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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's export of agricultural and allied products in 2020-21 have increased by 17.34 percent.
  - India experienced huge growth in the export of cereals, wheat, millets, non-basmati rice, maize and other coarse grains.
- ❖ Countries including Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and United Arab Emirates (UAE) have been elected to UN Security Council (non-permanent members).
  - Five countries won elections unopposed because they were the only candidates from their respective regional groups.
- ❖ Flipkart, has partnered with Telangana government to lead "Medicines from the Sky" project.
  - Consortium has been tasked with development and execution of drone deliveries of medical supplies to remote areas under the project.

## TAMIL NADU

### Mettur Dam opening - June 12

Mettur Dam Opening day, level, storage, inflows & outflows					
Year	Opening Date	Level In Feet on Opening day	Storage in Tmc on Opening day	Inflow in Cusecs on release day	Outflow in Cusecs on next day
2009	28-07-2009	94.68	58.16	21398	12000
2010	28-07-2010	82.38	44.37	3989	12000
2011	06-06-2011	116.00	87.23	4143	12000
2012	17-09-2012	84.15	46.22	12418	15000
2013	02-08-2013	109.00	77.00	19340	15500
2014	10-08-2014	108.20	76.58	89723	9000
2015	09-08-2015	96.51	60.41	2683	13000
2016	20-09-2016	87.68	50.04	10092	12000
2017	02-10-2017	93.93	58.36	17875	15000
2018	19-07-2018	109.00	77.00	101277	20000
2019	14-08-2019	107.75	75.25	111069	10000
2020	12-06-2020	101.73	67.10	1439	10000
2021	12-06-2021	96.81	60.78	1170	10000

- ❖ The Tamilnadu CM raised the shutters of Mettur dam to release water for Kuruvai cultivation.
- ❖ This was the 18th time water was being released for Kuruvai cultivation on June 12.
- ❖ It targets to benefit 16.05 lakh acres.



- ❖ Irrigation will be across Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Ariyalur, Preambular, Pudukkottai, and Cuddalore districts.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Prana, VaU and Svasta**

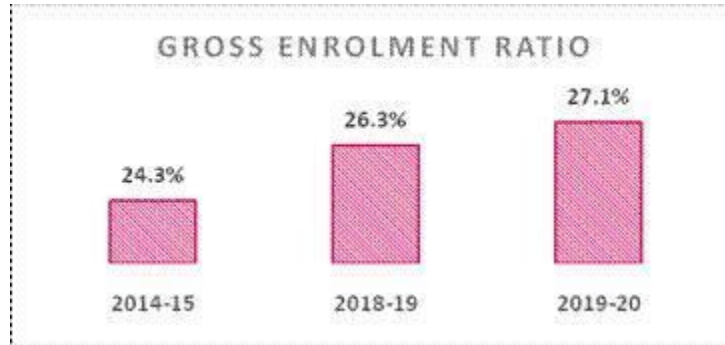
- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), had developed three different types of ventilators and an oxygen concentrator.
- ❖ They were named as Prana, VaU and Svasta.
- ❖ Prana is meant to deliver respiratory gas to the patient by automated compression of an Ambu bag.
- ❖ Svasta is designed to work without electric power.
- ❖ VaU is a low-cost ventilator.

### **GER in India**

- ❖ Gross enrolment ratio in higher education is calculated for the 18-23 age group
- ❖ Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in India is 27.1 per cent for 2019-20
- ❖ It is an improvement from previous year's 26.3 per cent.
- ❖ For Scheduled Castes, the ratio is 23.4 per cent and for Scheduled Tribes, it is 18 per cent.
- ❖ The highest GER is in Sikkim, at 76%.
- ❖ Tamilnadu is at 51.4%.
- ❖ Karnataka is at 32%
- ❖ The other states are Kerala (39%), Telangana (36%), AP (35%) and Maharashtra (32.3%).
- ❖ In terms of Student enrolment (In Numbers), Uttar Pradesh occupies the first place.
- ❖ It has 49.1% male and 50.9% female students.
- ❖ It is followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The number of universities has increased by 30.5% from 799 in 2015-16 to 1043 in 2019-20.
- ❖ Of the 42,343 colleges in the Country, 60.56% are located in rural areas and 10.75% of colleges are exclusively for girls.



