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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The World Bank recently launched the Global Economic Prospects Report, 2020.
 - The report says that the Emerging Market and the Developing Economies are highly vulnerable.
- ❖ The central government has initiated a consultation process for the formulation of new science, technology, and innovation policy (STIP 2020), a fifth policy in a row.
 - This process has been jointly initiated by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Office to the Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India.
- ❖ To foster the inclusion of LGBTQAI+ employees, Mahindra Logistics Ltd. (MLL) has unveiled a five-year plan.
 - It aims at hiring queer people and extending benefits to same-sex partners.
- ❖ The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) predicts that there would be a 24% increase in the expansion of Ameri Ice Shelf (AIS) boundaries by 2021 and another 24% expansion by 2026 from its 2016 positions.
 - The Amery Ice Shelf is one of the largest glacier drainage basins in the world, located on the east coast of Antarctica.
- ❖ The Long-distance runner Kiranjeet Kaur has been handed a four-year ban by World Athletics' anti-doping body for testing positive for a banned substance (Enobosarm).
- ❖ The Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju and tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda inaugurated Khelo India e-Pathshala programme which aims to provide online coaching and education to athletes living in far-off areas.
 - The programme was launched by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), in association with National Sporting Federations (NSFs) recently.

NATIONAL

TULIP

- ❖ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of HRD (Human Resource Development) launched an internship learning programme called "TULIP".
- ❖ The programme has been launched for fresh engineering graduates.

- ❖ Under the programme, they will get opportunities to work with 4,400 urban local bodies and 100 smart cities in India.
- ❖ The internship will be held for one year.



Pharmacopoeia commission

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved to re-establish the Pharmacopoeia commission for Indian Medicine and Homeopathy under Ministry of AYUSH.
- ❖ The commission has been set up by merging Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for Indian Medicine and Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory.
- ❖ This will boost quality control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs and enhance their regulation.
- ❖ The commission is an autonomous body that operates under Ministry of AYUSH.
- ❖ Pharmacopoeia means drug making.

One India, One Agriculture Market

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved an ordinance that will pave the way for the creation of 'One India, One Agriculture Market'.
- ❖ It is named as the Farming Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020 in order to ensure the barrier-free trade in agricultural produce.
- ❖ This ordinance will promote barrier-free inter-state and intra state commerce and trade outside the physical premises of markets notified under State Acts for the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee.
- ❖ It aims to set up an ecosystem where farmers and traders both have the freedom of choice of sale and purchase of agricultural produce.

- ❖ It also proposes an electronic trading in transaction platform for ensuring a seamless trade electronically.
- ❖ The farmers will not be charged any cess or levy for sale of their produce under this Act.
- ❖ The Union cabinet also approved The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020.
- ❖ This step will empower the farmers to engage with aggregators, processors, large retailers, wholesalers, and exporters on a level playing field without any fear of exploitation.



China Border infrastructure

- ❖ The government has approved new guidelines to boost infrastructure in areas along China border.
- ❖ It provides to spend 10% funds of a centrally sponsored scheme only on projects in Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim.

Startup Blink Ecosystem Rankings 2020

- ❖ Startup Blink measures ecosystems based on the number of startups, their quality and business environment.
- ❖ As per this index, India is ranked at 23rd position, a drop of 6 places from 17th position in 2019.
- ❖ It should be noted that India is home to the third-largest startup ecosystem.
- ❖ The ranking has been topped by the United States (US), followed by the United Kingdom (UK), and Israel at 2nd and 3rd position.



- ❖ Among the top 100 startup cities, only four India cities were named in “2020 Cities Global Ranking of Startup Ecosystem”
- ❖ These are Bengaluru, New Delhi, Mumbai, and Hyderabad.

INTERNATIONAL

WEF summit 2021

- ❖ The World Economic Forum (WEF) announced that it is to host its next summit in Davos under the theme “The Great Reset” in 2021.
- ❖ The forum has named the summit as “A Unique Twin Summit”.
- ❖ The World Economic Forum was established in 1971.



Global Vaccine Summit

- ❖ India is to join the UK-led virtual Global Vaccine Summit.
- ❖ India will be one among the 50 countries participating at the summit.
- ❖ The summit is being held to raise at least 7.4 billion USD of funds for GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance.
- ❖ The GAVI alliance was set up in 2000 under the partnership of UNICEF, WHO, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank, research agencies, vaccine manufacturers and several other private sector partners.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression - June 4

- ❖ The day was established in 1982 in the background of the victims that suffered in Lebanon war and is marked by the United Nations.
- ❖ The Lebanon war was fought in 2006.
- ❖ The war was between Israel and Hezbollah.

