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## TNPSC BITS

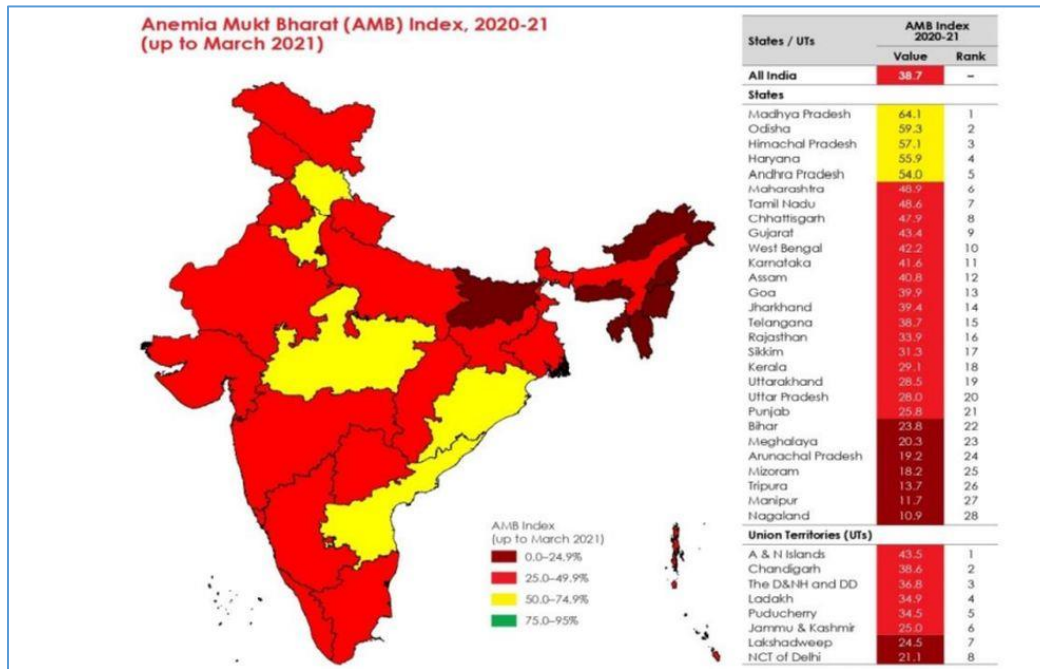
- ❖ China announced that the country has authorized the emergency use of CoronaVac vaccine for children aged between 3 and 17 years.
  - Coronavac vaccine is a Covid-19 vaccine being manufactured by the Beijing-based pharmaceutical firm, Sinovac Biotech.
- ❖ The DCGI has granted permission to the Serum Institute to manufacture the Sputnik COVID-19 vaccine in India.
  - The Pune-based SII has collaborated with Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, Moscow of Russia developing Sputnik V at its licensed Hadapsar facility.
- ❖ The Union government has appointed Anup Chandra Pandey as Election Commissioner.
  - Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar are the other two members of the panel.
- ❖ El Salvador has become the first country to formally adopt bitcoin as legal tender.
  - Proposal to legalise cryptocurrency was put forward by President Nayib Bukele.
- ❖ The UN Security Council has recommended Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for a second five-year term.
  - He will be the Secretary-General of the United Nations for another 5-year beginning from January 1, 2022.
- ❖ 2021 P4G Seoul Summit aims to position P4G (Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030) as a delivery mechanism to build back better and greener in this decade of action.
  - The 2021 P4G Seoul Summit's theme was Inclusive Green Recovery towards Carbon Neutrality.

## NATIONAL

### Anemia Mukht Bharat Index 2020-21

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh has climbed to the third spot in the Anaemia Mukht Bharat Index 2020-21 national ranking.
- ❖ It has the score of 57.1.

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh is in the first position with a score of 64.1
- ❖ It is followed by Odisha with a score of 59.3.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Impact of climate change on plant pests

- ❖ The FAO & International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) published a report “Scientific review of the impact of climate change on plant pests”
- ❖ The report was prepared by Maria Lodovica from the University of Turin in Italy alongside 10 co-authors.
- ❖ The focus of this report is to outline the potential effects of climate change on plant pests, and hence on plant health.
- ❖ According to the report as much as 40 per cent of the world’s agricultural crops are lost to pests each year.

### FORTUNE 500

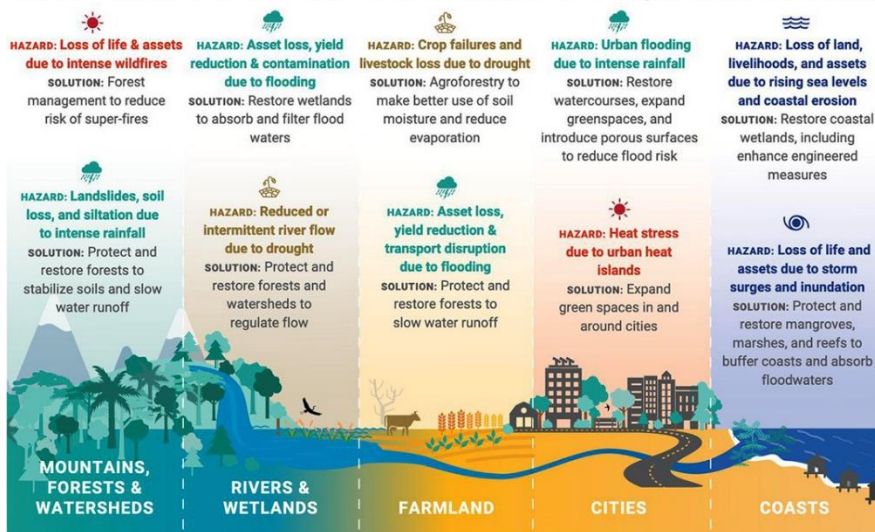
- ❖ The Fortune magazine announced the 67th FORTUNE 500 list.
- ❖ It is the annual list of the largest corporations in the United States, ranked by revenue.
- ❖ It has now released for the 2020 fiscal year.