- ❖ And the majority of the colleges (78.6%) in the country, are privately managed, led by Andhra Pradesh (81%), Telangana (80%), Uttar Pradesh (78.5%), and Tamil Nadu (77.6%).
- ❖ Maharashtra tops in the enrolment of students in universities (including constituent units) with 9,67,034, followed by Tamil Nadu with 9,26,490 students, and Delhi with 8,16,110 students.



### **Rainfall - May 2021**

- ❖ As per Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), May 2021 received second highest rainfall in 121 years.
- ❖ Rainfall over India as a whole for May month of 2021 was recorded as 107.9 millimetres.
- ❖ This is 74 percent more than its Long Period Average (LPA) of 62 mm.
- ❖ Highest ever rainfall was occurred in year 1990 with recorded rainfall of 110.7mm.
- ❖ Tauktae cyclone formed over Arabian Sea and Cyclone Yaas was developed over Bay of Bengal were the main reasons for this.

### **Increase in Organic farm products exports**

- ❖ The exports of India's organic farm products have increased to 51 percent in 2020-21.
- ❖ Farm exports have increased over 17 percent to 41.25 billion dollars in last fiscal.
- ❖ Organic farming in India is in beginning stage.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh tops with 0.76 million ha of area under organic cultivation.
- ❖ It equals to the 27 per cent of India's total organic cultivation area.

## **Namaste Yoga**

- ❖ A mobile application devoted to Yoga called “Namaste Yoga” was launched recently.
- ❖ This was launched in an event was organised by Ministry of Ayush in association with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga.
- ❖ Namaste Yoga app is designed as an information platform for public.
- ❖ It was launched with the aim of raising awareness about yoga and make it accessible for larger community.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Global home price index**

- ❖ India has moved down by 12 spots in the global home price index.
- ❖ This is according to Knight Frank’s Global House Price Index for Q1 2021.
- ❖ India is ranked at 55th position in terms of property prices.
- ❖ Property price in India has declined amid covid-19 pandemic.

### **Note**

- ❖ Turkey is the topper in annual rankings with prices of 32 percent.
- ❖ Spain emerged as weakest-performing territory in Q1 2021.
- ❖ Space is followed by India with 1.6 per cent decline on prices.

### **Secretary-General of the UNCTAD**

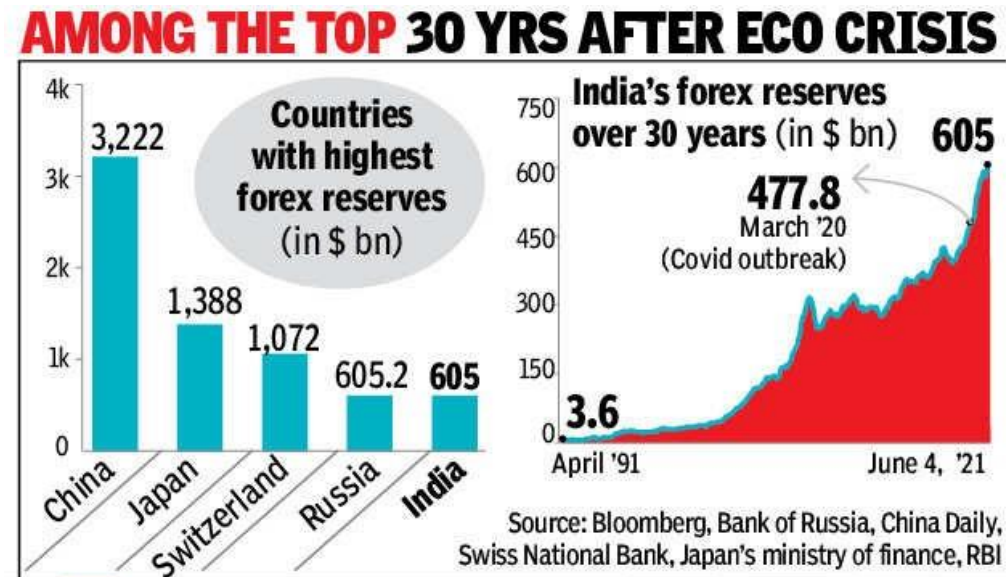


- ❖ Costa Rican economist Rebecca Grynspan was approved to be appointed as the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ❖ She is the first woman and Central American to head UNCTAD.
- ❖ She was nominated as secretary-general of UNCTAD by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

## ECONOMY

### India's forex reserves

- ❖ India's forex reserves crossed \$600 mark for the first time.
- ❖ With this, India equals Russia as the fourth largest reserve holder worldwide.
- ❖ Forex are assets on reserves which are held by central bank in foreign currencies.
- ❖ It includes bonds, treasury bills and other government securities.
- ❖ Most of the foreign exchange reserves are held in U.S. dollars.



