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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Arab-India Energy Forum that concluded recently discussed a range of issues on boosting two-way energy cooperation and intra-regional power trading dominated the forum.
  - The event was held virtually under the co-chair of the Kingdom of Morocco and India.
- ❖ The annular solar eclipse was witnessed in several parts of the world on June 10th.
  - The June 10 solar eclipse was rare as it witnessed the occurrence of a ring of fire around the Moon.
- ❖ Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, K Nagaraj Naidu was named chef de cabinet by the incoming UN general assembly president, Maldivian foreign minister Abdulla Shahid.
  - He was appointed for the duration of one-year tenure.
- ❖ According to a recent order, all jobs in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh have been reserved for the residents of the region.
  - The order was issued by Lieutenant Governor R.K. Mathur.
- ❖ Indian Oil's Gujarat Refinery will be implementing India's first Hydrogen Dispensing Facility as a clean fuel initiative.
  - This facility aims to fuel Hydrogen buses plying between Vadodara and Kevadia /Sabarmati Ashram.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Green airports recognition**

- ❖ GMR Airports-run Delhi and Hyderabad airports have been felicitated by the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021.
- ❖ They got this recognition for their environment sustainable initiatives.
- ❖ The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has been awarded the Platinum Recognition in the over 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category.
- ❖ Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) received the Gold Recognition by the ACI in the below 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category.
- ❖ The program's objective

- Is to promote environmental best practices to minimize aviation's impact on the environment and
- Is to recognize airport members who have outstanding accomplishments in their environmental projects.
- ❖ The theme of ACI's Green Airports Recognition programme for 2021 was 'Air Quality Management'.

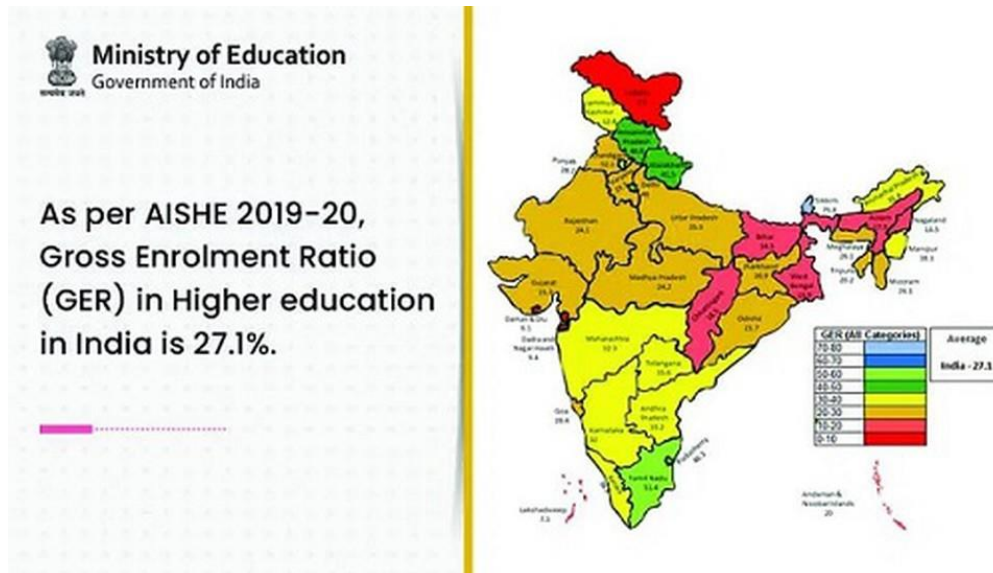


### **All India Survey on Higher Education**

- ❖ Ministry of Education has released latest edition of "All India Survey on Higher Education" (AISHE) 2019-2020.
- ❖ As per the survey, numbers of institutions of national importance have increased to 135 in 2020 from 75 in 2015.
- ❖ There has been a growth of 11.4 per cent in student enrolment from 2015-16 to 2019-20.
- ❖ The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2 per cent.
- ❖ Total enrolment in higher education is 3.85 crore (Improved by 3.04%) in 2019-20.
- ❖ It was 3.74 crore in 2018-19 & 3.42 crore in 2014-15.
- ❖ Gender parity Index has also improved (1.01).
- ❖ Number of PhDs has increased by 60 per cent since 2015.

**Tamil Nadu**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu as it has a gross enrolment ratio (GER) of 51.4% in higher education, almost double the national average,
- ❖ In fact, the state's GER exceeds the National Education Policy's target of 50% to be achieved in the year 2030.
- ❖ The state's GER has increased from 32.9% in 2010-11 to 51.4% in 2019-20.



