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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Cochin International Airport (CIAL) won Airport Council International (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence honour in Airport Service Quality.
 - This recognition is awarded to those airports which, in opinion of passengers, consistently delivered excellent services.
- ❖ The official Olympic theme song for the Indian contingent was launched.
 - Mohit Chauhan has composed and sung the song titled "Lakshya Tera Samne Hai".
- ❖ WHO is to set up a technology transfer hub to manufacture COVID-19 vaccines in South Africa.
 - This will help African companies to begin the manufacturing of mRNA vaccines.
- ❖ India has retained its position as the second largest source of FDI for the United Kingdom for the year 2020.
 - USA remains at the top.

NATIONAL

9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable

- ❖ India will host 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) next year.
- ❖ The announcement was made by the International Energy Forum (IEF).
- ❖ The event will take forward the understandings reached in the previous meeting held in Abu Dhabi in 2018.
- ❖ The 2018 meeting was co-hosted by India.
- ❖ The 2018 meeting focused on global energy security in the age of change.

India's best employers among Nation-Builders 2021 - NTPC

- ❖ For the first time, NTPC won recognition as India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021.
- ❖ It has been recognized as the 'Great Place to Work' for the 15th straight year by the Great Places to Work Institute.
- ❖ It has been ranked at 38th.

- ❖ It was ranked 47 last year.
- ❖ NTPC, a Maharatna Community and Public Sector Unit, works under the Ministry of Power.

Green rating system for High-Speed Rail

- ❖ Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) in association with the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL) has launched the Green rating system for High-Speed Rail.
- ❖ The IGBC Green HSR rating system is a first-of-its-kind in the world.
- ❖ It is exclusively developed to address the sustainability aspects of High-Speed Rail (HSR) projects.
- ❖ The rating system is developed aligning the requirements with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

India's largest solar carport

- ❖ Tata Motors and Tata Power inaugurated India's largest solar carport at the Tata Motors car plant at Chikhali in Pune.
- ❖ The 6.2 megawatt peak (MWp) solar carport will generate 86.4 lakh kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity per year.
- ❖ It is estimated to reduce 7,000 tonnes of carbon emissions annually.





Nano Urea Fertilizer Plant

- ❖ The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) will set up a nano urea liquid manufacturing plant in Argentina.
- ❖ It is to be done with a partnership with two agencies,
 - Instituto Nacional de Asociativismo y Economía Social (INAES) and
 - The Cooperative Confederation of Argentina 'Cooperar'.
- ❖ The use of nano urea will have,
 - a huge impact on the quality of underground water and
 - a very significant reduction of global warming.

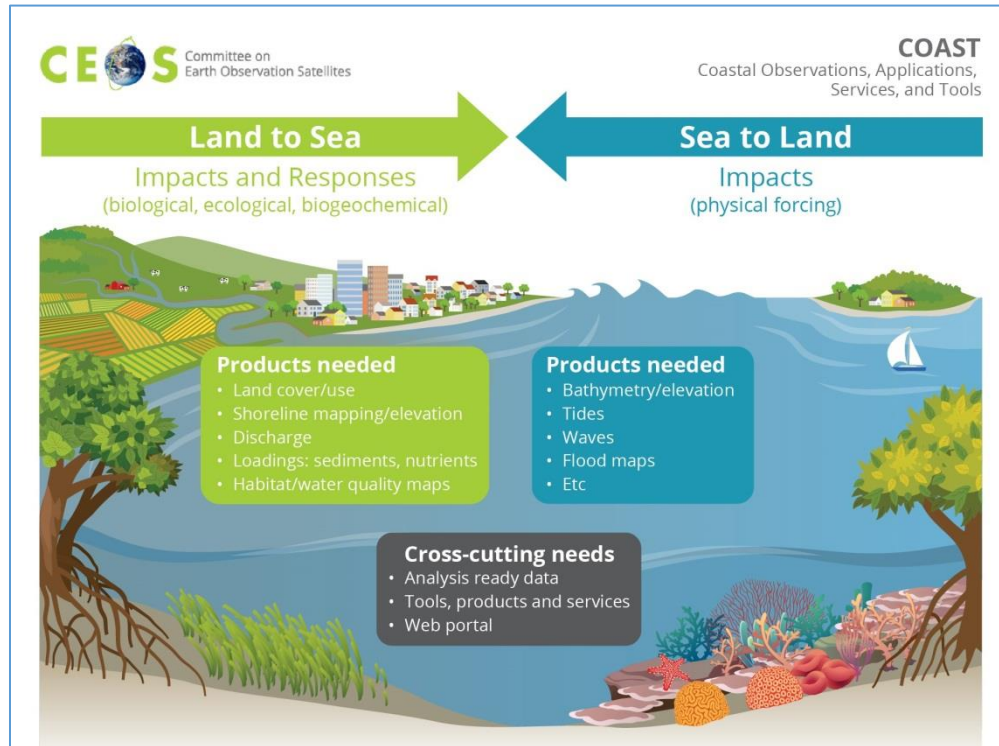
INTERNATIONAL

TIWB programme - Bhutan and India

- ❖ This programme is expected to be of about 24 months' duration.
- ❖ The focus of the programme will be in the area of International Taxation and Transfer Pricing.
- ❖ Through this India aims to aid Bhutan in strengthening its tax administration.
- ❖ TIWB Programme is a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