## STATES

### Heritage Tree concept

- ❖ The state Cabinet approved the action plan to implement 'Heritage Tree' concept in Maharashtra.



- ❖ This action plan was proposed by Environment Department headed by Aaditya Thackeray.
- ❖ This is to protect ancient and old trees aged 50 years and above in urban areas.
- ❖ Action plan amends Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Tree Protection and Conservation Act, 1975.



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### Protecting and preserving Trees in Urban Areas

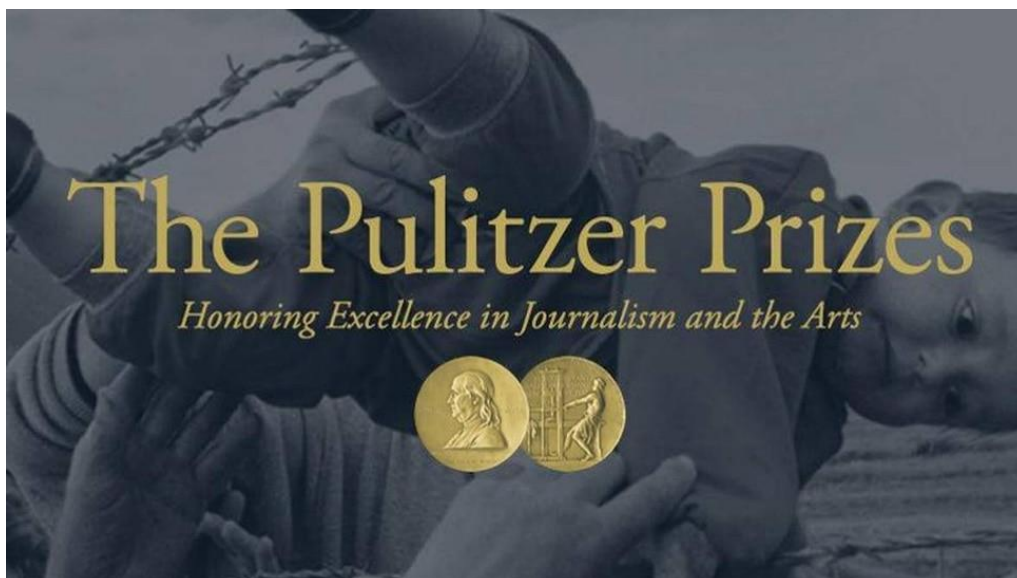


Heritage Tree at Satara

- Introducing the Concept of Heritage Trees
- Introducing Age of the Tree as a basis for protection and preservation
- Compensatory Plantation to ensure net positive impact
- Protecting Significant Number of Trees
- Formation of Maharashtra State Tree Authority for protection and preservation of trees

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Pulitzer Prize 2021



- ❖ Pulitzer Prize 2021 was recently conferred recently.
- ❖ It is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature and musical composition within the United States.
- ❖ It was established in 1917 and administered by the Columbia University
- ❖ Megha Rajagopalan, an Indian-origin journalist, has won this top journalism award of USA.
- ❖ Other two important winners are Tampa Bay Times' Neil Bedi and Kathleen McGrory.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Day against Child Labour 2021 - June 12

- ❖ The day is observed to raise awareness regarding detrimental consequences of the Child Labour.
- ❖ The day was celebrated under theme- 'Act Now: End Child Labour.'
- ❖ 2021 has been declared as the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour by the UN General Assembly.
- ❖ The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day against Child Labour in 2002.



### International Albinism Awareness Day - June 13

- ❖ The day is to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide.
- ❖ "Strength beyond all odds" is the theme for this year's International Albinism Awareness Day.
- ❖ Albinism results in a lack of pigmentation (melanin) in the hair, skin and eyes.



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