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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ UN General Assembly appointed Antonio Guterres as the UN Secretary-General for a second term beginning January 1, 2022.
 - President of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkir announced this.

NATIONAL

IN-EUNAVFOR

- ❖ For the first time the Indian Navy is participated in joint drills with the European Union Naval Force comprising warships from the French, Spanish and Italian navies.
- ❖ It was held in the Gulf of Aden.
- ❖ The Indian Naval Ship Trikanth participated in this.



India's new trilateral

- ❖ India-Italy-Japan launched their trilateral recently.
- ❖ It was launched to create stability and a rules-based international order based on the consent of all, not on the power of the few in the Indo-Pacific region.

- ❖ Last year, India-France-Australia launched a trilateral mechanism.

Section 79 of IT Act

- ❖ Twitter has lost its safe harbour immunity in India.
- ❖ This is because of its failure of appointing statutory officers, as required by the new IT rules of the Indian Government.
- ❖ This means Twitter will no longer be protected under Section 79 of the IT Act.
- ❖ Therefore top executives of Twitter will now be liable for all the content on its platform that is considered inflammatory or considered unlawful in nature.

FACES CRIMINAL LIABILITY OVER CONTENT

➤ Twitter's top executives, including its India MD, may now face police questioning and criminal liability under IPC over **'unlawful' and 'inflammatory' content posted on the platform by any user**

➤ It is the **only US platform to have lost the protective shield** granted under Section 79 of the IT Act. Others such as Google,

YouTube, Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram remain protected in India

➤ These companies **had to appoint statutory officers by May 25**, but many blamed the lockdown and tech challenges for their initial failure to comply with the rules on time. On June 5, the Centre issued "one last notice" to Twitter

“ An interim chief compliance officer has been retained and details will be shared with the (Union IT) ministry directly soon. Twitter continues to make every effort to comply with the new guidelines

—Twitter



INTERNATIONAL

COVID-19 deaths in USA

- ❖ The COVID-19 death toll in the United States crossed 600,000 recently.
- ❖ This is as per the data released by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University.
- ❖ California has reported the highest number of deaths in the USA.

