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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Recently, scientists conducted experiments on monoclonal antibody cocktail named REGEN-COV2.
  - Antibody has been found to be life-saving treatment for severely affected Covid-19 patients.
- ❖ Mawya Sudan has become the 12th woman officer to be inducted as a fighter pilot in the IAF.
  - She is the first woman fighter pilot from Jammu and Kashmir (Rajouri district).

## TAMIL NADU

### Economic Advisory Council - Tamil Nadu

**ஆளுநர் உரையின் முக்கிய அம்சங்கள்**

**முதலமைச்சருக்கான பொருளாதார ஆலோசனை குழு நிபுணர்கள்**

**01 ரகுராம் ராஜன்**  
இந்திய ரிசர்வ் வங்கியின் முன்னாள் ஆளுநர்

**02 எஸ்தர் டி.பீலோ**  
நோபல் பரிசு பெற்ற அமெரிக்க பொருளாதார நிபுணர்

**03 அரவிந்த் சுப்பிரமணியன்**  
ஒன்றிய அரசின் முன்னாள் தலைமை பொருளாதார ஆலோசகர்

**04 ஜீன் ட்ரெஸ்**  
ராஞ்சி பல்கலைக்கழகம்; டெல்ஹி ஸ்கூல் ஆஃப் எகனாமிக்ஸ்

**05 டாக்டர் எஸ் நாராயண்**  
ஒன்றிய அரசின் முன்னாள் நிதித்துறை செயலாளர்

21-06-2021 வெளியீடு: இயக்குனர், செப்தி மற்றும் மக்கள் தொடர்புத்துறை



- ❖ Newly-elected Tamil Nadu government has decided to constitute an “Economic advisory council to the chief minister”.
- ❖ Its members include,
  - Nobel laureate Esther Duflo of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in USA,
  - Former Reserve Bank of India governor, Raghuram Rajan,
  - Former chief economic advisor to central government, Dr Arvind Subramanian,
  - Development economist, Jean Dreze and
  - Former Union finance secretary Dr S Narayan.

### **First session of the 16th Legislative Assembly**

- ❖ The first session of the 16th Legislative Assembly began at the Kalaivanar Arangam.
- ❖ The assembly commenced its proceedings with the address of Governor Banwarilal Purohit.
- ❖ According to his address,
  - Working Women's hostel will be formed in all districts.
  - Smart cities with latest facilities will be developed near all metro cities in the State.
  - State will urge central government to constitute a national commission for the welfare of fishermen.
  - State to introduce a separate annual budget for agriculture.
  - State to introduce a new legislation to regulate ground water use.

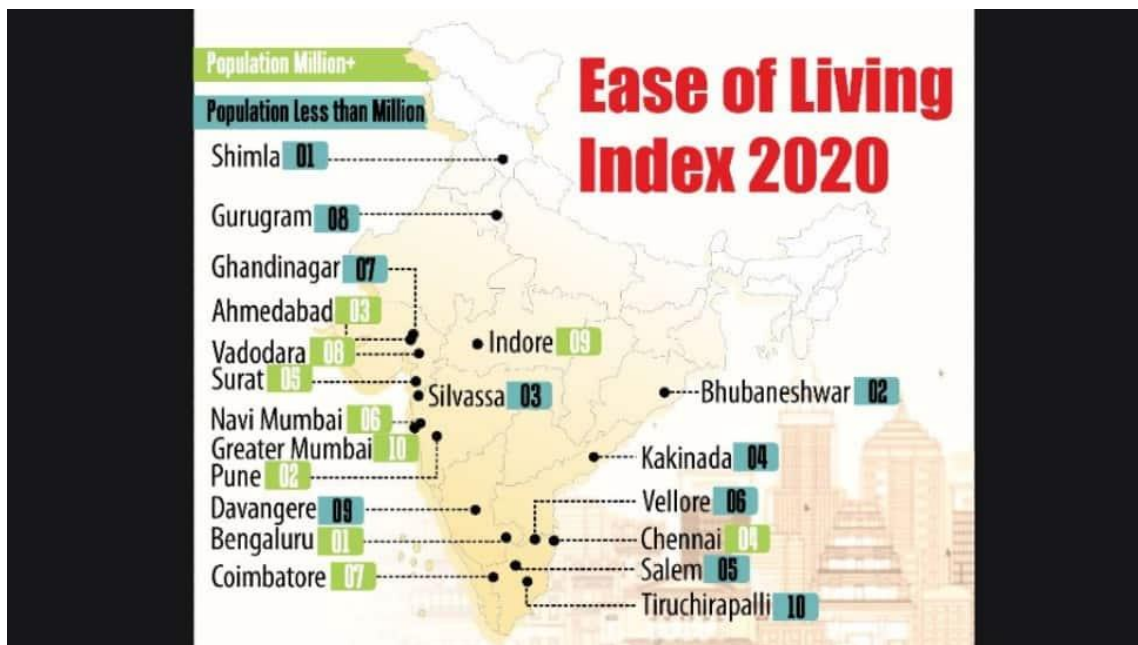
## **NATIONAL**

### **Ajit Mishra expert group**

- ❖ The Central Government has constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor Ajit Mishra.
- ❖ He is a renowned economist.
- ❖ The committee is to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixation of Minimum Wages and National Floor Wages to the Government.

