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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Tata Steel Ltd chief executive officer and managing director, T.V. Narendran has taken over as president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2021-22.
  - Confederation of Indian Industry was founded in 1895.
- ❖ The Odisha government decided to include disaster and pandemic management in high school and college curriculums.
- ❖ The Indian Broadcasting Foundation announced the appointment of Justice Vikramjit Sen as the Chairman of its newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC).
  - He is a former Supreme Court judge.
- ❖ SBI has come out with its Ecowrap report in which it has slashed its 2021-22 GDP growth forecast to 7.9 per cent from 10.4 per cent earlier.
  - The study has also examined a district-wise comparison of the Covid deaths for each state between the first and second wave.
- ❖ Microsoft has launched first ever “Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council”.
  - Council was set up with the aim of accelerating public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, and share threat intelligence.
- ❖ West Bengal chief secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay was immediately appointed as the Chief Advisor of chief minister Mamata Banerjee after his retirement.
  - He will take on the new role from June 1 for a period of three years.
- ❖ China has decided to allow each couple to have up to three children, ending its strict two-child policy.
  - This comes after China's population data over the past decade showed the slowest population growth in decades.
- ❖ China's Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft docked with the Tianhe space station module in low Earth orbit.
  - It was launched from Wenchang spaceport.
- ❖ The European Commission approved the use of Pfizer and BioNTech SE's COVID-19 vaccine to vaccinate children of age 12 - 15.
  - The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is already being used in the European Union to vaccinate those aged 16 years and above.



## NATIONAL

### Horticulture Cluster Development Programme

- ❖ The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP) for the integrated and market-led development of 53 horticulture clusters.
- ❖ The Agriculture Ministry has identified 53 horticulture clusters, of which 12 have been selected on a pilot basis.
- ❖ The Horticulture Cluster Development Program will address all the major issues that are related to the Indian Horticulture Sector including production, pre-production, logistics, post-harvest management, branding, and marketing.
- ❖ With this program, the Central Government aims at improving the exports of the targeted crops by about 20%.
- ❖ The program is also expected to attract an investment of Rs. 10,000 crores when implemented in all the 53 clusters.

### 2DG adjunct therapy in Covid treatment

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) announced that the anti-COVID drug 2DG has been approved for emergency use as an adjunct therapy in the treatment of COVID-19 patients.
- ❖ DCGI approved the emergency use authorization of 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG).
- ❖ It was approved as an adjunct therapy for moderate to severe COVID-19 patients.

#### Directions for use of 2DG in COVID-19 Patients as per DCGI Approval

- The 2DG is approved for Emergency use as adjunct therapy to the standard of care in the treatment of COVID patients in the hospital settings.
- Ideally, 2DG should be prescribed as early as possible by Doctors for moderate to severe COVID patients for maximum duration up to 10 days.
- Uncontrolled diabetes, severe cardiac problem, ARDS, severe hepatic and renal impairment patients have not been studied yet with 2DG, hence caution should be exercised.
- 2DG should not be given to pregnant and lactating women and patients below 18 years.
- Patients/Attendants are advised to request their hospital to contact Dr Reddy's Lab, Hyderabad for medicine supply at email: 2DG@drreddys.com



### **Bal Swaraj portal**

- ❖ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched “Bal Swaraj” portal.
- ❖ It is an online tracking portal for real-time tracking & monitoring of Children who lost both or either of their parents in COVID-19.
- ❖ NCPCR is an organisation under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ NCPCR is the monitoring authority of all children in India, under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **BRICS Foreign Ministers 2021 meeting**

- ❖ India is the hosting country and the chair of the BRICS Foreign Ministers 2021 meeting.
- ❖ The country chairs the meeting for the third time, after 2012 and 2016.
- ❖ India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar chaired the BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting virtually.

## **STATES**

### **Maratha Community avail benefits under EWS quota**

- ❖ Supreme Court struck down the Maharashtra law granting quota to the Maratha community in admissions and government jobs, by terming it "unconstitutional".
- ❖ The Maharashtra Government announced that the Maratha Community can now avail benefits under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota.
- ❖ Earlier, the Maratha Community recognized as the Socially and Economically Backward Class (SEBC) category was not eligible for the availing the 10 per cent EWS quota due to the prevalence of Maratha reservation in the state.

### **Skill development colleges**

- ❖ The government of Andhra Pradesh has passed an order to establish of one Skill Development University and 30 skill development colleges across the state.
- ❖ One college will be set up in each of the 25 parliamentary constituencies.
- ❖ One will be set up in each IIIT across the state.

- ❖ One will be set up in Pulivendila, Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy's constituency.