### India's 1st VSC based HVDC system

- ❖ Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) has fully commissioned India's first Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based HVDC (high voltage direct current) electricity transmission system.
- ❖ This project strengthens the power system of the southern region of the country.
- ❖ The PGCIL commissioned Monopole-I of the 320 kV, 2000 MW, Pugalur (Tamil Nadu) Thrissur (Kerala) Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) System.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Urgent action to end AIDS by 2030

- ❖ The UN General Assembly approved a declaration for urgent action to end AIDS by 2030.
- ❖ It noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated inequalities and pushed access to AIDS medicines, treatments and diagnosis further off track.



- ❖ It advises the member nations to reduce the annual new HIV infections to under 3,70,000.
- ❖ It also reduced the annual AIDS-related deaths to under 2,50,000 by 2025.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Net-zero carbon emission - Indian Railways**

- ❖ Indian Railways is now moving towards “net-zero carbon emission” before the year 2030.
- ❖ The Railways has adopted modern measures such as Head-On-Generation systems, Bio-Toilets and LED lights, automatic coach washing plants and so.
- ❖ Currently, the Railways is developing Dedicated Freight Corridors (Eastern DFC and Western DFC) in the form of a low carbon green transportation network with a long-term low carbon roadmap.
- ❖ It also gives Green certifications to stations that are constructed keeping in mind the sustainable development goals.

## **STATES**

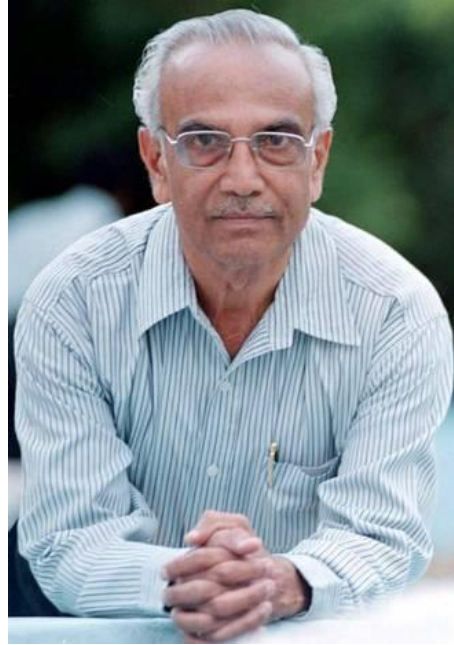
### **eIDs**

- ❖ Punjab Government has initiated the usage of eIDs for their officers/employees.
- ❖ Punjab becomes the first state to use this.
- ❖ The eIDs are equipped with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology.

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

### **Virendra Nanavati**

- ❖ Virendra Nanavati is the first Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the International Swimming Federation (FINA).
- ❖ He was elected for the term of 2021-2025.
- ❖ He is currently a vice-president of Indian Olympic Association and executive director of Swimming Federation of India (SFI),
- ❖ He is also a former general secretary of SFI.
- ❖ He is also a vice chairman of FINA Technical Swimming Committee.
- ❖ He is also the senior vice president of Asia Swimming Federation.



### **2021 UK Asian Film Festival**

- ❖ Indian actress Tillotama Shome has won the Best Actor award at the 2021 UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF).
- ❖ Tillotama won the award for her role in the film 'Raahgir: The Wayfarers'.
- ❖ The film has been directed by Goutam Ghose.
- ❖ The UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF) 2021 was the 23rd edition of the annual event.
- ❖ Filmmaker Goutam Ghose has also won the Best Director award at the UKAFF.

### **Asia Pacific Productivity Champion award**

- ❖ The Managing Director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul), R.S. Sodhi, was conferred with the Asia Pacific Productivity Champion award.
- ❖ This was awarded by the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo.
- ❖ It is awarded in recognition of enhanced productivity and efficient milk supply chain.
- ❖ He is the first Indian to have received the prestigious award, in the last 20 years.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Level Crossing Awareness Day - June 10th**

- ❖ This day is observed as the International Union of Railways (UIC).
- ❖ The theme of ILCAD 2021 is “distraction”.
- ❖ The motto is “Distraction kills!”
- ❖ “South-Central Railway (SCR)” of India observed the day by creating awareness programmes for public at level crossing gates.
- ❖ SCR is one among 18 zones of Indian Railways
- ❖ Jurisdiction of SCR lies with states of Telangana, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh
- ❖ Secunderabad railway station is current headquarter of SCR.

