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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The United Nations proclaimed June 1 to be the Global Day of Parents.
  - The UN General Assembly declared Global Day of Parents on June 1 since 2012.
- ❖ “My Life – My Yoga” contest is a Video Blogging Contest.
  - It is a joint effort by the Ministry of AYUSH and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- ❖ COVID-19 is the first pan India biological disaster being handled by the legal and constitutional institutions of the country.
  - Under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the States and district authorities can frame their own rules on the basis of broad guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and IT and IT Industry body NASSCOM has jointly developed India’s national Artificial Intelligence Portal.
  - The portal aims to aid the development of solutions based on Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ❖ The Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) is stating that PM CARES FUNDS is not a ‘public authority’ under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
  - So it has refused to divulge any information about that fund under the RTI Act.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Black Lives Movement**

- ❖ The Black Lives Movement is an African-American movement that campaigns against violence and racism towards black people.
- ❖ The movement campaigns against killings of black people, police brutality, racial profiling and racial inequality in the United States.
- ❖ The movement began in 2013.
- ❖ The movement spread to Canada, Australia and Germany as well.
- ❖ The United States is facing nationwide protests over the death of an African American George Floyd.



## ECONOMY

### MSP rate for Kharif crops

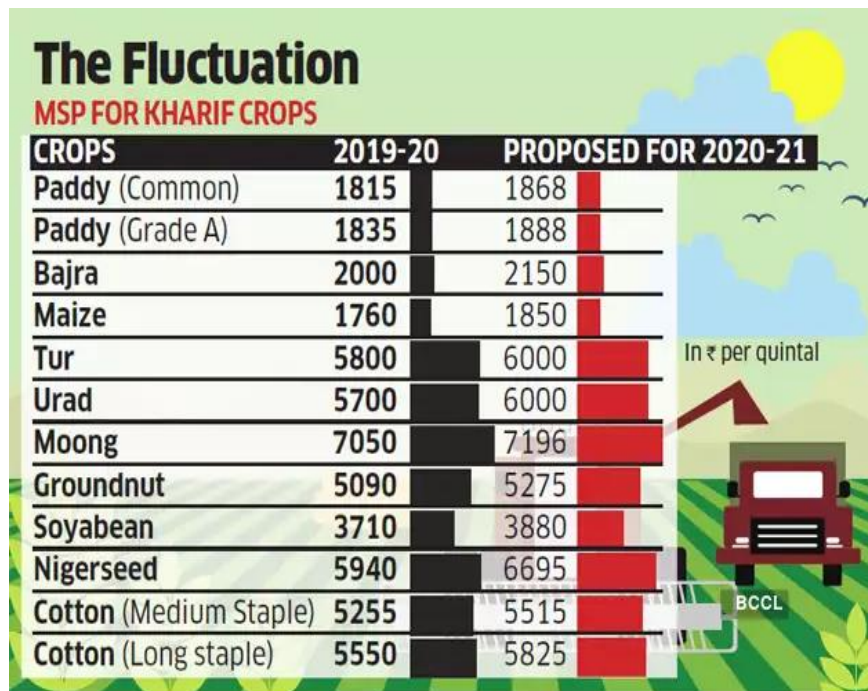
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved an increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops.
- ❖ It was based on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

**The Fluctuation**  
**MSP FOR KHARIF CROPS**

| CROPS                  | 2019-20 | PROPOSED FOR 2020-21 |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Paddy (Common)         | 1815    | 1868                 |
| Paddy (Grade A)        | 1835    | 1888                 |
| Bajra                  | 2000    | 2150                 |
| Maize                  | 1760    | 1850                 |
| Tur                    | 5800    | 6000                 |
| Urad                   | 5700    | 6000                 |
| Moong                  | 7050    | 7196                 |
| Groundnut              | 5090    | 5275                 |
| Soyabean               | 3710    | 3880                 |
| Nigerseed              | 5940    | 6695                 |
| Cotton (Medium Staple) | 5255    | 5515                 |
| Cotton (Long staple)   | 5550    | 5825                 |

In ₹ per quintal

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### PM SwaNidhi scheme

- ❖ Under PM Swanidhi scheme, the centre will provide a special credit facility of Rs 5000 crore for the street track vendors.

- ❖ The scheme is expected to benefit 5 million street vendors, hawkers, those running small shops and those selling goods on handcrafts.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Scorpion Fish - *Scorpaenopsis neglecta***

- ❖ The Researchers at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute have found a rare fish from the Gulf of Mannar.
- ❖ The specimen was deposited at the National Marine Biodiversity Museum of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).
- ❖ It is a leading tropical marine fisheries research institute in the world, headquartered in Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ The fish is locally called Scorpion Fish for its venomous tail.
- ❖ This is the first time, the species has been found alive in the Indian waters.



### **2019 LD2**

- ❖ Astronauts have recently discovered a rare space object.
- ❖ The object looks like both asteroid and comet.
- ❖ The new space object is called Active Asteroid.
- ❖ The asteroid has been named 2019 LD2.
- ❖ It has an orbit like an asteroid and a tail like a comet.
- ❖ The 2019 LD2 shares the orbit of Jupiter and is a part of the asteroid swarm called Jupiter Trojans.
- ❖ The space object found is the first that emits gas just like a comet.
- ❖ The asteroid was discovered by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS).

## SpaceX

- ❖ The SpaceX has become the first private rocket company to send astronauts to space.
- ❖ The SpaceX astronaut mission completed its first journey as the astronauts in the Crew Dragon Capsule entered the International Space Station (ISS).
- ❖ The SpaceX Company sent Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken to space through a Falcon 9 rocket.
- ❖ The mission will end the reliance of NASA on Russian space rockets.
- ❖ SpaceX was the first private company in the world to return rockets back to the earth.
- ❖ The astronauts have named the commercial spacecraft after one of the retired winged orbiters, 'Endeavour'.
- ❖ The International Space Station (ISS) is a modular space station (habitable artificial satellite) in low Earth orbit.
- ❖ It is the largest artificial object in space and the largest satellite in low Earth orbit, regularly visible to the naked eye from Earth's surface.
- ❖ The ISS circles the Earth in roughly 93 minutes, completing 15.5 orbits per day.
- ❖ The ISS programme is a multi-national collaborative project between five participating space agencies:
  - NASA (United States),
  - Roscosmos (Russia),
  - JAXA (Japan),
  - ESA (Europe),
  - CSA (Canada).





## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Milk Day - June 1

- ❖ It is celebrated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
- ❖ Theme: The 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day
- ❖ India is the largest producer of milk.
- ❖ India celebrates National Milk Day on November 26.
- ❖ It is the birth anniversary of Verghese Kurien.
- ❖ He is known as Father of Milk Revolution in India.
- ❖ It was his idea to launch Operation Flood in India in 1970.

