONAL

Bangladesh to launch new apps

- Bangladesh is going to launch its own social media platform named 'Jogajog'.
- ✤ It is an alternative to the globally popular Facebook.
- ✤ 'Alapon', an alternative of WhatsApp, is also to be launched.
- Boithok app, an alternative to Zoom online and Surokkha App, used for the purpose of vaccine registration, are the other apps launched.

Madrid's Paseo del Prado and Retiro Park - World Heritage Status

- The historic Paseo del Prado boulevard and Retiro Park of Madrid, in Spain, has been granted the status of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- The wide tree-lined Paseo del Prado, in the centre of the Spanish capital is home to prominent buildings such as the Prado Museum.



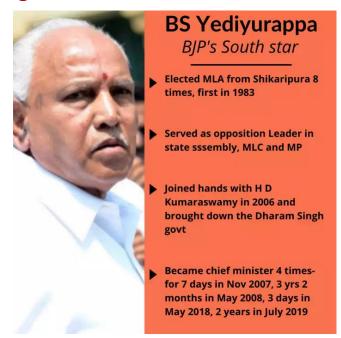


- The iconic Retiro Park, just adjoining with Paseo del Prado, is a 125-hectare green space.
- ✤ It is one of the most visited attractions in Madrid's history.



STATES

BS Yeddyurappa resigns



- ✤ At a two-year celebration of his government, Karnataka Chief Minister, BS Yeddyurappa announced his resignation.
- He will remain as caretaker Chief Minister of the state while his party decides on his replacement.





- SYeddyurappa became the first Chief Minister in the south of the BJP.
- He had served as the chief minister of Karnataka for four terms.
- He was the only chief minister to do so in Karnataka history.

Kavitha Maloth

- Kavitha Maloth, a Member of Parliament from the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, was convicted by a special court in Hyderabad.
- She reportedly bribed voters with cash during the 2019 Lok Sabha election.
- The MP from Mahabubabad constituency in Telangana was convicted by a special sessions court for MP and MLA cases.

SPORTS

Japan's youngest gold medallist

- 13 years old Japanese skateboarder Momiji Nishiya won the gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- She became one of the youngest gold medallists ever at the Olympic Games.
- Nishiya won the gold in the women's street competition which debuted for the first time in Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- ✤ Yuto Horigome of Japan won the men's competition.
- This makes Japan the gold medal holder in both the categories.



Note

- ✤ Marjorie Gestring is the youngest gold medal winner of the Olympics.
- ✤ At the 1936 Berlin Games she dominated the women's diving competition.
- ✤ During that time she was only 13 years and 268 days old.





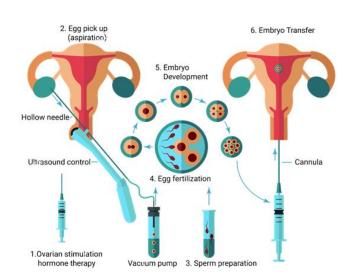
Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year 2019 - Pramod Bhagat



- ✤ World No. 1 para shuttler Pramod Bhagat was named Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year at Indian Sports Honour for 2019.
- The Indian Sports Honours are awards given annually by the RPSG Group in association with the Virat Kohli Foundation to outstanding sports personalities of India.
- \clubsuit The awards were founded in 2017.

IMPORTANT DAYS

In Vitro Fertilisation Day - July 25



In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)





- On July 25 the world celebrates World In Vitro Fertilisation Day.
- The day is celebrated to mark the greatest innovation in the field of reproductive medicine.
- The biggest breakthrough was the birth of Louise Brown on July 25, 1978, in England.
- In India, Dr Subhash Mukherjee was also working on IVF.
- And in less than three months of the birth of Louise Brown, Kanupriya Agarwal was born on October 3, 1978.
- Dr Subhash Mukhopadhyay named India's first IVF child as 'Durga' later on her parents renamed her Kanupriya.
- ✤ She became India's first and the world's second IVF baby.

CRPF Raising Day - July 27

CRPF Observes 83rd Raising Day on 27 July

- The Central Reserve Police Force, observed its 83rd Raising Day on 27 July 2021.
- CRPF is India's largest Central Armed Police Force, under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ✤ Its headquarters is located in New Delhi.
- ✤ It came into existence as the Crown Representative's Police on 27 July 1939.
- ✤ After Indian Independence, it became the Central Reserve Police Force on the enactment of the CRPF Act on 28 December 1949.

World Hepatitis Day - July 28

- ✤ The day is celebrated to enhance awareness of viral hepatitis.
- Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that causes a range of health problems, including liver cancer.
- This year theme of World Hepatitis Day 2021 is 'Hepatitis Can't Wait'.







World Nature Conservation Day - July 28

- The main objective of celebrating this day is to raise awareness about protecting nature and adopting best practices for conserving our natural resources.
- The Earth is supplied a limited amount of properties that we all rely upon each day like water, air, soil and trees.
- ✤ Theme of this year is "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet".



MISCELLANEOUS

Crocodile's grandfather found at Chile

- The Argentine Museum of Natural Sciences announced that a 150-million years old fossilized skeleton, discovered in the mountains of Southern Chile, was determined to be the ancestor of the modern crocodile.
- The species was named as Burkesuchus mallingrandensis.
- ✤ It was found in 2014.





Burkesuchus are found to be the first that began to get into the water, the freshwater.



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