- ❖ Walmart took the top spot on the 2021 list for the ninth year in a row.
- ❖ Amazon also held onto their No.2 spot.
- ❖ Apple is placed in the No. 3 spot.
- ❖ CVS Health is in the No.4 spot.
- ❖ CVS Health makes history as the highest-ranked company ever to be led by a female CEO (Karen Lynch).

### State of finance for nature report

- ❖ The report analyses the investment flow in nature-based solutions (NbS).
- ❖ It identifies the future investment needed to meet the climate change, biodiversity and land degradation targets (set in three Rio Conventions).
- ❖ The report was jointly produced by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Economic Forum and the Economics of Land Degradation.
- ❖ The NbS refers to sustainable management and use of nature to tackle socio-environmental challenges.

#### Nature-Based Solutions Can Build Resilience to Multiple Climate Hazards



## STATES

### International maritime services cluster - GIFT City

- ❖ Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) will set up the country's first international maritime services cluster at GIFT City.



- ❖ This will be a dedicated ecosystem comprising ports, shipping, logistics services providers and government regulators, all present in the same geographic vicinity.
- ❖ GIFT City is India's first operational smart city and international financial services.

### **Assam awards**

- ❖ Asom Ratna Award award will be presented every year to one person for his significant contribution to society.
- ❖ Cabinet also decided to constitute Asom Bibhushan, Assam Bhushan Award and Asom Shree award.
- ❖ These will be conferred every year to three people, five people and ten people, respectively.
- ❖ Awards will be accompanied by a cash reward.
  - Rs 5 lakhs for Asom Ratna Award,
  - Rs 3 lakhs for Asom Bibhushan Award,
  - Rs 2 lakhs for Assam Bhushan Award and
  - Rs 1 lakh for Asom Shree Award.

### **Other Decisions**

- ❖ Literary Pension will be conferred in the name of litterateur Dr Homen Borgohain on his birthday (December 7).
- ❖ Sports Pension will be given in the name of Arjun Bhogeswar Barua on his birthday (September 3) while
- ❖ Artiste Award will be given on January 17 every year.

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

### **M Ananda krishnan passes away**

- ❖ He had served as Vice-Chancellor of Anna University and was Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.
- ❖ He had also served as Chief Science Officer in the United Nations in New York.
- ❖ He was honoured with Padma Shri award.
- ❖ Chief Minister Stalin described Mr Anandakrishnan as the hero behind the DMK government's decision to scrap entrance examinations for higher education earlier.



### **BAFTA TV Awards 2021**

- ❖ Michaela Coel scooped Best Actress and Best Mini-series awards for her show I May Destroy You.
- ❖ Paul Mescal took home the award for Best Actor for his performance in Normal People.
- ❖ The winners of the BAFTA TV awards were announced at London's Television Centre.
- ❖ The BAFTA TV Awards or British Academy Television Awards are presented annually since 1955.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

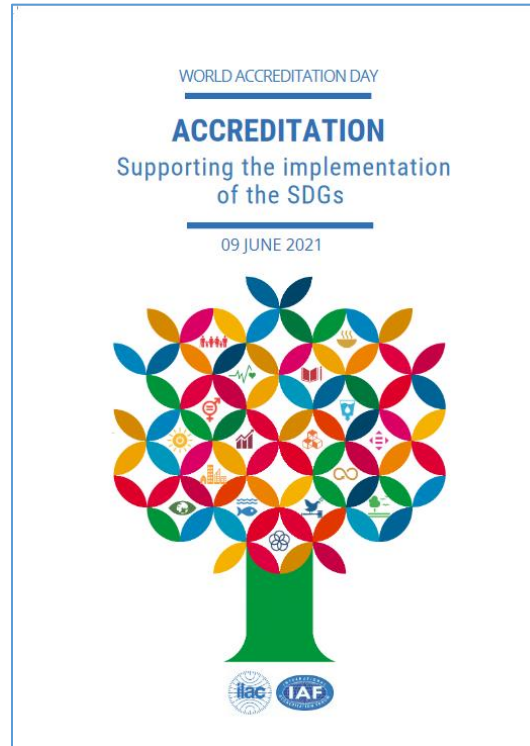
### **World Brain Tumour Day - June 08**

- ❖ World Brain Tumour Day is marked in order to educate people about the disease.
- ❖ The day was started by the German Brain Tumour Association in year 2000.
- ❖ As per the National Health Portal, the cases of brain tumours are on the rise in India.
- ❖ The government has introduced the National Cancer Control Programme for early detection of tumours and thus control and prevention of cancer.

### **World Accreditation Day 2021 - June 09**

- ❖ World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated every year to promote the role of accreditation in trade & the economy.

- ❖ The theme for WAD 2021 is “Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.
- ❖ WAD is a global initiative, jointly established by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).



### **Coral Triangle Day - June 09**



- ❖ The Day is observed by the Coral Triangle Initiative.



- ❖ The Initiative is a multilateral partnership of six countries namely Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste.
- ❖ It is a multilateral partnership of six countries that are working to sustain marine and coastal resources and address issues such as food security.
- ❖ The Coral Triangle Initiative is also called the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security.