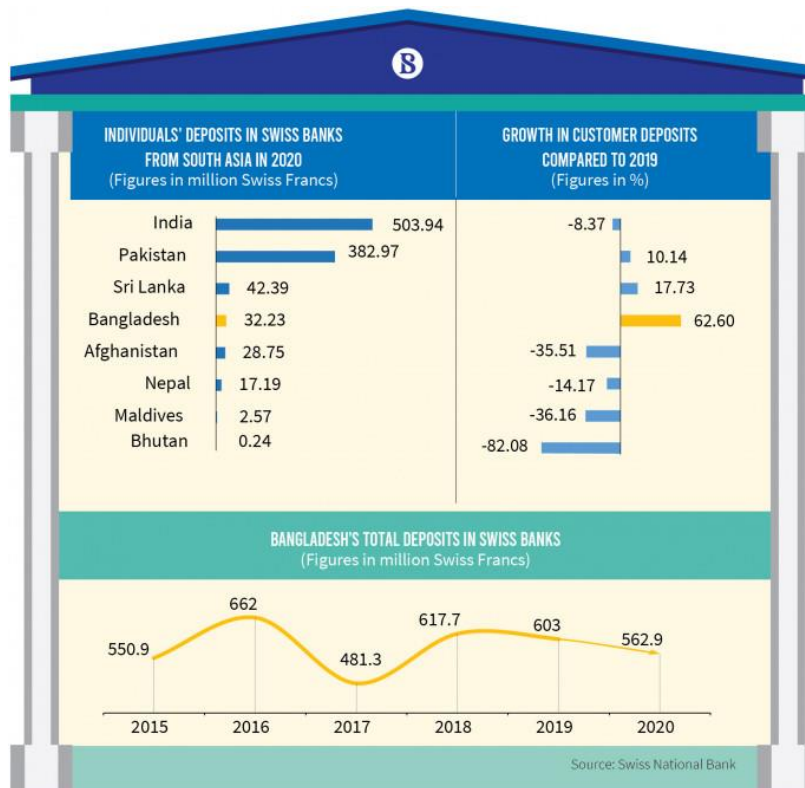
UN Trade Forum 2021

- ❖ At UN Trade Forum 2021, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has said, India’s per-capita carbon dioxide emission is the lowest amongst big economies.
- ❖ India has an ambitious renewable energy target of 450 Gigawatts by 2030.
- ❖ It shows India’s commitment towards United Nations 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ UN Trade Forum was established as a space for dialogue on how trade can be harnessed to get a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable world.



ECONOMY

Annual bank statistics 2020

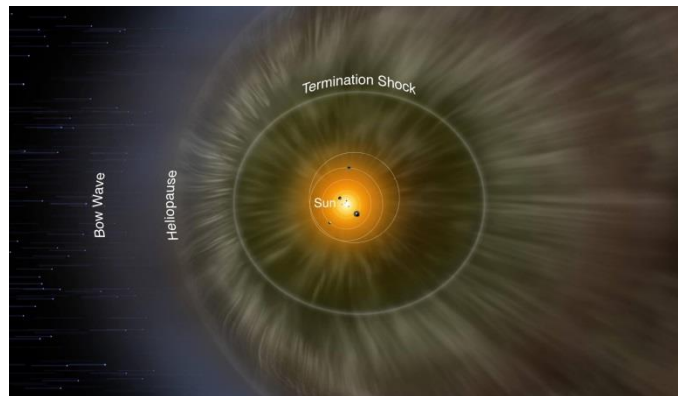


- ❖ The Annual bank statistics 2020 is released by Swiss national bank.
- ❖ India with Swiss Francs (CHF) 2.55 billion (INR 20, 706 Crore) has been placed at 51st place in the list of foreign clients' money in Swiss Banks during 2020.
- ❖ It has increased from 899 million CHF (INR 6, 625 Crore) in 2019.
- ❖ The United Kingdom (UK) topped the list with CHF 377 billion.
- ❖ It is followed by US (152 billion).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Boundary between Solar System and Interstellar Space

- ❖ The Scientists have created first-ever 3D map of boundary between our solar system and interstellar space called Heliosphere.
- ❖ This 3D map was created using data from NASA's IBEX satellite.
- ❖ The Boundary of heliosphere has been mapped for the first time.
- ❖ It will provide for scientists to understand how solar and interstellar winds interact.
- ❖ Earlier, this boundary was mentioned in theories of Physics models.
- ❖ This is the first-time scientists were able to measure it and make its three-dimensional map.



T2T-CHM13

- ❖ Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) consortium, an international collaboration of around 30 institutions has sequenced the “first truly complete human reference genome”.
- ❖ The new sequence is named as “T2T-CHM13”.
- ❖ This unlocks newer regions in human DNA.

- ❖ It might help understanding of a wide variety of disorders affecting people.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