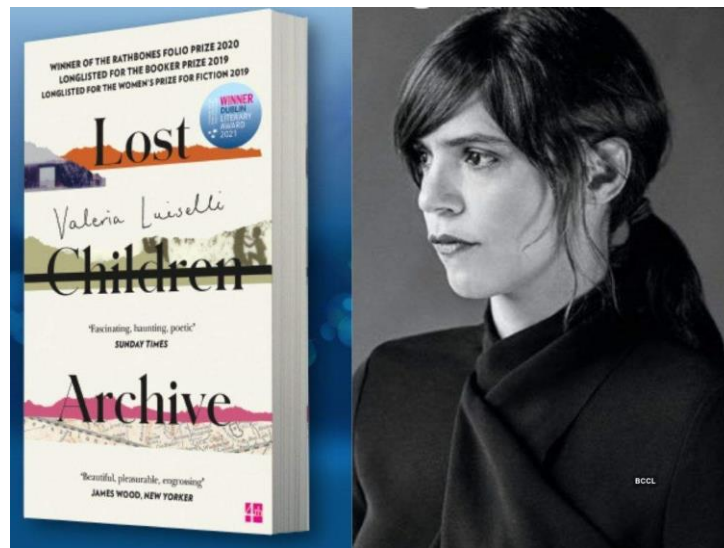
### **Guardian Ministers**

- ❖ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has appointed 'Guardian Ministers'.
- ❖ They are appointed to oversee the implementation of government policy decisions, administrative reforms, and other welfare schemes in all the 34 districts of the state.
- ❖ 13 'Guardian Ministers' have been appointed for all 34 districts in Assam
- ❖ The assigned ministers will be responsible for the implementation of all centrally-sponsored schemes as well as the state's own priority programmes.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

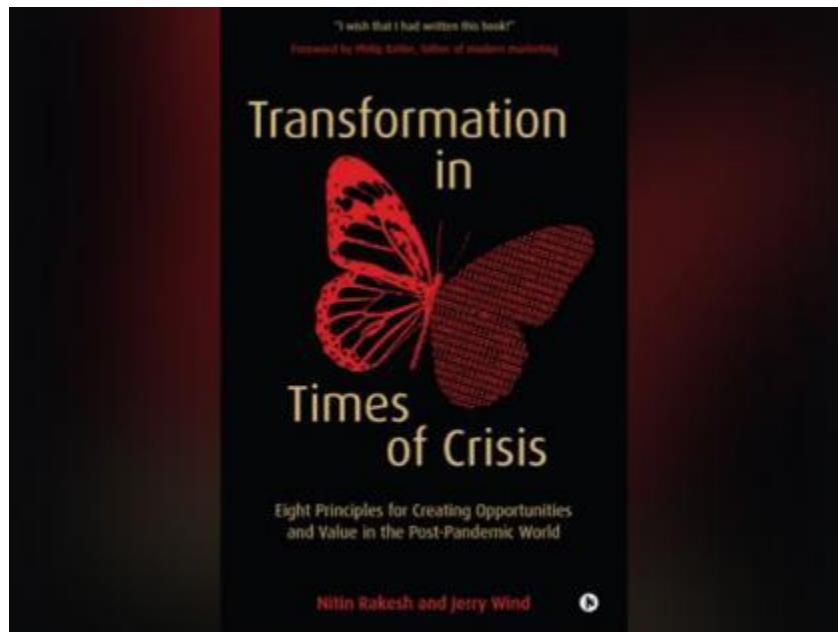
### **International Dublin Literary Award 2021**

- ❖ Mexican author Valeria Luiselli won the International Dublin Literary Award 2021 for her novel 'Lost Children Archive'.
- ❖ Established in 1994, the International Dublin Literary Award is considered as one of the world's wealthiest awards for literature.
- ❖ It's noted that the author also won the Rathbones Folio Prize in 2020 for the same book.



## **International Business Book of the Year Award 2021**

- ❖ Authors Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind win International Business Book of the Year Award 2021
- ❖ Award was given for their recently launched book Transformation in Times of Crisis, published by Notion Press.
- ❖ Author Nitin Rakesh, a winner of the 'Gold Stevie Award' for Tech Innovator of the Year, is the CEO and Executive Director of IT major Mphasis, since 2017.
- ❖ His Co-author Jerry Wind is an internationally renowned academician.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Bicycle Day - June 03**





- ❖ The day is observed to draw people's attention towards the importance and benefits of riding a bicycle.
- ❖ It is a well-known fact that riding a bicycle is not only good for one's health but is also good for the environment as it is a zero pollution mode of transportation.
- ❖ The date of June 3 was declared as World Bicycle Day by the United Nations General Assembly.