## Ease of Living Index

- ❖ Bengaluru has been named as the most liveable city of India.
- ❖ This is according to the Ease of Living Index 2020.
- ❖ This was released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).
- ❖ The Ease of Living Index 2020 is part of the report titled State of India's Environment 2021.
- ❖ Bengaluru is followed by Chennai, Shimla, Bhubaneshwar, and Mumbai.
- ❖ Each city was rated out of 100 in all parameters.
- ❖ The Ease of Living Index 2020 is the second edition of the index.
- ❖ The first one was launched in 2018.



## INTERNATIONAL

### World Bank-IMF High Advisory Group

- ❖ Montek Singh Ahluwalia was named a member of a high-level Advisory Group formed by the World Bank and IMF.
- ❖ He is the former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission.
- ❖ The group will be jointly led by Mari Pangestu, Ceyla Pazarbasioglu and Lord Nicholas Stern.
- ❖ The group was formed in the face of the dual crisis posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.



### **India-US Hydrogen Task Force**

- ❖ US-India Hydrogen Task Force was constituted with the aim of serving as a forum to achieve affordable hydrogen solutions.
- ❖ It seeks to enhance energy security & resilience by boosting up low or zero-carbon hydrogen technologies & deployment.
- ❖ This task force was launched by
  - United States Department of Energy,
  - Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and
  - US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).

## **ECONOMY**

### **World Investment Report 2021**

- ❖ "World Investment Report 2021" was released by UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ❖ As per the report, India received USD 64 billion in foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2020.
- ❖ It has emerged the fifth largest recipient of FDI inflows across the world.
- ❖ The United States remained the largest recipient of FDI.
- ❖ China was the second-largest recipient.



## ENVIRONMENT

### **Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority**

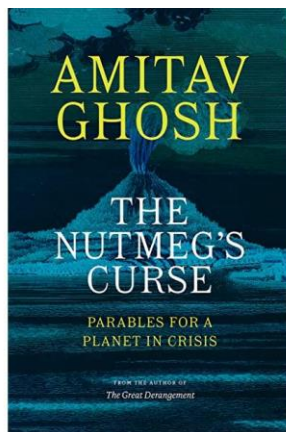
- ❖ Union ministry of Environment, forest & Climate Change has notified about constituting a Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority.
- ❖ The Notification was issued under Environment Protection Act, 1986.
- ❖ Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority is a 15-member body.
- ❖ This will be constituted to protect & improve the quality of coastal environment.
- ❖ Its primary work is to prevent, abate and control environmental pollution in Coastal Regulation Zone of Karnataka.
- ❖ The Term of office of present members is for three years.

### **Green Hydrogen Initiatives**

- ❖ India hosted a two-day summit on Green Hydrogen Initiatives.
- ❖ This Summit involves the BRICS nations.
- ❖ This prestigious event offers a platform to share their respective Green Hydrogen initiatives & views on how to take it to next level in their countries.
- ❖ This Online event was hosted by India's largest power producer and global energy majors called NTPC Ltd.
- ❖ Green Hydrogen is obtained entirely from renewable power sources.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### **The Nutmeg's Curse**



- ❖ Amitav Ghosh's authored a book titled, 'The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis'.
- ❖ He is a Jnanpith Awardee.
- ❖ The book is published by John Murray.
- ❖ The book talks about the history of the influence of colonialism on the world today.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Yoga Day - June 21

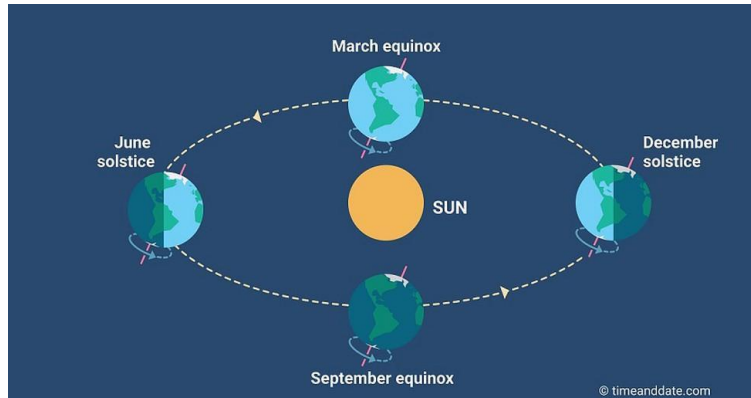
- ❖ World is celebrating the 7th International Yoga Day this year.
- ❖ It is celebrated with the motto of achieving "One World, One Health".
- ❖ This year, day is celebrating under the theme "Yoga for wellness".
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled the mYoga mobile app on this occasion.
- ❖ The app has been developed in collaboration between the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Ministry of AYUSH.



### International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice - June 21

- ❖ This day bring awareness about solstices and equinoxes and their significance for several religions and ethnic cultures.

- ❖ There are two solstices that occur annually.
- ❖ It happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere (Northern and Southern).
- ❖ They are
  - “Summer Solstice” - the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and shortest day on the southern hemisphere - June 21
  - “Winter Solstice” - the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and longest day on the Southern hemisphere - December 21.



### **World Music Day - June 21**

- ❖ This day is celebrated to honour amateur and professional musicians.
- ❖ The aim of celebrating World Music Day is to
  - provide free music to everyone and
  - encourage amateur musicians to showcase their work to the world.



## World Humanist Day - June 21

- ❖ The day is celebrated every year around the world on the June solstice (June 21).
- ❖ The day aims to spread awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance and means to effect change in the world.
- ❖ The day has been organised by the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU), since 1980.



## World Hydrography Day June - 21

- ❖ This day was adopted by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).
- ❖ It is an annual celebration to publicise the work of hydrographers and the importance of hydrography.
- ❖ This year, the IHO is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of its formation.