CEOS COAST

- ❖ Recently, UN body has endorsed a multinational project called (CEOS COAST).
- ❖ CEOS COAST is Committee on Earth Observation Satellites Coastal Observations, Applications, Services, and Tools.
- ❖ CEOS COAST programme is co-led by ISRO and NOAA from US.
- ❖ This programme aims to improve accuracy of coastal data on the basis of satellite and land-based observations.
- ❖ Themes of these projects are disaster risk reduction & coastal resilience among continental shorelines & small island nations.



Mega-comet 2014 UN271

- ❖ The mega-comet 2014 UN271 is expected to pass by the Sun by 2031 bringing it closest to Saturn's orbit.
- ❖ The mega comet was identified during the astronomical findings of the Dark Energy Survey that captured data between 2014 and 2018.
- ❖ The mega comet 2014 UN271 is estimated to be between 100 and 370 kms wide.
- ❖ The Comets are frozen leftovers from the formation of the solar system composed of rock, dust, and ice.

Abdala vaccine

- ❖ Cuba said that its Abdala vaccine against the coronavirus had proved 92.28% effective in last-stage clinical trials.
- ❖ It is a three-shot vaccine.
- ❖ It is developed by the Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in Cuba.

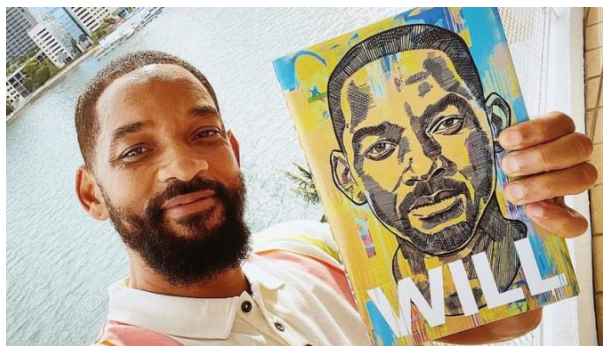


Strawberry Moon

- ❖ The Strawberry Moon marks the last Full Moon of the spring season.
- ❖ It also marks the first Full Moon of the summer.
- ❖ The celestial event is significant for two reasons,
 - it's a Strawberry Moon and
 - a Supermoon.
- ❖ This celestial event took place on 24th June.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Will Smith's autobiography



- ❖ Actor Will Smith revealed the title and cover of his upcoming autobiography “Will”.

- ❖ The book is to be published by Penguin Press.
- ❖ Will Smith is co-writing the book with author Mark Manson.
- ❖ The cover is designed by New Orleans artist Brandan “BMike” Odums.

SPORTS

ICC World Test Championship

- ❖ New Zealand defeated India to win the ICC’s first World Test Championship for the first time.
- ❖ Kyle Jamieson (NZ) has been adjudged as the “Player of the match”.
- ❖ Kane Williamson (NZ) is the “Player of the series”.
- ❖ The final match was played at Ageas Bowl Stadium (Rose Bowl Stadium) in Southampton, England.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Vitiligo Day - June 25

- ❖ The day is observed to build global awareness about vitiligo.
- ❖ Vitiligo is a skin disorder leading to loss of colour in the skin.
- ❖ It creates a variety of patterns on the skin from loss of pigment.
- ❖ The first World Vitiligo Day was observed on June 25, 2011.

Day of the Seafarer - June 25

- ❖ This day is observed to pay respect to Seafarers and sailors who help the entire world function by conducting sea transport.
- ❖ The day is organised by the International Maritime Organization.
- ❖ 2021 marks the 11th anniversary of this day.
- ❖ The theme of the 2021 campaign is “Seafarers: at the core of shipping’s future”.



MISCELLANEOUS

Reuters Digital News Report 2021

- ❖ 10th edition of Reuters Digital News Report 2021 was published recently.
- ❖ The report is published by Reuters Institute for Study of Journalism (RISJ).
- ❖ India was ranked at 31st position in the category of “trust in news”.
- ❖ Finland, with 65%, has highest levels of overall trust in news.
- ❖ USA, with 29 %, has the lowest levels of trust.

