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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Recently, China has announced tariff exemption for 97% of exports from Bangladesh.
- ❖ The SIDBI bank will implement the PM SVANidhi Scheme under the guidance of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ❖ The Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Urjit Patel was appointed as chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) for a four year term.
 - It is a Delhi-based think tank that works closely with governments on various policy reforms.
- ❖ The Karnataka government observed June 18 as "Mask Day" to spread awareness about the use of masks.

TAMIL NADU

Child Bone at Konthagai

- ❖ During the sixth phase of ongoing excavations in the ancient site of Keeladi skeletal remains of a child were excavated from Konthagai village.
- ❖ This is the first time that archaeologists from the Tamil Nadu state archaeology department are working in Konthagai in the Sivagangai District.



INTERNATIONAL

Election to UNSC

- ❖ Recently India, Norway, Ireland, Mexico and Kenya were elected as the non-permanent members of the UNSC for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021.

- ❖ Each year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members (out of ten in total) for a two-year term.
- ❖ Previously, India was elected for the years 1950-1951, 1967-1968, 1972-1973, 1977-1978, 1984-1985, 1991-1992 and most recently in 2011-2012.
- ❖ The presidency of the Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month, following the English alphabetical order of the member states' names.
- ❖ India will assume the rotating presidency of the Council for the month of August in 2021.

Forbes Real-Time Billionaire list

- ❖ Mukesh Ambani has jumped into the exclusive club of the world's top 10 richest people.
- ❖ With a net worth of USD 64.5 billion, he is currently ranked 9th on the list of World's top billionaires.
- ❖ Ambani owns 42% of Reliance Industries Ltd and the company recently declared itself net-debt free.

World's Top 10 Richest People

Rank	Name/ Country	Net Worth (In Billions)	Company
1	Jeff Bezos	USD 160.1	Amazon
2	Bill Gates	USD 108.7	Microsoft
3	Bernard Arnault & family	USD 103.2	LVMH
4	Mark Zuckerberg	USD 87.9	Facebook
5	Warren Buffet	USD 71.4	Berkshire Hathaway
6	Steve Ballmer	USD 68.9	Microsoft
7	Larry Ellison	USD 68.9	Oracle
8	Amancio Ortega	USD 65.8	Zara
9	Mukesh Ambani	USD 64.6	Reliance Industries
10	Larry Page	USD 64.3	Google



President of the UNGA

- ❖ The UN General Assembly get its first Turkish president
- ❖ The Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir was elected President of the forthcoming landmark 75th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

2020 India Ideas Summit

- ❖ The 45th annual meeting of the United States India Business Council (USIBC) will be marked with the 2020 India Ideas Summit.
- ❖ Every year the Summit is being organized by the USIBC.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

I Lab

- ❖ The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the I-Lab (Infectious disease diagnostic laboratory) in New Delhi.
- ❖ This is the first-ever I-Lab in India that was launched.
- ❖ It will be deployed by the Department of Biotechnology in one of its COVID testing hubs.
- ❖ The I-Lab is a mobile testing facility that will be used for collecting samples and testing for Covid-19 across inaccessible areas in the rural regions of the country.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Med-Tech Zone and Ministry of Science and Technology had collaborated for this project to address the shortage of healthcare technologies in India.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Med-Tech Zone (AMTZ) is Asia's first medical equipment manufacturing ecosystem that is uniquely dedicated to medical technologies and has been supported by various Ministries of India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

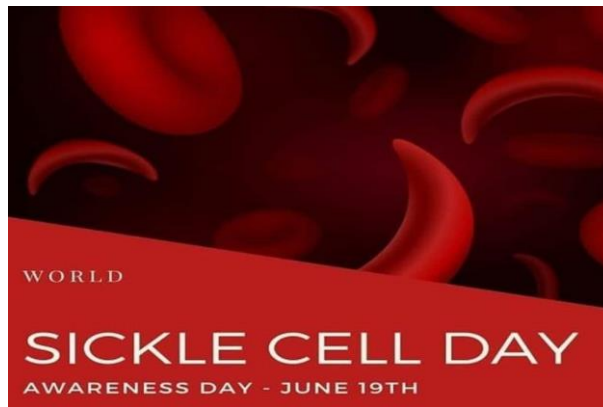
International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict – June 19

- ❖ In June 2015, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed this Day.
- ❖ The date was chosen to commemorate UN Security Council resolution of 2008.

- ❖ It has first recognised sexual violence as a weapon of war, rather than an unintended consequence of war.

World Sickle Cell Awareness Day – June 19

- ❖ This disease is a blood disorder which is inherited and passed down from parents to the child.
- ❖ In 2008, the UN General Assembly recognized sickle cell disease as a public health problem, and one of the world's foremost genetic diseases.
- ❖ In India, it is more common in south Gujarat, north Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and western Odisha.
- ❖ This year's theme is Keeping Hope Alive: Sickle Cell Disease and Covid-19.

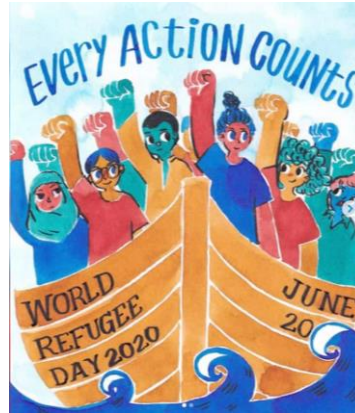


World Sauntering Day – June 19

- ❖ The word 'saunter' means to walk slowly in a relaxed manner.
- ❖ The day is observed so that we slowdown from our hectic schedule.

World Refugee Day – June 20

- ❖ It is an international observance observed by the United Nations since 2001.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "every action counts."



International Yoga Day - June 21

- ❖ The theme of the day for this year is : Yoga for Health - Yoga at Home.
- ❖ On 2014, International Yoga Day was adopted under the Resolution by the United Nations General Assembly.
- ❖ It is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.



June solstice

- ❖ It is the solstice on the Earth that occurs each year falling on 21st June.
- ❖ In the Northern Hemisphere, the June solstice is the summer solstice, whilst in the Southern Hemisphere it is the winter solstice.
- ❖ It is also known as the northern solstice.

Father's Day

- ❖ It is observed on the third Sunday of June (In 2020 - June 21) in India every year.
- ❖ In America, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910.

World Music Day - June 21

- ❖ It was started in 1982 in France as 'Fete de la Musique', a music festival.
- ❖ The man behind it was the then French Minister of Culture Jack Lang.

World Hydrography Day - June 21

- ❖ It was adopted by the International Hydrographic Organization.
- ❖ The date chosen for this is the anniversary of the founding of the International Hydrographic Organization in 1921.
- ❖ The theme of this year is Hydrography- Enabling Autonomous Technologies.