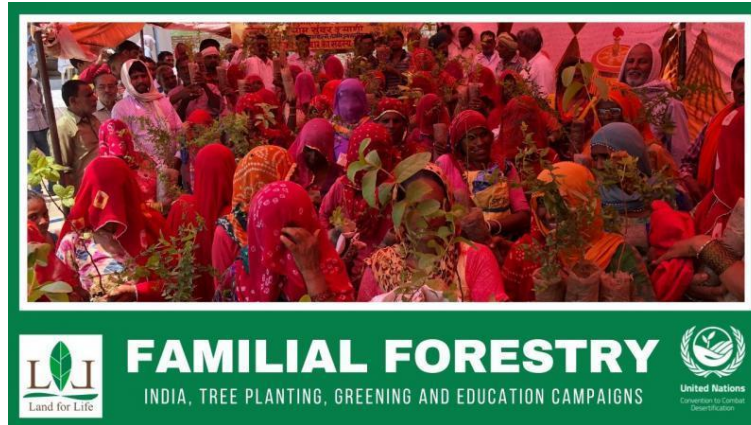
Kofi Annan Changemakers 2021 initiative



- ❖ Zeinorin Stephen Angkang is selected as one of world's 12 'exceptional young leaders' for the Kofi Annan Changemakers 2021 initiative.
- ❖ She has been selected by the Geneva-based Kofi Annan Foundation.
- ❖ She is a 29-year-old woman from Manipur's Ukhrul district.
- ❖ Angkang has been selected for her involvement with indigenous farmers of the Tangkhul Naga tribe in Manipur.

2021 Land for Life Award

- ❖ The 2021 Land for Life Award has been won by Familial Forestry of Rajasthan.
- ❖ Familial Forestry is a unique concept that relates a tree with a family, making it a green "family member."
- ❖ The UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) organises the Land for Life Award every two years.
- ❖ This is to recognize excellence and innovation in efforts towards land in balance.
- ❖ The theme for the 2021 Award is "Healthy Land, Healthy Lives".
- ❖ Land for Life Award has been considered as the world's highest reward regarding land conservation and restoration.



Kenneth Kaunda

- ❖ Zambian politician Kenneth Kaunda has passed away.
- ❖ He served as the first President of Zambia.
- ❖ He served for 27 years from 1964 to 1991.
- ❖ Zambia gained independence from Britain in October 1964.

SPORTS

Poland open - Vinesh Phogat

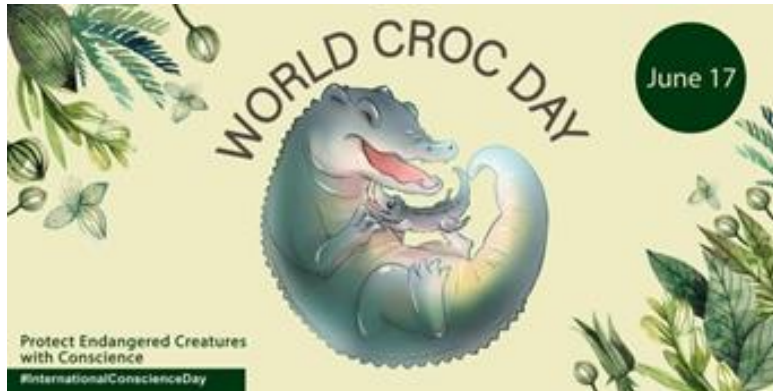
- ❖ The Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in the 53 kg category at the Poland Open.
- ❖ It is her third title of the season.
- ❖ Earlier, She had won gold at the Matteo Pellicone event (March) and Asian Championship (April).

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Crocodile day - June 17

- ❖ The day is celebrated as a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.
- ❖ India is home to three crocodylian species, namely
 - The mugger or marsh crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) - IUCN Vulnerable.
 - The estuarine or saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*)-IUCN Least Concern.

- The gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*)-IUCN Critically Endangered.



International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict - June 19

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence, honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world.
- ❖ It also say tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes.
- ❖ On 19 June 2015, the United Nations General Assembly announced this day.

National Reading Day - June 19

- ❖ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) celebrates this day.
- ❖ The Day is celebrated to honour the late P.N. Panicker, whose death anniversary falls on June 19.
- ❖ He is the father of the 'Library Movement in Kerala'.
- ❖ This year marks the 26th National Reading Day.
- ❖ The week following June 19 will be observed as Reading Week.
- ❖ The entire month till July 18 will be observed as Reading Month.

MISCELLANEOUS

Green Fungus

- ❖ Green Fungus is Aspergillosis.
- ❖ It is an infection caused by Aspergillus.
- ❖ It is a type of fungus that lives indoors and outdoors.



- ❖ Covid-19 survivor in Indore (Madhya Pradesh) was diagnosed with Green Fungus infection.

