

June - 09

TNPSC BITS

- ❖ China has issued a white paper on the country's battle against COVID-19.
 - The document is titled "Fighting COVID-19: China in Action."
- ❖ New Zealand declared itself COVID-19 free following the recovery of its last patient.
- ❖ Pakistan witnessed the highest inflation in the world during the fiscal year 2020.
- ❖ The member countries of the G20 Group have pledged to donate more than USD21 billion to fight the COVID-19 Pandemic.

NATIONAL

Food Safety Index

- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) had shared the results of the second 'State Food Safety Index'.
- ❖ Gujarat has topped India's food safety index among larger states, while Chandigarh topped among the union territories.
- ❖ Goa topped the index among the small states.
- ❖ Gujarat was followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra among the larger states in food safety and Goa was followed by Manipur and Meghalaya among the smaller states.
- ❖ Among the Union Territories, Chandigarh was followed by Delhi and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in food safety.



**FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS
AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

Inspiring Trust, Assuring Safe & Nutritious Food

Deccan Queen train - 90 years

- ❖ It is also known as the "Queen of Deccan"

- ❖ It runs between Mumbai and Pune.
- ❖ It began operations on 1st June 1930.
- ❖ This train holds many a record, including that of being India's first superfast train, first long-distance electric-hauled train, first vestibuled train, the first train to have a 'women-only' car, and the first train to feature a dining car.



INTERNATIONAL

Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China

- ❖ It is the first of its kind.
- ❖ A group of eight democracies have launched Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China.
- ❖ The Alliance was formed by Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Lithuania, Norway, Netherlands and USA.
- ❖ It is an international cross-party group of legislators that are working towards reforms on democratic countries approach towards China.
- ❖ The alliance believes that China under the rule of the Chinese Communist Party represents a global challenge.

ECONOMY

Jaya Jaitly Task Force

- ❖ The Government of India has constituted Jaya Jaitly Task Force that will work on the issues of women and child development.
- ❖ The task force was constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.



- ❖ The team will work on Lowering Maternal Mortality Rate, Improving Nutritional Levels, Examining issues that are related with age.
- ❖ The force will also work on issues related to Infant Mortality Rate, Total Fertility Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate, Child Sex Ratio Rate, Sex Ratio at Birth and other issues related to health and nutrition.

Online waste exchange programme

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the first online waste exchange programme of India.
- ❖ The programme was launched for safe disposal of toxic wastes and promotes recycling and reuse of toxic wastes.
- ❖ The platform launched is to comply the principles of 6Rs namely Reuse, Recycle, Reduce, Redesign, Refurbish and Remanufacture.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Magnetocaloric material

- ❖ The scientists from the Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), have recently developed earth based magneto caloric material to treat cancer.
- ❖ The ARCI is an autonomous Research and Development Centre operating under Department of Science and Technology.
- ❖ The Magnetic Caloric materials provide controlled heating.
- ❖ The main advantage of the using the material is that the cells cool down as soon as the magnetic field is removed.

ENVIRONMENT

Environment Performance Index

- ❖ The Yale University recently released the 12th edition of biennial Environment Performance Index.
- ❖ The index provided 10-year observation on environmental performance at national and international level.
- ❖ The index ranks 180 countries on 32 performance indicators across 11 categories covering environmental health and ecosystem vitality.
- ❖ India scored 168th rank out of 180 countries

- ❖ All the South Asian countries were ahead of India except Afghanistan.

Green Sticker

- ❖ All BS-VI compliant vehicles will have to display a green sticker from October 1, as per the latest government order.
- ❖ The green sticker will have registration details.
- ❖ As per Government's order, all motor vehicles will be fitted with tamper-proof, high-security registration plates (HSRP).
- ❖ The third number plate will also have colour coding for fuel used in the vehicle to help detect polluting vehicles from the non-polluting ones.



STATES

Summer capital of Uttarakhand

- ❖ The Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya assented to declare Gairsain as new summer capital.
- ❖ The Gairsain is also called Bhararisen.
- ❖ The Legislative Assembly of the state is located at Dehradun, the winter capital city.
- ❖ The State of Uttarakhand was formed as the 27th state of India.
- ❖ The state was formed through the Uttar Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Richard Dawkins award

- ❖ Javed Akhtar has become the first Indian to receive the Richard Dawkins award.
- ❖ Javed Akhtar is a renowned lyricist in the Indian film industry.
- ❖ The award is presented by the Atheist Alliance of America (an NGO).
- ❖ Richard Dawkins is an ethologist, author and an english evolutionary biologist.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Oceans Day - June 8

- ❖ It is celebrated by the United Nations.
- ❖ Theme of this year is Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean.
- ❖ The countries were celebrating the Day after the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development that was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.
- ❖ The United Nations decided to celebrate the day in 2009.



World Brain Tumour Day - June 8

- ❖ Since 2000, World Brain Tumour Day has been observed on June 8.
- ❖ It was first highlighted by German Brain Tumour Association.
- ❖ The Government of India has introduced National Cancer Control Programme with the objectives of prevention, screening, early detection, diagnosis and treatment including palliative care in end stage.

