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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Grand Prix 4 will be held on June 21 at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala.
 - India's star sprinters Dutee Chand & Hima Das are expected to participate in the fourth Indian GP of 2021.
- ❖ According to World Giving Index 2021 report, India is 14th most charitable country across the world.
 - This report is released by Charities Aid Foundation.
- ❖ IIT, Ropar has developed a device called 'Jivan Vayu' as a substitute for CPAP (Continuous positive airway pressure) machine.
 - This device functions even without electricity.
- ❖ The Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry has decided to allow LPG customers to decide which distributors they want their LPG refill from.
 - The decision was taken to further empower the LPG consumers and making energy accessible and affordable to all.
- ❖ The United States Government will donate 500 million doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to world's 100 poorest countries.
 - This largest ever donation is the by a single country.
- ❖ Former Indian batsman, Suresh Raina has released his autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me'.
 - The book is co-authored by Bharat Sundaresan.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Skills Report 2021

- ❖ As per the 'Global Skills Report 2021', India has been ranked 67th overall globally.
- ❖ The report is released by Coursera.
- ❖ Indian learners have high proficiency in digital skills like Cloud Computing (83%) and Machine Learning (52%) & 54% in Mathematical skills.
- ❖ Improvement is needed in digital skills because in Data Analysis (25%) and Statistical programming (15%) skills.
- ❖ Countries that topped the report are



- Switzerland - Rank 1
- Luxembourg - Rank 2
- Austria - Rank 3

UN conference on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought

- ❖ This conference was convened by President of 75th session of General Assembly, Volkan Bozkir.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the high-level virtual conference on desertification, land degradation and drought.
- ❖ PM Modi was President of 14th session of Conference of the Parties to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
- ❖ India aims to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

Note

- ❖ As per United Nations, one-fifth of earth's land area worldwide is degraded.

ECONOMY

DBS Bank - World's Best Bank 2021

- ❖ DBS Bank has been named by Forbes in their list of World's Best Banks 2021.
- ❖ DBS was ranked 1 out of 30 domestic and international banks in India for the second consecutive year.
- ❖ This is the third edition of the 'World's Best Banks' list by Forbesc.
- ❖ It was conducted in partnership with market research firm Statista.
- ❖ Recently, DBS Bank India was recognised as 'India's Best International Bank 2021' by Asiamoney.
- ❖ DBS was named 'Safest Bank in Asia' for the 12th consecutive year by New York-based trade publication Global Finance in 2020.
- ❖ The bank was also Global Finance's pick for 'Best Bank in the World' in the same year.
- ❖ Previously, DBS was named 'World's Best Bank' by leading financial publication Euromoney in 2019.
- ❖ CEO of DBS bank is Piyush Gupta.
- ❖ Its Headquarters is in Singapore;
- ❖ Its tag line is "Make Banking Joyful".

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CHIME telescope results

- ❖ Scientists with the CHIME Collaboration have assembled the largest collection of fast radio bursts (FRBs) in the telescope's first FRB catalogue.
- ❖ CHIME is Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment.
- ❖ It is a large stationary radio telescope in British Columbia, Canada.
- ❖ Sight of an FRB is considered a rare thing in the field of radio astronomy.
- ❖ Radio astronomers had only caught sight of around 140 bursts in their scopes since the first FRB was spotted in 2007.
- ❖ FRBs are oddly bright flashes of light which blaze for a few milliseconds before vanishing without a trace.
- ❖ They are registered in the radio band of the electromagnetic spectrum.

WISA Woodsat

- ❖ European Space Agency (ESA) will launch world's first wooden satellite in the Earth's orbit.
- ❖ It is called as WISA Woodsat.
- ❖ It will be launched to test the applicability of wooden materials such as plywood in spacecraft structures.
- ❖ Wooden satellite will be launched with a Rocket Lab Electron rocket.
- ❖ It will be launched from Mahia Peninsula launch complex in New Zealand.
- ❖ Satellite has been designed and built in Finland.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Shailesh Govind Ganpule

- ❖ Shailesh Govind Ganpule was conferred the award with the 'NSG Counter-IED and Counter-Terrorism Innovator Award 2021'
- ❖ He was conferred for developing a "blast-resistant" helmet.
- ❖ He is an assistant professor at the mechanical and industrial engineering department (MIED), IIT Roorkee.
- ❖ This was the second edition of the annual award by NSG.
- ❖ The Ceremony held at the National Security Guard (NSG) campus in Maneswar, near Gurgaon.



SPORTS

French Open 2021

- ❖ The 125th Edition of French Open 2021 took place from at Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.
- ❖ It is the 2nd Grand Slam of 2021.
- ❖ It is a Clay-Court.
- ❖ It is organized by the International Tennis Federation.
- ❖ Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) to win the Men's Singles Title.
- ❖ Barbora Krejickova (Czech Republic) defeated Anastasia Pavylyunchenkova (Russia) to win the Women's Singles Title.

- ❖ It is her maiden Grand Slam Title.
- ❖ Barbora along with her partner Katerlina Siniakova (Czech Republic) defeated Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) & Iga Swiatek (Poland) to win the Women's Doubles Title.
- ❖ Barbora Krejckikova becomes first player to win women's singles and doubles title in French Open since 2000.
- ❖ French pair of Pierre-Huues Herbert & Nicola Mahut became the 1st French pair to win the men's doubles title at the French Open 2021.

ICC Hall of Fame



- ❖ The ICC has inducted 10 icons of the game, including India's Vinoo Mankad, into its illustrious Hall of Fame.
- ❖ Two players each from five eras have been chosen.
- ❖ The announcement has been coincided with the inaugural World Test Championship final.
- ❖ The match is to be played between India and New Zealand from June 18 in Southampton at England.

Aubrey Faulkner of South Africa and Monty Noble of Australia for the early era (pre-1918), Sir Learie Constantine of West Indies and Stan McCabe of Australia for the inter-war Era (1918-1945), Ted Dexter of England and **Vinoo Mankad of India** for the **post-war Era (1946-1970)**. Desmond Haynes of the West Indies and Bob Willis of England were inducted from the ODI era (1971-1995). Andy Flower of Zimbabwe and Kumar Sangakkara of Sri Lanka were from the modern era (1996-2016).



IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Wind Day - June 15

- ❖ The Global Wind Day is organised by Wind Europe and the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and the national associations.
- ❖ This day is introduced to create awareness of the benefits of wind energy for the general public.
- ❖ The first Global Wind Day was held in 2007.

International Day of Family Remittances - June 16

- ❖ The day was adopted by the United Nations.
- ❖ It recognizes the migrant workers who send money home to their family members.
- ❖ The first International Day of Family Remittances was celebrated on June 16, 2015.

